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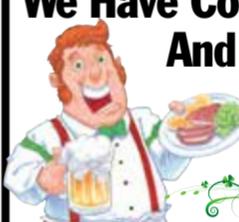
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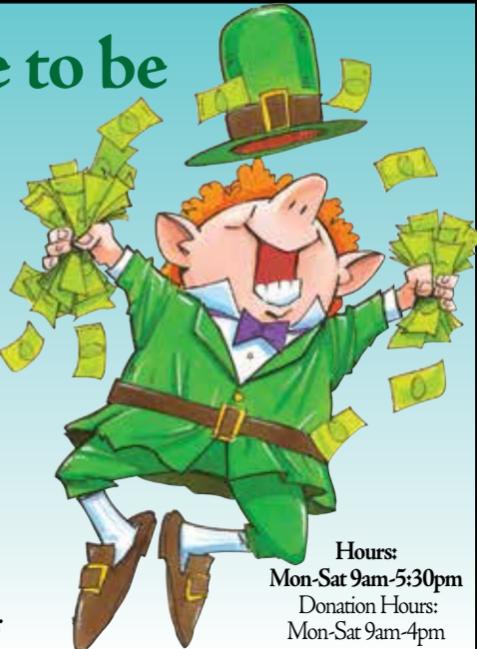
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with Jim Freeman



If you are reading this today, tomorrow is Friday the 13th. If you are reading this yesterday, it may be tomorrow before we figure out what day it is.

A friend from the 70s told me once I could not change

the past, but I could ruin the present by worrying about the future.

No matter what day it is when you read this, thanks for being here.

Mood music

Growing up in the Midwest, our primary diversion while avoiding our responsibilities was listening to the radio.

While our parents had the record players and the televisions, and the control thereof, we kids could have a transistor radio or a plug in, usually on the night stand by the bed.

I preferred the transistor style so I could hold the radio up to my ear while trying to listen to a ball game when I was supposed to be asleep.

No ear buds or headphones back then.

Decades later, music is still one of the greatest gifts to ear kind.

Music can take us from one mood to another, in seconds.

Eating a Dave's double combo last week at the recently remodeled Wendy's in Oak Harbor, I noticed the music had changed.

No more 50s and 60s rock 'n' roll. The background music was closer to what we called "elevator music" we heard riding elevators in the downtown stores of Columbus, Ohio.

If I had the songwriting skills of Roger Miller (*King of the Road, Chug A Lug*), I'd write a song called *Elevators and Escalators*.

A song about a kid who gets lost in the department store while riding department store transit.

His mother, after losing her son in the shoe department upon seeing the SALE sign, spends the remainder of the song looking for her transitory teen.

Realizing mother knows best, by the fifth stanza Mom finds her son wandering in the lingerie section trying to look inconspicuous.

While the song may not get air play without payola, once written and recorded, maybe we can get the song on a podcast in case *Hee-Haw* is ever reprised.

Wendy's mood music was much better than Lazarus Department Store's elevators.

But, you know what?

Had it not been for all those Mantovani, Andres Kostelanetz, and Muzak infused background beats, there would not have been any music to enjoy while choking on the smoke from the guy puffing his burning cigarette in the elevator.

Color blind

Curious as to the truth of our local grocery store shelves, I toured Haggens and Safeway in Oak Harbor as well as Payless in Freeland.

Everything I needed was there.

Everything I did not need was there.

At Payless, customer check out veteran Nikki asked me why I was buying so many bottles of pop.

"Are you self-quarantining?"

Well, I guess it kinda looked that way.

"No, I have actually been self-quarantined for the last four years, ever since the family left."

When I got back to the caboose to unload my double sacked bounty of real sugared soda, I noticed the color of my Jarritos Lime looked rather weak.

Turns out my eyes were the rather weak. I

had purchased three bottles of Jarritos Pine-apple by mistake.

Arriba!

Big City

Thirty-nine years ago, Merle Haggard and the Strangers recorded his forty-seventh album, *Big City*. The album was also his first for Epic Records.

Like any Merle album, his lyrics and "lived-in baritone" will take the listener's mind and heart to many places.

In revisiting this classic on a digitally remastered CD by Legacy Recordings, a division of Sony Music, I smiled wide while soaking in the timeless power of Merle's, *Are the Good Times Really Over*.

If you are unable to access this Internet link (www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=42&v=sIKUkcNeZfQ&feature=emb_logo) to marvel at Haggard's three minutes forty-five seconds, here are Merle's lyrics:

*I wish a buck was still silver
And it was back when the country was strong
Back before Elvis
And before the Viet Nam war came along
Before the Beatles and Yesterday
When a man could still work and still would
Is the best of the free life behind us now
And are the good times really over for good?*

*Are we rolling down hill
Like a snowball headed for hell
With no kinda chance for the flag
Or the Liberty Bell?
I wish a Ford and a Chevy
Would still last 10 years like they should
Is the best of the free life behind us now
And are the good times really over for good?*

*I wish coke was still cola
And a joint was a bad place to be
And it was back before Nixon
Lied to us all on T.V.
Before microwave ovens
When a girl could still cook and still would
Is the best of the free life behind us now
And are the good times really over for good?*

*Stop rolling downhill
Like a snowball headed for hell
Stand up for the flag
And let's all ring the Liberty Bell
Let's make a Ford and a Chevy
That'll still last 10 years like they should
'Cause the best of the free life is still yet to come
And the good times ain't over for good*

Big City (EK 65947) is one of the titles in the American Milestones Series, www.legacyrecordings.com. These four recordings must have caught my eye and ear. My vinyl copies are, like my favorite pillows, worn out.

Johnny Cash, *At Folsom Prison*, (CK 65955)
Willie Nelson, *Stardust*, (CK 65946)
Marty Robbins, *Gunfighter Ballads And Trail Songs*, (CK 65996)
Tammy Wynette, *Stand By Your Man*, (EK 66018)

Back in the day, we speculated what 45 rpm records we would take with us if we were ever stranded on a desert island.

Electricity was not part of our childhood fantasy.

My list typically included Perry Como's, *Just Born To Be Your Baby*; Doris Day's cover of *Ten Cents a Dance* from the film *Love Me or Leave Me*, and The Mormon Tabernacle's spirited version of *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

My list was procedurally disqualified because Perry's song was the only 45 of my three.

Nothing like rules in a fantasy to keep me from coming back.

Just in case I have to be isolated here in the woods for any length of time, I can assure myself, and you, the mystery reader, I have enough Merle, Johnny, Marty, Tammy, and Willie to keep me company.

But will there be enough beer?

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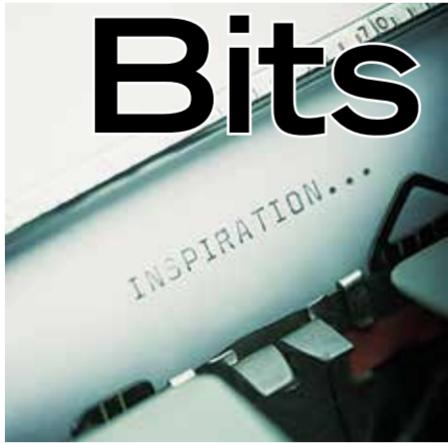
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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

The Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce has voted the Oak Harbor Lions as the #1 service club in Oak Harbor for 2019!

There are more than 25 service clubs in Oak Harbor, (according to the Chamber of Commerce), as well as two other Lions clubs.

This is a very distinguished honor and the Oak Harbor Lions are extremely grateful and humbled to be chosen.

Thank you to the Chamber, all of its members and kudos to each of the wonderful service clubs on all of Whidbey Island.

In 2020, we look forward to continuing to serve the Oak Harbor community.

Sincerely,

Bobbi Lornson
President, Oak Harbor Lions

Editor,

Despite tons of momentum, commitment from the Holmes Harbor Rod and Gun Club and the band, and generous donations from many community members and businesses, we feel prudent to be cautious and postpone our Spring Fundraiser until summer when COVID 19 concerns will hopefully be less. We were really counting on the boost for our budget to keep our shelters in Oak Harbor and Langley going, so in lieu of attending, if you could click WhidbeyHomeless.org to make a donation, it would be greatly appreciated.

Shellie Moore
Vice President, Whidbey Homeless Coalition

Statement of Judge Alan R. Hancock

I have decided not to seek reelection to my position as Island County Superior Court Judge.

I thank my fellow citizens, my friend and colleague Judge Vickie Churchill, our excellent staff, and most of all, my wonderful wife Elizabeth Hancock and our family for their support over the years.

It has been a great honor to serve my fellow citizens in this capacity. I take pride in that I have striven for excellence and done my duty in all things.

Alan R. Hancock
Island County Superior Court Judge

Rep. Norma Smith Announces She Will Not Run for Re-election in November State representative has served the 10th District since 2008

Rep. Norma Smith asked for a point of personal privilege on the House floor last week to announce she will not run for re-election in November. The 10th District state representative explained how she is returning to a life-long calling that has defined both her personal and professional paths over the years.

"Serving the people of the 10th District has been my greatest professional honor and privilege. They put their trust in me and I will be forever grateful. I have poured everything I have into our communities and sound legislation, and I feel like we have accomplished so much together," said Smith, R-Clinton. "I now look forward to the next season of life and the new doors of opportunity opening to once again focus on teaching and mentoring.

I am looking forward to renewing this lifelong vision of investing in the hearts, minds, and faith journey of another generation."

Smith will complete her two-year term, which ends in January 2021, and continue to work on behalf of her constituents throughout that time period.

First appointed state representative in January 2008, Smith went on to win her race that November. Prior to serving in the Washington State House of Representatives, she served on the South Whidbey School Board and was Special Assistant to U.S. Congressman Jack Metcalf.

Smith is the ranking Republican on the House Innovation, Technology and Economic Development Committee, and the assistant ranking Republican on the House Capital Budget Committee. She also serves on the House State Government and Tribal Relations Committee.

To learn more about Smith, please visit: <http://normasmith.housepublicans.wa.gov/>. She can be contacted at norma.smith@leg.wa.gov or 360-786-7884.

The 2020 legislative session is scheduled to end March 12.

[Submitted by John Handy, Communications Director, Washington State House Republican Communications]

Westport Seabirds — A Day Offshore

Pelagic birds live their lives on the open water, only coming ashore to breed. Whidbey Audubon Society hosts Bill Tweit, who will provide some basic information about the marine ecosystem that supports bird life offshore. He will also give an overview of what to expect on a Westport Seabirds pelagic boat trip and some tips about how to prepare. The presentation is Thursday at 7:00PM in the Unitarian Universalist Congregation meeting house north of Freeland, 20103 State Route 525. The public is welcome to this free program.

Tweit has been one of the leaders for Westport Seabirds since the mid-1970s and feels privileged to have introduced thousands of birders to the abundant marine life in the California Current ecosystem off Washington. He was the regional editor for the Pacific Northwest Region in the journal, *American Birds*, for a couple of decades and also worked with Terry Wahl and Steve Mlodinow to write and edit *Birds of Washington: Status and Distribution*, which was published in 2005.

With the advent of eBird, he became one of the teams who reviews Washington records and also has served several terms on the Washington Bird Records Committee. He lives in Olympia, where he works as a Special Assistant with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. His scope of duties ranges from Bering Sea fisheries to Columbia River salmon recovery and the hydro system.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]

An Amusement for Flute and Guitar

The 2020 Salish Sea Early Music Festival presents "An Amusement for Flute and Guitar," featuring Beethoven-era Amusements, Diverissements and other duos for flute and guitar by Mauro Giuliani and others, performed on period instruments with guitarist Oleg Timofeyev and 8-keyed flutist Jeffrey Cohan Saturday at 7:30PM. The performance will be held at St. Augustine's in-the-Woods Episcopal Church, 5217 South Honeymoon Bay Road in Freeland.

Mauro Giuseppe Sergio Pantaleo Giuliani (1781-1829) was a leading guitar virtuoso in Vienna who played cello in the premiere of Beethoven's seventh symphony. His highly respected duos for flute and guitar, which date from around 1820, mark the beginning of a golden period for this duo of instruments which continued for several decades. Oleg Timofeyev's guitar was made in 1860 by Johann Scherzer in Vienna, and Jeffrey Cohan's flute, made in 1820, when Beethoven was

50, by George Rudall in London, celebrates its 200th birthday this year.

Admission is by suggested donation: \$15, \$20 or \$25 (a free will offering), and those 18 and under are free. For additional information, please see www.salishseafestival.org/whidbey or call the church at 360-331-4887.

[Submitted by Jeffrey Cohan]

Langley Street Dance Call for Artists Langley Main Street Releases Request for Proposals for Entertainment

The Langley Main Street Association (LMSA) is accepting submissions from bands/artists to provide entertainment for the annual Langley Street Dance to be held July 11.

The Street Dance will be held on Second Street in front of the old Langley Firehouse from the hours of 7:00 to 10:00PM. The time will be divided between two groups of entertainers. Each entertainment group will receive \$1,000 for its performances.

Applications, including links to recent work, should be submitted by March 20 for consideration. For complete RFP guidelines, go to www.LangleyMainStreet.org

Event Information: Imagine a cool summer evening under the open skies with talented local bands providing tunes ranging from classic rock to R&B, funk to reggae, and everything in between. This is the Langley Street Dance, held annually on Second Street in Langley, Wash. in front of the old Langley Firehouse in mid-July each year.

For complete RFP guidelines, go to www.LangleyMainStreet.org

[Submitted by Michaleen McGarry, Langley Main Street Association]

Humility is Powerful? True humility empowers us to do good and overcome evil

Mark McCurties, practitioner of Christian Science healing and international speaker, will present his talk, "Humility that 'overcomes the world,'" Saturday, March 28 from 10:30 to 11:30AM at First Church of Christ, Scientist, Oak Harbor, 721 SW 20th Court at SW Scenic Heights Street. The talk focuses on universal healing precepts found in the Holy Bible, especially in Christ Jesus' life and teachings, and shows how they are available for anyone to understand and experience through the lens of Christian Science. The talk is free, open to the community, and sponsored by First Church of Christ, Scientist, Oak Harbor, and South Whidbey Christian Science Society.

"A central theme of Christ Jesus' ministry was to teach and show that the power of God's love can help us overcome the various injustices in the world." McCurties says, "Yet, for all the remarkable healing work that Jesus did, he always gave the credit to God. Based on Jesus' example, we will define true humility, how it links us to God, and how it connects us with God's healing laws. There is great need for healing in the world today, and living with more Christ-like humility can help us to meet that demand."

McCurties will share healings to explain why Christian Science is both Christian and scientific, meaning people can prove its effectiveness for themselves. The practice is fully described in the book, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, written by the founder of the Christian Science movement, Mary Baker Eddy.

McCurties will also touch on the life of Mary Baker Eddy, and how she came to understand, confirm, and teach what she felt was original Christian healing. Eddy herself said she was especially inspired by Jesus' demand, *He that believes on me, the works that I do will he do also; and greater works than these will he do, because I go unto my Father* (from the Gospel of John 14:12 in the Bible).

Mark McCurties has been a Christian Science practitioner for many years, daily helping people through this scientific approach to

prayer. He travels from his home base in Michigan to speak to audiences as a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship.

[Submitted by Joy Oldemeyer]

Keepin' it Reel: Inaugural Trout Fishing Derby Rig your poles, let's go fishin'

April 18, the Deception Pass Parks Foundation is hosting a new recreational event inspired by an age old tradition for opening weekend, the Inaugural Trout Derby, Keepin' it Reel. The derby contest will take place on Cranberry Lake with check-in at the West Beach Shelter by 9:00AM. Fish must be weighed by 1:00PM for announcements at 1:30PM. Participants will be placed in adult and youth divisions, prizes will be awarded to first, second and third according to weight. There will be an additional category for reaching the first limit (6). Keepin' it Reel is more than a competition, but a public event. The Foundation hopes to provide a chance to explore some of the local resources, enjoy refreshments and socialize. Among all these activities will be a fish painting activity. The goal of Keepin' it Reel is to provide a chance to make lasting memories and a new family tradition.

Pre-Registration runs through March 31: Youth (ages 4-11) \$15, Adults (12+) \$20.

Registration April 1- April 17: Youth (ages 4-11) \$20, Adults (12+) \$25.

Please visit the Washington Department Fish and Wildlife website, <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations> to learn more about regulations and licensing. Electric motor boats are welcome, all boats are subject to inspection before entering Cranberry Lake.

Register to participate: www.eventbrite.com/e/keepin-it-reel-deception-pass-trout-derby-tickets-83174530259

Please contact Kelsey Maloy, Interpretive Naturalist at 360-675-3767 ext. 231 or dpbeach-naturalist@gmail.com for more information.

[Submitted by Carol Bromel]

Legislature Approves Muzzall Bill to Save Farm Internship Program

The House of Representatives gave its unanimous approval last Wednesday to legislation sponsored by state Sen. Ron Muzzall, R-Oak Harbor, to extend a valuable farm internship program. Clearing its final hurdle, Senate Bill 6421 now heads to the governor's desk for his signature.

"I'm pleased that we've been able to revive this successful and innovative program. Given the current state of farming, it's one that is desperately needed," Muzzall said. "Keeping this program alive provides more career options and opportunities to get a younger generation engaged in farming. It will also be a significant help to support smaller farming operations around the state."

The pilot 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. The state Department of Labor and Industries, which oversees the program that began in 2010 and has involved 20 of Washington's 39 counties, can now re-establish the program that expired in 2019.

"Farms across the country are facing challenges recruiting the next generation of farmers. That is a big problem for our state since agriculture is such a driver of Washington's economy," Muzzall said. "We have to get creative to ensure that agriculture has the workforce needed to be sustainable. This legislation is a positive step in that direction."

The program, which would go into effect immediately, is set to expire at the end of 2025 with a report to the Legislature due the year prior.

[Submitted by Laudan Espinoza]



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Lions Club Blood Drive

Thursday, March 12, 9:00AM-3:00PM
First United Methodist Church, Oak Harbor

Sponsored by the Oak Harbor Lions Club. Walk-ins welcome. The church is located at 1050 SE Ireland St.

AARP Tax Aide

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Island Herb Vendor Day

Thursday, March 12, 2:00-5:00PM
Island Herb, Freeland

Representatives from Creekside Cannabis 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. *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.

Watching Birds at Fort Casey

Saturday, March 14

Discover early spring birds with Janet Hall of the Whidbey Audubon Society. Meet at 9:00AM at the Fort Casey State Park lighthouse parking lot. Drive up the road into the Park (1280 Engle Road, Coupeville) and take a right by the flagpole (do not go down the hill to the fort) and drive to the end of the road to the lighthouse parking lot. Vehicles will need a Discover Pass. Bring binoculars and bring a scope if you have one to explore the habitat near the lighthouse, then the group will head up the trail (short but steep) through the forest to the picnic area. If there is time, they will drive to the ferry parking lot and check out what birds are hanging out. For more information, contact Janet Hall at birderbiker56@gmail.com or 360-969-1340.

Annual Spring Nursery Sale

Saturday, March 14, 10:00AM-3:00PM
Sunday, March 15, 10:00AM-3:00PM
Meerkerk Gardens, Greenbank

Over 1,000 gorgeous rhodies, azaleas, native plants, and companion plants to choose from to bring springtime into your garden. Great selection from gallon size to mature plants. Free admission to the gardens on sale days. For more information, please call 360-678-1912 or visit www.meerkerkgardens.org.

Shop Out for Kids

Saturday, March 14, 10:00AM-6:00PM
Touch of Dutch, 11 Front St. NW, Coupeville
The Touch of Dutch will donate a portion of its sales to the Coupeville Schools Foundation. The Foundation provides an extra measure of support to the Coupeville Schools through teacher grants, college scholarships and the Promise Fund.

Benefit ExtravaVANza

Saturday, March 14, 3:00PM-12:00AM
Freeland Hall, 1515 E Shoreview Dr.

Proceeds benefit WI DRIVE, a nonprofit door to door assisted transport service for people with disabilities. WI DRIVE is raising funds to add a wheelchair van to its fleet. For more information, call 360-320-3075, email whidbeyislanddrive@gmail.com, or visit www.whidbeyislanddrive.com.

Live Music: Ike and the Old Man

Saturday, March 14, 7:30-9:30PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

A father and son duo playing amazing music from the 60s to present. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Campaign Kickoff & Ice Cream Social

Sunday, March 15, 2:00-4:00PM
Bayview Hall, 5642 Bayview Rd., Langley

The campaign kick off for Helen Price Johnson, candidate for WA State Senate -10th Legislative District. Family, friends, and kids are welcome to attend. There will be delicious, locally made ice cream and live music by the Rural Characters. This event is free and open to all. Preregistration ensures fast check-in at the event and the opportunity to support the event with a donation. Visit <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/hpj2020kickoff#> to sign up for free online.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Tuesday, March 17, 4:00PM
Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor

Entries include: OHYC Pirate Ship & Buccaneers, Whidbey Roller Girls, Whidbey SeaTac Shuttle, Island Transit, Oak Harbor Fire Department, Big Dog, Positively Linked, In Motion Dance Studio, Whidbey Cruzers, NJROTC, and much more! Immediately following the parade, Corned Beef & Cabbage dinners will be available at the American Legion Hall for \$10 per plate. Children welcome.

Lions Club Blood Drive

Thursday, March 19, 11:00AM-5:00PM
Coupeville United Methodist Church, 608 N Main St.

Sponsored by the Coupeville Lions Club. One pint of blood can save three lives and together we have helped save hundreds of lives in our community hospitals throughout Western Washington. To donate, just drop in or you may schedule an appointment: DonorSched@Bloodworksnw.org or call 1-800-398-7888. For more information, call Sue Hartin at 503-789-3595.

Island Herb Vendor Day

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

Representatives from Sitka 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. *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.

Open Mic Night

Thursday, March 19, 6:00-8:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Oak Harbor

Local songwriter Erik Christensen will be hosting an open mic for all who are interested. Songs, stories, poetry, etc., are all welcome. There will be a guitar provided, or feel free to bring your own instruments or just your voice to showcase your talent. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-2247 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Star Party

Friday, March 20, 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 or visit www.icas-wa.org.

"A Love Song for Your Heart and Soul"

Saturday, March 21, 7:00PM
UUCWI, 20103 WA 525, Freeland
Free admission - donations suggested

Vocalist Jeannette d'Armand and acoustic guitarist John Patrick Lowrie present a breathtaking evening of songs by Joni Mitchell, James Taylor, Bob Dylan, Sting, George Harrison, Gershwin, Mingus and more. Both artists are Seattle-based and have impressive credentials. Don't miss this very special duo who offer us a unique musical experience.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below
Cost: Free

Lit for Fun Book Group

Thursday, March 12, 9:00-11:00AM
Freeland Library

Join us for a discussion of Bill Bryson's "A Short History of Nearly Everything." From the Big Bang to the rise of civilization, Bryson seeks how we got from nothing to being us. For adults.

Painting Daffodils with Carla Walsh

Saturday, March 14, 11:00AM-12:00PM
Second Hand Booty, Tinkerer's Guild, Clinton

Join artist Carla Walsh to learn how to paint watercolor daffodils in this fun, free class. All materials are supplied. Located across the street from Clinton Library.

3rd Tuesday Book Group: "This Is How It Always Is"

Tuesday, March 17, 9:30-11:00AM
Freeland Library

Join us for a great book discussion of our 2020 Whidbey Reads book choice, Laurie Frankel's "This Is How It Always Is," a novel about revelations, transformations, fairy tales and family. Check out all the Whidbey Reads programs at island libraries.

Whidbey Reads Presents - The Cookbook Connection: The Amazing Cuisine of Thailand

Tuesday, March 17, 6:30-8:00PM
Clinton Community Hall, 6411 S Central Ave.

Ready to try cooking your favorite Thai restaurant dish at home? Come learn about the ingredients, techniques and traditions of Thai cuisine. We have the cookbooks and recipes you crave!

"Kumu Hina"

Wednesday, March 18, 2:00-4:00PM
Freeland Library

"Kumu Hina" is a powerful film about the struggle to maintain Pacific Islander culture and values within the Westernized society of modern day Hawaii. It is told through the lens of an extraordinary Native Hawaiian who is both a proud and confident mahu, or transgender woman, and an honored and respected kumu, or teacher, cultural practitioner and community leader.

Get Outside with The Mountaineers!

Wednesday, March 18, 6:30-8:00PM
Clinton Community Hall, 6411 S Central Ave.

Join us for a lively information session with The Mountaineers, a nonprofit community dedicated to exploring and conserving the Pacific Northwest. Learn about their most popular courses and activities.

From Streets of Shakespeare to the Court of Elizabeth

Thursday, March 19, 10:00AM
Freeland Library

Tames Alan and her Living History Lecture presents a look into the lives of the people during Shakespeare's time. Everyone is welcome.

Books2Movies Group

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

This group focuses on books made into movies. Read or listen to "Mary Queen of Scots," then join us for the movie and a lively talk. Enjoy candy and popcorn and meet with fellow book lovers.

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, March 15 - Pastor Wenzek: Some Things are not Proper. Services are followed by a light lunch. You are invited to join us for lunch and loving fellowship.

Prayer Group

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

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

Filipino Christian Fellowship

Sundays, 2:00PM
Meets at Church on the Rock, 1780 SE 4th Ave., Oak Harbor.
www.ohcfellowship.com

Healing Rooms

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

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

For more information, contact Ann at 425-263-2704, email healingwhidbey.com, or visit the International Association of Healing Rooms at healingrooms.com.

Concordia Lutheran Church

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

For more information, visit www.concordia-oakharbor.org or call 360-675-2548.

Teaching Through God's Word

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

For more information, visit ccwhidbey.com.

Unitarian Universalist Sunday Service

Sundays, 10:00AM
Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Freeland

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

Unity of Whidbey

Sundays, 10:00AM
5671 Crawford Road, Langley

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

Whidbey Quakers

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

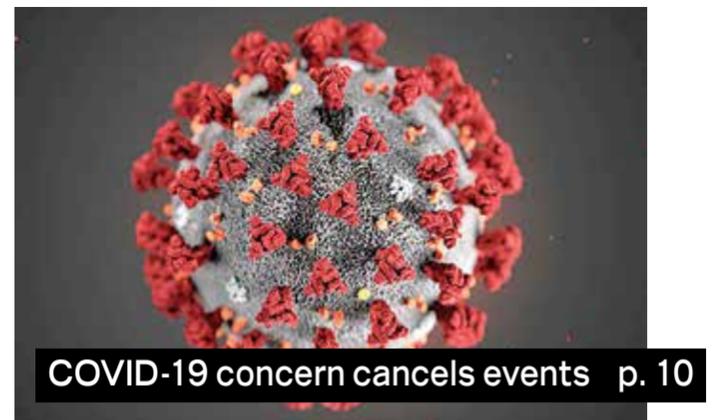
Whidbey Islands Friends Meeting (also known as Quakers) meet in silent worship and community, with occasional spoken messages, every Sunday at the Unitarian Universalist building. For more information, contact Tom Ewell at tewell@whidbey.com or go to www.whidbeyquakers.org.

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Going for green: tradition plays key role in St. Patrick's Day Parade

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

From corned beef and cabbage to shamrock-lined streets, Whidbey Island has a long-running tradition of celebrating St. Patrick's Day. What started as a drive through downtown in a green pickup truck by local islander George Konopik, has grown into an annual community-wide event. This year, the 47th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, presented by Whidbey Island's Irish Wildlife Society, will take place at 4 p.m. Tuesday, rain or shine.

Pioneer Way will be filled with green and good spirit for the family-friendly event featuring locals and plenty of Irish-themed celebrations.

This year, the parade will continue many beloved traditions while also seeking to add new elements to the festivities. The parade will be followed by a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner served at the American Legion of Oak Harbor.

Shannon Bly, granddaughter of two of the founding members of the Irish Wildlife Society, Leigh and Milly McWilliams, said the parade represents the close-knit spirit of the town.

"I think that it really is the culture and identity of the community," she said. "All the big box stores and all of that, those are going to come and go, but when it comes down to it, the little things like the Roller Barn and the St. Patrick's Day Parade and things like that are what gives our community character."

Bly, a current member of the Irish Wildlife Society, said the parade started with George Konopik going up and down Pioneer Way playing Irish music from his green pickup truck. From there, the McWilliams joined in and the parade bloomed into an annual event encompassing the town.

"It is an Oak Harbor community tradition and it is part of what makes Oak Harbor the community that it is," she said. "I just really hope everyone comes out and watches and has a great time."

Sooz Konopik, daughter of George Konopik and the current president of the Irish Wildlife Society, said the key to the event is celebrating the spirit of St. Patrick's Day with friends



Photo Courtesy of Irish Wildlife Society

Since its inception in 1977, all things green have been celebrated during Oak Harbor's St. Patrick's Day Parade along Pioneer Way. The annual parade will proceed rain or shine at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

and community members. Konopik said the parade will even feature a new element of awards for the best Irish spirit from a group, children's entry, and even for pets.

"You do not have to be Irish to be in it, you can just get in it and celebrate your community," she said.

While tradition is key to the event, which is evident in the blessing and kissing of Oak Harbor's own Blarney Stone, Konopik said some other new additions are in the works. She said the Irish Wildlife Society hopes to add a new element prior to the start of the parade - the Wild Horses of Whidbey Island Relay. Members of the Dutch and Irish teams, each made up of three people, will wear horse masks and compete to win the relay. The triumphant team will predict whether there will be four more weeks of rain or four more weeks of partying.

"We just wanted a little more silliness, a little more laughter, (and to make) it easier to keep your place in line," she said. "And hopefully we will have it down there in the grassy field at the corner of Bayshore (Drive) and Midway (Boulevard) and Pioneer (Way)."

Konopik said the event is a way for the islanders to celebrate their roots and where they live.

"I can tell you the people that are involved with putting it on year after year - they are just proud of their community, proud of their heritage," she said. "We have people from all over that come in and the community is someplace where you can feel at home, (and) where you can feel closer to home."

Konopik said each year, the Irish Wildlife Society selects a grand marshal for the parade based on their contributions to the island community. This year, Eric Marshall, publisher of the Whidbey Weekly, will serve as the event's grand marshal.

"We are celebrating him - he is such a benefit to the community who always kind of remains hidden," she said. "We like to celebrate people like that as our grand marshal because very quietly or without much ado, they work for the community tirelessly and we just feel Eric Marshall does that with a lot of things."

Konopik said the festivities will not end with the parade, but will continue with a dinner presented by the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. The celebration will feature food, dancers, music from a kazoo band and more.

"It is \$10 a plate and it is the best corned beef and cabbage you will ever have," she said. "The gals at the American Legion, they cook up a storm and it is just mouthwatering."

For Mary Jones, coordinator and cook for the dinner at the



Photo Courtesy of Irish Wildlife Society

From floats to furry friends, participants of all kinds are welcome to join in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Oak Harbor.

American Legion, tradition and following a family recipe plays a key part in the preparation of the dinner.

"I cook it my mother's way - actually, it is very tasty," she shared.

Jones, who is also an active member of the Irish Wildlife Society, said the hope is to have 100 people attend the dinner this year, and those who may not want to stay and eat can also get their food to go. The dinner is made possible through members of the American Legion and their dedication to the traditions of St. Patrick's Day.

"I am not even Irish but for my whole life I have always enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day feel - the music and the singing and the parades," Jones said. "Just all of that is what keeps me going. I love St. Patrick's Day, so I have been active with the Irish Wildlife Society for about 30 years or so and each year we keep going."

For more information about the parade or the Irish Wildlife Society, contact Sooz Konopik at oirishwildlifesociety@outlook.com.

Happy ST. PATRICK'S Dinner!

On St. Patrick's Day immediately following the parade there'll be a Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner provided by the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary

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We have many Partners in Prevention across Whidbey Island (Island County, City of Oak Harbor, businesses, organizations, churches, service groups, etc.) who support our mission, as well as individual donors and helpers, including volunteer speakers who come to our impact panels and share their stories about how impaired driving has affected them, their family, and friends.

We provide three impact panels per month, two in Oak Harbor, and one in Freeland. We also provide impact panels on NAS Whidbey Island upon request. Our panels include driver's education students and their parents, court-ordered offenders, and the general public. Only court-ordered offenders pay a fee for the panel.

NAS WHIDBEY

Nichol Rayne and I attend quarterly Naval Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee (NDAAC) meetings on NAS Whidbey. Personnel attending these meetings include the NAS Executive Officer, NAS Command Master Chief, NAS Security Dept., NCIS, Fleet and Family Services, Chapel, Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR), and Command representatives. A recent meeting showed 21 attendees. Discussions center around reviewing statistics, reports from each department, and suggestions and reminders concerning impaired driving and safety.

WASHINGTON TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION (WTSC)

<https://wtsc.wa.gov/>

An important resource for IDIPIC is the WTSC. Its website illustrates its concern about traffic safety, young drivers, impaired driving, and promotion of a number of traffic safety programs. Fifty percent of Washington State roadway fatalities are due to impaired driving. Target Zero teams are multi-jurisdictional law enforcement groups that focus their efforts on locations with the highest concentrations of DUI crashes. There is a wealth of information on the site.

SAFE RIDE HOME

Our Partner in Prevention, Safe Ride Home, www.saferidehomewhidbeyisland.com/, provides a free service to those who live on the south end of Whidbey Island. Its mission is to provide a pre-funded safe ride home for residents of South Whidbey, Clinton to Coupeville, when they find themselves in an unsafe situation. This service is for emergency rides only!

Safe Ride Home is looking to establish a chapter serving Oak Harbor and the surrounding area. If you are interested in this activity, please contact Safe Ride Home President, Brian Grimm, at 360-929-3277 and bjgrimm@gmail.com

OAK HARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Brian Mullen is the Prevention-Intervention Counselor for Oak Harbor High School, and he can be reached at: 360-279-5766 and bmullen@ohsd.net

SOUTH WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

If you go to the South Whidbey School District website, and click on "Community," and scroll down to "Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative" and click on it, you will find the district has received a WA State grant "to reduce youth alcohol, marijuana, and other drug use, and work with community members to support youth in making healthy choices." They accomplish these goals through a variety of supporting programs and outreach, such as: "Drug Take Back Event" (10 a.m. – 2 p.m. April 27, SW Community Center, 723 Camano Ave., Langley, WA); "Starts with One Campaign;" and Student Assistance Professional Newsletters. The next coalition meeting is March 17 at 4 p.m. in the SW Community Center. Lauri Johnson is the Coalition Coordinator and can be reached at: ljohnson@sw.wednet.edu and 360-221-6808 Ext 3138.

Working with Lauri is Colleen Chan, a student assistance professional serving South Whidbey Middle and High School students. Colleen is implementing the Project SUCCESS (Schools Using Coordinated Community Efforts to Strengthen Students) Program, which consists of four components, one of which is teaching the Prevention Education Series. She and Lauri also host a "Peer to Peer" program that has high school students educating middle school students about marijuana prevention. Our IDIPIC Facilitator/Educator, Nichol Rayne, is a partner in the South Whidbey prevention efforts; she assists in Prevention Education Series activities and attends the "Peer to Peer" sessions, working with teens. You can reach Colleen at: cchan@sw.wednet.edu and 360-221-4300 Ext. 5416.

TEEN MARIJUANA USE

Washington State has legalized marijuana use for anyone over 21. Our concern is for teens who may want to experiment with marijuana before they are 21. To help educate teens, the Marijuana Prevention and Education Program (a part of WA State Dept. of Health), has a campaign called You Can. Its website, www.youcanwa.org/, gives information about basics, health effects, consequences, vaping, and inspiring teens. Both parents and teens can benefit from this site, and all sources for the information are listed.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We are expanding our community outreach by having our Facilitator/Educator, Nichol Rayne, attend youth meetings and events hosted by South Whidbey, as well as attending Oak Harbor Youth Coalition meetings. Nichol and I both attend quarterly meetings of the North Sound Region Youth Marijuana Prevention Network. This is a five county (Whatcom, San Juan, Snohomish, Skagit, Island) group that tackles the strategies and issues related to teen marijuana use. We are determined to promote positive norms to help students connect more strongly with their families, schools and community. And we know the importance of positive peer pressure to make good decisions.

Finally, our IDIPIC funding just covers our expenses and the cost of two part-time contractors. As we expand our community outreach and involvement, we are looking for donations to help support our community connections. We are also accepting donations on behalf of our co-sponsor, Safe Ride Home. Every monetary donation will receive a thank you letter as proof of your generosity. Both IDIPIC and Safe Ride Home are 501c3 nonprofits, registered in the State of Washington.

If you have any questions, please contact me at this email: idipic@idipic.org.

On behalf of myself and Nichol Rayne, thank you for caring about our community on Whidbey island.

Mike Diamanti – IDIPIC Director
Nichol Rayne – Facilitator/Educator

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Paula Abbott Rounds



Paula Abbott Rounds of Oak Harbor, Wash. passed away Feb, 27, 2020. She was born in Morenci, Ariz., June 23, 1942 to Agatin and Paula Abbott. Paula was the oldest of six brothers and sisters.

Paula married retired Air Force Col. Gordon M. Rounds, whom she spent 37 wonderful years with until his passing in 2000. The two of them traveled the world together while raising a family. She volunteered as a substitute teacher at various military schools overseas and later was an active member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization of Whidbey Island. Paula enjoyed shopping for unique antiques, listening to classical music and enjoyed a good mystery novel.

Paula leaves behind two children, Tiffany Dahlgren of Norway, and Lance Rounds of Bellevue, Wash. She also leaves behind five grandchildren: Christian, Victoria, Erik, Gordon, and Keswick; and partner Vin Sherman.

She will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and neighbors. She made a lasting impact on those who knew her for her sense of humor, warmth, kindness, and generosity.

A memorial service will be held at the Whidbey Presbyterian Church Saturday, March 21, at 11 a.m.

To visit Paula's online guestbook please go to www.wallinfuneralhome.com

Life Tributes can now be found online at www.whidbeyweekly.com

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Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

THURSDAY, FEB. 13

10:36 am, Sandusky Rd.

Requesting call to know how close to road he can place barriers to prevent people from parking on his lawn.

12:37 pm, Libbey Rd.

Reporting party advising estranged boyfriend is en route to location to "rob me;" male doesn't have key.

1:23 pm, Opal Ln.

Caller advising an otter is in her basement; pest control company found it when clearing basement for insulation; caller also transferred to Wildlife.

1:54 pm, SW Terry Rd.

Advising two dogs contained at location, jumped out of customer's truck about 30 minutes ago; employee informed customer and he stated "They never go far," and then drove off.

FRIDAY, FEB. 14

4:53 am, East Harbor Rd.

Reporting party states male is on her property with motorcycle; states he pushed it onto her property thinking she wouldn't hear it. Happened seven minutes ago, unknown where male is now.

7:50 am, SR 20

Advising some sort of body wrapped in purple sheet on Boon Rd., unknown if an animal; caller did not stop to look further. Located on right side if coming from Boon Rd. to SR 20 in a culvert.

12 pm, Still Meadow Rd.

Reporting party advising two loose pigs in backyard; brown with white face.

12:31 pm, Double Bluff Rd.

Caller has questions about burying large animal on property.

1:48 pm, Harns Rd.

Reporting party advising goats on Harns Rd. close to highway next to Bible Baptist Church; one black, one brown and white.

2:18 pm, Cherry St.

Advising subject got upset and became belligerent with caller over turning off internet at night. Threw chair into mirror. Caller told subject to leave.

7:33 pm, N Main St.

Inmate advising theft occurred at his home address; no home address provided by male and no home address in locals.

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

9:22 am, Main St.

Reporting party states male walking around in area with bandana across his face and green hoodie; walking around parking lot and hiding here and there. States now walking toward post office.

10:36 am, Polnell Rd.

Caller advising father-in-law showed up at location from New York, according to caller's roommate, and is demanding to see caller's wife; caller and wife are work.

12:10 pm, Lagoon View Dr.

Reporting party states sold trailer to someone; the person has title but dropped car off in reporting party's yard. States he dropped it off because he didn't get bill of sale right away.

12:58 pm, Brideck Ln.

Reporting party advising dogs were digging on property and found bones;

reporting party requesting law enforcement come to location and investigate.

4:01 pm, Canyon Rd.

Dispatcher with "ECOM" in Victoria advising received call from male in Olympic National Park; male advising he is on his way back to his home address in Oak Harbor and believes he may be violating terms of his probation.

4:07 pm, Manor Way

Advising unknown female walked into his garage and took firearm he had out.

5:18 pm, East Harbor Rd.

Caller is currently homeless, just found out someone took a "hit out" on him.

6:11 pm, Harbor Hills Dr.

Advising one minute ago at 16th hole, teenagers driving in stolen golf cart were heading towards clubhouse.

SUNDAY, FEB. 16

12:30 pm, Jacobs Rd.

Requesting call referencing why cops showed up at reporting party's residence today; is very upset, did not want people to know had to go to court.

MONDAY, FEB. 17

11:30 am, Heller Rd.

Reporting party states subject said he was driving to California Friday; reporting party is concerned for him. States he's 85 years old and hasn't driven past Mount Vernon in years.

11:44 am, NE Koetje St.

Reporting party advising female subject is refusing to leave; reporting party threatening to "pick her up and move her." Reporting party advising she is at the storage units behind Office Max.

9:02 pm, Goss Lake Rd.

Reporting party having problems with neighbor; last night she was rocking reporting party's motor home. Was last at location 20 minutes ago.

10 pm, NE 3rd St.

Caller advising a bunch of young subjects are walking around house; caller states kids have opened door in the back and are giving caller the finger.

TUESDAY, FEB. 18

10:09 pm, Andreason Rd.

Verbal dispute with roommate; reporting party upset female won't take out trash.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

9:57 am, West Beach Rd.

Requesting call, advising a week ago law enforcement was at location; reporting party hard to understand. Advising there are cars in yard and someone stole all the keys. Advising county wants reporting party to move cars.

12 pm, SE Terry Rd.

Reporting party advising goats in road.

9:13 pm, SR 525

Advising rude customer just left in vehicle/older van, didn't pay his tab. No direction of travel.

11:02 pm, French Rd.

Reporting prowler in his yard; states person tends to come around 2-3 in the morning, but tonight is there now. Male, 40-60 years of age, orangish trench coat or rain jacket.

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

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First COVID-19 case confirmed in Island County

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Island County has its first case of Coronavirus. In a press release Tuesday afternoon, Island County Public Health (ICPH) officials confirmed an Island County resident has tested positive for COVID-19.

According to the release, the individual is a man in his 50s and is being cared for at a location outside of Island County.

"Island County Public Health is working with local response partners to identify and contact all those who may have come in close contact with this case," stated the release. "These individuals will be guided to monitor themselves for fever and respiratory symptoms for 14 days following their last exposure."

And, in a statement sent to parents by Oak Harbor Public Schools Tuesday afternoon, it was announced the man who has tested positive for the virus is the parent of an Oak Harbor High School student. The student has no symptoms and will remain out of school until they are tested for COVID-19 and cleared. Oak Harbor schools will remain open, according to the release.

"The Department of Health, Island County Public Health, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend our schools remain open and close for deep cleaning only when there is a confirmed case with a student or staff member," the message said. "We do not have a staff member or student with a confirmed case of COVID-19. Should a student or staff member test positive for COVID-19, we will close that school for sanitizing. We will continue to take guidance from Island County Public Health as we receive further information."

"Our district is following the recommendations of our various government health agencies and making changes as new guidance

emerges," the statement continued. "We are communicating at least daily with public health officials for updates. We are reviewing daily briefings from a variety of educational and public health agencies."

The statement said the district has added full-time custodians and has upgraded the sanitizing spray used in all classrooms. Staff members have been directed to sanitize frequently-touched surfaces regularly and buses are being sanitized before and after each route. After-school clubs and athletic practices held at the school will continue for the time being, although students are strongly encouraged to limit contact with peers.

As for the general public, ICPH suggests practicing social distancing to help reduce the risk of exposure.

"Stay at least 6 feet away from each other, especially if someone may be sick," said the release from ICPH. "Coughs and sneezes can travel this distance, and their droplets may contain a virus. This may include rescheduling events or limiting the number of participants."

Virus concerns have also prompted changes at Skagit Valley College, including the Oak Harbor campus.

In a press release Monday, it was announced there would be no classes Tuesday and classes would resume via "remote delivery methods" beginning Wednesday and throughout the end of Winter Quarter. All campus facilities are closed to students and the public through Sunday for cleaning.

The decision was prompted following a potential positive COVID-19 virus test involving a resident of a Stanwood nursing home.

"Nine SVC students and two faculty in our Certified Nursing Assistant program have been participating in clinical instruction at this facility since February 5," stated a press release from SVC. "At this time, no students or faculty members have been tested for the COVID-19 virus. However, these individuals have participated in classes on the Mount Vernon Campus within the last week."

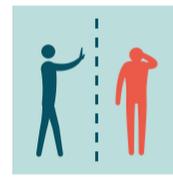
Coronavirus concerns have prompted other cancellations as well. For the first time in 32 years, the Whidbey Gardening Workshop, scheduled to be held Saturday, has been canceled.

"It is with great regret that we have made the difficult decision to cancel the Whidbey Gardening Workshop 2020," read a press release from the Island County Master Gardener Foundation, which puts on the long-running event. "This decision was based on recommendations from health officials and other government agencies as well as the number of instructors and volunteers

Top Ways To Protect Public Health



WASH HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS



AVOID CONTACT WITH SICK PEOPLE



DON'T TOUCH EYES, NOSE OR MOUTH WITH UNWASHED HANDS



AVOID CROWDED PLACES



DO NOT SHARE EATING UTENSILS AND FOOD



THOROUGHLY COOK MEAT AND EGGS



AVOID TRAVELING TO AFFECTED AREAS UNLESS NECESSARY



IF YOU BECOME SICK, STAY HOME

needing to cancel their participation for health concerns.

"Many of our workshop attendees and volunteers fall into the group that public health agencies strongly encourage to avoid large gatherings and events," the release continued. "Consequently, we felt for the good of the community we needed to cancel."

Organizers say anyone who registered for the workshop will receive a full refund. Those with questions may email islandcomg@gmail.com. Planning for next year is underway and the event will take place March 6, 2021.

Gov. Jay Inslee Tuesday announced mandatory screening measures have been put in place at nursing home facilities across the state. All visitors are now required to be screened for coronavirus before entering a facility and all employees and volunteers are to be screened for symptoms at the beginning of every shift.

Last week, *Whidbey Weekly* was informed by Leslie Burns, executive director at Summerhill Senior Living in Oak Harbor that visitors were being asked to consider alternative ways of communicating with residents.

"We are encouraging alternative ways to visit residents such as Skype, FaceTime, phone calls and email," she said. "We are also reminding staff, contractors and volunteers to stay home if they are sick."

Island County Public Health has established a call center to help answer any questions. The Island County call center is available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Island County call center can be reached at 360-678-2301. In addition, the Washington State Dept. of Health call center is available from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week, at 1-800-525-0127.

Meanwhile, health officials have recommended everyone practice the following steps to help protect their own health and that of friends, family and community:

- 1. Wash your hands for 20 seconds.** Don't touch your face. If soap and water are unavailable, hand sanitizers containing at least 60 percent alcohol can be used.
- 2. Cover coughs and sneezes.** Droplets can travel up to six feet, which can spread diseases like COVID-19.
- 3. Practice social distancing.** Try to stay more than six feet away from other people. Avoid hugs and shaking hands. Find creative ways to greet friends or family that don't require touching.
- 4. Disinfect hard surfaces.** Clean areas like tables, doorknobs, and phones. Coronaviruses like COVID-19 can live on hard surfaces for hours to days. Disinfect high traffic areas frequently.
- 5. Stay home if you are sick!** If you have a fever and cough, stay home until your fever has been gone for 72 hours.

Other recommendations include: Be prepared to limit travel and stay home for 14 days, if necessary - have enough food and supplies to stay comfortable; those over 60, with underlying health conditions or who are pregnant should consider limiting attendance at large events or gatherings; while health officials have not asked schools or workplaces to close, people are asked to stay informed on the latest news and make appropriate decisions; finally, follow travel advisories posted by the Centers for Disease Control and the U.S. State Department.

For the latest information, visit www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/Pages/COVID-19.aspx or www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus.



Pro-Navy rally set for Coupeville Saturday

Whidbey Island residents interested in coming out to show support for the U.S. Navy and the military in general - and Naval Air Station Whidbey Island in particular - are encouraged to attend a rally Saturday in Coupeville.

The "Support Our Navy Rally" will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at the Coupeville stop light (the intersection of SR 20 and Main St.). Organizers hope to get a turnout that rivals or surpasses that of a similar rally held in Oak Harbor last August. Saturday's rally will take place rain or shine and organizers say all ages are welcome.

The rally is part of an effort to show support for NASWI and its EA-18G "Growler" aircraft, in response to a motion filed in February by Citizens of Ebey's Reserve (COER) in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington for a preliminary injunction to reduce the number of field carrier landing practice operations at Outlying Landing Field just south of Coupeville. The group is asking the number of annual FCLP operations be restored to 6,100 - or the level in effect before the Navy made a the decision in 2019 to quadruple the number of operations at OLF. Last July, Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson filed a lawsuit in federal court against the expansion of operations, saying the Navy did not adequately analyze the impact of increased Growler flights on human health, or environmental and historic impacts, sentiments echoed by groups like COER and Sound Defense Alliance.

The first "Support Our Navy Rally" drew more than 100 people, who waved flags and cheered. Organizers hope Saturday's turnout will be even larger. For more information, find Save NAS Whidbey on Facebook.



Whidbey Weekly File Photo

A rally in support of the Navy on Whidbey Island, similar to this one held last summer in Oak Harbor, will be held from noon to 2 p.m. in Coupeville.



Thank you for reading! Please recycle the Whidbey Weekly when you are finished with it.



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 atwo-hour-long movie seem like a single unbroken take. ★★★★★ (R • 1 hr. 50 min.)

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

Bloodshot: Vin Diesel is a manmade superhero with an ambiguous backstory who seems dead inside, so in other words, this is a biopic about Vin Diesel starring Vin Diesel as Vin Diesel. ★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 49 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 that why they can understand him?) and reunites with fellow Avenger Tom Holland (now a dog instead of a spider) to fight Thanos one last time (or save a princess, same same). ★ (PG • 1 hr. 46 min.)

Emma: Did this classic Jane Austen novel really need another remake? Probably not, but this one does the plucky heroine and her meddling ways justice. Plus, it features an appearance by precious gem Bill Nighy. ★★★★★ (PG • 2 hrs. 4 min.)

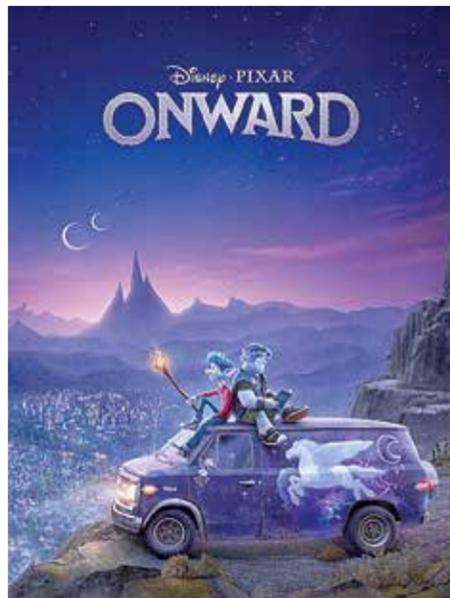
The Hunt: Instead of writing about the inane political outrage surrounding this movie or its people-hunting-people plot—so edgy!—I'm going to mention it stars Bellingham's own Hilary Swank, mostly so I can talk about the time I saw her eating at Fiamma Burger and walked by her six times, stared conspicuously and had no chill whatsoever. ★★★ (R • 1 hr. 29 min.)

I Still Believe: Normally, I poke fun at Christian-themed movies because it's my shtick, but what happened to Christian singer Jeremy Camp and his first wife Melissa, who lost her life to ovarian cancer at just 21 years old, was truly tragic so I'm just going to leave this one alone. ★★★ (PG • 1 hr. 55 min.)

The Invisible Man: There is no way a horror re-imagining of H.G. Wells' classic novel should be any good, but with Elisabeth Moss as the star and a thematically clever take on the tale, this is a tense, engrossing ride. No

one saw this coming. Kind of like the Invisible Man. ★★★★★ (R • 1 hr. 50 min.)

My Spy: I'm not a pro wrestling fan, but I have to admit the WWE has cornered the market on very large, likable men who are proficient at making the leap from the wrestling ring to the big screen. Case in point: Dave Bautista who gets a cute kid and a harmless comedy to kill the time until his next "Guardians of the Galaxy" flick. ★★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 39 min.)



Onward: Two elves (one played by actual elf Tom Holland) embark on a quest to see whether there's still magic left in the world in this Pixar movie that looks designed to make people cry. Damn you and your ability to play on our emotions, Pixar. ★★★★★ (Unrated • 1 hr. 43 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.)

The Way Back: Ben Affleck, excellent actor, stars as a man who "once had a life filled with promise," but is now "drowning in the alcoholism that cost him his marriage" until he becomes a basketball coach and finds hope again. In other news, I hear Affleck is looking for a basketball team to coach. ★★★★★ (R • 1 hr. 48 min.)

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First Church of Christ, Scientist

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

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

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

Galleries & Art Shows

"Whimsy and Wonder: The Illustration Art of Erika Rae Heins"

Open House: Saturday, March 14, 2:00-5:00PM
Show continues through March
Raven Rocks Gallery, Greenbank Farm

The gallery is excited to introduce a new featured artist for March, Erika Rae Heins of Oak Harbor. Erika has been creating Tolkien art and other illustrations for over 10 years, incorporating a special love for pen-and-ink and calligraphy. Finding inspiration in Victorian illustrators and medieval illuminations, she makes whimsical ink and watercolor art based on stories and characters that amuse and delight her.

This month, we will also be featuring new paintings and tapestries by Windwalker Taibi, whimsical spring-infused oil paintings by Marcia Van Doren, creative new hand-carved feathers by Roger White, a stunning triptych of stained glass mosaics of Venice and Italy by Showcase Mosaics, jewel bright fish by Mary Jo Oxrieder and the peaceful sculptures of Jon Smith.

Featured Artist: Jim Short

Saturday, March 14, 2:00-5:00PM
Artworks Gallery, Greenbank Farm

Artworks Gallery is happy to feature member Jim Short and his beautiful turned wood pieces.

Featured Artist: Margaret Livermore

Meet the Artist: Thursday, March 19, 10:30AM-5:30PM
Garry Oak Gallery, Oak Harbor

Margaret Livermore is an award-winning watercolor artist. She enjoys painting landscapes, seascapes and flowers. The colors and techniques she uses helps her convey the quiet, peaceful moods of Whidbey Island and the Puget Sound. She has lived in Oak Harbor since 1982 and has become involved in many aspects of the art world. Come by the Gallery when Margaret is working and enter to win an unframed print of your choice. Margaret will draw the winner March 19 at 5:00PM.

Meetings & Organizations

Republican Women of North Whidbey

Thursday, March 12, 11:30AM
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.

This month our speaker will be Tim Hazelo. He is running for Congressional District #2 against Rick Larsen. Come and join a great group of ladies for a nice lunch and learn more about current issues and making our voices heard.

Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers (WIGS)

Tuesday, March 17, 1:00-3:00PM
Oak Harbor Lutheran Church,
1253 NW 2nd Ave.

Presentation: "Women In History" sponsored by American Association of University Women (AAUW) Whidbey Island Branch. All are welcome to attend.

Whidbey Island Camera Club

Tuesday, March 17, 6:00-8:00PM
Elaine's Photo Studio, 947 Ault Field Rd,
Oak Harbor

Social time will be followed by the meeting at 6:30PM. The theme for March is "Vision Diptych or Triptych, connect 2-3 prints together creating an image to provoke a thought or story." You may submit up to three photographs for discussion during the meeting to Clancet@aol.com. Whidbey Island Camera Club, a community club, is open to the public. If you have questions please email tina31543@comcast.net.

Whidbey HandKnitters

Friday, March 20, 1:00-3:00PM
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St.

Free and open to the public. Welcoming knitters of any ability. For more information, call 360-678-4271.

PBY Museum Monthly Luncheon

Wednesday, March 25, 11:30AM
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Jesse Kennedy of the North Cascades History Museum. He will give a presentation about the loss of a Lockheed PV-1 Ventura aircraft from NAS Whidbey over the North Cascades Jan. 14, 1945. The story of what happened to the crew is told. Dr. Kennedy is a presenter of over 50 programs to various audiences, highlighting special aspects of the historical character and characters of the North Cascades. This is a no host buffet luncheon. For more information, call 360-240-9500.

Monthly BoHo Mixer

Thursday, March 26, 5:00-7:00PM
Ciao Restaurant, Coupeville

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.

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

If a friend or relative has a problem with alcohol, you can find solutions for yourself at Al-anon.

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

For more information, call 360-221-2070.

Bingo

Every Monday, 7:00PM
Elks Lodge, Oak Harbor

Open to the public. For more information, call 360-675-7111.

Gam-Anon Meetings

Every Tuesday, 6:30PM
Mount Vernon Senior Center,
1401 Cleveland St.

For the spouses and loved ones of a compulsive gambler.

Gamblers Anonymous

Every Tuesday, 6:30PM
Mount Vernon Senior Center,
1401 Cleveland St.

All are welcome. Washington GA hotline: 855-222-5542

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.

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (SLAA)

Every Wednesday, 7:00-8:00PM
Every Sunday, 7:00PM-8:00PM
Trinity Lutheran Church Annex, Freeland

SLAA is a 12-step fellowship for those who wish to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction. We offer relief for both those who suffer from a compulsive need for sex, and those with relationship-related compulsivity. We provide an environment free from shame and abuse where all can feel safe to share what they think and feel. You are not alone. For more information call 360-989-4248.

TOPS® (Take Off Pounds Sensibly®)

Every Thursday, 9:00-11:00AM
Family Bible Church, Oak Harbor

TOPS® is the short name for TOPS Club, Inc., the original, nonprofit, noncommercial network of weight-loss support groups. TOPS® offers tools and programs for healthy living and weight management, with exceptional group fellowship and recognition. Weigh-in from 9:00AM-10:00AM, meeting is 10:00AM-11:00AM. For more information, call Shelly Weeks at 360-207-9039 or 360-240-1770.

For a list of continuous Meetings and Organizations, visit www.whidbeyweekly.com

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting Course

Friday, March 20, 6:00-9:00PM
Saturday, March 21, 9:00AM-5:00PM
NWSA Range, 886 Gun Club Rd,
Oak Harbor
Cost: \$35

This course introduces students to the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for owning

and using a pistol safely. The pistol handling and shooting portion is completed at the NWSA range, where students will learn about safe gun handling, pistol shooting fundamentals, and pistol shooting activities. The Basics of Pistol Course will also help prepare the student for participation in other NRA courses. Students can register online at nrainstructors.org. For questions or to register, call NRA instructor John Hellmann at 360-675-8397 or email NWSA.Training@gmail.com.

DUI/Underage Drinking Prevention Panel

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

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

Boat Handling Class

Tuesdays, beginning March 24, 6:00-8:00PM
Oak Harbor Yacht Club

If you are new to boating, or want to refresh your skills, this is the class for you. Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron will teach you how to dock your boat, anchor, understand the Rules of the Road, and how to deal with unexpected circumstances. This course runs on Tuesday evenings for six consecutive weeks. Cost for squadron/OHYC members is \$60, for non-members, \$110. To register, or for more information, contact Karen Nelson at 360-320-3803 or knelson2007@gmail.com.

Loss of a Spouse Seminar

Saturday, March 28, 10:00AM-12:00PM
Church of the Nazarene, Oak Harbor
Registration: \$5

For more information or to register, visit www.griefshare.org or call 360-675-0705.

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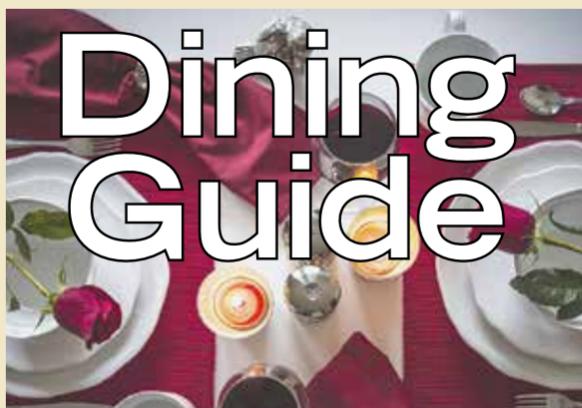
Saturday, March 28, 10:30-11:30AM
First Church Of Christ, Scientist, Oak Harbor

A free talk on Christian Science by Mark McCurties, CS, Christian Science Practitioner and member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. Child care provided. Sponsored by First Church of Christ, Scientist, Oak Harbor and Christian Science Society of South Whidbey For more information, call 360-969-1693 or visit ChristianScienceSouthWhidbey.com.

Boating Safety for Kids

Saturday, March 28, 11:00AM-1:00PM
Oak Harbor Yacht Club, 1301 SE Catalina Dr.
FREE

Deception Pass Sail & Power Squadron and Oak Harbor Yacht Club is sponsoring this class for children ages 5 to 10. Learn by demonstrations and hands-on: how to select, adjust and wear a life jacket; boat sinking drill; knot tying, to include Cleat Hitch, Clove Hitch, and Bowline; throw bag; how to rescue grandpa if he falls overboard; and small boat safety. Make reservations by contacting Chip White at 206-853-2669 or chipw1945@gmail.com.



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Your nest is woven of hopes and dreams. Is it a practical weave of knowledge, ambition and determination? Or a shoddy mix of half-baked beliefs and vague wishes? Be honest. Your happy future depends on it.

CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

ARIES (March 21-April 19)



Not all who wander are lost. Maybe they're modern day Daniel Boones, looking for the dill pickle isle. The original Boone was never lost, but once confessed to becoming "a might confused for a day or two." Therein lies the gist of your week, sans the coonskin cap: Just set your goal and keep moving forward. Your feet know the way, even if you don't. Sooner than later, you'll arrive where you're going. Pickles in hand.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



Been bitten by the travel bug? The malady is going around, and you're a likely target. Symptoms include carrying toothbrush, passport and clean underwear everywhere you go, in case the morning jaunt to Starbuck's ends in Rome. One never knows. Severely afflicted, you may be studying foreign languages without knowing why. Can you translate, "Adios, amigos," to Mandarin? If your reply is yes, you're as good as gone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



Want to look good? Surround yourself with brilliant people. This week, you may not have much choice. Does it seem all around you are busy making a better mousetrap? Why not perk up and play along? Your two bits may be just the thing to make sense of all those springs and things. Got a better cheese? Don't just put it on a cracker. Serve it on a platter to all those brilliant people. Make sure they name you on the patent.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)



Opinions these days are like the spots on a leopard. Can't change, won't change, don't even think about it. Zero compromise. The ice on strained relationships, meanwhile, grows ever thicker. You, open-minded one, like the welcome breeze of spring, may be the one to bring a thaw. Under your mediation, concessions are possible. Might yesterday's leopard coo like a turtle dove today? Unlikely. Accept a purr and be happy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



How about a bath in the Fountain of Youth? Just a quick dip for giggles. Proust, as keeper of the bathhouse, pointed the way to the elusive waters when he said, "The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new lands but in seeing with new eyes." So. Drop your robe. The youthful waters await you. Step in, and see the world through the eyes of your most disconcerting enemy. Maybe even rid yourself of crows feet and wrinkles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



A happy life begins with a good nest. Take it from the weaver bird. The male weaver builds the nest, a hanging basket of tightly-woven grasses. The female agrees to mate and raise a family only after final inspection. A shoddy nest means bachelorhood! You are a weaver.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



Reflections have changed since, "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the fairest one of all?" Magic mirrors are now passe. Reflections, especially reflections of ourselves, are given by the people we meet. Thank Freud for that. He put spiritual growth on par with the ballot box as a world-changer. In the heat of this election year, remember that. (Note to political candidates: This might hurt your fund-raising.)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



Let's be frank. The art of saying what you mean and meaning what you say is like eating raw oysters. Not for the squeamish. Your words are your stock in trade. Choose them carefully, deliver them precisely. Though they be few in number, you'll deliver a mouthful. Each word, wisely chosen for freshness, enunciated with delectability, satiates the eardrum and staves off political correctness. 'Nother oyster?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



Note to self, penned while humming, I Just Dropped In (To See What Condition My Condition Was In): Pick up banners. Order more bumper stickers. Replace stolen yard sign. Electrify it? Clearly, election year is upon us like high school acne. Emotions are running high. In the 1960s, LSD was the mind-expander of choice. Today, it's politics. Don't let a brown paper bag of political Zen break your mind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



Vase or Faces? Old Lady or Young? These famous optical illusions show how the mind plays tricks. Perceptions shift, we see one way and then another, and life becomes ambiguous. More to the point, are your responsibilities a burden, making you feel that your life is not your own? Or are they a gift, by which you uplift the lives of the less able? Which view is real? Whichever you choose.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



Where does power come from? In Mao's politics, from the barrel of a gun. There's also the power of the pen. Of the three, the pen ranks strongest. It's the pen that writes the check that buys the gun. So forget armed robbery; that's using power backward. (Remember when banks gave away pens? Now you know why they stopped.) Where does your power come from?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



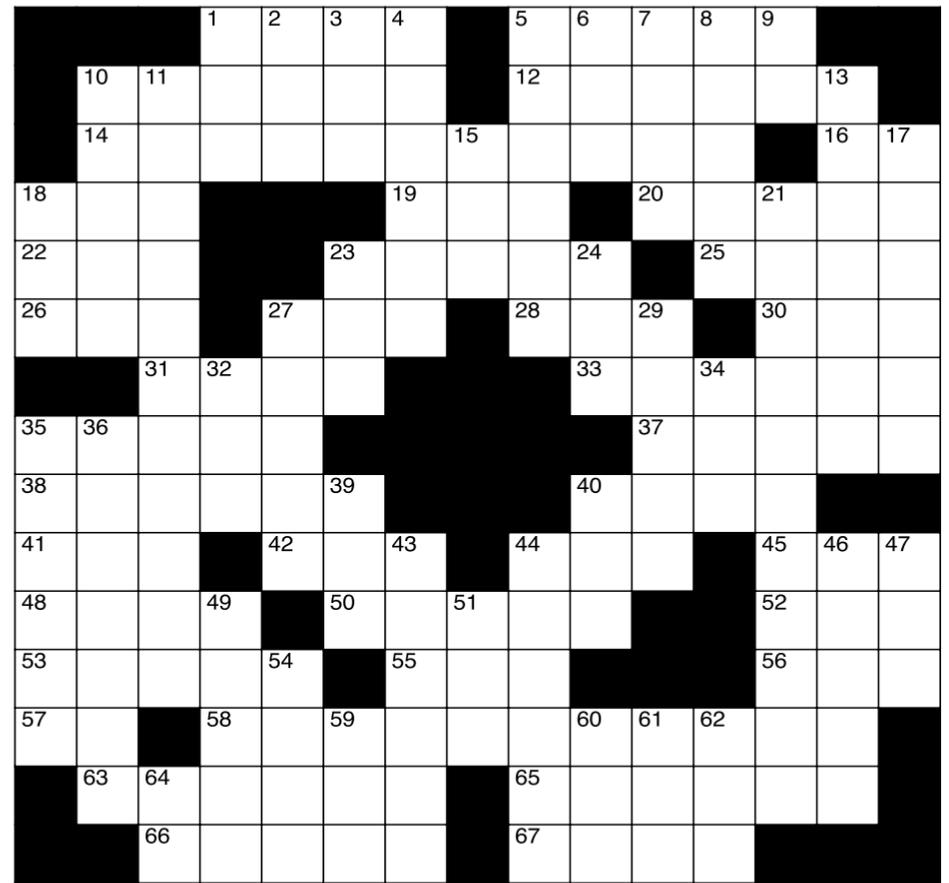
Many are the ways of marking a path. For Hansel and Gretel, it was bread crumbs. Woodsmen blazed trees. Indigenous people stacked rocks. And in all cultures, in all times, graffiti is de rigueur. (Kilroy Was Here, Foo Was Here, Brad & Susie Forever.) What about you? Have you passed this way before? How will you know, if you don't leave your mark? Follow GPS if that's your choice, but do drop some bread crumbs along the way.

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

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Currency of Guinea
- 5. Avert something bad
- 10. Sounds
- 12. Immediate dangers
- 14. Legendary Tar Heels coach
- 16. Californium
- 18. Work standards government dept. (abbr.)
- 19. Coastal Scottish town
- 20. Triangular lower back bones
- 22. Trouble
- 23. A way to smile
- 25. Something that is not what it seems
- 26. Of she
- 27. Temporary living quarters
- 28. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal
- 30. Indicates near
- 31. Spiritual leader
- 33. Soup dish
- 35. Philippine island
- 37. No longer fashionable
- 38. Peaks
- 40. Alabama football team
- 41. ___ King Cole
- 42. Digital audiotape
- 44. Open trough

- 45. The woman
- 48. Cools down
- 50. Turkic language
- 52. Body part
- 53. Pulse steadily
- 55. Embedded computer hardware company
- 56. Indicates shape
- 57. Thou (plural)
- 58. Odd and remarkable
- 63. An evening party
- 65. National capital of Zambia
- 66. Tantalizes
- 67. Dark brown or black

- 15. Strongly alkaline solution
- 17. Extreme scarcity of food
- 18. Dash
- 21. Philly culinary specialty
- 23. Popular lager ___ Adams
- 24. Snitch
- 27. Trimmed
- 29. Greek god of desire
- 32. Take to the limit
- 34. Cool!
- 35. Sound mental health
- 36. Native American group
- 39. Test for high schoolers
- 40. Rocky peak
- 43. Preferences
- 44. Bother
- 46. Call attention to (slang)
- 47. Snake-like fish
- 49. Bulgarian capital
- 51. Don't know when yet
- 54. Italian Seaport
- 59. Brooklyn hoopster
- 60. Where to bathe
- 61. Equal, prefix
- 62. Beverage container
- 64. Denotes openness

Answers on page 15

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

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North Isle H-49°/L-37° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-46°/L-33° Rain	North Isle H-47°/L-27° AM Rain	North Isle H-46°/L-31° Sunny and Chilly	North Isle H-50°/L-35° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-52°/L-37° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-52°/L-36° Sunny
South Isle H-48°/L-37° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-44°/L-33° Rain	South Isle H-43°/L-27° AM Rain	South Isle H-43°/L-32° Sunny and Chilly	South Isle H-49°/L-35° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-54°/L-33° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-54°/L-35° Sunny



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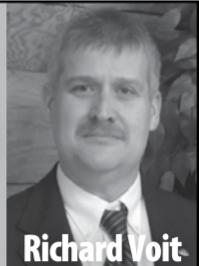
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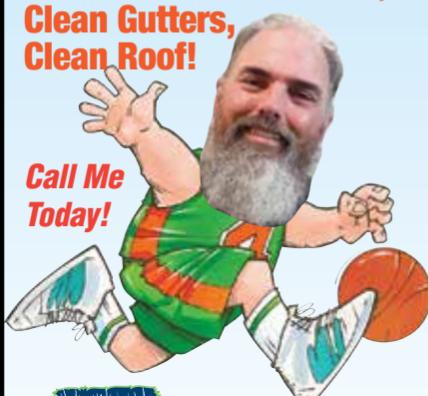


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Retired from the NAS Whidbey Island Barber Shop, Johnson, who has 47 years of experience in hairdressing and barbering, loves what she does and it shows. She said she has always loved cutting hair. She loves her customers and works hard to establish a clean, comfortable atmosphere, where people can come and enjoy their experience. Just think how much more enjoyable it is to get your hair cut by someone who wants to do their best to please you and make you feel right at home during the process. That's what Johnson has done with The Side Door Barbershop.

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