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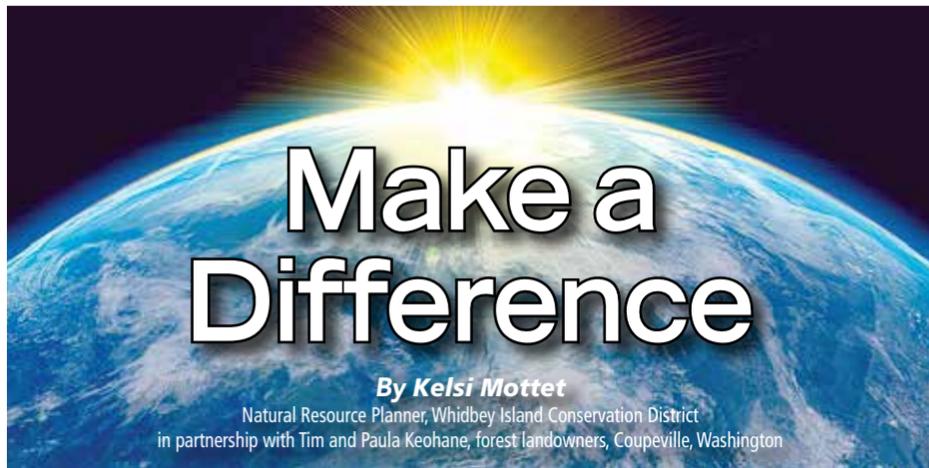


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### THIS IS TREE-GROWIN' COUNTRY

On Whidbey, when there's a break in the rain and wind in winter, you seize it. You go outside and soak it in. Albeit only a fleeting moment in time, these breaks ease the long haul towards spring. On a very ordinary January day, one such moment took place. Standing on a piece of private forest land like many others on this island, the wind and rain – it stopped.

Tim Keohane, Coupeville resident and forest landowner, reached for a young tree to plant. "This forest should have been thinned 15 or 20 years ago, at least once and possibly twice before now. We've planted 800 saplings, not counting the 100 we have here. We got the first batch in on the tenth of December. We planted 100 yesterday."

Tim's wife and planting partner, Paula, followed up, "In 10 or 20 years, it'll be nice to have a few cedars and we'll probably come in and take some more of the fir out."

The Keohane family had an opportunity in 2018 to purchase almost 50 acres of forest land in the outskirts of southeast Coupeville, in central Whidbey. "We'd been watching this property for many years and never really had the funds to do anything" said Tim, securing tree roots in soil. "We were just



lucky we were adjacent to it and we knew the history of this property ... They logged it in the mid-to-late '80s. They did replant it."

The original replant over 30 years ago was made up of Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), a common native evergreen tree utilized in silviculture – the profession of growing trees. Living adjacent to this land since the early '90s, Paula and Tim watched the trees grow. "They grew up around us!" Paula exclaimed. In reforestation, young conifer trees are typically over planted as a strategy to account for some tree die off, with the aim to have a replacement stand within 20 years or so.

When the Keohanes assumed ownership, most of the fir saplings in the stand had survived into adulthood. The result, however, was not strong, healthy trunks or elongated branches. After several decades of neglect after the initial planting, what existed was an impenetrable layer of tiny trunks and mostly needleless branches, except for a thin layer of same-size, teeny-tiny green tree tops.

As new owners of the property, Tim and Paula seized the opportunity to return the forest to good health and productivity.

"The trees were not doing what they could have and should have. The environment was... there was nothing on the ground underfoot, nothing. Just moss and that was it," Tim sighed.

"Leaving the forest much longer with drought conditions could perhaps have just finished them off," Paula added.

Paula grabbed a sapling and posed for a quick photo.

"This is tree-growin' country! I think people who make a living in a resource or with a resource have to think: How's it going to be in 20 years? I want to still be doing this, and how is it going to happen?" Both planters paused to place their saplings. "You have to get it straight in your own mind about what you want to do and what you can do with your forest. What do I really think and feel about my little piece of property? Our expectation was for the land to pay for itself, and to provide for a beautiful place for us to live – I think it'll do that!"

Tim diverged on a new planting path, and his sentiments mirrored those of his wife's: "These trees are paying for this property ... it's an economics I think a lot of the

population of America, they don't see that. You don't have to be rich to be able to take advantage of owning forestland."

To reach this level of understanding about their forest land management, the Keohanes spent time on the land to clarify their goals and then connected with local resources.

Alluding to her family's history in the Alaskan fishing industry, Paula shared, "Up in Alaska in 1976, I was on the local conservation district board, and I just always assumed they are there to help, really. I took them at their word. That's the first people I talked to when we bought the property on Whidbey Island in 1993."

Conservation districts are in every county in the nation. Locally, Whidbey Island Conservation District serves landowners in natural resource management, providing technical and educational assistance. Its mission is to inspire voluntary natural resource conservation to meet the needs of the land and the landowners – creating better ground, together.

From a forest landowner's perspective, Paula encourages other landowners to seek the same assistance.

"We talked to the conservation district first. It worked out good," she said. "They came out, did a plan ... we got it straight in our mind what we wanted to do and what we could do and then got help from a forestry consultant and we negotiated a contract with him."

Tim and Paula arrived at a decision to commercially thin their overcrowded forest. Working with both local and state forestry agencies, and private sector forestry contractors, their intent was to bring back the health of the forest. They would do so first by selectively harvesting smaller, weaker trees, and as a result, this would improve the continued growth of the remaining trees. Second, they would replant in many areas with young saplings – a future multi-aged, multi-storied forest.

"If you look, lots of this is fertile," Tim said, pointing to the dark earth on the forest floor. "Giving trees the chance to start, giving other native plants an opportunity to get in here and flourish, is going to broaden the environment and the habitat."

Permits, professionals and planning are what it took to accomplish this goal. Paula cautions other forest landowners to be thoughtful when implementing any kind of land management activities.

"You don't want to spring something like this on your neighbors ... just all of a sudden you have chainsaws going, or that feller buncher going," she said. "I wrote letters around; most people, after I talked to them, it's alright. Logistics are significant. You have to do some project management, that's for sure."

Forestry, like agriculture or aquaculture, is a profession consisting of people whose livelihoods rely on direct connection with earth's natural resources. Land can be for livelihood, it can be for recreation. Whether we are the consumer of a resource or the one supplying



it, we have a responsibility to collaborate for the sustainability of that resource.

If you're a landowner interested in learning more about silviculture, you'll find it offers a complex array of forest management practices which can suit different landowners and different forests. These practices can span a spectrum of "no-touch" to "full-touch" philosophies, and aim to strike a balance between the needs of the land and those of the landowner. Sometimes when we hear "timber," our minds go to clear-cuts, but clear cutting is often a last resort for small forest landowners, and not the first option recommended for best management.

"You'll always find people who will just grab as much as they can, but not often have I seen this in people working on their own forest," Paula shared. "As a species, we're not on this planet without having an impact. So, at this point, we are trying to do something that's both going to be productive monetarily and productive as far as the health of the planet."

Referring to the future, Tim explained further, "This is just a tiny piece of land, one or two grains of sand on the beach. We may see a benefit in five years again when the trees come back in, but the real benefit will be to the family, because they are partners in this with us, along with Paula's sister, Gypsy, and her husband, Joe. We all are wanting to have something we can actually pass on to them. While our goal is foremost, the long term management for forest health, environmental diversity, and selective harvest, the overall goal with the property is more akin to a family legacy. It is our intent for the property to be available for family to come and escape the pressures that gather from normal life. For us and future generations."

A gentle breeze interrupted our conversation whilst planting. Looking up, a deeper gray in the sky suggested rain. The break in weather had passed, and our moment for reflection was ending. Time to get back to business – to plant the next generation of saplings, to provide for the next generation of people.

"This is just the way we are, we're home-steaders," smiled Paula.

With a chuckle, Tim concluded, "I'm never too old to learn."

*Did you know? The Whidbey Island Conservation District forestry staff are happy to help you identify best practices for your forest land – for free! Learn more about us by visiting [www.whidbeycd.org](http://www.whidbeycd.org) or giving us a call at 888-678-4922.*



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# ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



During this post NFL, pre-spring training void of limited sports pleasures, my attempt to get hooked by the XFL's modified football league has need of another attempt.

Not being a gambler outside my own life choices, I do not

understand why we need to know overs and unders during the game.

I also do not understand why someone would name a sports league after a shirt size, also a hot dog size.

Ever eat an extra foot long?

### Fly away, TSA

Speaking of acronyms, my latest experiences as a customer of air travel were far from pleasant. No wonder I live in a train.

Years ago, leg room and seat comfort were modified, somewhere between cigarette smoking and flying backwards on PSA.

Meals on airborne wheels were replaced by five dollar, credit card only, booze bites.

Reading lights are now so far from one's arm extension, it can be necessary to un-clip one's seat belt to reach the light button on the ceiling.

The seat 22F recline angle on the Boeing 737-800 I flew was just perfect enough to make the small of one's back feel larger in time for landing, almost three hours later.

The good news: With more vertical space between overhead bins, the 737-800 is not as claustrophobic. Sonics legend Jack Sikma could even clear sail down the aisle. For Mr. Sikma, however, standing up in one of the aircraft's three bathrooms may be a different story.

Now for my unrehearsed rant on TSA.

For the first time in years, I decided to fly on an airplane without wearing a business suit. Dad always said a nice suit and the right haircut could possibly garner one respect when traveling. Of course, I had to be quiet.

As a grandpa with over three years experience, for the first time since McGovern's 1972 rally in San Diego, I flew casually. Wearing my cleanest Senior Thrift clothes, including a London Fog with faulty sleeves, I approached TSA hoping my gray hair sans baseball hat (forcibly detained in a gray tub being scanned) would increase my exigency through this unnecessary exercise.

Wrong, travel breath.

After shedding shoes, pocket possessions, flip phone, eye drops, and a Marine Corps bag filled with Superboy comic books, I entered the space capsule shaped scanning machine. Having stood on yellow feet in boot camp, I was a natural for standing on the TSA's yellow feet in the machine. Instead of standing at attention with my thumbs along the seams of my trousers, I raised my arms in the shape of a bent-on-one-side parallelogram.

After the spinning cylinder stopped, I stepped down into the fresh air of the conveyor belts filled with abandoned shoes. There stood a very large Captain January type TSA inspector who motioned me into a side area for further investigation.

This guy was no Guy Kibbee. If you are younger, think of a really nice male Kelly Clarkson type. That guy was not that guy.

This inspector, totally at home in his authoritative beyond exploration space, told me to stand still and stand tall.

What else does one do when frightened by uniforms? Given my hands are registered, do I dare flip the man over my shoulder? We both could have been hurt.

So, I stood still and tall and felt the man's migrating hands go across my limbs like Walter Kelley covering the weather map on Fox 13.

My heart raced as I wondered if anyone else was watching. Were there cameras? Would this be on YouTube with TSA outtakes?

Given my recent experiences going and coming to two airports frequented by snowbirds, I

will not dignify the TSA acronym with its real translation. You can ask Alexa or Siri.

After last week, take your pick from my faves, written on a napkin on my bent tray table. Why worry about tray support when the only weight is a half empty bag of pretzels from Solon, Ohio?

TSA—Touching Seniors Anywhere

TSA – Transdermal Skin Attackers

TSA – Tactile Supervisor Analyzer

TSA – Testy Sorry Adults

Thanks for voting. I feel better now.

If I were bold enough to ask, I would begin with finding out what profile I meet to gain additional body handling by TSA.

The delays these pat downs create makes me have to hit longer lines at the food court. Hold the mayo.

Next time I fly, I may insert a stuffed orca toy down my leg. Pockets must be emptied, but the TSA guy did not say anything about pant legs.

Actually, given what those folks retrieve, my orca story wouldn't even make their break room.

Better not do this at all. What if my orca toy tested positive for Old Spice?

### Double header

"Where your pleasure is, there is your treasure; where your treasure, there your heart; where your heart, there your happiness."

~Saint Augustine of Hippo

"Love is made up of three unconditional properties in equal measure: acceptance, understanding, and appreciation. Remove any one of these and the triangle falls apart. Which, by the way, is something highly inadvisable. Think about it—do you really want to live in a world of only two dimensions? So, for the love of a triangle, please keep love whole."

~Vera Nazarian, The Perpetual Calendar of Inspiration

### Organ Stop Pizza

If your travels take you to spring training in one of the many Phoenix area ballparks, try to take time for a couple hours of family fun at Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa.

Our latest family reunion was held there. In fact, family reunions and private parties are encouraged at this landmark, home of the largest Wurlitzer Pipe Organ ever constructed.

I have never in my life cried while eating a pizza, but cry I did combining pepperoni and pipe music played by Lew Williams on the Wurlitzer.

Many of you readers have enjoyed the glorious sound and sounds of the majestic pipe organ. Theater organs were my faves over church organs. Nothing like Sousa, Bach, and Spike Jones coming out of the Mighty Wurlitzer.

No matter what Lew Williams played, the several hundred enjoying his show joined in, humming and singing, and in my case, crying.

Maybe my crying was because the organ was originally housed in and built for the Denver Theater in 1927, a memory from childhood.

Maybe it was the 8,000 pound rotating hydraulic elevator which houses the console, delighting all when it appears.

Maybe it was the acoustics of the 43 foot ceilings and the 23 ranks/sets of pipes. This mighty organ has nearly 6,000 pipes.

Maybe it is the new console that is an exact replica of a Fox Special French case, ornamented to match the historic Brooklyn Paramount Wurlitzer.

To save face, I had to buy a CD, *The Best of Organ Stop Pizza*, with Lew Williams signature *Armed Forces Medley*. An eleven minute tribute. Visit [www.OrganStopPizza.com](http://www.OrganStopPizza.com) for more info.

I listen to this medley when the kids aren't around. Remember how we worried when our parents cried?

Don't want to worry the grandkids with more of my tears.

They see enough from me when Paw Patrol goes to commercial on Nick Jr.

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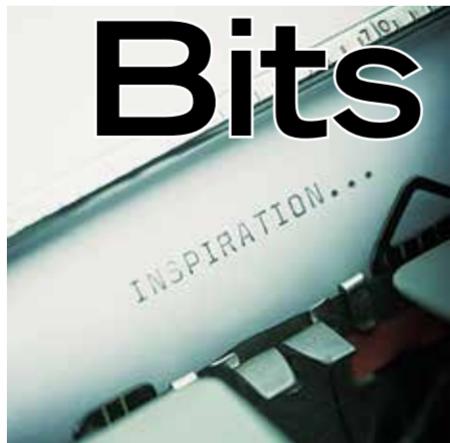
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# Bits & Pieces

## South Whidbey High School Seeks Members for Girls' Varsity Golf Team

The South Whidbey High School girls' varsity golf team invites all girls interested to participate in the 2020 season and learn the basics of a lifetime sport.

The no-cut team is open to all girls enrolled in grades 9-12 at SWHS in Langley. The season runs March 2 through mid May, with practices held at 3:00PM Monday through Thursday at Useless Bay Golf and Country Club, with most matches played Thursdays. The first practice is set for March 2.

Those who sign up will get to play and practice at the beautiful, private UBGCC, receiving approximately 60 hours of instruction from UBGCC golf professionals, the girls' varsity head coach, Paul Schuller – currently the Men's Golf Champion – and assistant coach Martha Carrier, who has won three golf championships.

No clubs? No problem. Arrangements can be made to loan a set of golf clubs for the season to those who need them.

Team members will also have an opportunity to attend an overnight golf trip to Suncadia Resort at Snoqualmie Pass.

Any students interested in participating in the varsity girls' no-cut golf team can contact Coach Schuller at 206-200-7723 or assistant coach Carrier at 206-940-5618.

[Submitted by Martha Carrier]

## Charities Benefit from St. Augustine's 2019 Holiday Market



Left to Right: Rebecca Reid of St. Augustine's, Karen Korbek of Good Cheer Food Bank, Erik Mann of Habitat for Humanity, Irene Kintz of Habitat for Humanity, Orin Kolaitis of Habitat for Humanity, Jean Favini of Oasis for Animals, Marilyn Sherman Class of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, Kate McVay of Mother Mentors, Julie Dougherty Winger of Ebey's Landing Historical Preserve and Sandy Luebbers of St. Augustine's.

St. Augustine's in-the-Woods Episcopal Church presented each of the beneficiaries of 2019's Holiday Market with checks for a total of \$11,500. The Annual event was held Nov. 16, 2019 at the church on Honeymoon Bay Road in Freeland. All profits from the sale were divided evenly between the five organizations.

[Submitted by Rebecca Reid, St Augustine's in-the-Woods Episcopal Church]

## Eagles Aerie Donates to Local Charities



The Eagles' annual tradition of distributing funds to many South Whidbey charities took place Feb. 15 at the Eagles Aerie near Freeland. Seventeen charities and five local

nonprofits shared a total of \$20,600. The smiling folks in the photo represent WAIF, Friends of Freeland Library, Friends of Friends Medical Support Fund, South Whidbey Fire and Rescue, Enso House, M Bar C Ranch, Whidbey Island Nourishes, South Whidbey Homeless Coalition, Readiness to Learn, HUB Youth Center, Island Senior Resources, Good Cheer Food Bank, Hearts and Hammers, Helping Hand, M Bar C Forgotten Children's Fund, and Whidbey Island Dance Theatre. Each charity received an envelope containing checks ranging in size from \$500 to \$3,000. The motto of the Fraternal Order of Eagles is, "People Helping People." This event is just one of the ways the Eagles Club stays true to this objective.

A major portion of the funds supporting these charitable donations come from the annual Eagles Plant Sale which takes place during early May of each year. This year marks the 22nd year of the sale.

[Submitted by Bruce Howard]

## CADA (Citizens Against Domestic Violence) Receives Kids' Art Boxes



CADA staff accepts the generous donation of activity boxes for their clients

In partnership with a grant from Island Thrift, the Pacific NorthWest Art School and artist Beth Herrild of Outside the Box Creation, 20 children utilizing the CADA shelter this year will be the recipients of new kids' art boxes. Staying in a shelter can be a traumatic and unsettling time for a child and a little art therapy can go a long way. Herrild has tailor made these art activity boxes so parent and child can do the art project together.

"Just another way art can touch lives in profound ways" says art school Director Lisa Bernhardt. Bernhardt had the concept of making art accessible to all children in the shelter and approached Herrild, who teaches for the Pacific NorthWest Art School in addition to her subscription-based service, outsidetheboxcreation.com. For more information about the work the Pacific NorthWest Art School does, visit [www.pacificnorthwestartschool.org](http://www.pacificnorthwestartschool.org).

For more information about CADA, visit [www.cadacanhelpp.org](http://www.cadacanhelpp.org).

[Submitted by Lisa Bernhardt]

## Skagit Valley College Announces the 2020 SVC Hall of Fame Inductees

Skagit Valley College (SVC) is pleased to announce six people have been named to the SVC Hall of Fame, an award established in 1989 to honor individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to Skagit Valley College or honored it by their achievements. Nominees include alumni, community members, former SVC faculty and staff, and public officials. The 2020 inductees are as follows:

### Alumni - Legson Kayira \*

This December will mark the 60th anniversary of one young man's extraordinary journey to reach Skagit Valley College after an incredible two-year, 2,500-mile walk across Africa. Thanks to the commitment of George Hodson, Dean of the College at the time, SVC welcomed Legson Kayira, which resulted in worldwide acclaim. After graduating from SVC, Legson went on to earn a political science degree from the University of Washington and a history degree from Cambridge University. Legson's achievement continues to inspire people around the world.

### Community Member - Vi "taq š blu" Hilbert \*

Vi "taq š blu" Hilbert, a beloved member of the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, created a cherished passion to preserve the Lushootseed language and culture for future generations. Through her lifetime of encouraging education, artistic expression, and respect, Vi co-founded Lushootseed Research in 1983, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing cross-cultural knowledge, wisdom and relations, as shared and celebrated by the First Peoples of Puget Sound through research, recording, publishing and the presentation of oral traditions and literature. Vi's legacy lives on through the Lushootseed Language Preservation Project taking place at SVC.

### Faculty - Dr. Ernest Tutt \*

Dr. Ernest Tutt's career as a tenured SVC Communication Studies instructor—and his life—exemplified SVC's principles of integrity, respect, open and honest communication, collaboration, and compassion. Ernest never wavered in modeling those principles for Skagit Valley College.

He had the unique ability to facilitate engagement which led to cross-cultural understanding of complex subjects such as race, religion, politics, and social justice. His legacy continues as an inspiration and a role model to students, colleagues, and community members.

### Faculty - Gary Knutzen

After serving Skagit Valley College for 52 years, Gary Knutzen is truly an icon. The leadership he provided to the Athletic department was exemplary and the relationships he developed with thousands of student athletes and their families reflect SVC's commitment to excellence inside the classroom, on the athletic field, and throughout the community. Many of those he coached and mentored have gone on to be successful coaches and leaders in athletics.

### Public Official - Jerry Dodd

Jerry Dodd began his law enforcement career at age 15 when he served as a Bellingham Police Explorer. From that moment on, Jerry's dedication to serving and protecting the community included many positions during his 40-year career, including Police Chief for the City of Mount Vernon. Jerry's dedication and leadership have helped shape public service in the community and his commitment continues to inspire future law enforcement professionals who are beginning their careers.

### Staff - David Ryberg

David Ryberg is 20 years into his second career as a highly successful financial advisor. Prior to his career in financial services, David held leadership positions in higher education, including 14 years in Student Services at SVC. With strong beliefs in service to community, hard work, servant leadership, and coaching excellence, he also served as the men's soccer head coach at SVC. With a deep commitment to student excellence, David led the Cardinals to five Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) championships. David and his 1988 team were inducted into the NWAC Hall of Fame.

The 2020 Hall of Fame Induction Banquet will be held Thursday, March 5 in McIntyre Hall, located on Skagit Valley College's Mount Vernon Campus. A reception will take place at 5:00 pm and the dinner and ceremony will begin at 6:00pm. The SVC Hall of Fame is supported by SVC Foundation and community volunteers. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased online at [www.mcintyrehall.org](http://www.mcintyrehall.org) or by calling 360-416-7727. To view the list of past Hall of Fame inductees, visit [www.skagit.edu/halloffame](http://www.skagit.edu/halloffame).

\* Will be inducted posthumously.

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

## Can You Improve Your Relationship with Money?

In your life, you will have all sorts of relationships – with your family, your friends, your co-workers, and even with civic groups and charitable organizations you support. But have you ever considered another key relationship – the one you have with money?

Of course, this type of relationship has several aspects, such as saving, spending and investing. And your fellow Americans clearly face some challenges in these areas. For example, in a recent survey by financial services firm Edward Jones, only 21% of respondents reported that they feel happy when thinking about saving money, while 92% said they see room for improvement in their financial health. Yet only one in four plan to improve their spending habits. Furthermore, just 26% said retirement was a top savings priority.

If you share some of these concerns, what should you do? Here are a few suggestions:

- Identify your money-related emotions. Try to recognize the emotions you feel in connection with saving and investing. Do you get nervous about spending? Does putting away money for the future give you satisfaction or not? Do you worry that you don't know how much you should be investing, or whether you're investing in the right way? Clearly, these types of questions can cause some anxiety – and, even more importantly, they may lead you to make poor decisions. Emotions are obviously closely tied to money – but they really should not play a big role in your spending, saving and investing choices.

- Develop a financial strategy. By developing a sound financial strategy, you can reduce money-related stress and help yourself feel empowered as you look to the future. A comprehensive strategy can help you identify your goals – a down payment on a new home, college for your children, a comfortable retirement, and so on – and identify a path toward reaching them. Your financial strategy should incorporate a variety of factors, including your age, risk tolerance, income level, family situation and more. Here's the key point: By creating a long-term strategy and sticking to it, you'll be far less likely to overreact to events such as market downturns and less inclined to give in to impulses such as "spur of the moment" costly purchases. And without such a strategy, you will almost certainly have less chance of achieving your important goals.

- Get an "accountability partner." Your relationship with money doesn't have to be monogamous – you can get help from an "accountability partner." Too many people keep their financial concerns and plans to themselves, not even sharing them with their partners or other family members. But by being open about your finances to your loved ones, you can not only avoid misplaced expectations but also enlist the help of someone who may be able to help keep you on track toward your short- and long-term goals. But you may also benefit from the help of a financial professional – someone with the perspective, experience and skills necessary to help you make the right moves.

Like all successful relationships, the one you have with money requires work. But you'll find it's worth the effort.

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**High School Senior Scholarship Deadline**

Completed applications for the Whidbey Audubon Society Renee Smith Conservation and Environmental Studies Scholarship are due on March 6, 2020.

Whidbey Audubon Society (WAS) is offering three scholarships, totaling five thousand dollars, to 2020 high school graduates of South Whidbey, Coupeville and Oak Harbor High Schools. Scholarship information and applications are available at each high school counseling center and on the Whidbey Audubon Society website, [www.whidbeyaudubon.org/scholarships.htm](http://www.whidbeyaudubon.org/scholarships.htm). These scholarships are offered to students with a high interest in pursuing environmental studies and its related fields at a four-year college or university.

The Whidbey Audubon website also has inspiring biographies of all previous WAS scholarship recipients. Check it out under the "About Whidbey Audubon" menu and pass the word.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]

**Music Festival Announces Dates For 2020**

The Oak Harbor Music Festival has announced the dates for the 2020 event, in Oak Harbor's Historic Downtown on SE Pioneer Way, Labor Day Weekend.

"We are pleased to celebrate our 9th year Sept. 4, 5, and 6 on beautiful Whidbey Island," said Cynthia Mason, OHMF board president. "And as always, we are humbled by the continued support from donors, sponsors, local governments, downtown businesses, and so many of our neighbors who come together to enjoy three days of free music. This event truly does make our whole community proud as they carry a wonderful sense of ownership towards the festival."

Oak Harbor Music Festival's mission is to inspire our community with the power of

music. As a 501(c)(3) organization, the festival has provided scholarships to graduating seniors from all three of Whidbey's high schools for the past seven years.

To learn more about Oak Harbor Music Festival, visit [www.oakharborfestival.com](http://www.oakharborfestival.com).

[Submitted by Cynthia Mason]

**Seeking Applicants for Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

The Island County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants to fill the Agricultural Representative position on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

The Board of County Commissioners appoints members to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) with no term expiration date. The SWAC consists of a minimum of nine members and represents a balance of interests including, but not limited to, citizens, public interest groups, business, the waste management industry, agriculture and local elected public officials.

The duties of the SWAC include review of solid waste programs, processes, documents, etc., advising on solid waste policy and active, consistent participation in SWAC meetings, quarterly or as needed. Implicit in duties is knowledge of materials forwarded prior to any meeting and development of familiarity with the solid waste program in general. (Comprehensive Solid Waste Plan, Comp. Hazardous Waste Plan, Waste Reduction/Recycling, Biosolids Issues, Educational Programs and Grants). Once working knowledge is developed, time commitments would include quarterly or as needed meetings which last 1-3 hours and attendance at infrequent meetings/hearings where a SWAC representative is required.

Interested individuals should provide a letter of interest and statement of qualifications by mail, email or fax to: Island County Board of Commissioners, Attn: Virginia Shaddy Re: Solid Waste Advisory Committee Vacancy, Post

Office Box 5000, Coupeville, WA 98239. The fax number is 360-679-7381 and email applications should be sent to [vj.shaddy@island-county.wa.gov](mailto:vj.shaddy@island-county.wa.gov).

Application materials should be received no later than 4:30PM March 20. For additional information please phone Joantha Guthrie, manager, Solid Waste Division at 360-679-7338 or by e-mail at [joanthaG@co.island.wa.us](mailto:joanthaG@co.island.wa.us).

[Submitted by Virginia Shaddy]

**Muzzall Legislation Would Reestablish Farm Internship Program**

Farms across the country are facing challenges recruiting the next generation of farmers. Under legislation introduced by state Sen. Ron Muzzall, R-Oak Harbor, and approved last Thursday by the state Senate, the state would revive a pilot program to expose young workers to the agricultural industry through farm internships.

"Young folks don't always know the options they may have to learn a trade or find a career path," said Muzzall. "My legislation will open up opportunities for young workers to explore a career in agriculture and, also importantly, support small farms in our state."

Senate Bill 6421 would direct the state Department of Labor and Industries to reestablish a pilot project which began in 2010 and involved 20 of Washington's 39 counties when it expired at the end of 2019. The project, which is primarily geared toward supporting small farms, would remove regulatory barriers to employ interns who will receive training and other benefits, such as housing, while they may be starting their own farming operations.

"This program has had a great deal of success and given the current state of farming, one that is desperately need," Muzzall said.

"This farm internship program is a unique, innovative, educational opportunity for interns

to receive training on small farms. Extending this program will preserve a safe, educational option for interested interns and farmers," said Scott Dilley, communications director for the Washington State Dairy Federation. "We are thankful to Sen. Muzzall for his sponsorship of this bill and for the vote by senators today to move the bill forward."

This was Muzzall's first bill to be approved since recently joining the Senate and was approved unanimously. It now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

[Submitted by Laudan Espinoza]

**Statement from Rep. Norma Smith on the passage of Senate Bill 6281**

**Legislation passed off the Senate floor on a 46-1 vote last week**

"I am deeply concerned for the people of Washington state with the passage of Senate Bill 6281 from the Senate chamber today.

The measure purports to be comprehensive consumer data privacy, but it is not. Instead, it is a corporate-centric approach with a laundry list of loopholes, exemptions and vague definitions. It includes weak facial recognition safeguards for our communities. It would leave consumers vulnerable and take away a person's individual right to seek justice and go to court if their data rights were violated.

There are strong reasons why this bill continues to face so much opposition – including the ACLU and other nationally recognized consumer advocacy groups.

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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.

## Dine Out for Kids

Thursday, February 20, 11:00AM-9:00PM  
Coupeville Pizza Factory, 107 S. Main St.

The Pizza Factory will donate a portion of its sales to the Coupeville Schools Foundation. The Foundation provides an extra measure of support through teacher grants, college scholarships and the Promise Fund. Learn more at [www.4coupevilleschools.org](http://www.4coupevilleschools.org).

## AARP Tax Aide: Free Tax Filing Help

Thursdays, February 20, 27, 1:00-7:00PM  
Island Senior Resources, 14594 SR 525, Langley

Free tax return preparation and e-filing for taxpayers with low and moderate income. This service is a joint venture with the IRS to promote filing returns electronically. Special attention to those ages 60 and over. AARP membership is not required. For an appointment call 360-678-3000, leaving name, telephone number, requested site and date.

## Island Herb Vendor Day

Thursday, February 20, 3:00-6:00PM  
Island Herb, Freeland

Representatives from Seattle Private Reserve 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.

## M\*A\*S\*H 4077

Thursday, February 20, 7:30PM  
Friday, February 21, 7:30PM  
Saturday, February 22, 7:30PM  
Sunday, February 23, 2:30PM  
Whidbey Playhouse, Oak Harbor

M\*A\*S\*H stands for Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, and joining it are two unpredictable madcaps, Hawkeye and Duke. They can't be dealt with casually, however, because they are also two of the best chest surgeons in South Korea. They decide to wage a campaign to get a young Korean to the United States and entered in a good school. The thread of this effort helps tie together the pileup of comic adventures that build right before the eyes of the astonished and hysterical audience! The show is rated Guidance Suggested - GS as the show does contain adult language and adult situations. For tickets and more information, visit [www.whidbeyplayhouse.com](http://www.whidbeyplayhouse.com) or call 360-679-2237.

## Star Party

Friday, February 21, 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).

## RED

Friday, February 21, 7:30PM  
Saturday, February 22, 7:30PM  
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley

Set in Mark Rothko's painting studio in New York City in the 1950s, RED is an emotional and dynamic play which shows Rothko's absorption in his work through the lens of his new assistant and aspiring painter. Director Vito Zingarelli sums the play up as, "the Illumination of a creative process brought to life onstage." Tickets for Friday and Saturday shows are \$24; \$22 for seniors; ages 18 and under free. Sunday all seats \$17; ages 18 and under free. Visit [www.wicaonline.org](http://www.wicaonline.org).

## Skate-A-Thon

Saturday, February 22, 4:00-10:00PM  
Roller Barn, Oak Harbor

Come skate the night away while helping to Save the Roller Barn! Get sponsored with one sum for the night or by the minute. Sign up and download a pledge form at [www.therollerbarn.com/skate-a-thon](http://www.therollerbarn.com/skate-a-thon).

## Oak Harbor FIL-AM Valentine's Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 22, 6:00PM  
Swinomish Casino, Anacortes  
Tickets: \$50 each

Cocktail hour will be followed by dinner at 7:00PM. There will be an installation of officers and music by DJ Bud Fox. Call 360-675-2793 for tickets or more information.

## 6th Annual Mardi Gras Party

Tuesday, February 25, 6:00-8:30PM  
Bayview Community Hall, Langley

The Mardi Gras ball is family friendly and admission is absolutely free. Dance to Ken Pickard and Zydeco Explosion as they play new, old, and some very old authentic Zydeco and Cajun music. Don't forget to come decked out in your best Mardi Gras costume. The evening fun includes a costume contest with prizes for Most Original, Most Comical, Best in Show, Best Couple, Best Child, and Best Mask. Beads do not count as a costume, but you can grab some free at the door. Please call 360-321-4246 for further information, or visit [www.goosefoot.org](http://www.goosefoot.org). Bayview Hall is located at 5642 Bayview Rd.

## Island Herb Vendor Day

Thursday, February 27, 2:00-5:00PM  
Island Herb, Freeland

Representatives from Green Revolution 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.

## Roaring 20's Party

Friday, February 28, 6:00-9:00PM  
Oak Harbor Senior Center, 51 SE Jerome St.  
Tickets: \$20 each

Live music with The Seanotes, dancing and hors d'oeuvres included with ticket. Giggle juice available for purchase. 1920s fashion is encouraged. Tickets can be purchased at The Center or by calling 360-279-4580. Everyone 21+ is welcome.

## Annual SJMEA Jazz Festival

Saturday, February 29, 8:00AM-4:00PM  
Oak Harbor High School

The annual San Juan Music Educators Association (SJMEA) Jazz Festival will feature school jazz bands and choirs from around the region and beyond performing throughout the day for judges, peers and other attendees. As a special appearance, A'Town Big Band from

Anacortes will perform during the judge's lunch break. Come for all or part of the day and hear Western Washington's greatest middle and high school jazz students as they perform for judges on our Oak Harbor stage.

## Island County Republican Party 2020 Caucus

Saturday, February 29, 9:30AM  
Oak Harbor Intermediate School  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland

Join us on the first step of the Road to the White House. Give us your ideas about the 2020 Island County Republican Platform. Find your caucus location and pre-register at [www.wsrp.org/caucus](http://www.wsrp.org/caucus)

## Silent Auction

Saturday, February 29, 1:00-3:00PM  
Roller Barn, Oak Harbor

Art, products, services, and much more. Free admission; open to all. To donate auction items, please contact [kristidutton44@gmail.com](mailto:kristidutton44@gmail.com). Auction preview will be posted on [www.therollerbarn.com](http://www.therollerbarn.com)

## Leap Year Social Barn Dance

Saturday, February 29, 3:00-8:00PM  
Dancing Fish Winery, Freeland  
Free

Live music. Family Contra Dancing with caller Sherry Nevins & the Mossbacks from 3:00 to 5:00PM. Marimba groups performing from 5:00 to 8:00PM. Wine by the glass for purchase on site. Drop in anytime. Hosted by Whidbey Island Waldorf School. Donations to cover rental and equipment costs welcome at the door. Dancing Fish Winery is located at 1953 Newman Road.

## Mardi Gras Dinner

Saturday, February 29, 5:30PM  
VFW Post 7392, Oak Harbor

Come dressed up and ready to enjoy a Cajun dinner and Mardi Gras fun. There will be prizes, silent auction tables, music and dancing. All proceeds will go to help local veterans in our community. Dinner features Cajun style chicken, shrimp, sausage, gumbo, dirty rice, salads, and king's cake. Immediately following dinner will be prize giveaways and closing the silent auction tables. There are some amazing items donated from local businesses. For tickets, please contact Scott Darnell at 360-661-2437 or VFW Post 7392 at 360-675-4048. Hosted by VFW Riders Chapter 1.

## Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below

Cost: Free

## Books2Movies Group

Friday, February 21, 2:00-4:30PM  
Freeland Library

This group will focus on books that were made into movies. Read/listen to the book then join us for the movie and a 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.

## Made by Hand: Pomanders & Sachets

Saturday, February 22, 10:00AM-12:00PM  
Freeland Library

Perfume your surroundings with herbs and spices as we make clove-studded pomanders and scent-filled sachets. For all ages.

## WIMJAM: Whidbey Island Music Jam

Sunday, February 23, 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" allows musicians of all ages and levels of ability to share, learn and play old time traditional tunes. The first hour will be a "slow jam," hosted by David

Auer. The second hour (and beyond) will be a "regular jam." Email jam host at [shanzelka@sno-isle.org](mailto:shanzelka@sno-isle.org) to receive song lists, music notation, schedule changes and reminders. Drop-ins welcome.

## Writers By the Sea

Monday, February 24, 10:00AM-12:00PM  
Freeland Library

Writers By the Sea is a group of dedicated writers (fiction, non-fiction, poetry, blog) who come together to polish skills, share past and present work and have fun discussing all things literary. Receive helpful feedback from other writers. The only requirement for attending is to have a passion for writing!

## Discuss the Classics with Rita Bartell Drum

Monday, February 24, 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 this way! For more information, contact Rita Bartell Drum at [ritadrum777@gmail.com](mailto:ritadrum777@gmail.com) or 631-707-5980.

## Adult Game Night

Wednesday, February 26, 7:00-9:00PM  
Freeland Library

Join us after the library closes for a night of board games, karaoke, crafts, and activities just for adults. Alcohol will be available for purchase from the Friends of the Freeland Library. All proceeds from alcohol sales go to support the Friends of the Freeland Library. Please note this event begins an hour after the library closes. We are unable to admit participants to the event before 7:00 pm. This event is for adults age 21 and over.

## Lit for Fun Book Group

Thursday, February 27, 9:00-11:00AM  
Freeland Library

Join us for a discussion of Tony Hillerman's "The First Eagle," a mystery with a murdered Navajo Tribal Police officer, a missing biologist, a plague and a Navajo Witch. For adults.

## Religious Services

### South Whidbey Community Church

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

Sunday, February 23 - Pastor Wenzek: Unwholesome Attitudes. Services are followed by a light lunch. You are invited to join us for lunch and loving fellowship.

### Prayer Group

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

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

### Filipino Christian Fellowship

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

### Healing Rooms

Every Thursday, 6:30-8:30PM  
5200 Honeymoon Bay Road, Freeland

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

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

### Concordia Lutheran Church

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

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

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Photo by Sharon Lundahl

This year's Langley Mystery Weekend: Merriment and Mayhem at Mardi Gras, to be held Saturday and Sunday in the City by the Sea, will feature over 30 volunteer characters in costume spread throughout Langley for sleuths to interrogate in an effort to get to the bottom of the crime.

## Sleuths wanted for Langley's 36th Mystery Weekend

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

Prepare for mystery and mayhem with Whidbey Island's twist on a Mardi Gras celebration in Langley this Saturday and Sunday during Langley's Mystery Weekend 2020. The event, which features a Merriment and Mayhem at Mardi Gras theme this year, will include its first-ever parade at 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Amateur sleuths, aided by clues from "The Langley Gazette" and information from over 30 costumed characters throughout the town, can join forces with characters including coroner Gus Gruesome and policewoman Polly Graph to figure out who has committed the murder in this immersive, fun- and pun-filled mystery event experience.

Attendees can pick up a clue map for \$12 and a copy of "The Langley Gazette" Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Langley Visitor and Information Center (Mystery Weekend Headquarters) and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets can also be purchased online for will call at [visitlangley.com](http://visitlangley.com), and discounted \$10 tickets are available to military members, seniors, and children under 12. The guilty party will be announced at Whidbey Children's Theatre at 5 p.m. Sunday, and will also be posted on [visitlangley.com](http://visitlangley.com).

Rachel McDougald, who served as the writer of the mystery this year, said she looks forward to bringing the parade into the story to thicken the plot and add excitement to the atmosphere. The parade will go down 2nd Street and 1st Street, ending at Whale Bell Park.

"We've never had an event within the event before," McDougald said.

McDougald recommends sleuths pay close attention to "The Langley Gazette" to help them solve the mystery. There will also be a coroner's report at 1 p.m. both days to help sleuths get to the bottom of the mystery before turning in their answers by 4 p.m. Sunday to Mystery Weekend Headquarters. Entries will be entered in a prize drawing.

"Read the "Gazette" right off the bat, so when you come to characters you've got some idea how they fit in," she

said. "Other than that, I'd say to look for means, motive and opportunity."

McDougald said the story has elements of the real world which have been dramatized almost beyond recognition.

"The plot lines mostly come from real life little things that I've blown completely out of proportion," she said. "For example, when Washington state passed a bill allowing human composting last spring I knew that was a natural fit for the mystery. Within the story we have a coroner who wants to do 'green burials' on the cliff above Langley. He has all kinds of goofy ways to accomplish this and says it will stabilize the cliff. Of course, there are those who don't want it and will go to some pretty bizarre lengths to stop him. (It is) real life blown out of proportion, twisted, and costumed."

McDougald said the weekend has grown from a small community event to something that draws people from near and far to attend.

"For 36 years the businesses and people have put on this mystery as a way to entertain themselves and their community in the long dark days of winter," she said. "That was how it started anyway; now we have characters (all volunteers by the way) who come from as far away as Texas. We have participants that use the mystery as the anchor for family reunions; they come from all over, rent a B&B or a bunch of hotel rooms and all play the mystery. It started as a small group having some fun and now we get people from around the world. It is truly amazing."

Inge Morascini, executive director of the Langley Chamber of Commerce, said the event helps to draw people to downtown Langley during a lower-traffic season.

"It has ballooned into an event that brings about 2,700 people to town over that weekend," she said.

Morascini said the immersive Mystery Weekend allows people from the island and beyond to get acquainted with all Langley has to offer.

"It also provides an introduction to a lot of people to Langley

and Whidbey Island and we see a lot of people coming back not only for the event but during the year as well," she said.

Morascini said the parade will also offer a chance for attendees to take part in the mystery, and costumes are encouraged.

"Anybody who would like to participate in the parade can give us a ring or send an email to [langley@whidbey.com](mailto:langley@whidbey.com) and they can be part of the parade, not just watching," she said.

Josh Hauser, owner of Moonraker Books, said she has participated as an actor in the event since its inception.

"It came about because we wanted people to see as much of Langley as possible and get to know us," she said. "We tried various things and we had kind of another little contest, but this one you could make people come in stores and meet us and get to know us and come to love us."

Hauser, who opened Moonraker Books in 1971, said the two-day event provides entertainment for all ages.

"The best part of Mystery Weekend is that everybody has a good time," she said. "Kids will love it, adults will love it, people who are honeymooners, their minds wander briefly from honeymooning to solving the mystery."

Throughout the weekend, attendees have the chance to interact with characters throughout the town of Langley who may know something about the "murder," she said.

"It is written with a great deal of humor and it stimulates your imagination," she said. "You have the chance to see people who enjoy stepping out of themselves and make utter fools of themselves."

Hauser said the event has become a tradition for many locals and attendees from off the island.

"It has been fun watching people who have participated year after year come back with that enthusiasm and to welcome the newcomers who I know will become old visitors," she said.

More information and event apparel can be found at [visitlangley.com](http://visitlangley.com).





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**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22**

**9:47 am, Taylor Rd.**

Requesting call, advising estranged wife has kicked reporting party out and is threatening to sell his stuff and not let reporting party have his cats.

**10:11 am, Jones Rd.**

Caller advising cannot dial anything other than 9-1-1; advising power is out but doesn't know why. Advising could be bill but it was paid.

**3:38 pm, Orchard Lp.**

Reporting party advising male subject who resides in area is acting aggressive; is outside recording reporting party's property. Possibly upset over mail carrier in area.

**5:11 pm, NE Lindsay St.**

Requesting call, advising jets are flying very low. States when she bought the house she was not told there was "touch and go" air strip at location.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 23**

**12:26 pm, West Beach Rd.**

Caller advising subject broke into location and stole mail from counter overnight; is not there now.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 25**

**1:15 am, Furman Ave.**

Advising vehicle is outside driving back and forth, revving its engine; reporting party states it is unnerving. Does not have description, only hearing it. Just heard before calling.

**4:17 am, Hunt Rd.**

Reporting party states just found out boyfriend is cheating on her; looking for support and resources so she can safely leave male. Reporting party states she just went through male's phone and found messages from three other girls.

**12:43 pm, Maxwellton Rd.**

Reporting party advising goose ran into his house and died; afraid bird might be diseased.

**7:43 pm, Penn Cove Rd.**

Advising two loose pigs on Penn Cove; unknown where they belong. One pig is hiding in bushes.

**8:14 pm, Moran Rd.**

Caller advising vehicle was doing donuts in yard and now they are in pond; caller says pond is about five feet deep.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 26**

**8:24 am, SR 525**

Open line, faint male voice "What the f\*\*\*?" Recalling.

**8:56 am, Wellington Dr.**

Occurred Friday; reporting party had dump truck-sized load of construction material dumped in his yard. Unknown suspect.

**11:32 am, Trisha Ln.**

Occurred 30 minutes ago; reporting party states fireworks were thrown at his house; no medical need, nothing on fire. Suspects are next door neighbors, unknown address.

**11:44 am, SR 525**

Reporting party advising subject near Coles Rd. is putting string in roadway; older male with white hair and blue sweater.

**1:44 pm, Saratoga Rd.**

Caller advising subject across street is practicing shooting an automatic weapon; concerns reporting party. Requesting call.

**7:53 pm, Andreason Rd.**

Reporting party advising wants subject removed from location; states subject has been breaking reporting party's plants, urinating on her sofa.

**MONDAY, JAN. 27**

**8:15 am, Moran Rd.**

Reporting party advising vehicle is still in his pond; A1 is waiting for law enforcement to tell them to remove vehicle.

**10:51 am, Olympic Dr.**

Requesting call, advising neighbor has been leaving food out on fence to feed seagulls, now seagulls are pooping all over her house; would like to know what can be done.

**11:46 am, West Beach Rd.**

Requesting call referencing ongoing issue with subject who lives on same property; advising took keys to all vehicles.

**3:59 pm, Strawberry Hill Ln.**

Caller advising husband just accidentally shot self in knee; pistol in holster on floor.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 30**

**12:03 pm, Sandberg Ln.**

Advising received text from husband's ex-wife, telling her to step aside so husband could do what he needed to do.

**12:37 pm, SR 20**

Reporting party advising subject just came to location and was tipping over chicken coop; advising still at location.

**7 pm, Kimberly Way**

Caller states housemate is escalating; states while watching YouTube, became upset and began hitting the door.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 31**

**11:01 am, Wilkinson Rd.**

Caller advising neighbor's dog was off leash and came running towards caller when she was walking by; says owner always argues with her; ongoing issue past five years with dog.

**3:50 pm, East Harbor Rd.**

Requesting call, states warrant in Island County - party is in China - will take private jet to location; also states has Corona virus; does not have good number to provide ICOM.

**4 pm, Deer Lake Rd.**

Caller advising just discovered on home surveillance video from last Sunday at 4:30 am, subject broke off one of caller's cameras and took it.

**4:06 pm, Main St.**

Reporting party advising subject on Main St. from Harbor walking toward China City has a cross bow in his hands.

**6:22 pm, NE Goldie St.**

Caller advising someone with pig is at dog park.

**6:24 pm, SR 525**

Reporting party advising door is locked, business says open until 8 pm; concerned maybe something wrong inside and someone forced employees to lock door? Advising nothing to show that, reporting party just concerned.

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

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**WHAT WERE THE DERBY KINGS EATING?**

February 1-2 was not only the weekend opener for winter Blackmouth Chinook salmon, it was also the first of 20 fishing derbies that make up the Northwest Fishing Derby Series. The Resurrection Salmon Derby in Anacortes kicked off this year's quest to catch fish and possibly win some prize money at the same time. It was a two-day, all-weather derby; the winds Saturday were less than desirable, gusting to 30-plus miles per hour. Looking west from Deception Pass, the waves were piling up high and the white caps were ominous; I thought to myself "That water will make for some tough fishing." By the time you read this, both the Friday Harbor Salmon Classic and the Roach Harbor Salmon Classic will also be in the history books.

The average weight of the winning fish for these three derbies was around 17 pounds. As a member of the Fidalgo-San Juan Island chapter of the Puget Sound Anglers (PSA), which sponsors the Resurrection Derby, I had the pleasure of working the scales and it was a wonderful sight to see these beautiful Chinook salmon being weighed in. After an official weigh-in, the fish then took their turn at the research table. Scale sample, and length of each fish were recorded, plus a quick wave of a tagging wand was passed over the forehead of each fish to check for a wire-coded tag. This tiny tag placed in the fish at the hatchery tells the story of the fish's travel destinations while in the Puget Sound. Finally, the stomach contents were examined. The first couple of fish examined had nothing in their digestive system; it's something we don't like to see but it is not uncommon for these resident fish. However, as the fish continued to arrive at the scales and moved to the exam table, more and more fish had different stages of digested prey in their stomach. Here is what the 67 total fish weighed in were eating:

The hungry salmon had located and eaten a mixed bag of herring, candlefish (sand lance), krill, shrimp, and small crabs. The herring had an average length of 4.0 inches, the candlefish (sand lance) ranged from 3 to 5 inches. Most of the krill and shrimp were pretty digested and mushy but the mush had the familiar pinkish brown coloring; the few crabs encountered were thought to be tiny Dungeness. I was happy and excited to see the majority of the fish had some nutrients in them, plus it gives us fishermen a sneak peek at what

the fish were/are feeding on. Even the few fish who had empty stomachs were in great shape - they all had beautiful chrome bodies with blue and green highlights on their backs, no scars and their fins were perfect. It did my heart good to see salmon again. I was not present and did not personally see what the fish had been eating from the other two major derbies, but with the fish being caught in the same general places in Marine Area 7, I would put money down these derby fish had very similar prey in their systems. Blackmouth are opportunists because of where they live and grow and will attempt to eat what is available. They still have their favorite prey; herring and candlefish are to salmon what pizza and burgers are to us.

Since we have seen hard evidence of what the fish are eating, we can use this clue to match these stomach contents as closely as possible in size and color. Since Blackmouth travel throughout the Sound encountering different types of prey in different areas, another helpful clue would have been where the fish was caught. I wish I could tell you where a few of the fish were specifically caught, but every hint I asked the lucky fishermen for, the response was simply "in the water" and I totally understand, it was a salmon derby after all. No problem. Here is what I do: I fish primarily with artificial baits like spoons and Hoochies, so I rig up a rod with one of each color - blues, greens, black and silvers to mimic the herring and candle fish; then a pink, purple or orange offering to mimic the shrimp and crab. I also use a little herring smelly jelly to help get the salmon's attention. I then troll with these colors until I find which one produces the most take-downs and chances are it is the most common bait for the area of water. If I pick up and move to a different location I often go back to the full spectrum of colors again and see what gets bit and change lures accordingly.

Examining and matching stomach contents of a fish is just one of many ways to gather clues and fine-tune techniques used to help us catch salmon and I'll take all the help I can get.

Winter salmon fishing can be very productive and worth a trip out into the cold. Check the news and apply the available wind apps on your phones to watch for low wind reports and get out and catch some fresh salmon for dinner. Just remember to put safety first. Here is my email: tlfishmonger@gmail.com. Feel free to drop me a fishing story anytime.



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# Construction begins on improvements at busy Oak Harbor intersection

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Drivers who frequent the intersection of Regatta Drive and Crescent Harbor Road in Oak Harbor should pack their patience for the next few months.

Construction at the busy intersection has begun, meaning a large portion of Regatta Drive will be closed for the next three to four months between NE 8th Ave. and NE 16th Ave. Crescent Harbor Rd. will be closed just west of the Torpedo Rd. intersection. Drivers will need to follow posted detour signs to navigate around the closures.

The construction will not affect access to NAS Whidbey Island Seaplane Base; Torpedo Gate will be open as usual, but drivers will not be able to access it from Regatta Drive, only from Torpedo Rd.

Approximately 6,500 vehicles travel through the Regatta/Crescent Harbor intersection each day. Heavy traffic volumes and a bypass lane from northbound Regatta Dr. onto Crescent Harbor Rd. has led to numerous accidents, which is why Island County is making changes there.

"One of the primary reasons for this project were collisions which appeared to be related to use of the 'bypass' lane," said Connie Bowers, assistant county engineer for Island County Public Works. "The shape of the bypass allows vehicles to keep a pretty good speed as they enter Crescent Harbor Road [and] minimizes the automatic turn off of right turn signals, misleading opposing traffic. These two factors resulted in conflicts at the nearby Torpedo Road intersection."

There will be no traffic light added to the intersection, nor is it being reconfigured as a roundabout. However, the northbound bypass lane will be converted to a traditional right turn lane, and a left turn lane will be added going southbound on Regatta.

"Adding a left turn lane for southbound Regatta Drive provides for good intersection



Photo Courtesy of Doug Reed

Work on improvements at the intersection of Regatta Drive and Crescent Harbor Rd. has begun, meaning drivers will need to follow detours for the next few months.

performance as traffic volumes increase over time," said Bowers.

Other changes to the topography of the intersection will also be made.

"A summary of the changes [include] lowering the intersection by about seven feet," Bowers said. "This will reduce the grade on the approach from Torpedo Road, providing a better 'landing place' at the intersection itself, increasing sight distance and reducing the need to close the intersection in ice/snow events due to a slippery steep slope with not much landing pad."

Additional improvements and features at the intersection will include increased lighting, retaining walls, storm water vault and four-foot shoulders.

"Work on the project will be during daytime hours from approximately 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, however the road closure in the project limits will be completely closed for 24 hours a day," explained Bowers. "The construction is expected to be complete by July, 2020. The contract allows for a 60 working day closure. In calendar days, that could result in a 3 - 4 month closure."

Bowers recommended the following detour routes to make traveling easier during the closure:

- From west of the project, take Taylor Road to Fakkema Road to get to SR 20.
- From south of the project, bypass the project on Whidbey Avenue if possible.

- From north or east of the project, use Whidbey Ave, Fakkema Road, or Torpedo Road, depending on the destination.

- Torpedo Road will be accessible to all traffic during the project.

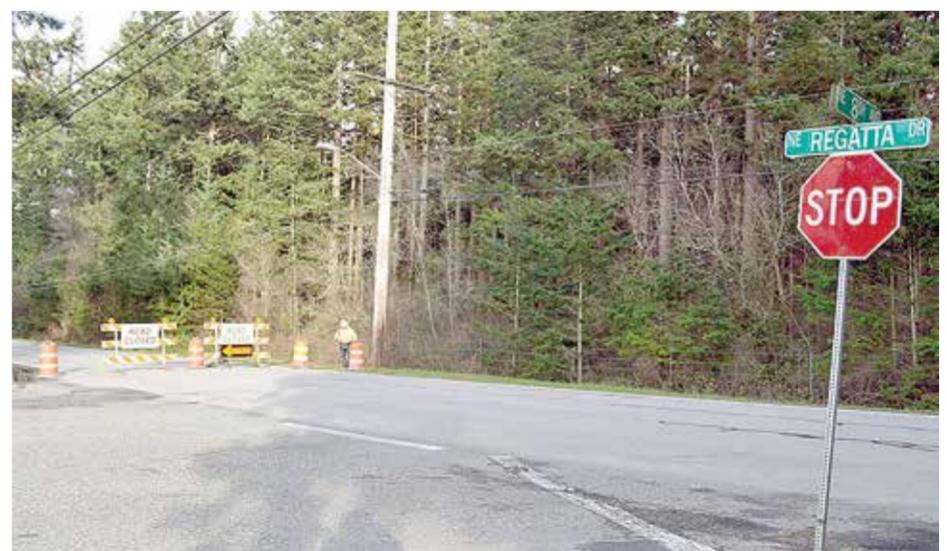
Strider Construction is the contractor for the project, which will cost \$1.6 million, however \$1.2 million of that is grant-funded through the Federal Highway Administration's Surface Transportation Block Grant program, according to Bowers.

More information about the project can be found online at [www.islandcountywa.gov/PublicWorks/Roads/Pages/Crescent-Harbor---Regatta-Intersection-Project.aspx](http://www.islandcountywa.gov/PublicWorks/Roads/Pages/Crescent-Harbor---Regatta-Intersection-Project.aspx).



Photo Courtesy of Island County Public Works

Some of the biggest changes to be made to the intersection of Regatta Drive and Crescent Harbor Rd. in Oak Harbor include eliminating a bypass lane from northbound Regatta to Crescent Harbor and replacing it with a right turn lane and adding a left turn lane from southbound Regatta, as shown in the rendering above. The intersection will also be lowered to improve sight lines and make it safer during snow and/or ice events.



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly

A portion of Regatta Drive between NE 8th Ave. and NE 16th Ave. in Oak Harbor is now closed for construction at the intersection of Regatta Drive and Crescent Harbor Rd. The closures are expected to last three or four months.

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### Teaching Through God's Word

Sundays, 9:00 & 11:00AM

Calvary Chapel, 3821 French Road, Clinton

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

### Unitarian Universalist Sunday Service

Sundays, 10:00AM

Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Freeland

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

### Unity of Whidbey

Sundays, 10:00AM

5671 Crawford Road, Langley

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

### Whidbey Quakers

Sundays, 4:00-5:00PM

Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Freeland

Whidbey Islands Friends Meeting (also known as Quakers) meet in silent worship and community, with occasional spoken messages, every Sunday at the Unitarian Universalist

building. For more information, contact Tom Ewell at [tewell@whidbey.com](mailto:tewell@whidbey.com) or go to [www.whidbeyquakers.org](http://www.whidbeyquakers.org).

### First Church of Christ, Scientist

Worship, 10:00AM

Sunday School to age 20, 10:00AM

Wednesday Testimony Meeting, 2:30PM

### Christian Science Reading Room

Tuesday & Friday, 11:00AM-3:00PM

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

Services and Sunday School are also held at 10:30AM on South Whidbey at 15910 High-

way 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

### Telephone Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 6:00-7:00PM

Rep. Norma Smith will be hosting a telephone town hall meeting. Residents of the 10th District can call 360-776-3571 to participate. Participants can ask Rep. Smith questions or just listen in on the community conversation. Rep. Smith can be contacted at [Norma.Smith@leg.wa.gov](mailto:Norma.Smith@leg.wa.gov) and 360-786-7884. Learn more at <http://normasmith.housepublicans.wa.gov/>.

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# Film Shorts

Courtesy of Cascadia Weekly

By Carey Ross

**1917:** I really thought Sam Mendes' superlative WWI drama was going to take home a Best Picture Oscar, but it did win the one Academy Award it deserved: Best Cinematography for Roger Deakins' astonishing work to make a two-hour-long movie seem like a single unbroken take.  
★★★★★ (R • 1 hr. 50 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 entertaining, high-energy buddy comedy you'll forget five minutes after you leave the theater.  
★★★ (R • 2 hrs. 4 min.)

**Birds of Prey (And the Fantabulous Emancipation of One Harley Quinn):** Somehow this movie is actually decent and I will take this as proof Margot Robbie can do no wrong.  
★★★★ (R • 1 hr. 49 min.)

**Brahms: The Boy II:** Good, bad or in between, movies about lifelike dolls (I almost said "evil lifelike dolls," but that's a given) are never not creepy.  
★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 26 min.)

**The Call of the Wild:** An adaptation of the beloved Jack London novel starring Harrison Ford and a former Kansas shelter dog named Buckley, who is a very good boy.  
★★★ (PG • 1 hr. 50 min.)

**Dolittle:** Robert Downey Jr. plays the man who can talk to animals (is it because of his accent of unknown origins? Is this 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.)

**Downhill:** If you've never seen the Swedish version of this film, "Force Majeure," you'll probably think this tale of family dysfunction (as rendered by Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Will Ferrell, doing their best) is just fine. If you have seen "Force Majeure," you might want to give this one a pass.  
★★ (R • 1 hr. 25 min.)

**Fantasy Island:** Weird that a horror adaptation of the 1980s television show might not be good. No one could've predicted it.  
★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 50 min.)

**Gretel & Hansel:** In trying to discern what this movie was all about, I stumbled upon a 2013 film titled "Hansel & Gretel Get Baked," which is about a brother and sister who battle a witch who uses magic marijuana to lure teens into her home. Going out on a limb to say it's the best "Hansel & Gretel" of all time and this movie should just go home.  
★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 27 min.)



**Impractical Jokers: The Movie:** After spending an inordinate amount of time Googling around, I'm still only vaguely aware of the television show this movie is based on and even less knowledgeable about the comedy troupe, the Tenderloins, responsible for it. In this case, I think it's safe to say, if you know, you know.  
★★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 32 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.)

**Parasite:** After pulling off a stunning upset to become the first non-English-speaking Best Picture winner in Oscar history and tying the record for the most wins in a single night, director Bong Joon-ho did what any of us would do: He made two of his four Oscars pretend to kiss and re-released his movie in black and white. Lord love him.  
★★★★★ (R • 2 hrs. 12 min.)

**The Photograph:** The estranged daughter of a famous photographer dies, a handsome journalist is assigned to write a piece about her life, the two fall for each other in what appears to be a fairly done-to-death love story, but since it stars LaKeith Stanfield and Issa Rae, it's probably better than it should be.  
★★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 46 min.)

**Sonic the Hedgehog:** Raise your hand if you're only going to see this because you're curious about the \$5 million Paramount dumped into special effects to make Sonic look more like himself and less like a creepy blue humanoid with surprisingly lively fur.  
★★★ (PG • 1 hr. 39 min.)

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The 60-day legislative session is scheduled to end March 12.

**South Whidbey Garden Club**

Friday, February 21, 9:00AM-12:00PM  
St. Peter's Church, Clinton

Presentation: "Gentle Yoga" with Sarah Birger. Public is welcome.

**PBY Museum's Annual Community Luncheon**

Wednesday, February 26, 11:30AM  
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.

This is the forum in which we bring the community up to date on the museum's progress and recognize volunteers for their service. This is a no host buffet luncheon. Call 360-240-9500 as reservations are encouraged to get your seat.

**Monthly BoHo Mixer**

Thursday, February 27, 5:00-7:00PM  
Bloom's Winery & Bistro, Freeland

Connect 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.

**Island County Master Gardener Meeting**

Thursday, February 27, 6:00-8:00PM  
Coupeville Rec Hall, 901 NW Alexander St.

Come join us to hear Doug Kelly present: Island County Groundwater, your drinking water. Doug will discuss the function of our aquifer/groundwater system, and how to find out information about the groundwater/aquifers in your particular area.

**Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting**

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

A meeting dedicated to dealing with the problem and solution for recovering from the effects

of growing up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family. For more information, contact Clayton at 360-989-4248 or visit www.adultchildren.org

**Al-Anon**

Every Wednesday, 9:30-10:30AM  
432 2nd St., Langley

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**Al-Anon Group**

Oak Harbor

Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Al-Anon group can help. Call Laurie at 360-675-4430 for meeting information.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

Every Day, 12:00 & 8:00PM  
432 2nd Street, Langley

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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.

**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 Twelve-Step Program, we offer help by sharing our experience, strength and hope. Newcomers are always welcome!

**Gam-Anon Meetings**

Every Tuesday, 6:30PM  
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Every Tuesday, 6:30PM  
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1401 Cleveland St.

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**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.

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

**Classes, Seminars and Workshops**

**Free Healing Class**

Thursday, February 20, 1:00PM  
Oak Harbor Senior Center, 51 SE Jerome St.

Reverend Hanna Kroeger methods - they work - no drugs. Bring a notebook and an open mind.

**Is an Electric Car in Your Future?**

Friday, February 21, 6:30PM  
Unity of Whidbey, 5671 Crawford Rd.,  
Langley

Free event, donations accepted  
Have you been considering an electric vehicle (EV) but wish you had more information? Transportation and tech consultant Tony Billera will present information and considerations on currently available EV as well as used EV options. Learn about: charging an EV, mileage range, savings in fuel and maintenance costs, effect on CO2 emissions through both EV manufacture and operation. A panel of local EV drivers ages teen to retirement will follow

the presentation to answer your questions on transitioning to an EV. Presentation begins at 7:00PM.

**Sourdough Bagel Demonstration Free Class**

Saturday, February 22, 10:00AM-1:00PM  
Concordia Lutheran Church, Oak Harbor

Although it is a demonstration class, there will be times to get your hands in some dough. Class size is limited to 15, so please visit [concordiaoakharbor.org](http://concordiaoakharbor.org) to sign up. Presented by Concordia Community Academy.

**Painting Class with Danielle Bartlett**

Saturday, February 22, 1:00PM  
Whimsies, 830 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor  
\$45

Impasto acrylic painting. Make a small 4" - 4" wrapped canvas painting complete with an easel. For more information, call 360-682-2468.

**Mosaic Light Switch Plate**

Tuesday, February 25, 1:00PM  
Whimsies, 830 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor  
\$25

Transform your wall at home when you turn an ordinary plastic wall plate into a work of art. For more information, call 360-682-2468.

**Painting and Drawing with Marie Thornton**

Thursday, February 27, 1:00PM  
Whimsies, 830 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor  
\$35

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**Mosaic Mirror**

Saturday, February 29, 1:00PM  
Whimsies, 830 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor  
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# CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)



The weight of public opinion is solidly behind you. Add to that those extra pounds gained over the holidays and we're talking real momentum. Backed by tradition and a strong inclination to break down resistance, you become a human battering ram. Have an ire, a pet peeve? Grab a friend and a can of Red Bull and smash away. Potholes, cellulite, and the plight of the honey bee are all fair game.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



Grab a fish by the caudal peduncle and your hand falls naturally around the slender region just forward of the tail. Commit this to memory. The difference between success and failure is often decided by one's store of esoteric knowledge. The trivia that bounces off others' brains without registering is a gold mine. Scoop the nuggets up. Among them may be the key to the castle. Tartar sauce, anyone?

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



"If it ain't broke, don't fix it." That was the mantra of the Carter administration's attempt to halt government tinkering. The administration's other bugaboo? Not fixing issues that were broken. Today, little has changed. So what's one to do? A careful reading of the tea leaves says, "If you want what's broke to stay broke, give it to government. All else, do it yourself. You'll save money." Muffin with that?

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)



The old cut, "you snooze, you lose," couldn't be further from the truth. Take the genius of Einstein and DaVinci. Einstein slept ten hours in one stretch; DaVinci, but five, and only two hours or less at a time. And each man awoke filled with fresh ideas. The point? Give yourself license to sleep as you will. Your own brand of genius is waiting to be accessed. What are you waiting for? Fluff your pillow and get to work.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



This week you and a certain someone are proof of the whole being greater than the sum of its parts. Think chocolate and peanut butter--individually fine, and together, sublime. A dollop of this, a dab of that, and the first thing you know, you've got something magic. You and your special other are co-equals. Without either of you, the magic would cease. So define your game and get ready to play. There is no loser.

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



What's the secret of the wishing well? Drop a pebble into a deep, dark well, hold your breath and listen. There's the suspense of waiting. Timeless. Eternal. You're simultaneously aware of everything and nothing--and it of you. Can you feel it? The darkness knows your thoughts. Then, the plunk! of pebble hitting water, and time

resumes. Timelessness can visit anyone, at any time. When it does, make a wish. What've you got to lose?

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



Sorry to burst your bubble, but Thomas Edison did NOT invent the lightbulb. He refined its glowing filament, in a way that it could be cheaply mass-made, thus capitalizing on 50 years of work by other inventors. Has that great idea of yours seemed to hit a blind wall? Left you groping in the dark? Take a tip from Edison: Never give up, never give in. There's always a way to make your light come on.

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



"And Ye Shall Know The Truth And The Truth Shall Make You Free." These words from the Book of John are set in stone in the lobby of the original CIA headquarters. Superstate critics, don't let that fact dissuade you from the power of the original message. Do you know yourself? And in knowing, do you speak with conviction and stand by what you say? In these critical times, nothing is more important. And that's the truth.

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



There's a place beyond both certainty and doubt, a shopping mall that's west of the sun and east of the moon. There, where everything just is the way it is, that's where you want to be. Google Maps says empty your mind of all you thought you knew, and there you will be. All things are possible there, because nothing is certain, and imagination is the coin of the realm. Can you afford it? Who's to say you can't, except you?

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



What makes you happy? For John Denver, it was sunshine on his shoulders. You might be different. Topping your list should be your ability to rewrite your past. Bad becomes good, and that puts a new slant on all of it. (Don't believe it? YouTube search, Hee-Haw OhThat's Good.) How often do you rewrite your past? Never? That's bad. Never thought about it? That's bad. But now you have. And that's good.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



"We Have Met The Enemy And He Is Us." Pogo's words on the first Earth Day poster in 1970 were aimed at polluters. Nothing has changed. We are still the polluters. To paraphrase Pogo, we still arm insurgents, we still spy on each other. Why? Pollution outside is pollution inside. So clean up your inner pollution. Bag up your feelings about Orange Man, Rocket Man, anyone you hate. Put litter in its place.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



"All mankind loves a lover," wrote Emerson. Might the reverse be true? That a lover loves all mankind? There's much to be said for viewing the world through love-tinted lenses. Don yours, Pisces, and give us a first-person report. Make love your quest, and the stars will accommodate you. Quoting Emerson, again, "The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be."

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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

Grid for a crossword puzzle with numbered squares from 1 to 70.

## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Small deer
4. Khoikhoi peoples
9. South African statesman
14. Keyboard key
15. Remove
16. A conspicuous constellation
17. Data executive
18. Retired NASCAR driver
20. Tightens
22. A picture of the Virgin Mary
23. "The Mission" actor Jeremy
24. Confidently
28. More (Spanish)
29. Sports highlight show (abbr.)
30. Hand out cards
31. Distinctive Asian antelope
33. Arabic greeting
37. Of I
38. Hip hop trio
39. Meat roll
41. One's mother (Brit.)
42. \_\_-GYN
43. Belgian city
44. Plucks
46. Leak slowly
49. Denotes a particular region
50. General's assistant (abbr.)

## CLUES DOWN

- 19. Southern India island
21. Grab quickly
24. Ancient Mesopotamian city
25. With three uneven sides
26. Football visionary Hunt
27. Primordial matters
31. Facing towards the flow of a glacier
32. "A Delicate Balance" writer
34. Emits coherent radiation
35. Commercial
36. Groups of foot bones
40. Out of print
41. Partner to cheese
45. German river
47. Concluding speech
48. Spanish dish
52. Prominent California cape Point \_\_
53. Any high mountain
54. Ethiopian lake
56. Mr.
57. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
59. Large, flightless bird
60. Oil industry term (abbr.)
61. Something one can draw
62. Officers in charge
63. Greek island

Answers on page 15

## YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Table with 7 columns showing weather forecasts for North and South Islands from Thursday, Feb. 20 to Wednesday, Feb. 26. Includes temperature ranges and conditions like 'Partly Sunny' or 'Chance of Rain'.

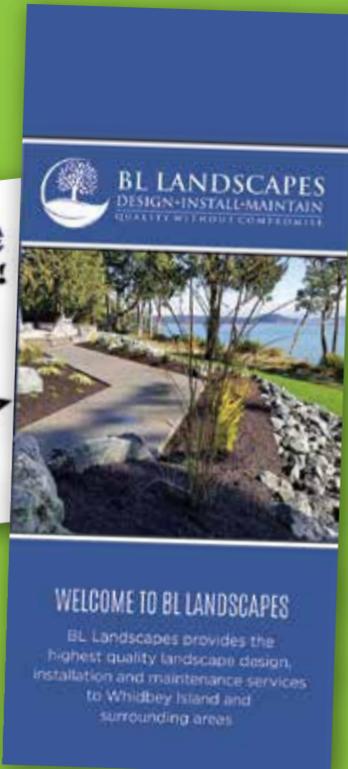
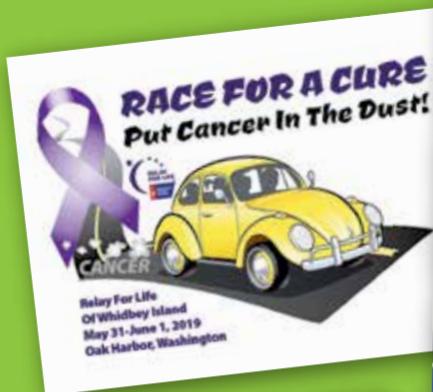


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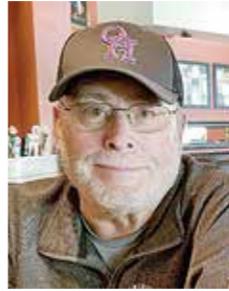
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# Life Tributes

## MAYNARD LOWELL BOS



Maynard Lowell Bos, age 77, longtime Oak Harbor resident, passed away at his home following a lengthy illness, Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020, surrounded by his loving family.

Mr. Bos was born in Bellflower, Calif., March 10, 1942, to John Peter Bos and Nellie Eugenia (Zevenbergen) Bos. He moved with his family as a child to Brewster, Minn., where he attended school. After graduating from Western Christian in Hull, Iowa in 1960, Maynard enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving four years. While stationed at NAS Whidbey Island, he met his lovely wife, Linda Eerkes, while attending church. They were married Aug. 21, 1964, and made their home in Oak Harbor.

Maynard worked as a civil service contractor at NAS Whidbey Island for 20-plus years. He loved sports, especially following UW sports. He ran the clock for Oak Harbor High School football games for over 30 years. Maynard loved music, and had been a member of the An-O-Chords Barbershop Chorus. He also enjoyed golfing, fishing and camping. After retiring, he and Linda enjoyed traveling. They visited Scotland, Iceland, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico and Hawaii with family and friends. Once Linda retired, they became snowbirds, and spent the winters in El Mirage, Ariz., where Maynard could spend his days golfing.

Maynard is survived by his beloved wife, Linda; three children: Kimberly Bos, Cindy Helwick (Rick) and Bryon Bos (Jennifer), all of Oak Harbor; three grandchildren: Cody and Cassandra Helwick and Hunter Bos; sister, Julane Bellin (Steve) of Tinley Park, Ill.; brother, Gordon Bos (Lois) of Spicer, Minn.; and Milton Bos (Cheri) of Holland, Mich.; numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives; also, his beloved "grand-dogs."

A Celebration of Life will be held at First Reformed Church, at 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, with Military Honors by NAS Whidbey Island Honor Guard. Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and condolences at [www.whidbeymemorial.com](http://www.whidbeymemorial.com).

## ANNE L. KOSKA



Anne L. Koska, 87, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family Jan. 29, 2020. Preceded in death by her husband, Ted, Anne lived in Freeland for over 40 years. Originally from Chicago, Anne and her family moved to the Des Moines area in 1960 before coming to Whidbey Island.

Anne was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She is survived by four children: Sue Hansen, Ted Koska Jr., Nancy Clifton and Jon Koska; 10 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren. Her family was always the single most important thing to her and she cherished her time with them.

Anne was an excellent cook and an accomplished baker. There was always a new cookie recipe to try and enjoy. Anne had an eye for design and worked as a professional florist and caterer. Throughout her life she was always active in her church and supported her kids through PTA and Scouting.

A member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Anne will be interred in the columbarium on the church grounds. A memorial service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church Saturday, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, Anne's children are asking donations be made in Anne's name to: Hospice foundation Fund, WhidbeyHealth, 101 North Main St, Coupeville, WA 98239, 360-914-5635.

## MICHAEL LYNN DELPH



Michael Lynn Delph, age 62, longtime Oak Harbor resident, passed away at his home Monday, Feb. 10, 2020.

Michael (known affectionately as "Papa") was born in Galion, Ohio, March 17, 1957, to Charles Everett Delph and Eleanor Mary Catherine (McGee) Delph. He served his country honorably in the United States Navy, in active duty and in reserves. He came to Oak Harbor in 1977. He was employed in maintenance at WhidbeyHealth Medical Center.

Michael was an active member of Life Church in Oak Harbor. He was a skilled carpenter, and loved to use his skills to assist those around him in any way he could.

Michael is survived by his wife, Dian; daughter, Christine Delph of Pittsfield, Mass.; son, Nathan (Elizabeth) Delph of Mount Vernon; 10 grandchildren, Kendra, Kelliauna, Josiah, Jadon, Cara, Caitrina, Caitlin, Penelope, Alexander and Eliel; his mother, Eleanor Delph, and brothers, John and Gary, all of Ohio; also numerous other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Life Church, 1767 NE Regatta Drive, Oak Harbor, Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020, at 2 p.m., Pastor Michael Hurley officiating. Military Honors will be under the auspices of NAS Whidbey Honor Guard. Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and condolences at [www.whidbeymemorial.com](http://www.whidbeymemorial.com).

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