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### BARE ROOT NATIVE PLANT SALE PROVIDES BENEFITS FOR EVERYONE

At the Whidbey Island Conservation District, we promote environmental stewardship and natural resource conservation. But what does this look like in practice? Our native plant sale is a great example of how our individual yard and garden stewardship choices can impact and benefit the community and the environment.

Each year, the Whidbey Island Conservation District (WICD) holds a bare root native plant sale where Whidbey Islanders purchase thousands of low cost native plants for their yards and restoration projects. Native plants are well adapted to our wet winters and dry summers, and provide a host of benefits to a property and the surrounding environment. They improve our water quality, reduce soil and wind erosion, replace noxious weeds, clean the air, reduce yard maintenance costs and time, attract and support local wildlife, provide pollinator habitat, and beautify our island.

"As a first-time homeowner and dedicated environmentalist, I look for opportunities to restore native habitat on my land while also budgeting wisely," said native plant sale

customer Hannah Liss. "This year, I'm focusing on establishing healthy pockets of native vegetation to out-compete the overgrowth of noxious weeds within the wetland and upland areas of my land. From wildlife habitat to water quality improvements, the cascading benefits are overflowing!"

Many native plants can help with erosion and slope stabilization because of their ability to hold on to soil and spread out their root systems. Last year, the National Park Service removed a large area of Himalayan blackberry near Ebey's Landing which was shading out natives, preventing access to poison hemlock and causing slope instability.

"We ordered several hundred native plants from WICD for restoration planting to support the integrity of the soil adjacent to the rear of the historic Ferry House", said Roy Zipp, NPS Superintendent at Ebey's Reserve. "The installation of native shrubs and ground cover will contribute to the control of erosion and topsoil loss, reduce invasive plant species, and provide long-term soil stabilization at the site."

The Ferry House restoration planting will happen in early March.

Private landowners can also use the bare root plant sale to tackle restoration projects on their land. Plant sale customer Jo Reeves and her partner recently purchased a five acre parcel at the entrance to their neighborhood to protect the trees and wildlife habitat. After removing blackberry and holly that had taken over the area, they are ready to restore the land with native plants.

"Bare root plants adapt to their new homes quickly and the cost makes a project of this size less of a financial bite," said Reeves. "I tried selecting plants for both birds and bees, plants for both food and nesting. I'm adding Western Red Cedar and Vine Maples to increase the diversity of the tree stock. Thank you WICD for making this so easy."

WICD does try to make it as easy as possible for Whidbey residents to obtain native plants for their yards and restoration projects, but sometimes nature has other plans. Wildlife browse can be a concern, so bare root plants need to be protected.

"I have planted many deciduous trees over the years; I like a variety of foliage around the house," said plant sale customer David Young. "My most recent venture into Paper Birch required a large fenced area to keep the deer away. What I learned after the first season was that these trees also require rabbit protection. The rabbits would eat the low foliage, and then figured out how to fell the seedlings like a beaver so that they can access all the foliage. This year I am using mesh protectors (available through WICD). I've used these in the past, and they are very effective."

Bare root native plants are harvested during their dormant period, which is January or February, when they are 6-24 months old. They can be handled and shipped bare root - without soil - because of the cool temperatures and their dormancy. It's best to get them in the ground within a week of pick up to protect their roots and allow



them to begin growing. They need a few years of watering and maintenance while they establish themselves in your yard.

WICD administrator Sandy Welch has ordered many different native plants at the sale over the years, and she said one of her favorite species turned out to be tall Oregon grape. When she first planted the bare root plants, she said their leaves turned brown, then fell off, and became sad little sticks in her yard. She assumed they had died, while the rest of her order did well. But the next spring, the tall Oregon grape sticks grew new leaves and have been thriving ever since! The experience taught her that tall Oregon grape plants have a unique process of establishing themselves in the yard, but are hardy and beautiful - if given patience - attracting native bees and even hummingbirds with their bright yellow flowers in spring.

The WICD bare root native plant sale pre-order is going on now through Jan. 31. Orders will be available for pickup on Leap Day, Feb. 29, at the Greenbank Farm barn.



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# ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



A friend of mine was recently gifted a smart watch from his wife. His new smart watch is really smart, even smarter than a French poodle.

While the underneath of the watch pulsates a little green light onto his wrist, depending upon his finger tapping curiosity, more details are revealed.

His sleep durations, interruptions thereof, and sleep intensities are quantified.

In an almost unsettling revelation, the energy of one's activities is measured while calculating the number of steps taken and the degree of effort.

One can actually find out if grocery shopping is helpful exercise.

Unlike mainland people who walk around in large malls, we Whidbey seniors often have to walk around Freeland in the rain looking for our cars.

I really do not envy my friend with his new smart watch. Not only is he unable to talk to Dick Tracy, how guilty must he feel knowing the intensity of the activity of using a remote control in a recliner is burning more time than calories?

None of my beeswax. I have a flip phone with a rotary dial.

### Cold enough?

Prior to last month's performances in Judith Walcutt and David Ossman's marvelous adaptation of *It's a Wonderful Life*, I had never before used cold cream.

No wonder Aunt Dorothy made a face taking off her makeup. She may have been having a cold cream hot flash.

For me, cold cream is way too cold. Had I not been too embarrassed to buy my own jar at Rite Aid, I would have heated the cold cream up on the wood stove before removing my Ben Nye natural beige foundation and my #6 pencil eyebrow art.

Quite frankly, were it not for my Marine Corps training in unnecessary shaving, I might have used cold cream when I was driving a taxi in Hollywood. That smog really aged me prematurely.

When I was 16, I looked 12.

After driving a cab in L.A. smog for a summer, although I was 26, I looked at least 28.

The price we pay for our youth, eh?

### Quotes

*In the cause of freedom, we have to battle for the rights of people with whom we do not agree; and whom, in many cases, we may not like. These people test the strength of the freedoms which protect all of us. If we do not defend their rights, we endanger our own...* Harry Truman

*Let all of life be an unfettered howl. Like the crowd greeting the gladiator. Don't stop to think, don't interrupt the scream, exhale, release life's rapture...* Vladimir Nabokov

*There's nothing I believe more than this, that laughter adds time to one's life...* Norman Lear, 97

### Apache prayer

Thanks to the Native American Rights Fund, www.narf.org, for sharing this Native American blessing in a recent mailing.

*May the sun bring you new energy by day.  
May the moon softly restore you by night.  
May the rain wash away your worries.  
May the breeze blow new strength into your being.  
May you walk gently through the world and know its beauty all the days of your life.*

### Broadway stories

According to *Show and Tell, The New Book of Broadway Anecdotes*, Ken Bloom's 2016 super charged book about Broadway, a lot more goes on behind the curtain than costume changes. Being a lover of anecdotes about anyone, this book is a must for connoisseurs of back stage back talk.

An example – this classic of Ann Miller, one of MGM's super stars, and the daughter of John

Allison Collier, a criminal lawyer who represented the Barrow gang, Machine Gun Kelly, and Baby Face Nelson.

According to Wikipedia, "in later life, Miller claimed to have invented pantyhose in the 1940s as a solution to the continual problem of tearing stockings during the filming of dance production numbers."

"Ann Miller was an extremely nice woman, as well as a terrific talent. Her first Broadway show was *George White's Scandals* in 1939. She had a brief run in *Mame* and then forty years after her Broadway debut, she joined Mickey Rooney in the exceptional revue *Sugar Babies*. While in the show, Miller was asked what she was going to do for Passover, and she replied that she didn't do game shows.

"Miller would come to her dressing room three hours before a show. She'd spend a good part of the time putting cover-up makeup on the veins on her legs. Then she'd put on two pairs of pantyhose. As she said, 'The audience is coming for two reasons, to see my legs and to see Ann Miller onstage.'"

### Children's wisdom

While viewing a picture, one little boy noticed one child had a different color hair than the other family members.

Another child suggested he was adopted.

Then a little girl named Jocelynn Jay said, "I know all about adoptions because I was adopted."

"What does it mean to be adopted?" asked another child.

"It means," said Jocelynn, "that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy."

### Underdog

Now that my allegiance to the Seahawks has been shattered, I must find a new team for which to root.

Eliminating teams is the first step. No way can I root for the 49ers or the Packers.

I would root for the Chiefs, but their quarterback does State Farm commercials with Aaron Rodgers.

That leaves the Tennessee Titans.

That may work. We used to live in Memphis. We have kin in Knoxville. I used to visit fraternity brothers at Vanderbilt. That should be enough connection. Hopefully the Titan colors match something I have in my closet of abandoned teams.

Go Titans.

It just doesn't sound right to root for the root word of a chemical on the periodic chart. Go Titanium, #22!

For us curious folks, titanium was discovered in 1791 by the clergyman and amateur geologist, William Gregor, as an inclusion of a mineral in Cornwall, Great Britain. A few years later, Martin Heinrich Klaproth named the discovery after the Titans of Greek mythology.

"Titanium can be alloyed with iron, aluminium, vanadium, and molybdenum, among other elements, to produce strong, lightweight alloys for aerospace, military, industrial processes, automotive, agriculture (farming), medical prostheses, orthopedic implants, dental and endodontic instruments and files, dental implants, sporting goods, jewelry, mobile phones, and more."

Now it makes sense. Go Titanium! Look at all it does for us.

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With a projected salary cap of around \$200 million bucks, the Titans have a budget about the same as that of hip-hop star Drake who recently paid \$200 million for his private jet, appropriately named Air Drake.

The jet comes with two full size bedrooms, a nice giant lounge space, fully equipped bathroom, a theater and more additional lounge space towards the middle and rear of the aircraft.

Try that bit of trivia to strike up a conversation around the Super Bowl Doritos, Tostitos, Cheetos, and Fritos next month.

I'll be the guy in the corner salting out with the Lay's.

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# Salmon Dinner Benefit

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## Saturday, January 25, 2020

### 10am-4:30pm

### Coupeville Middle School, PAC

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### Teacher clock hours available through the Heritage Institute

## Registration at [orcaneetwork.org](http://orcaneetwork.org)



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# Bits & Pieces

*Donart for a Cause!* will be on view through Feb. 23 at the Bayview Cash Store Hub Gallery, first and second floors, located at 5603 Bayview Road, Langley, Wash. Open daily 10:00AM to 6:00PM.

For more information, please contact info@goosefoot.org or call 360-321-4145. For Whidbey Doughnuts, contact scott@whidbey-doughnuts.com or 360-321-4653.

[Submitted by Marian A. Myszkowski, Goosefoot]

## Opportunity to Apply - 2020 Island County Conservation Futures Funds

Island County is accepting applications for grants from the 2020 Conservation Futures Program. The Conservation Futures Program is funded by a local property tax. The Conservation Futures property tax is used for land protection and stewardship to preserve the irreplaceable character of unique, distinctive lands and to protect habitat.

The organizations eligible to receive Conservation Futures grants include Island County government, cities, towns, special purpose districts, nonprofit nature conservancy organizations (as defined in RCW 84.34.250), and nonprofit historic preservation organizations (as defined in RCW 64.04.130).

Application and funding information is available from Island County General Service Administration located at 1 NE 7th Street, Room 200, Coupeville, Wash. (mailing address PO Box 5000, Coupeville WA 98239-5000) or at the conservation futures website [www.islandcountywa.gov/GSA/Pages/cff.aspx](http://www.islandcountywa.gov/GSA/Pages/cff.aspx).

Since 1992, Island County Conservation Futures funds have been used to help protect over 3,600 acres in the county through either purchasing the property or purchasing a conservation easement. These grants are often leveraged with state or federal funds to increase their impact locally. Recent projects the CFF has helped fund include:

- Expanding and improving the Barnum Point Park on Camano Island
- Creating the new Pearson Preserve on South Whidbey for public waterfront access
- Expanding the Strawberry Point Preserve and adding public parking and trail access
- Improving public access to the Kettles Trail system by acquiring adjacent property

To be considered in the 2020 funding cycle, completed applications for projects must be returned to the General Services Administration office no later than 4:30PM, Friday, Feb. 28. For further information, please contact Don Mason, program coordinator at 360-679-7378.

[Submitted by Don Mason, Island County General Services Administration]

## Muzzall Formally Sworn in on First Day of 2020 Session



Appointed late last year to serve the 10th Legislative District after the retirement of Sen. Barbara Bailey, state Sen. Ron Muzzall, R-Oak Harbor, was sworn in Monday during the opening ceremonies of the 2020 legislative session.

Muzzall, a small-business owner and farmer, hit the ground running, holding a series of town hall events to hear from constituents about their concerns with state government.

"When I met with constituents around the district in December, I shared my approach for this session," said Muzzall. "As a freshman senator, I'm not under the impression that I will have some dramatic effect down here, but that I will fight for their values, be honest with them, and listen intently to the will of the voters."

"A common theme I'm hearing is people feel left out of the process. They feel they aren't being listened to and the government doesn't respect their wishes. That is something I can change. We've got a great example with the recent vote on lower car tabs that is now tied up in the courts.

"People rightly expect results and feel they are not getting them. In this short session, I will be working hard to seriously address the mental health and drug crisis affecting communities across my district and the state and ensuring people feel their state government is working for them."

[Submitted by Laudan Espinoza]

## New Planning and Community Development Director for Island County Announced

The Board of Island County Commissioners has offered the position of Director, Planning and Community Development to Jessica Carpenter. She brings to the County 17 years of expert knowledge and experience in planning, project management, public policy, community and economic development, budgets and grant writing, transportation, environmental programs, and sustainable development. Her objective is to advocate for stronger communities, identify and resolve issues that affect planning and community development, and ensure resiliency and safety for a thriving community. Her emphasis is on the importance of appreciating and valuing people, listening to the concerns of the public, and building better relations through community development with a collaborative focus.

Carpenter has worked in planning and community development at both the city and county level in Idaho, Texas, and Washington. She has worked in environmental programs and preservation throughout Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. She is currently working in state transportation in Washington. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science and Regional Planning from Washington State University and earned her Master of Business Administration from California State University.

She is looking forward to coming on board as the Planning and Community Development Director for Island County. She brings enthusiasm and a positive outlook for building strong communities.

[Submitted by Virginia Shaddy, Administrative Assistant to Commissioner Janet St. Clair, District 3]

## Rep. Norma Smith Introduces Package of Consumer-focused, Online Data Privacy Legislation

Rep. Norma Smith is sponsoring five bills in the 2020 legislative session that would address online data privacy for consumers. The ranking member on the House Innovation, Technology and Economic Development Committee wants to empower consumers, while holding corporations accountable for their policies.

"So much of what we've seen in Washington state is corporate centric. The consumer needs to be the focus of meaningful data privacy bills. We need to provide consumers real rights and access to justice to exercise their rights," said Smith, R-Clinton. "The bills I have introduced are built on consumer empowerment, corporate responsibility and strong enforcement."

House Bill 2364 would enact a Charter of Personal Data Rights (CPDR). The legislation would establish rights to know what information a business has about a consumer, access that data and receive a copy in a format that allows for portability of data, correct and delete information, and opt out of data sales.

"This measure has strong enforcement elements that maintain the expectation that Washingtonians who suffer a violation of their rights can have their day in court," said Smith. "Other bills say that only the state attorney general can sue a business for violations of data rights. This would rob consumers of access to justice."

Smith's bill is different from other legislation in that it has a broad definition of "personal information," with the fewest exceptions to what data is exempted and what businesses are exempted. It also has the strongest corporate responsibility provisions, including imposing a duty to have a comprehensive data security program and a duty of businesses to operate in good faith and with diligence to safeguard privacy rights.

House Bill 2363 would declare that each person owns and has an exclusive property right in the person's biometric identifiers.

"This bill asks a fundamental question that we should all care deeply about: Who owns the unique, biometric identifiers that make you, you?" said Smith. "My bill answers this question: You do."

Biometric technology like facial recognition allows computer systems to automatically recognize an individual by finding a match in a database. This is sensitive data. Unlike a password or driver's license photo, if a person's face template is hacked – he or she cannot replace it. This makes it critical everyone remain in control of who can capture and store this information.

House Bill 1503, introduced last year, would require all data brokers in Washington state to register annually with the state's Office of Privacy and Data Protection, pay a registration fee, and provide information regarding how they collect, store and sell personal information. The legislation would also require data brokers to disclose their opt-out procedures.

"Data brokers – companies consumers have never had a relationship with – are buying and selling data about each of us, while creating more risk of data breaches that could result in identity theft. By registering them, and requiring some basic disclosures, my bill increases transparency and accountability," said Smith. "This is important now. And it will be even more important in the future as technology evolves."

House Bill 2366 would make the position of the state's Chief Privacy Officer a statewide elected position, serving four-year terms, without changing the duties of the office.

"It's important that voters have an opportunity to elect a person who would most effectively advocate for their privacy interests," said Smith. "This person should have the authority and confidence of Washingtonians when he or she works with the Legislature on privacy laws and best practices for state agencies."

House Bill 2365 would require consumer devices sold in Washington state to have a simple-to-recognize sticker to notify consumers if the device gathers data about them and transmits that data to a third party. The bill follows up on recent warnings regarding consumer products, including the recent warning issued by the FBI on smart TVs and their vulnerability to hacking.

"My previous work on privacy legislation has had significant bipartisan support," said Smith. "I look forward to once again building a strong coalition on behalf of consumers."

The 2020 legislative session began Jan. 13 and runs 60 consecutive days.

[Submitted by John Handy, Communications Director, Wash. State House Republicans]

## Snow a Major Factor in 2019 State Ferry Ridership Drop New storm schedules ready for 2020

For the first time in seven years, annual ridership aboard Washington State Ferries declined in 2019, dropping by 800,000 customers – 3.2 percent – to 23.9 million. Severe winter weather, construction in and around ferry terminals and increased ferry and transit options, are considered the main reasons for the decrease.

More than a third of the year-to-year decline came in February, when several snowstorms hit the Puget Sound region, causing many people to cancel or delay travel plans. During that time, there were only 10,000 ferry customers on some days, compared to 50,000 to 60,000 average daily winter ridership.

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## Tilth Hosts Organic Seed Alliance

The public is invited to a free presentation by Katie Miller of the Organic Seed Alliance (OSA) Sunday at 4:00PM at Trinity Lutheran Annex, Grigware Hall, 18341 State Route 525 in Freeland. There will be a potluck following the presentation. Tilth members will meet at 3:00PM for council of trustee elections and other business.

OSA educates thousands of farmers and other agricultural community members, conducts professional organic plant breeding and seed production research, and advocates for national policies that strengthen organic seed systems with a mission to advance ethical seed solutions to meet food and farming needs in a changing world.

Katie Miller is the field research assistant at OSA's research farm in Chimacum, Wash. She spends most of her time out in the field tending to OSA's variety trials and breeding projects. Katie aspires to be a good steward of the plants she loves and to address the breeding needs of farmers on the Peninsula. She has been producing seeds and vegetables since 2005, first at Scratch Farm in Rhode Island, then at Nash's Organic Produce in 2016 before joining the OSA team in 2017.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott]

## Donart for a Cause! An art exhibit celebrating the doughnut and supporting local youth organizations



Artwork by Racquel Jensen

A collaboration between Whidbey Doughnuts and Goosefoot, the artwork in this exhibit features in some way the most noble doughnut—whether cruller, old fashioned, glazed, or bar. *Donart for a Cause!* is on view through Feb. 23 at the Hub Gallery in the Bayview Cash Store, on the first and second floors.

Whidbey Doughnuts provides artists and/or doughnut lovers with a space at its front entrance to draw or paint onto a large piece of butcher paper. Anyone is invited to participate by signing up ahead of time for a two-week slot. The only requirements are doughnuts appear somewhere in the artwork and it must be created on site at the shop.

All art is for sale and 100 percent of the proceeds will be split between the following nonprofit organizations serving young people on Whidbey Island: The HUB After School Program, Ryan's House for Youth, and Whidbey Children's Theatre.

Participating artists, mostly teens and young adults, include: Nic Anthony, Kareena DeClerq, Yzzy Dennis, Julian Fifield, Alicia Jenkins and family, Racquel Jensen, Tabitha Mangiafico, Emily Moore, Lily Timms, the Wallhoff Family, Grace Webb.



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## 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](http://whidbeyislandherb.com). This product has intoxicating effects and may be habit forming. Marijuana can impair concentration, coordination, and judgment. Do not operate a vehicle or machinery under the influence of this drug. There may be health risks associated with consumption of this product. For use only by adults 21 and older. 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. Must be 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](mailto:whidbey.island.bohemians@gmail.com) or visit [www.islandartscouncil.org/island-bohemians.html](http://www.islandartscouncil.org/island-bohemians.html)

## Live Music: Erik Christensen

Saturday, January 18, 7:30-9:30PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Erik Christensen is a singer/songwriter from Coupeville, Wash. He plays a mix of folk/rock/country/Americana, sharing songs and stories with whoever wants to listen. Erik is backed up by the EC Band, consisting of Mark Strohschein on bass, Che Edoga on violin, and Rob Keller on percussion. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

## Book Lover's Bus Tour

Friday, January 24

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](mailto: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](http://whidbeyislandherb.com).

This product has intoxicating effects and may be habit forming. Marijuana can impair concentration, coordination, and judgment. Do not operate a vehicle or machinery under the influence of this drug. There may be health risks associated with consumption of this product. For use only by adults 21 and older. 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 the event will be canceled if the weather is cloudy. For more information, contact Bob Scott at [ICAS\\_President@outlook.com](mailto:ICAS_President@outlook.com) or visit [www.icas-wa.org](http://www.icas-wa.org).

## Salmon Dinner Benefit

Friday, January 24, 5:00-7:00PM  
Langley United Methodist Church

Enjoy salmon, baked potato, coleslaw, garlic bread, and cake. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. To benefit clients of Helping Hand of South Whidbey. You could win four terrace level tickets to a Mariners game, a signed Seahawks football, or a gift basket. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or six for \$10. Need not be present to win. Tickets are available at Helping Hand's office on the Trinity Lutheran Church campus in Freeland from 9:00AM to noon weekdays and at the salmon dinner. For more information, call 360-221-7777.

## 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.whidbeyislandnordiclude.com](http://www.whidbeyislandnordiclude.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.

## Crowning Achievements - A Royal Collaboration

Saturday, January 25, 7:30PM  
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley  
Sunday, January 26, 2:30PM  
Oak Harbor High School

Presented by Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra. 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.

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](http://www.sowhidbey.com) or 360-929-3045. Tickets available for Jan. 25 concert only at [tickets.wicaonline.org](http://tickets.wicaonline.org) or 360-221-8262. Tickets available for the Jan. 26 concert at bayleaf in Coupeville, and Click Music in Oak Harbor and day of tickets at Oak Harbor High School. For more detailed information visit [www.sowhidbey.com](http://www.sowhidbey.com) or 360-929-3045.

## Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below  
Cost: Free

### 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.

## Books2Movies: "A Dog's Journey"

Friday, January 17, 2:00-4:30PM  
Freeland Library

This group will focus on books that were made into movies. Read or listen to the book, then join us for the movie and lively talk. Enjoy candy and popcorn and meet with fellow book lovers. Brandon Henry, who you may have seen at The Clyde Theater, will lead the discussion.

## Friends of Clinton Library Book Sale

Saturday, January 18, 10:00AM-3:00PM  
Clinton Community Hall, 6411 S. Central Ave.

Thousands of books for sale at bargain prices. Additional fiction and nonfiction every month. Proceeds support the Clinton Library.

## Whidbey Write-In Group: Quiet Time to Write

Monday, January 20, 9:00AM-1:00PM  
Freeland Library

This group is focused on the act of writing. Forty-five minutes of quiet writing, followed by a 15-minute break, repeat. How can we write guilt-free with so many other projects begging for our attention? Take the opportunity at the breaks to meet other writers on the island. Soft jazz will be playing for those who need some ambient sound. Everyone is welcome.

## 3rd Tuesday Book Group

Tuesday, January 21, 9:30-11:00AM  
Freeland Library

Join us for a great book discussion of Tiffany D. Jackson's "Monday's Not Coming," about the mystery of one teenage girl's disappearance and the traumatic effects of the truth.

## Lit For Fun Book Group

Thursday, January 23, 9:00-11:00AM  
Freeland Library

Join us for a discussion of John Williams' "Stoner," an unassuming story about the life of a quiet English professor which has earned the admiration of readers all over the globe. For adults.

## Religious Services

### "The Radical Invitation of Jesus"

Saturday, January 18, 2:00-3:30PM  
Langley United Methodist Church

The latest book from Duncan Ferguson. Book launch with discussion, music and art. The invitation is to those who heard Jesus in the first century, the intervening centuries, and those in the twenty-first century urging them to turn away from a life that is self-centered and to seek a life that is God-centered. The invitation is radical in that it calls on us to give up the accepted norms and values of our culture and world and give ourselves to a life of integrity and truthfulness, love and compassion, and justice and peace. Langley UMC is located on the corner of Third and Anthes.

## 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 19 - Pastor Wenzek: The Truth About Lying (The problem with Lying and the need of truthing in love). Services are followed by a light lunch. You are invited to join us for lunch and loving fellowship.

## Meetings & Organizations

### Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers (WIGS)

Tuesday, January 21, 1:00-3:00PM  
Oak Harbor Lutheran Church,  
1253 NW 2nd Ave.

Jennifer Roberts presents "Discovering the Many Resources & Assets of the DAR." All are welcome to attend.

## PBY Naval Air Museum

Wednesday, January 22, 11:30AM  
Oak Harbor Yacht Club,  
1301 SE Catalina Dr.

The featured speaker at the monthly no-host luncheon will be Don Jenkins with a presentation about the Korean War Legacy Project. Call 360-240-9500 for directions and more information.

## Monthly BoHo Mixer

Thursday, January 23, 5:00-7:00PM  
Ciao Restaurant, Coupeville

Kick off the new year by connecting with fellow creatives. BoHo Mixers are informal, monthly meet ups at various restaurants, wineries and other venues. These events are self-catered/no-host, and members can drop in and out at any time during the Mixer and stay after for dinner with your friends.

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

## Classes, Seminars and Workshops

### Ways of Whales Workshop

Saturday, January 25, 10:00AM-4:30PM  
Coupeville Middle School PAC,  
501 S. Main St.

Featuring presentations on a wide variety of topics, including Biggs orcas, humpback whales, leopard seals, endangered Southern Resident orcas, video footage of salmon and the Elwha River, and an appearance by Eba the orca scat dog. Cost of the workshop is \$35 (\$25 for students/seniors), and lunch is available for purchase for an additional \$12. Pre-registration is highly recommended, as seating is limited. Further information and online registration are available at [www.orca-network.org](http://www.orca-network.org). Questions? Contact [cindy@orca-network.org](mailto:cindy@orca-network.org) or 360-331-3543.

### "Traditions of Provence"

Saturday, January 25, 11:00AM-2:00PM  
Sunday, January 26, 11:00AM-2:00PM  
NWLACC Campus, China City Building, Freeland  
Fee: \$148, materials and some meals included

Join other francophone friends and explore "Traditions of Provence," with charming and enthusiastic educator Marion Bouscarle of Ecole Franco-Américaine du Puget Sound. Language, food, history and culture will make these hours meaningful and unforgettable as you refresh your French. Activities will include cultural presentations in French, video clips, group discussions, language activities, cooking together, movement, and work on home assignments. To register, visit [www.nwlacc.org/current-offering/french-immersion-workshop/](http://www.nwlacc.org/current-offering/french-immersion-workshop/) or email [info@nwlacc.org](mailto:info@nwlacc.org).

## DUI/Underage Drinking Prevention Panel

Saturday, January 25, 1:00-3:00PM  
Oak Harbor Library meeting room

No pre-registration required. Seating at 12:45PM. No late admittance allowed. Open to all and required by local driving schools for driver's education students and parents. For more information, call 360-672-8219 or visit [www.idpic.org](http://www.idpic.org).

## Crime Victims' Rights

Monday, January 27, 5:30PM  
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St.

Come learn what rights are, the 15 crime victim rights afforded to Washington residents, and the history of victims' rights within the criminal justice system in Washington State and nationally. Presented by Victim Support Services.



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## Eat salmon, help fellow Whidbey Islanders

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

Here's an opportunity that doesn't come along every day – enjoy a delicious salmon dinner while lending a helping hand to Whidbey Island residents going through a tough time.

That's the purpose of the annual Salmon Dinner Benefit for Helping Hand of South Whidbey, which will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24 at the Langley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. All proceeds from the dinner will benefit clients of Helping Hand of South Whidbey.

"If someone can't pay their rent or if they can't pay their electric bill and it's going to be shut off, that's where we can help," said Judy Kenning, a longtime volunteer with Helping Hand of South Whidbey. "The basic needs of life. It's not meant to be an ongoing kind of help, it's meant for emergencies."

Helping Hand of South Whidbey has been around nearly 40 years. It started when South Whidbey churches decided they could do more good working together than they could separately. Now this Christian-based charitable program helps fellow Whidbey residents who find they are unable to pay for basic services such as utilities, food, medical care, transportation to work or a place to live.

A volunteer staff of about 16 people assists 600 to 700 people every year on South Whidbey. The maximum amount someone is allowed to receive in a year is \$500 and there is also a lifetime cap on how much people can receive. The needs are many and varied, according to Kenning.

"Some might need as little as \$100 to pay a phone bill so they can wait for a call on a job offer," she explained. "Or if someone is off sick for a week or is recovering from surgery and isn't getting paid, those are the people we want to help. So many on the south end are part time workers with minimum wage jobs, and rent is going up, along with everything else."

While the amount of need remains roughly the same from year to year, there has been a shift in the demographics of those requiring help.

"It was a little surprising this last year," Kenning said. "It used to be about 30 percent of our clients were retired. This last year our biggest group [of people seeking help] was people ages 35 to 50; they may have lost a job, or they're a single parent raising a child or raising a grandchild. We're seeing a lot of different scenarios."

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Photo Courtesy of Island County Master Gardener Foundation

Registration is now open for the Whidbey Gardening Workshop, which will feature more than 45 classes this year on topics from garden design to nurturing soil and more.

## Get ready to grow with Whidbey Gardening Workshop

By **Kacie Jo Voeller** Whidbey Weekly

Grab some gloves and get ready to dig into a fresh, hands-on experience at the Whidbey Gardening Workshop. With new features ranging from field trips to a floral design competition, the workshop will continue its tradition of providing an educational experience in addition to new activities and amenities for attendees.

The 32nd Whidbey Gardening Workshop, which serves as a fundraiser for the Island County Master Gardener Foundation, will be held starting at 8 a.m. March 14 at Oak Harbor High School, with pre-workshop field trips held March 13. Registration is currently open, with general admission tickets starting at \$55, and links to the Eventbrite registration can be found at the workshop's new website, whidbeygardening.org. The event will feature over 45 classes, as well as a Marketplace full of unique items and more.

Carole Matthews, chair for the Whidbey Gardening Workshop, said this year will bring many new and exciting aspects. Visitors can attend one of the field trips and delve into topics including hot composting and seed propagation or enjoy an espresso drink from the Buzzmobile Cafe between classes.

"I think coming up with totally new activities is an important part of the life and vitality of the workshop," she said. "If we don't visualize new possibilities, the workshop will become stale and lose interest to the repeat attendees. That means we always are experimenting—will this year's new activity be appreciated and embraced? In a certain way we are always walking an edge, trying to find what will work for our attendees. It is exciting and fun to be part of such a project, and I hope, fun for the attendee to experience."

Matthews said the event is continually growing and becoming the best it can be.



Photo Courtesy of Island County Master Gardener Foundation

The Marketplace at this year's Whidbey Gardening Workshop will feature over 30 new and returning vendors and will offer everything from handcrafted garden art and accessories to snacks and drinks from the Oak Harbor Wildcats Booster Club and the Buzzmobile Cafe.

"There are a lot of new things, but it is all built on the years before," she said. "It is really true that it is something cumulative. All the teams of Master Gardeners who have put this workshop on in the past have built the infrastructure and the reputation and established relationships with the community and with the attendees."

Matthews said this year's event will feature Richie Steffen, director of the Elisabeth C. Miller Garden in Seattle and curator for Great Plant Picks, as the keynote speaker. Steffen will share his "Plants for a Better Planet" lecture and share more about sustainable and adaptive gardening, she said.

"He will help us understand how our part of the world is changing and how we can keep it beautiful and alive by changing our way of thinking about the plants we select and love," she said. "Steffen is someone who really knows this part of the world and can speak to us of our specific interests."

Matthews said while gardening on Whidbey and in the surrounding Pacific Northwest is a rewarding task, there are certain challenges, from soil quality to wind and erosion issues presented by ocean fronts.

"The Whidbey Gardening Workshop has carefully selected classes to answer problems such as these and many more," she said.

Matthews said the workshop will feature its largest Marketplace this year, with new features including a bookstore as well as a shop showcasing items from Master Gardeners themselves.

"Our Marketplace committee has created a vibrant and energetic place with more vendors and non-profit educators than we have had," she said. "They will be selling garden art, spring plants, garden accessories, and demonstrating what a garden might be. (It is) not to be missed."

Melissa Evans, who serves as the coordinator for the Marketplace, said the mission has been to think outside the box, and attendees can expect to see everything from a robotic lawnmower display from Diamond Rentals to copper sprinklers with hand-blown glass bulbs from Hoppy's Garden Art.

"About 40 percent of the vendors at the marketplace are new and never have attended our event before," Evans said.

Evans said the Marketplace will feature 27 vendors as well as four educational booths, including Bats Northwest, Whidbey Island Conservation District, and the WSU Extension for Island County. One of the goals for the Marketplace this year was to create a "wow" factor for attendees and offer a spot to take a break during the day, Evans shared.

"My objective with this Marketplace this year is to create a festive, bright-colored, fun place for the attendees to hang out in between

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# Life Tributes

## LLOYD R. LINN, BMC, USNR (RET.)



Lloyd Raymond Linn of Oak Harbor, Wash., passed away Dec. 20, 2019. Lloyd was born July 16, 1926 in Willard, Ohio to Curtis and Lillian Linn. He was raised in Willard and graduated from Willard High School. He owned the Marathon Service Station with his only sibling, Mary, until he went into the Navy in 1944. Lloyd married Dorothy Hicks in 1947 and they had four children together. Lloyd was a Scoutmaster in Virginia during the 1960s for eight years. He served in World War II, the Korean War, and in Vietnam as a Boatswain's Mate, retiring as a Chief Petty Officer in 1968.

After retiring, he moved his family to Oak Harbor, where he was a fireman at both Navy bases. Lloyd retired from the fire department and married Laura Kirk in 1982. Lloyd enjoyed fishing, hunting, billiards, auto mechanics, and a lifelong love of

motorcycles. He graduated from Skagit Valley College with an Associate Degree. He spent most of his life as a Mason, a Shriner, and then became Grand Commander. Lloyd was an active member in the different churches he attended.

Surviving Lloyd are his remaining children: William Linn, Anita (Erin) Linn, Mark (Gloria) Linn; stepchildren, Jas and Jean Kirk; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Those who precede Lloyd in death are both of his parents; his sister, Mary Ellis; his wife, Laura Kirk Linn; son, Gregory Linn; and stepsons, Frank and John Kirk.

The Linn family suggests memorials in Lloyd's name be made to: Veterans of Foreign Wars Whitehead-Muzzall Post #7392 in Oak Harbor. Contact them by phone at 360-675-4048 to inquire about donating or volunteering; the Boy Scouts of America online at <https://donations.scouting.org/#/national/>; or the Shriners Hospitals for Children online at [www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/shc](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/shc).

A Memorial service for Lloyd will be held at Wallin Funeral Home in Oak Harbor Saturday, Jan. 18 at 10 a.m. Chaplain David G. Lura, USNR (Ret.) will be officiating, with military honors provided under the auspices of the VFW and NAS Whidbey Island Honor Guard.

Lloyd will be laid to rest next to his beloved Laura at Sunnyside Cemetery in Coupeville, Wash.

Arrangements entrusted to Wallin Funeral Home, Oak Harbor. Please visit Lloyd's page in our Book of Memories online at [www.wallinfuneralhome.com](http://www.wallinfuneralhome.com) to share memories and leave condolences.



## KARL MICHAEL "MIKE" FANKHAUSER



Mike was born in Snohomish, Wash., the son of Karl and Virginia (Bailey) Fankhauser, and graduated from Everett High School with the class of 1953, and was a proud member of the 1952 state football championship team.

Mike attended universities of Washington, Western, and Central, and taught in the Highline and Marysville School Districts. He retired in 1990 from Oak Harbor School District after 17 years as principal at Oak Harbor Junior High and Middle School. Mike always said he never graduated from the seventh grade. While at the University of Washington, Mike was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

While teaching in the Highline School District, Mike was called to active duty in the Air Force during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was discharged a year later and returned to the classroom.

Mike loved fishing and spent 22 years fishing with his friend, Bud Wallgren, in the Cook Inlet and the Kenai River. Son, Dean, and son-in-law, Rory, joined them for five super years of salmon and halibut fishing. Mike also enjoyed many years crabbing with friend, Don Grate, and fishing in several lakes in Eastern Washington.

He was active within his musical life, singing with the An-O-Chords Barbershop Chorus and two quartets for 22 years. He especially enjoyed the Keep America Singing programs for fourth and fifth grade students in all the school districts in the area.

In 1957, he married Glenda Spaulding and they raised their son, Dean, and daughter, Lynda. The family spent several years at the cabin they built on Lake Kachess in the Cascade Mountains. In 1979, he married Joanne Korengo and they were very active for many years attending Oak Harbor Lutheran Church.

Mike is survived by his wife, Joanne Korengo; son, Dean, of Toppenish; daughter, Lynda Wallgren (Rory), of Oak Harbor; three grand-daughters; three great-grandchildren; and a host of many cousins and wonderful friends.

In lieu of flowers, Mike asked donations to be made to Oak Harbor Lutheran Church Endowment Fund or Oak Harbor Lutheran Church Memorial Fund.

Services will be held at Oak Harbor Lutheran Church Saturday, Jan. 18 at 10 a.m.

## PHYLLIS B. SHERMAN

Phyllis Barbara Sherman, age 87, passed away Jan. 7, 2020. Her loving husband of 64 years, Al, was at her side. She was surrounded by family for her entire life, as well as during her brief hospitalization after suffering a stroke.

A Celebration of Life for Phyllis will take place Feb. 8, 2020 at 12 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Coupeville, Wash.

A full obituary will be published at a later date.

## RUSSELL H. HARTLEY

March 20, 1935 – December 8, 2019

Russell Henry Hartley went home to our Lord early Sunday morning, Dec. 8, 2019, in Bellingham, Wash. He was 83.

Russell was born March 20, 1935 in Wyandotte, Mich., to his parents, William and Virginia (Holcomb) Hartley. It was common for Russ to spend time in Louisiana every year visiting his grandparents. He had one sibling, his sister, Revelle.

Right out of high school, he married Jean E. Watts and joined the Navy, where he became a flight engineer. Their adventure started at Grosse Ile, Mich., for seven years. They had five children: Debra, Russell Jr., William, Kimberly and Robert.

Over the next 15 years they were stationed at NAS Jacksonville, Fla.; Grand Prairie, Texas; and Pt. Mugu, Calif. Finally, on to NAS Whidbey in Oak Harbor, Wash., where he retired from the Navy in 1975 as a Chief Petty Officer. He married Joanne O'Connor in March 2007.

Joanne and he were always at the Senior Center playing pinochle. Russ loved to give hugs and kisses; he was a practical joker. His main hobby was wood carving.

He also enjoyed flying in the Navy, golfing, fishing, singing in the An-O-Chords, and traveling. His friends and family were sometimes caught off guard by his quirky sense of humor.

His family is proud of him for receiving the Career Service Award from the Secretary of the Navy in appreciation for his 40 years of faithful service to the Navy and the government of the United States. The first 20 years was in the military, the second 20 years he worked in Civil Service at the parts shop and worked on helicopters for SAR.

Surviving Russell are his beloved wife, Joanne; four children - Robert Hartley, Bill Hartley, Kimberly Hartley, and Deborah Hartley Way; two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. His parents, son Russell Jr., and his sister preceded him in death.

The Hartley family would like to thank VA North Hospice and North Cascades Home for their care and compassion of Russ and his family.

Per Russell's wishes there will be no services.

Arrangements entrusted to Wallin Funeral Home, Oak Harbor, Wash.

## MARIA CRISTINA CLEMENTS (MARTINEZ)



Maria Cristina Clements (Martinez), born in January of 1939 in Bogota, Colombia, passed away peacefully Dec. 14, 2019.

Maria was born to Louis and Ana Martinez. She spent her childhood in Bogota with her older siblings, brother Louis and sister Beatriz, who preceded her in death.

Maria moved to the U.S. to attend school and after graduation, entered the working world where she met her husband of 48 years, Lindsey Clements, while living in Dallas, Texas. Maria enjoyed teaching Spanish to high schoolers and adults alike, and after a lot of studying and hard work, became a U.S. citizen and later obtained a master's degree.

She spent several years as a therapist, helping the Hispanic community in Skagit county. She loved to travel more than anything and always sought to have fun and experience new things. Maria and her husband had two sons, Michael (Amy) Clements of Bellingham, Wash., and John (Morgan) Clements of Veneta, Ore. Maria had four grandchildren: Bentley, Reese, Dax and Hudson. Maria was often referred to as spunky and that spice will be missed by those who knew her.

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**Thursday, January 16**

**OHHS Girls' Basketball vs Mountlake Terrace - 7:15pm**

**Friday, January 17**

**OHHS Boys' Basketball vs Shorecrest - 7:15pm**

**Saturday, January 18**

**SVC Women's Basketball @ Whatcom CC - 4pm**

**SVC Men's Basketball @ Whatcom CC - 6pm**

**Tuesday, January 21**

**OHHS Girls' Basketball vs Stanwood - 7:15pm**

**Wednesday, January 22**

**SVC Women's Basketball vs Shoreline CC - 5pm**

**SVC Men's Basketball vs Shoreline CC - 7pm**

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# Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

**THURSDAY, DEC. 19**  
**8:30 am, Mobius Lp.**

Requesting call to know where his black 2008 BMW is.

**3:24 pm, Heller Rd.**

Requesting call referencing someone repeatedly stealing wood from her wood pile, suspects neighbor.

**6:02 pm, Northgate Dr.**

Caller reporting large snake in yard, advising it is not a wild snake, is four feet long; number to pest control given.

**7:09 pm, SR 20**

Reporting party advising is behind a school bus that has been going 20 – 30 miles per hour on the highway; advising has been doing this since city limits.

**7:10 pm, Brainers Rd.**

Reporting party states vehicle in their driveway 30 minutes ag. States male was saying "sorry," like he didn't mean it.

**7:40 pm, SR 525**

Advising school bus swerving and going way below speed limit; caller states it's driving erratically.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 20**

**9:58 am, Oak Harbor Rd.**

Reporting party advising subject brought Christmas present; advising it was tissues,

nebulizer tube and other things; advising it upset reporting party.

**10:57 am, Bush Point Rd.**

Advising someone drives by his house and yells things; happened last night and most of this morning, ongoing issue.

**7:08 pm, West Beach Rd.**

Caller advising has tow truck at location - is taking another vehicle from location; caller states this is an ongoing issue.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 21**

**11:05 am, N Main St.**

Advising deer seen in area has Christmas lights tangled up in antlers; last seen crossing Main St. at 4th.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 22**

**6:59 am, Smugglers Cove Rd.**

Reporting party advising tree down on Smugglers Cove Rd.; reporting party was in the process of cutting it down and ran out of gas, no lines involved.

**4:31 pm, Deception Cir.**

Advising sold someone boat without trailer, with contingency they didn't take it off property and now have left with it.

**MONDAY, DEC. 23**

**11:26 am, West Beach Rd.**

Caller reporting trip wires in woods, lets transient subjects live there.

**2:06 pm, Lone Lake Rd.**

Occurred two nights ago and previously; advising someone has been running over her "opinion signs" and Christmas signs. Reporting party will be heading home later today, is requesting contact.

**3:48 pm, SR 20**

Advising male in shed at location was asked to leave but has nowhere to go; male is currently defecating all over and acting "insane;" laying inside the shed.

**8:20 pm, West Beach Rd.**

Advising tow truck is taking other Corvette; states subject forged another title, is showing reporting party information.

**TUESDAY, DEC. 24**

**7:15 am, NE Ernst St.**

Reporting party advising his wife was up all night cooking and is not stable.

**5:09 pm, NE 7th Ave.**

Advising can hear female saying "some bad people are looking for her."

**5:33 pm, SR 20**

Reporting male walking in middle of road screaming and yelling.

**5:50 pm, SR 20**

Advising female loitering in front of store in parking lot, also urinating.

**9:05 pm, Amberwood Ln.**

Reporting party advising receiving terroristic threats; stating they will burn down his trailer. Advising is reporting party's neighbor who lives further up the road.

**9:58 om, NE Goldie St.**

Reporting party advising she can hear noise coming from storage unit next to her; she is also locked out of her unit.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25**

**7:21 am, SR 20**

Caller advising three transients putting faces on windows, trying to open door.

**5:16 pm, Amberwood Ln.**

Reporting party advising neighbor two doors down on right is threatening to mess with reporting party's vehicle.

**7:37 pm, WestBeach Rd.**

Poor connection, hard to understand; reporting party advising female neighbor putting big rocks in their driveway and putting steel stakes behind reporting party's trucks, hoping to pop tire.

**9:47 pm, Lato Dr.**

Reporting party states neighbor has been playing music too loud; tried to address the situation and the man answered the door completely naked.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 26**

**8:05 am, Amberwood Ln.**

Reporting party advising is walking dog and heard "You are gonna threaten me with a gun..."

**1:54 pm, Arnold Ln.**

Reporting an accident near location this morning. States for some reason vehicle was towed to reporting party's driveway, wanting to know if reporting party can get vehicle removed.

**2:11 pm, West Beach Rd.**

Caller advising subject in driveway putting rocks in it to keep people from driving in; caller rambling about Obama and invading Whidbey Island, etc., starting war.

**2:34 pm, Haven Way**

Advising neighbor across street, unknown female, was heard saying she was going to come over and shoot reporting party's dog. Reporting party believes would be because her dog is loose and went to bathroom in subject's...[sic].

**5:13 pm, SW Barlow St.**

Reporting party advising just hit male subject in crosswalk.

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# Learn the Ways of Whales in Coupeville

By Kae Harris Whidbey Weekly

Our waterways are beautiful; it's an indisputable fact. When it comes to the marine life that calls it home, the inhabitants are diverse, magnificent and often vulnerable.

An upcoming workshop by the Orca Network at the Coupeville Middle School Performing Arts Center from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 about the Ways of Whales will shed light on some of the Salish Sea's best-known residents, the orca.

According to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's website, Southern resident killer whales (orcas) call the Puget Sound and Salish Sea of British Columbia home from spring through late fall. Recent research has found this species of whale, classified as endangered by both the U.S. and Canadian governments, is struggling to not only raise their young, but also appear to be in unsatisfactory physical condition. As of 2018, the whale population had fallen to 74, down from 98 in 1995. With threats such as water pollution, toxic contaminants, lack of prey and vessel traffic disrupting these marine mammals' locales, many groups feel it's imperative to learn about the ways humans can help improve their conditions.

There are people all over the Puget Sound and beyond who have made it their mission to draw public attention of the plight of

the whales and to work towards addressing and taking action against the threats these marine inhabitants face daily.

The Orca Network has made it its mission over its many years to focus on this cause. The nonprofit was established to raise awareness about Pacific Northwest whales, their role in our environment and the importance of providing them with safe and healthy surroundings.

This is the main reason The Orca Network holds events such as the Ways of Whales workshop. An annual workshop that started almost 20 years ago, the Ways of Whales features presentations on a variety of topics relating to these mammals. The event has proven to be popular, drawing some 200 to 300 attendees each year. It brings together educators, researchers and marine mammal lovers alike to discuss all things concerning the whales of the Salish Sea and beyond, with the impetus being the continued efforts to ensure healthy whale habitats, ongoing research and constant monitoring of the well-being of these ocean creatures.

"Ways of Whales is a wonderful opportunity to bring colleagues and friends together to network and discuss the whales we all love," said Cindy Hansen, event coordinator. "It gives us the opportunity to learn the latest science and what we can all do to help protect the habitats these whales depend on."



Cindy Hansen Photo Courtesy of Orca Network

Humpback whales also frequent the waters surrounding Whidbey Island, and they will also be one of the many whale-related topics covered at Orca Network's Ways of Whales workshop.



Monika Wieland Shields Photo Courtesy of Orca Network

The annual Ways of Whales workshop by Orca Network provides all those interested an opportunity to learn about the latest research and science relating to our area's orca whale population. The workshop will take place Jan. 25 in Coupeville.

This year, attendees can glean information from speakers such as 12-year old scientist and activist London Fletcher, from the Orca Trust, who will be speaking about leopard seals; Monika Wieland from the Orca Behavior Institute, speaking on transient orcas; and Erin Gless, of Island Adventures, whose subject matter concerns Humpback whales and information on the Happy Whale website. Additionally, video footage of salmon and a restored Elwha River courtesy of John Gussman will be featured, along with discussions including speakers Dr. Sam Wasser and Dr. Deborah Giles of Conservation Canines and the Project Research Update.

"Given that so many [of our marine neighbors] are endangered or facing significant threats, [we can] learn how to take action and what we can do to help," Hansen said.

Those attending the event will also be privy to a performance of "The Great Salish Sea" by Dana Lyons and on top of that, an appearance by Eba, the Orca scat-sniffing dog, will also be part the forum. The event

would not be complete without discussions held by the Orca Network staff on subject matter including updates on whale sightings, Tokitae/Lolita, Snake River dams and the proposed Chehalis River dam.

As the event is expected to draw several hundred attendees, organizers recommend those interested pre-register. The cost to attend is \$35 per person, \$25 for seniors and students, though registration at the door is permitted. An optional lunch is available for \$12 for those who register by Monday. Same-day registration and check-in begins at 9 a.m. and visitors can browse educational displays and enjoy coffee and morning snacks.

From expert speakers in the field of marine conservation to environmental partners and vendor booths relating to the same causes, attendees can network, learn and expand the power of their impact on the environment around them. For more details on the event and to register in advance, go to [orcanetwork.org](http://orcanetwork.org) and follow the link to Ways of Whales.

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classes, during their lunch time after they have eaten their lunch," she said. "My goal is to get them to see artists and things that they would not be able to buy at Walmart or the Country Store -- unique things that are handmade and fun items."

Evans said there will also be an area in the Marketplace for the workshop's first ever Floral Design Competition.

"This year we are doing something different where we have five or six different garden clubs in the area from Whidbey Island out to Mount Vernon that are going to be competing in a floral design competition," she said. "We will have all of these different floral designs."

Ilze Zigurs, president of the Island County Master Gardener Foundation, said the foundation aims to support the Master

Gardener program and make it possible to share a wealth of research-based information with the surrounding community.

"We feel pretty passionate about what we do and it is all about communication and education," she said. "It is an awesome program because you become part of a community. That community continues to learn things and continues to stay up with the latest research on the relevant issues, and then passes that information along to people who live around the county and the community."

Zigurs said there is always something to keep people coming back to the workshop.

"There are many people who are regular attendees year after year, so they always find something new or they want to get reinforcement for something they have done before," she

said. "We have quite a crowd that watches for that opening day and registers right off the bat."

Zigurs said the event offers a great opportunity for the local gardening community.

"My favorite part of the event is the kind of energy that I feel when I walk around checking on things," she said. "I feel that there is a lot of enthusiasm, there is a lot of enjoyment, there are a lot of people from the community who feel good about what they are learning that day and that gives me a real buzz."

To learn more about the Whidbey Gardening Workshop and find links to registration, visit [whidbeygardening.org](http://whidbeygardening.org).

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Kenning said the type of help required changes throughout the year as well.

"Right now, people need help with power and heat, in the summer we see more requests for help with rent," she said.

When someone comes to Helping Hand with a request, volunteers will also try to connect them with other organizations and services on the island for more long term assistance.

"We do a lot of referrals to different organizations," said Kenning. "We send a lot of referrals to Island County Housing Support Center, Good Cheer, senior services, Whidbey Island Housing Coalition and Opportunity Council. We try to connect them with as much as we can."

But it costs money to provide assistance. That's where the salmon dinner comes in.

"Everything is donated, so every penny is for our clients," Kenning said. "That's one of the things about our organization, we have low overhead because everything is done by

volunteers so everything can be given to help clients. The churches help pay our overhead, so every penny is turned around and given back to our clients."

To enjoy what Kenning assures is a delicious dinner that includes salmon, baked potato, coleslaw, garlic bread and cake, one has simply to purchase it. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children. Raffle tickets for an opportunity to win Seattle Mariners tickets or a football autographed by Seahawks coach Pete Carroll will be sold for \$2 each or six for \$10.

Anyone in need of a helping hand, who is interested in contributing to Helping Hand of South Whidbey or who can lend a hand and volunteer, can call 360-221-7777 from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday or go to [helpinghandofsouthwhidbey.org](http://helpinghandofsouthwhidbey.org). Its office is located at Trinity Lutheran Church, 18341, SR 525 in Freeland.

For Kenning, this "job" is all about people.



Photo Courtesy of Helping Hand of South Whidbey

Helping Hand of South Whidbey is offering a tasty way to help Whidbey Island residents in need of assistance -- its annual Salmon Benefit Dinner will be held Friday, Jan. 24 at Langley United Methodist Church.

"I just love the people," she said. "I think people have the perception that the people who come in for help are not working hard, but it's just the situation they're in. We end

up spending a lot of time just listening -- they have a story to tell. We're here to listen. We're not counselors, but this is a safe place to come if you need a helping hand."



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# 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.)

**Bad Boys For Life:** Will Smith and Martin Lawrence team up one last time (until the next time) as Miami cops looking to take down some big baddie in this buddy comedy you'll forget five minutes after you leave the theater. ★★ (R • 2 hrs. 4 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.)

**Dolittle:** Robert Downey Jr. plays the man who can talk to animals (is it because of his accent of unknown origins? Is that why they can understand him?) and reunites with fellow Avenger Tom Holland (now a dog instead of a spider) to fight Thanos one last time (or save a princess, same same). ★★★ (PG • 1 hr. 46 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 McMillian (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, who is like the second coming of Adam Sandler—except without the redeeming dramatic roles—when it comes to starring in truly bad comedies after showing promise early on. ★ (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 (Timothee 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.)

**Uncut Gems:** Adam Sandler is an unhinged jeweler who only knows how to make monumentally bad decisions at breakneck speed in this movie that proves a man can have real acting chops while also owning a lot of pairs of cargo shorts. ★★★★★ (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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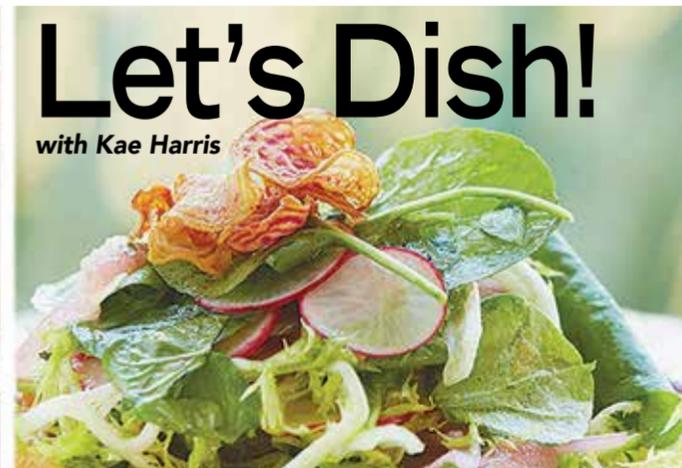
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# Let's Dish!

with Kae Harris



## ARE YOU A KITCHEN NEWBIE THIS YEAR?

It's the start of a new year and that means the beginning of a good many things. Whether a resolution for health, happiness, independence, wellness, adventure or learning a new hobby or sport, the possibilities for resolving to be or do something different and unique are endless. Some of you perhaps have resolved to find yourself through food, whatever that looks like to you. I think this is a wonderful place to start.

Desire to try new foods this year? A definite possibility for anyone. Maybe learning to cook? Another exciting endeavor, and if this is what your resolution is, I applaud it. I feel one of the most fundamental things we can learn to do (after being and doing good), is learning the basics of cooking. I remember taking 'cooking class' when I was still in elementary school and how much I enjoyed it. Maybe it's because kids are tactile creatures anyway, but I found it most enjoyable and it seems most of my classmates did too. Fast forward to a few years ago, when my oldest child was in middle school and he took a home economics class and wouldn't you know it, he too, loved it!

So, there must be something to knowing the very fundamentals of a thing. Perhaps it gives you the confidence in yourself to know you can now build upon that skill and from there, keep going. I find this to be most true of cooking. Sometimes, when I'm a little unsure of a technique or it's something I haven't done very often, I become flustered and get somewhat discouraged at first. The key is to keep on trying the new thing, make mistakes and learn from it. Now, if we can at least have the bare bones to work with at our fingertips and help us slowly incorporate confidence into our culinary skills, no matter what those are, then I think that's a fabulous way to start. What better time than now – the beginning of a new year?

Efficiency in any kitchen is crucial to making things run smoothly. Ask anyone who spends time in one. Whether a master chef or 'regular joe,' you'll know having a plan, and working knowledge of at least the recipe you're using, helps keep things running as best they can. Now, what does a working knowledge of recipes look like? I think the foundation for these should most definitely lie in ratios. I don't like math at all. Math and I are not friends – arch enemies, you could say. Okay, maybe not that bad, but I don't enjoy it. However, in the world of cooking, math allows you to put ratios to great use and these in turn open up a chef's realm of possibilities exponentially. It allows the chef (professional or otherwise), the creativity to use the basic understanding of ratios to aid in recipe formulation; to create, modify and recreate recipes whilst continually learning as they go what works and what doesn't. It deepens their understanding of the thing they are doing.

Okay, so to start, there are different types of ratios when it comes to cooking. They are calculated by either volume, weight or a mixture of weight, volume and count (also called mixed-method). A bread dough, for example, is calculated by ratios of weight of flour to water, while a simple syrup uses ratio by volume (equal parts sugar and water, for instance). When calculating a recipe by count, a hollandaise sauce is a prime example of this; number of eggs to the amount of butter used. The purpose of using ratios is to simplify a recipe, no matter how complex. If you have a basic knowledge of what kind of ratio you will use, you can apply it to any recipe that calls for that particular type of ratio and you should find yourself treading water pretty well there.

Ratios are like the spine of a recipe book. They hold together the pages within which contain all the delicious things that can be made. Without the spine of a book, it's kind of hard to keep the pages together, right?

Now, while ratios make up the backbone of cooking, what they don't do is tell us about technique or method. They don't give us any idea about the procedures to follow. Techniques are another fundamental to cooking. If you find yourself a little shy on the techniques for certain recipes, I encourage you to watch 'How-To' videos and learn. There is nothing wrong with not knowing something and in fact, you might happen across more than one way to do that something, if you are always willing to learn.

If you want to start anywhere with cooking techniques, the simplest one I have used over the years as my number one in the culinary 'starter-pack,' so to speak, is:

### Boiling and Simmering

For some people, this is self-explanatory, for beginners, perhaps not. These are essential methods for making a vast array of things from stews and soups to pasta and even vegetables. Boiling and simmering are varying degrees of the same thing and really, one needs only a saucepan or heavy-base pot for this technique. This is to ensure heat is evenly distributed - very important. Simmering is when heat is applied to a liquid to the point where the liquid moves, but no bubbles break the surface of the liquid. The reason for this is that surface tension holds them in place and prevents them from breaking through. Boiling, on the other hand, is when liquid is full steam ahead, motion going, bubbles rapidly coming to the surface of the liquid. Boiling keeps food in motion and prevents sticking – a great technique for when cooking pasta. This is also probably why it's a great idea to follow a recipe exactly as it states when you're starting out your learning-to-cook adventures!

You know, dear readers, I was thinking of including a technique or two in each article until I've covered the basics and hopefully you can add this to your own cooking toolbox to make your life in the kitchen easier! This week, instead of a recipe, I've included the basic blueprint for boiling and simmering and if you want to look with greater depth into it, I really hope you do. The website [www.cookinglight.com/cooking-101/techniques/cooking-class](http://www.cookinglight.com/cooking-101/techniques/cooking-class) is really helpful! Please send any and all questions, comments and most certainly recipes or tips and techniques to me at [letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com](mailto:letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com) and we can do just that – Dish!

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"Following all that snow, we reevaluated our storm plan to provide appropriate service that matches demand," said WSF Assistant Secretary Amy Scarton. "We recently released new severe weather schedules that align with other reduced transit. We'll let our customers know if and when we switch over to them through our ferry alerts and social media channels."

Annually, the largest decrease of 2019 came on the Seattle/Bremerton route, where ridership was down 15 percent, or a drop of more than 400,000 customers from 2018. The largest jump came on the Southworth/Vashon segment of the "Triangle Route," where ridership was up 5.2 percent, a gain of more than 10,000 customers over 2018 totals. This is the fourth year in a row that the biggest percentage increase has been on a route serving Southworth.

WSF customers took 162,136 trips aboard state ferries in 2019, traveling nearly one million miles – or more than 1,600 round trip drives from Seattle to Spokane and back. Nearly 1.2 million vehicle reservations were made for the Anacortes/San Juan Islands, Anacortes/Sidney, British Columbia and Port Townsend Coupeville routes last year, a 5.3 percent increase from 2018.

State ferry ridership is still forecast to grow by 30 percent to all-time highs by 2040. Last year, WSF released its 2040 Long Range Plan, which calls for 16 new vessels over the next 20 years to support this projected demand and maintain reliable service.

### 2019 route-by-route ridership highlights

- System total: The total number of customers decreased 3.2 percent from 2018 to 23.9 million, vehicles declined 2.9 percent to 10.5 million.
- Seattle/Bainbridge Island: Busiest route with 26 percent of total system ridership. Customers down 2.2 percent, vehicles down 6.9 percent.
- Mukilteo/Clinton: Route now has second highest total ridership despite a one percent decrease in customers. Remains busiest route for drivers, even with vehicles decreasing by 0.6 percent.
- Edmonds/Kingston: Customers down 2.5 percent, even with a 0.9 percent increase in walk-on passengers; vehicles down 2.4 percent.
- Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth: Customers down 2.6 percent and vehicles down 2.9 percent, led by the Fauntleroy/Vashon segment, where the number of customers dropped 3.9 percent and vehicles decreased 4.5 percent.
- Seattle/Bremerton: Largest year-to-year drop with customers down 15 percent, led by a decrease in walk-on passengers of 18.4 percent; vehicles down 8.5 percent.
- Anacortes/San Juan Islands: Customers and vehicles both down one percent. A ridership decrease of 6.2 percent on the inter-island segment was offset by small increases in customers to Shaw Island and Orcas Island, as well as a bump in vehicles to Orcas Island and Friday Harbor.
- Point Defiance/Tahlequah: Eighth straight year of growth with customers up 1.2 percent and vehicles up 0.3 percent; walk-on passengers up 4.4 percent.
- Port Townsend/Coupeville: Customers up 0.5 percent, fueled by a 6.2 percent surge in walk-on passengers; vehicles up 1.3 percent.
- Anacortes/Friday Harbor/Sidney, British Columbia: Customers up 4.3 percent and vehicles up 4.4 percent despite a four-week suspension of the route in late fall due to a major maintenance backlog rendering both ferries approved for international service (Elwha and Chelan) unavailable.

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whom you trust to hold the field while you go off to play drops the ball? Oops! Nothing can spoil the fun quicker than the unwelcome interruption of a panicked phone call. Advance contingency instructions offer peace of mind on the 17th.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



Half-measures have no place in your life this week. It's all or none for you, whether in your public life or in private. This quality of letting everyone know where you stand is both

refreshing and intimidating. Those who abhor the weak and wishy-washy should love your approach. As for the rest? Oh well! You've too much to accomplish to fret the timid. On the 17th, odds are good your bicycle is built for two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



Your self-sufficiency is showing this week, in ways and to a degree that you may not realize. Others certainly do. They have dealt with your narrowed focus for some time. Don't be surprised

if someone who feels forgotten in your life acts out as a way of getting your attention. Their ploy may simply be to prove themselves useful to you. Praise for good behavior garners more of the same on the 17th.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



This week offers you the chance to set a shining example for those who look to you as a role model. Setting a good example, however, does not mean over-achieving. Driving yourself

too relentlessly is not the example you wish to set. Consider this fact any time self-doubt begins to creep in. The tendency to bury the doubt under redoubled effort is what leads to unhealthy work habits. Easy does it on the 17th.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



Subtle meanings and hidden messages that others might miss won't escape your notice this week. You may voice the elusive obvious so casually that you don't realize what you say, but

your listeners will, rest assured. A smooth delivery is part of the mystique. The less you think about what you say, the smoother your tone will be, so forget you read this and go about your business. Diplomacy rules on the 17th.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

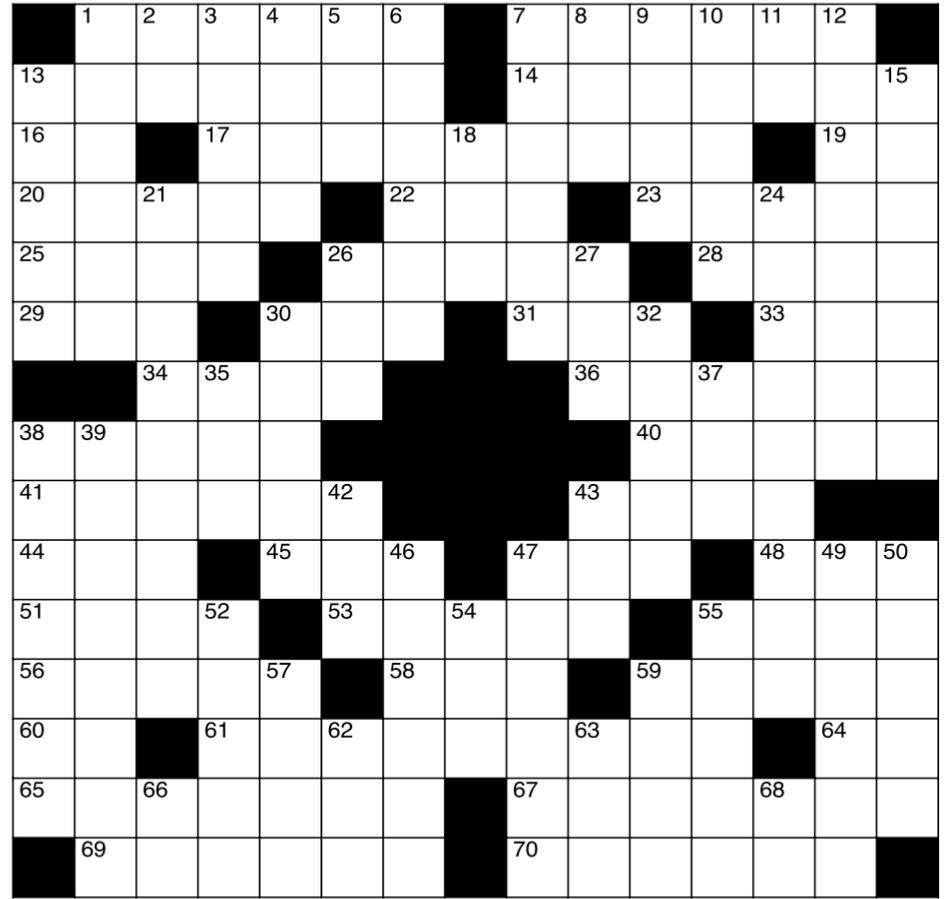


How does it feel to sense how good the world could be, and find no outlet for what you feel? Fitting square pegs into round holes, a fruitless and frustrating activity at any time, is easy by comparison. Are you experiencing some of that? A heightened awareness of a world at peace, while everywhere seeing senseless conflict? The better ways you sense are not here, yet, but they are close. Be of good cheer on the 17th.

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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. Recurring TV show
7. Throws out
13. Iberian Peninsula microstate
14. Gossip
16. Atomic #20
17. Ivy League institution
19. Of I
20. "He is \_\_\_!": Scripture excerpt
22. Musical genre
23. Heavy cavalry sword
25. Ancient Olympic Site
26. Satisfies
28. Popular flower
29. Shared services center
30. Drain
31. A way to attack
33. Urban Transit Authority
34. Spiritual leader
36. Postponed
38. N. American plant with edible purple-black berries
40. Gazes unpleasantly
41. Gets up
43. Capital of Ukraine
44. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
45. Golf score
47. Superhigh frequency
48. Swiss river
51. Felons
53. Succulent plants

- 55. Soluble ribonucleic acid
56. Deliberately setting fire to
58. Infamous singer Zadora
59. Anwar \_\_, Egyptian statesman
60. Influential sports mag
61. Aromatic Mediterranean plant
64. Sixth note of a major scale
65. Unit of explosive power
67. Large watertight chamber
69. Popular street
70. A way of watering

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mollusks
2. \_\_\_, denotes past
3. Anchor ropes
4. Large Middle Eastern country
5. To make a mistake
6. Ancient governor
7. Extents
8. Chinese surname
9. NYC subway "residents"
10. Essential oil used as perfume
11. A way to treat injuries (abbr.)
12. Session
13. Units of land areas
15. Goes over once more

- 18. Where wrestlers work
21. Italian islanders
24. Avenue
26. \_\_ Adams, U.S. President
27. Rest with legs bent
30. Type of flour
32. The Golden State (abbr.)
35. More (Spanish)
37. Stinging, winged insect
38. The use of irony to mock
39. Arsenal
42. Pouch
43. 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
46. Violent seizure of property
47. Restrict
49. Something comparable to another
50. Punishment device made from stems
52. Soul and calypso songs
54. Formerly OSS
55. Athabaskan language
57. \_\_ bene: observe carefully
59. Six (Spanish)
62. Read-only memory
63. Chinese philosophical principle
66. American conglomerate
68. Tin

Answers on page 15

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Table with 7 columns for days from Thurs, Jan. 16 to Wed, Jan. 22. Each column lists North and South Island weather forecasts including temperature ranges and conditions like Snow, Rain, Windy, etc.



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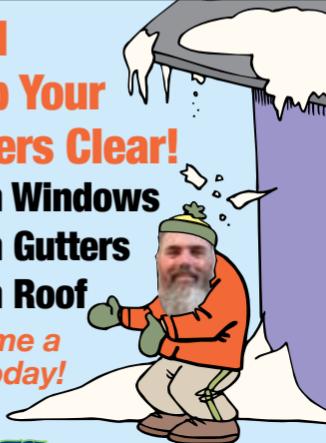
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