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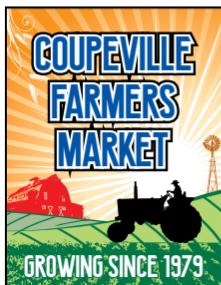
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ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



Thanks for being here. We got through another week. Let us enjoy getting through this next one.

Right at this moment, the tallest and only cherry tree in my yard is blooming toward a blue ribbon.

The white petals backlit by today's marvelous blue sky give me reason to be hopeful.

The cherry tree is happy. Me too, or me tree.

Great job

There is a television commercial sponsored by *The Foundation For a Better Life* that gets me every time I see it. Maybe you have reacted this way, too.

This public service ad from PassItOn.com is the one with the little kid named Tommy in his nice suit, sneaking on stage to play "Chopsticks" on a concert piano.

The parents are in the audience freaking.

The audience's interest is peaking.

The concert pianist finally appears on stage to accompany the young boy, encouraging and supporting him as their improvised duet fills the audience with joy.

Then I start crying.

Every time.

Blame it on the virus.

One liners

Part of being isolated with one's self is dealing with silence. A little goes a long way, but a lot goes the wrong way.

So, to avoid hearing everything I am thinking, I often turn on the television to hear someone else talk about what they think.

Here are a few highlights:

From Margaret Brennan's *Face the Nation* interview last Sunday on CBS, a quote by His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan, "Mother Nature gave us a kick up the backside."

His other remark gave me pause enough to write it down.

"The enemies of yesterday are our partners of today."

Apple and Google may be the perfect example of this new trend.

From an interview with a senior citizen couple in West Virginia: Wife: "You can do a lot with potatoes, noodles, and rice." Husband: "You sure can."

Best sign seen in an evening news report regarding return-to-work demonstrations in Minnesota - *I Need A Haircut*.

Graphic gag

Most every time I see a news report regarding the virus, which is most every time I turn on the television, I see the graphic used to alert the viewer it is virus time review. Then I hit the mute button.

The pandemic graphic looks to me like a designer luffa sponge or a softball with pepperoni pizza stains.

Surely there is something better. My dreams are raining pizza softballs.

Helpful hint

Without my fave restaurants to enjoy, I am having to return to my college cooking skills. Using Dad's iron skillet in which he cooked his signature dish, *slumgullion*, I attempt one of my signature dishes, Hamburger Helper Beef Pasta.

Not having a measuring cup, I often mix incorrect portions of hot water and milk. Nonetheless, the finished product is often filling, particularly after the 4th day when it no longer is appealing.

It is then I add water to Dad's iron skillet to enhance the moistening of the stuck hamburger.

How does one remove stuck burger from a 70 year old iron skillet that has never seen soap?

Ever try to remove a tattoo?

After bending several plastic spatulas, I heard Dad's voice.

"Get the ice scraper."

Perfection. Thanks, Dad. Your ice scraper from your 1988 Oldsmobile 98 was perfect. The iron skillet now looks like a chrome hubcap from a 1955 Buick.

But what do I use to clean the ice scraper?

I've been through a half bottle of Dawn Ultra. The only thing clear and clean of helped burger are my hands.

Maybe I have a second ice scraper in the truck.

Bulk mail

Nothing says support during this world health crisis more than an unsolicited letter from the Neptune Society.

My favorite unanswered italicized question on the impersonal form received is, *What if I die at 2 a.m. on a Sunday morning or on a holiday?*

My answer: The mail will not get picked up Monday and it depends on the holiday.

If it is the Marine Corps birthday celebration, I'd be surrounded.

The other great bulk mail envelope I enjoyed last week was from the people at a magazine called *Family Handyman*. Apparently, this do-it-yourself home improvement outfit gained access to my account at Ancestry.

I surely was hacked. The information from my DNA may have revealed my lacking any skills involving a hammer or a screwdriver (Phillips or straight head).

The fact the envelope was addressed to me as Dr. Freeman further evidences a hacking of my DNA.

They must have found out I was a pre-med major before I decided to be a retired notary public.

This age of transparency is really something, eh?

Saving pictures

Found any old pictures lately? Me too. Boxes of them.

Many of them are slides from the 70s. One Hour Photo must have had a good price back then.

A web site for the National Archives has lots of info about the best way to save pictures. How to display, how to digitize, and how to best deal with documents and family papers are all covered.

To become an expert, check out www.archives.gov/preservation/formats.

Time capsule

The sameness of my company
Is drawing me inside
No one else to talk to
I'm finally my own guide
No need to ask another
For directions or for money
No where to go to spend it
We masked the Easter bunny
All these thoughts
Seem so strange
Like my furniture
I rearrange

Whale Day, 2020

After 17 years of celebrating Whale Day in Langley as part of the annual Earth Day festivities, this year we premiered a virtual whale day parade online.

The fun, all three and a half minutes of it, is still on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-WUM6lbSURa and at www.orcanetwork.org.

Enjoy the parade.

Thanks to Susan Berta of Orca Network for writing such a great song, sung majestically by national fave Dana Lyons, www.cowswithguns.com.

Contemplators

I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder. ~G. K. Chesterton

With kindness, the difficult becomes easy...life assumes a charm and its miseries are softened. ~Charles Wagner

You are valuable just because you exist. Not because of what you do or what you have done, but simply because you are. ~Max Lucado

A happy family is but an earlier heaven. ~George Bernard Shaw

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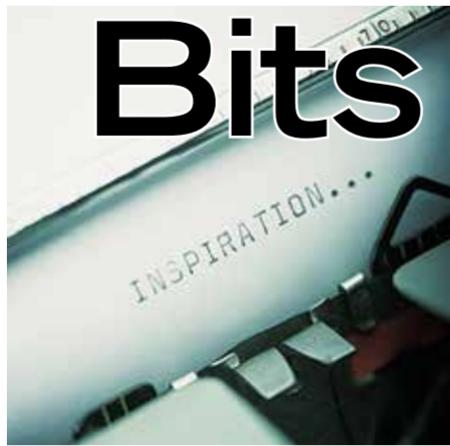
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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

50th anniversary of Earth Day! Last year, great plans were underway to celebrate. Then came the COVID-19 and the best laid plans changed. Now, we are in a significant pause, sheltering in place out of love for our fellow human beings. This quieter time carries its own gifts.

For me, this pause allows the mental and emotional space to reflect on my relationship with Earth and with one another. It's been a time to step back and think about what matters and to notice what often gets overlooked. This gentle isolation reminds me I love connecting with others AND I'm very grateful to Earth for the many gifts she gives us all.

Cleaning and sorting through closets and stored memorabilia, I've thought about my lifestyle over the years. Purchasing more than I needed, I've been far more owned by my possessions than the other way around. And I've used more than my share of Earth's resources. For that I'm sad, feel remorse, and vow to be more sensitive going forward.

Home for weeks now, living in a radius of eight miles, I experience a beautifully interconnected community. Spontaneous and organized kindness sparkle every day, connecting people and reminding me that none of us are really alone, if we don't want to be. Through businesses and community groups, I can help others. I breathe better, noting the air is cleaner with fewer cars on the roads and fewer jets in the air.

These weeks reinforce how everything interconnects—Earth, people, culture, behavior. My own actions and attitude ripple through my community. Let me make those ripples loving and life-giving. I am grateful for the cleaner air, the sounds of frogs and birdsong, and the lovely fragrance of springtime.

How do I hold on to the lessons of this pause? Let me be respectful of all, especially those with no voice. Let me be grateful for all the small blessings that come, confident they are gifts of the great mystery we call God. Let me do what I can to care for Earth and one another.

I celebrate Earth Day 2020 with gratitude.

Elizabeth Guss
St. Hubert Church parishioner, member of the Greening Congregations Collaborative of Whidbey Island

Editor,

We want to reach out and reassure our community members during this difficult time. Our agencies are coordinating with the state, county, and hospital to provide you and your family with the highest level of care.

We are here for you if you need us. We are ready. We have trained for this, and have experience responding to infectious diseases and all other emergencies.

Your financial support for emergency services makes this possible. And, for that, we are extremely grateful.

We must continue to do the business of a fire district in addition to responding to emergency calls. These meeting protocols have changed. Please visit our websites to learn how you can participate in our public meetings where we conduct regular business.

Central Whidbey Island Fire and Rescue –
www.cwfire.org

North Whidbey Fire and Rescue – www.nwfr.org
South Whidbey Fire/EMS – www.swfe.org
Life, as we know it, is changing, but we will get through this crisis and emerge stronger. In the meantime, please stay home and reach out using modern technology to tell someone you care about them.

Sincerely,

Chief John Clark, North Whidbey Fire and Rescue
Chief Ed Hartin, Central Whidbey Island Fire and Rescue
Chief H.L. "Rusty" Palmer, South Whidbey Fire/EMS

Editor,

As everyone knows, these are indeed unique, demanding and trying times. But there is some good news. Former County Commissioner Angie Homola is seeking to be our state representative in Olympia.

I've known Angie for a long time and can assure you she's just what we need for now and tomorrow.

She's a candidate for people's interests and a hard worker with more energy than the Energizer Bunny, along with an attention to detail and a bandwidth that's truly astounding.

I marveled at her accomplishments while I served on the Island County Planning Commission. She mastered the voluminous and complex County budget, helped steer us through the 2009 recession, quieted the guns in the Deer Lagoon area and even adopted novel and concrete resolutions to address climate change.

In these divided times with unbalanced special interest influence, we need her inspiration, tenacity and skills to get things done in Olympia for the people of our legislative district.

Best of all, she's a people orientated and tenacious fighter for our cherished environment and a licensed architect who recently completed a master degree in Environmental Policy.

Her quest within the political arena is motivated by a desire to represent people, not special interests and I can assure you, she's the real deal.

Let's give her a seat in our state legislature.

Check out her website at AngieForAll.com and hit that volunteer or support button there.

Dean Enell
Langley, Wash.

Sign of Appreciation for Local Healthcare Workers



Standing next to the Rotary banner are Ron Telles, CEO of Whidbey Health, left, and Jon Scallan, Chief Quality Officer, right

At the end of March 2020, when the coronavirus had already adversely affected the daily life in Washington State, the four Rotary clubs on Whidbey Island decided to work together to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to island healthcare providers and first responders, starting with WhidbeyHealth Medical Center in Coupeville. This group of clubs calls itself the Whidbey Rotary PPE Task Force, and it set about acquiring protective masks and gloves for the hospital. Over 10,000 masks and 8,000 gloves were delivered April 3.

However, the CEO of WhidbeyHealth, Ron Telles, indicated that while the PPE was very much needed, the morale of the hospital staff was low for a myriad of reasons. As such, the Rotary Task Force decided to provide a large banner to be displayed in front of the hospital expressing its support for them.

The Rotary Clubs of the PPE Task Force want all healthcare providers, first responders, and

support personnel to know how much Rotarians and others appreciate their efforts to work through this pandemic.

[Submitted by Steve Schwalbe, President, Rotary Club of Oak Harbor]

Report Asian Giant Hornet Sightings



Asian giant hornets are usually about 1.5 to 2 inches in length, with an orange-yellow head and striped abdomen (Photo courtesy WSDA)

It seems like every few years, the beekeeping industry is hit with another significant calamity. Those individuals who work and study the honey bee live in constant concern for the myriad of threats that exist. In the 1980s, the varroa mite forever changed the beekeeping industry and the pollination services they provide. For the last 10 years, the USDA has supported surveys of honey bee colonies looking for the presence of two Asian mites, both in the genus *Tropilaelaps*. Fortunately, those surveys have come back negative. However, two different Asian pests have found their way to North America. The Asian giant hornets, *Vespa mandarinia* in Whatcom County and *Vespa ducalis* in British Columbia. If either of these pests become established, it could present an impact perhaps not at the same level as *Varroa* or *Tropilaelaps*, but severe enough to cause significant disruptions. Also, the hornet will generate a public health crisis as well. According to world-renowned authority Justin Schmidt, *V. mandarinia* is the most venomous and intimidating insect in the world. It is unknown how well established these hornets are in either location. The Washington State Department of Agriculture is determined to find out and eliminate them before they are established. With the queens coming out of hibernation in late March and early April, WSDA is gearing up to assess the extent of the Asian hornet infestation. The USDA, WSDA, and WSU are working with local beekeepers, farmers, and the public to be on the lookout for this pest. A new WSU fact sheet outlines concerns about the hornet found in Washington and precautions everyone should know if they encounter this massive hornet. WSU has also developed a quick information card to help get out the word. WSDA has set up a website for information about the hornet and where to report sightings.

<https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/.../04/AGHPreReview7arFactsheet.pdf>
<http://news.cahnr.wsu.edu/article/wsuscientists-enlist-citizens-in-hunt-for-giant-beekilling-hornet/>
<http://agr.wa.gov/hornets>

Submitted by Timothy Lawrence, PhD Associate Professor, County Director Washington State University Extension, Island County

More Coronavirus Tests Available

America's supply of testing materials has improved, making more testing available to more citizens.

Beginning last Wednesday, individuals over the age of five, and who have symptoms, will be registered for drive-through testing by calling the WhidbeyHealth Coronavirus Hotline at 360-240-4055.

Hotline hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00AM to 4:00PM and Friday 8:00AM to Noon.

Drive-through testing will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30AM to 5:00PM.

The expanded testing plan is dependent on the availability of test kits.

Turnaround times for test results are now reliably less than 24 hours; often sooner. All patients will receive a telephone call with their results.

If you have any questions, please direct them to:

Patricia Duff – duffpa@whidbeyhealth.org
Nic Wildeman – wilden@whidbeyhealth.org

Stay connected with WhidbeyHealth for current information at facebook.com/whidbeyhealth or on its website at whidbeyhealth.org

[Submitted by Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner, Dist. 1]

Board of Fire Commissioners to Meet on Lid Lift Resolution

The Board of Fire Commissioners for South Whidbey Fire/EMS is scheduling a public conference call to consider a resolution to place a fire levy lid lift on the Aug. 4 primary election ballot. This "virtual" meeting will take place Friday from 10:00 to 11:30AM. The public is invited and encouraged to participate by accessing the meeting from any phone by dialing 1-866-899-4679 and entering passcode 130-035-077#.

"We were facing challenges to provide service before COVID-19," said Fire Chief H.L. "Rusty" Palmer. "The truth of the matter is that the pandemic is showing why this funding request is timely."

The fire district has been discussing a possible fire levy lid lift for two years. The intent is to use funds to hire additional emergency personnel and replace aging apparatus. Now, it's likely, if approved by voters, some of the revenue would be used to backfill some costs associated with COVID-19.

"We're seeing higher costs for everything from hand sanitizer to personal protective equipment (PPE) for firefighters," said Chief Palmer. "We're also prepared to hire temporary emergency personnel for the surge. The need is real and we must be ready to care for both our community and first responders."

South Whidbey Fire/EMS has been transparent in its struggles when it comes to staffing. Call volumes have increased 12 percent for the fire district since 2014. Historically, it has relied on volunteers to respond to calls. During the last recession, it lost 30 percent of its emergency responders. The pandemic also has reduced those numbers as volunteers are placed on medical leave due to underlying health conditions.

"This highlights our staffing needs more than ever," said Chief Palmer. "We recognize this is a difficult time for many, but we hope our community recognizes that emergency services are a priority for their tax dollars."

At the upcoming meeting, the fire district will vote on a resolution asking voters to approve a 30-cent fire levy lid lift during the Aug. 4 primary election. The lid lift would last for six years, and cost approximately \$10 per month for the owner of a \$400,000 home. If approved, the levy rate would change from 65 cents to 95 cents per \$1,000. By way of comparison, the fire levy rate for the fire district was \$1 in 1990.

More information about the fire levy lid lift can be found on the website at www.swfe.org under "Public Information." Community members with questions who are unable to attend the meeting are encouraged to contact Chief Rusty Palmer at 360-321-1533 or chief@swfe.org. All communication is welcome and becomes part of the public record.

[Submitted by Sherrye Wyatt]

Sno-Isle Libraries Takes Storytimes, Book Clubs and Pub Trivia Online

Since Sno-Isle Libraries customers can't get to programs for the time being, Sno-Isle Libraries will bring programs to customers in digital form.

New digital programming began April 10, initially with virtual book club groups, Ready Readers storytimes and pub trivia.

It's part of Sno-Isle Libraries effort to reach as many customers in as many creative ways as possible while coronavirus precautions keep community libraries closed for now, said David Durante, Sno-Isle Libraries Director of Public Services. More Sno-Isle Libraries programs will get digital programming options soon.

Selected Sno-Isle Libraries staff divided into several teams to work on online service options and launch programs, said Granite



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Falls Library Manager Michelle Callihan. She facilitated the teams.

"The teams have been hard at work creating development plans and a timeline for implementation," she said. "The work is currently with the Launch Team and in the final stages before going live."

For many families and young children, storytime is a beloved routine – a chance to share stories, songs and rhymes with friends and loved ones, said Mountlake Terrace Library Manager and Storytime Team Facilitator Kristin Piepho. While this can no longer go on in-person, Sno-Isle Libraries will still be able to connect with these customers virtually.

"The Online Storytime Team is developing resources for conducting live streaming storytimes using various platforms, as well as combining storytime snippets from staff members into short storytime videos which can be shared on social media," Piepho said.

To reach families who may not have access to the internet, the team is also developing a Dial-a-Story option, she said.

"At a time when we are physically distant, we don't have to be disconnected from each other," Piepho said. "Sharing stories is one of the best ways to encourage a lifelong love of reading in children. That doesn't stop just because we're in separate buildings."

For online book clubs, Sno-Isle Libraries worked with its digital resource partner Overdrive to move their book clubs online. The new Overdrive Book Club room features curated collections and technical support and feedback about platform options for staff or customers interested in hosting an online book club, Callihan said.

"Sno-Isle Libraries is excited to transition library book clubs from IRL to URL," said Jessica Russell, Sno-Isle Libraries Assistant Director of Technical Services – Collection Services. "Library staff will now have the tools and resources needed to allow customers to participate in book clubs while we are all staying home and staying safe."

Online book club organizers will schedule event information and post it at www.sno-isle.org.

Customers will be able to start their own book club with family or friends, Russell said.

"We have collections of digital titles that are always available so you have enough copies for your whole book club as well as other great book club choices curated by Sno-Isle Libraries book experts," she said.

Online Pub Trivia provides a fun and engaging program to provide community connection during this time of social distancing, Callihan said. Users will connect to trivia via a Zoom link sent to registered event participants.

"We plan to offer the program on a weekly basis using a rotating selection of staff as hosts," she said.

One trivia event for adults and one trivia event for kids and families will take place at a designated day and time each week. Sno-Isle Libraries staff will choose trivia themes and craft custom trivia questions.

Weekly online Pub Trivia for adults went live April 10, with the theme "Spring is in the Air," said Katrina Morse, Adult Services Librarian for South Whidbey Island. A kids and families weekly trivia event is in the works.

Online Pub Trivia can be played alone or as a team, although each team must figure out its own means of communicating with its members. Competitors will submit their answers via an online form for true/false, multiple choice, and fill-in-the-blank questions.

"We will have some picture questions and probably some music clips," Morse said.

The winning team will be announced at the end; no prize will be given.

"Spring is in the Air as we celebrate growth, renewal and community connections," Morse said. "Grab your favorite beverage, call your friends, and settle in for a night of pub trivia, right in the comfort of your own home."

[Submitted by Kurt Batdorf, Sno-Isle Libraries]

South Whidbey Elementary Kindergarten Registration Open Through May 1

South Whidbey School District's goal is to register all prospective kindergarten students during the month of April in order to prepare for the 2020-21 school year. Upon registration, you will be contacted with further information.

For online registration, visit <https://sw.wednet.edu>

For paper registration, packets are available for pickup at the main entrance of the K-4 campus and may be returned using the collection bin located by the front door. Please call 360-221-4600 for more information.

[Submitted by Kim Glandon, South Whidbey Elementary School]

Skagit Valley College Continuing and Community Education Announces New Online Programming

Skagit Valley College's Continuing and Community Education department (CCE) is pleased to announce new online workshop programming starting the end of April.

The new format is called eCCE and is designed for people who would like to enjoy online non-credit workshops outside of the traditional classroom setting while they build career skills, explore a new passion, stay current with technology, and have some fun. Programming includes computer training, professional development, creativity and much more.

It's easy to enroll in eCCE. Visit www.skagit.edu/cce. See the workshop catalog for more information.

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

Goosefoot Community Fund Announces New Grant Recipient and Additional Resources Launched in Response to COVID-19

Local nonprofit Readiness to Learn is the latest recipient of a grant from Goosefoot in direct response to COVID-19. A donation of \$10,000

will assist in the group's outreach to families and individuals who are at risk of facing food shortages. The grant will help pay for increased staff hours for telephone check-ins, needs assessments, and resource referrals.

"No one should go hungry during the coronavirus pandemic in our community, no one," states Sandy Whiting, Goosefoot's executive director. In response to COVID-19, the Goosefoot board suspended its annual community grant program to make food security for South Whidbey residents its primary focus. Whiting continues, "We are reserving as much of Goosefoot's monetary resources as possible for emerging critical needs in the area of food security."

At the end of March, Island Senior Resources received \$30,000 and Good Cheer received \$25,000 from Goosefoot. Both organizations are facing increased demand, especially for Meals On Wheels and food bank services.

Goosefoot's criteria for selection is whether the need constitutes a genuine emergency, the entities demonstrate collaboration in their efforts, they create an effective leadership model to guide the evolving situation, and they communicate regularly about the status of their programs. "Collaboration is especially important in our decision-making process," according to Whiting. "It's important organizations work in partnership during times of crisis and that efforts aren't duplicated. Goosefoot's resources are limited and our current approach necessarily reduces the number of grant recipients this year."

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS

Donate to Good Cheer or Island Senior Resources through the Goose Grocer

Goose Grocer shoppers can donate their advantage points to either Good Cheer or Island Senior Resources. Instead of putting in one's phone number at the register, customers are welcome to enter 360-221-0130 for Good Cheer or 360-321-1600 for Island Senior Resources. This will strengthen both groups' buying power as they strive to keep up with increased demand from the people they serve.

Island-Wide Farm Stand Directory Goes Online

After six years, Goosefoot has placed its popular farm stand directory online, previously only available in print. This will allow for the addition of new farm stands as they crop up (pun intended) and for the inclusion of those who sell individual items such as eggs, honey, cheese, etc. "It's our hope this will provide a better marketing tool for local farmers and producers, while also providing an outlet for producers of single items that need to diversify their income," according to Marian Myszkowski, Goosefoot's Director of Programs.

Kyle Flack, a farmer and board member of the Whidbey Island Grown Cooperative believes "A strong local agricultural community is vital for local resilience, especially in times like these. With COVID-19, it hits home that farms are a vital resource in a community and not just another business."

The online farm stand directory can be found at www.whidbeyfarmstands.com.

Business Workshops Pivot to Help Small Businesses

Not only have Goosefoot's free workshops moved online, a special 10-part crash course webinar series—Online Selling and Social Media—was developed. Offered to help businesses navigate new ways of doing business and to continue customer interactions during COVID-19, the series is now available for everyone to view at <https://bit.ly/34qU2Pz> or search Goosefoot Community Fund on YouTube. The crash course webinars include 45 minute how-to's about Selling on Facebook, Squarespace, and Shopify; online videos; podcasts; Facebook; Instagram; and Social Media ads.

"Perhaps these measures will be of some help to businesses as they realign and reassess in a time of closed storefronts," hopes Myszkowski. "With no idea of when closure orders will be lifted, it's all the more difficult. We want to help entrepreneurs as much as we can with tools to encourage creativity and resilience."

To keep up to date with Goosefoot's programs, like its Facebook page or visit its website at www.goosefoot.org.

[Submitted by Marian A. Myszkowski, Goosefoot]

Island Transit Earns Gold Award for Helping Improve Air Quality

Island Transit has earned the 2020 Gold Award from the Northwest Clean Air Agency for its work to protect and improve air quality in Island County. The agency was recognized for its efforts to reduce emissions and modifying operations to protect the air quality in Island County.

To earn a Gold Award, businesses must comply with air quality regulations for at least three years and employ additional clean air practices in specific categories defined by the Northwest Clean Air Agency (NWCAA). Island Transit demonstrated increased energy efficiency by replacing incandescent lights with LED lights at two Park & Ride lots; adding five propane fired buses to its fleet; and switching to B5 bio diesel in all other buses.

"We're glad to be doing our part to protect the earth and air quality," says Todd Morrow, Island Transit Executive Director. "Reducing carbon emissions and employing additional clean air practices is important to preserve the environment and protect our community's quality of life."

Island Transit was among 50 businesses and organizations in Island, Skagit and Whatcom counties to claim honors in the Northwest Clean Air Agency's annual Partners for Clean Air competition.

The awards recognize work that businesses and organizations receiving NWCAA air-quality permits did to protect and improve air quality during 2019. This year, NWCAA presented 16 Gold awards and 39 Silver awards.

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Family Guide

By Amy Hannold

Mom's Special Day: Mother's Day is May 10 this year. As Stevie Wonder said, "My Mom was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness. If love is sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love." Mother's Day is a day to say thank you to the women in your life who nurture and encourage you, whether it be your mom, sister, grandma, or other mom-Influencer. Think outside the box, and about your mom's favorite things, to discover some unique ways to show her how special she is. As you plan, include your children so they too, value people who invest in them. At education.com/worksheets/mothers-day, you'll find FREE printables, including coloring pages, letter and story writing exercises, Mother's Day coupons, Mother's Day cards, and a page where your child writes All About Mom. Adjust these activities by age level - and participate in them yourself.

Talented Teens Wanted: Island County teens ages 12 to 18 are invited to enter the "Teen Talent Contest." Do you love to sing? Do you have a group or band that would like a spot on the big stage at the Oak Harbor Music Festival? Create an audition video of your group or solo performance. The deadline for entry is June 7. Finalists will compete for four spots to perform at September's festival. For more information or

help uploading performance videos, contact Jessica Aws, Teen Librarian, at jaws@sno-isle.org. Oakharborfestival.com.

80s Fundraiser with Big Brothers, Big Sisters: The 22nd Bowl for Kids Sake benefiting Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Island County will be an 80s-themed event June 20. Bowl for Kids' Sake is the rad and easy way for individuals and companies to make a tubular impact on the local community—it only takes a little bit of effort to raise the money vital to the program's success. Fundraising teams collect donations and then party at Oak Bowl. To register a team, sponsor the event or for more information, visit bbbsisland-county.org.

Circle Time and Caregiver Check-In: Mother Mentors Whidbey Island is hosting Monday and Wednesday Circle Time, with songs, stories and Caregiver Check-ins, where caregivers can connect with others and receive support. Circle Times are at 9:30 a.m., Caregiver Check-ins are at 10:30 a.m. Join them at Mother Mentors of Whidbey Island on Facebook.

Connect to Area Resources: The Family Readiness Center has created a Virtual Family Resource Center where you can find links to area resource information about mental health, utilities, childcare, meal assistance,

unemployment, domestic violence, things to do with your kids, health and wellness, ways to help your community and more. Readinessstolearn.org/covid19-resources.

Screen-Free Saturdays: In May, for the past nine years, the Campaign for a Commercial-free Childhood has led the inspiration for seven days of screen-free leisure. Given the Covid-19 changes to a family's routine, for 2020 they are instead encouraging Screen-Free Saturdays. A Saturday without screens could be just the break your family needs to unplug and re-connect. At screenfree.org, there is a Guide to Getting Ready for Screen-Free Saturdays, 101 Screen-Free Activity ideas, a BINGO card, writing prompts, and even a Screen-Free logo you can share with your contacts to let them know you're offline.

The Skies Will Be Smiling May 16: It's not an emoticon you'll be seeing in the sky, but an alignment of the moon, Jupiter and Venus the evening of May 16. According to physics-astronomy.com, this rare spectacle is called conjunction and is not to be missed, as the last time this happened was in 2008. What is particularly interesting with this special event is how the human brain identifies with it. When we see this phenomenon, our minds are geared to take a picture of it and give it a label. During this conjunction, the planets aligning during their usual cycle appears to our brains as what we commonly associate with a smiley face. The rare element of this event is the planets aligning as they will, creating the visual appearance of two eyes (Venus and Jupiter), and the moon as the friendly smiling mouth.

IDEAS FOR OFF-SCREEN FAMILY FUN:

Indulge Your Senses: Spaindex.com has DIY spa recipes for food, and for pampering. Select food, pampering or both, and create a blissful time of relaxation. Just as you would for a special meal, gather the ingredients and tools ahead of time, and then assemble your spa entrees. Pair this with a new or favorite movie and enjoy!

Spring a Garden: When gardening with

kids, planting large-growing flowers, scented flowers or root vegetables is a good way to reduce disappointment from your efforts, however things turn out. Research as a family about the types of things they're interested in planting, and once the crop is in, find ways to use what they've grown for meals or gift bouquets. Use clean milk containers for sunflower seeds, or fragrant lavender, mint, peonies, etc. If you want to grow vegetables, a large plastic tub works well for carrots, beets, and other root vegetables. When possible, use kid-size tools such as plastic shovels, forks or spoons. If you have a large garden you grow yourself, mark-off a section just for the kids, showing them how to weed, water, and take care of their plants. For ideas, how-to's, crafts and garden projects, go to kidsgardening.org/garden-activities.

FREE ONLINE RESOURCES:

NASA: STEM-related projects, science experiments, crafts and videos can be found at nasa.gov/stem, for grades K-12. Register for their FREE *NASA Express*, a weekly email and connect to new ideas at facebook.com/NASASTEM4Students. Want more space-inspired learning? Go to nasa.gov/nasa-at-home-for-kids-and-families.

Coloring for Everyone: FREE printable coloring pages featuring Disney and Marvel's Avengers characters, Mandela design, My Little Pony, vehicles, animal flashcards, nature and more at Coloringoo.com

Tour Beautiful Gardens: House Beautiful has rounded up virtual tours of five breathtaking gardens from across the globe. Housebeautiful.com

More for May: WhidbeyIsland.MacaroniKid.com has a daily calendar of virtual field trips, music and concerts, zoo and farm visits, special virtual events, storytimes, creative activities and more. We offer frequently-updated guides with fresh inspiration and connection to enjoying this time with your family.

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Whidbey small businesses stretched thin, seek support

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

As closures continue and timelines for reopening stores and other services remain uncertain, small businesses in Island County and beyond have turned to federal and state programs for support. Many in the business sector are questioning if the measures will be enough to effectively help small businesses stay afloat in the midst of the economic repercussions of COVID-19. Businesses deemed non-essential remain closed or limit operations to help prevent the spread of the virus.

After two weeks of taking applications, the funds from the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which allowed for \$349 billion in loans to small businesses nationwide, were depleted. Other programs, including the Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant Program, have also closed.

Kelly McPhee, vice president of communications for Banner Bank, an SBA lender, said the bank is continuing to process the PPP applications they received prior to the funds being depleted. She said the bank hopes by continuing the application process up to the point of submitting them to the SBA, businesses which have already applied would be ready to receive funding, if additional money for the program is approved.

"We are choosing to remain optimistic that congress is going to get the job done, that they are going to finish what they started, they are going to make more funds available, and we stand ready to continue to process and get those applications through the system to get those businesses the money they are asking for," she said.

McPhee said Banner Bank has 5,400 applications in process already, with several thousand already completed. In comparison, she said in 2019 Banner Bank completed 250 SBA loans. In order to accommodate the influx of applications, she said the company grew its SBA team from 13 to 184 employees to best serve client needs.

"We cannot control if additional funding is going to be made available but what we can control is how much we stretch to assist those that have come to us for help."

McPhee said they are hoping to find additional ways to assist clients, and through the number of programs available at the

local, state and national level, the company remains hopeful businesses will make it to the other side of the closures. McPhee said there are other resources available, including the Save Small Business Fund through the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. The fund provides \$5,000 grants to qualifying businesses in impacted areas, including Oak Harbor, Coupeville, Freeland, and Langley in Island County (www.savesmallbusiness.com).

"When we look at all of these collectively, all of these different forms of assistance, if we are all helping to lean into our area businesses, the hope is the outcome will be that we are all better because of it," she said. "We all leaned in, we all helped where we could, with the idea that collectively we are going to come up and out of this."

Matt Ray, market president of Heritage Bank, said institution allocated many resources to supporting the clients as they sought funds through the PPP.

"For those able to secure funding, it will undoubtedly be helpful to the majority of those clients," he said. "I will simply state I know there are businesses that were not able to get funding in the initial \$349 billion for a variety of reasons. There is a need for additional funding."

Ray said another key piece of the program is meeting the criteria for loan forgiveness.

"In addition, the forgiveness aspect of the program is critical," he said. "While we have the basic framework for the forgiveness, we await additional guidance from the SBA on how this will be implemented and executed."

Darrell Bratt, co-owner of the Blue Fox Drive-In Theater, said he worries the programs may not be sufficient to help small businesses as quickly or at the scope needed.

"I think my main concern is I know what this is intended to do, it is to keep people off unemployment, keep the unemployment rate down, but it really does not help small businesses too much," he said.

Bratt said the PPP, while it will help businesses with payroll, especially as employees begin to return to work, does not allow for adequate coverage of many other expenses businesses routinely face. Bratt said he feels allowing businesses to reopen, with social distancing and other guidelines in place, would be the most helpful.



"It (the loan) does not do any good as far as I understand, for my business insurance, or equipment payments or anything else that comes up to help a small business stay afloat," he said.

Eric Marshall, publisher of *Whidbey Weekly*, said loan programs are vital to small business owners as challenges from closures persist.

"Resources like the PPP and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan are the only options for many business owners," he said. "The mandated closing of businesses and cancellation of events, while necessary to control the virus infection rate, has left many businesses without the ability to make any money. Even with the opportunity for sole proprietors to receive unemployment, it will not be enough for people to cover all their business and personal expenses."

Many Island County business owners who applied prior to the depletion of funds have yet to hear the status of the loan, and others were not able to apply in time, Marshall said.

"I'm afraid it is going to lead to business closures," he said. "Even those who submitted their applications prior to the depletion of funds are still waiting on approval of their applications and funding of their loan."

Marshall said community support is another key element in keeping businesses afloat.

"I personally appreciate the support our business has received from the community and I'm sure other business owners feel the same," he said. "We live on an awesome island where we try to help one another. I encourage my fellow business owners to hang in there as long as they can. Reach out to the EDC (Island County Economic Development Council) or the local chambers of commerce for resources, ideas and support. We are all in this together."

Marshall said both small business owners and Island County citizens can advocate for the allocation of more funding for small businesses.

"Business owners and the public can help by calling or writing our state leaders and encouraging them to provide additional revenue to the Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grants," he said. "Our national leaders need to be sent the same message in regard to putting additional funds into the CARES Act."

Rep. Rick Larsen, who represents the Second Congressional District of Washington state, said he wants to help small businesses acquire the funding they need.

"I support more funding for small businesses, and I continue to hear from workers and business owners about the need to put more money into PPP," he said. "I encourage small business owners to share their story of how COVID-19 affects their business and their experience with accessing federal benefits at <https://larsen.house.gov/forms/form/?ID=7>."

Larsen said there is a large demand for small business relief in Washington state and throughout the nation, and the House of Representatives has been working to strengthen the PPP and EIDL programs.

"COVID-19 and the necessary public health precautions have hit Northwest Washington's small businesses and workers especially hard," he said. "I will continue to work with local officials and Washington state's congressional delegation to fight for critical COVID-19 relief."



Kelsey Bratt Photo Courtesy of Blue Fox Drive In

The Blue Fox Drive-In Theater remains closed in the wake of Washington's stay-at-home order. Darrell Bratt, co-owner of the theater, said he feels programs like the Paycheck Protection Program and other measures may not be adequate to help small businesses stay afloat as closures persist.





MARGARET ANN DETTMAN



Margaret Ann Dettman, age 78, a 25-year resident of Oak Harbor, passed away at her home Sunday, April 5, 2020.

Margaret was born in Seward, Alaska, May 31, 1941. She retired from Chugach at NAS Whidbey and was a member of the Chugach Tribe. Her favorite things were family, friends, reading, being outdoors with nature and her animals and hummingbirds.

Margaret is survived by her mom, Pat Marlin; daughter, Debra Fine-Moore; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; three uncles: Jerry and Jay Hollman and Mike Lewis; one aunt, Jacki Woods; and many other relatives. She was loved and cherished by all, and will be missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held after the COVID-19 crisis. Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and condolences at www.whidbeymemorial.com.

DOUGLAS ALAN VANTYNE



Douglas Alan VanTyne, 54, recently of Oak Harbor, Wash., passed away April 13, 2020 in Oak Harbor.

Doug was born May 17, 1965 in Portland, Ore. to JoAnne (Thomison) and Alan Ward VanTyne. Upon the death of his father in 1968, his mother continued to live in Hermiston with her three children, Douglas, Doreen and Gretchen. JoAnne later married Larry Heath and the family moved to Hillsboro, Ore., in 1970, where Doug attended school and graduated from Glencoe High School.

Doug was interested in mechanics, carpentry, forestry and fishing. Doug spent lots of time in the forests and on the river banks with his favorite dogs, Sitka and Busty. He did lots of carpentry work, he planted trees for the Forest Service and

worked for commercial fishermen in Alaska and Washington State. In his later years, he lived in various locations in Northern Washington, where he enjoyed the many great fishing rivers and the Puget Sound. Camano Island was considered his home for several years and most recently he was living with his sister in Oak Harbor.

Doug was preceded in death by his father, Alan VanTyne, who died in an airplane accident in 1968, and his mother, JoAnne (Thomison) Heath, April 1, 2019.

Doug is survived by his stepfather, Larry Heath (North Plains, Ore.), sisters, Doreen VanTyne (Lafayette, Ore.), Gretchen Shaw (Oak Harbor), Amy Simonis (Sweet Home, Ore.), Shannon Snyder (Vancouver, Wash.) and Julianna Heath (Vancouver); 11 nieces and nephews.

A burial service will be held later at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in The Dalles, Ore.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to: Humane Society of the United States (HSUS, Tax i.d. 53-0225390), The National Audubon Society, Trout Unlimited or another appropriate organization.

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

Pam's Prayer Corner

In honor of my late mother-in-law, Pamela Kaye Young, we are going to be running a new weekly section called Pam's Prayer Corner. This is a place where believers can share their prayer requests for others to help lift them up in faith. The prayers can be for you, a family member, or anything weighing on your soul. Email info@whidbeyweekly.com or call 360-682-2341 to share your prayer requests.

The *Prayer of Faith* was written by Hannah Marie Kohaus. It first appeared in *Wee Wisdom*, a children's magazine, in 1898.

THE PRAYER OF FAITH

by Hannah Marie Kohaus

God is my help in every need;
God does my every hunger feed;
God walks beside me, guides my way
Through every moment of this day.

I now am wise, I now am true,
Patient and kind, and loving, too;

All things I am, can do, and be,
Through Christ the Truth, that is in me.

God is my health, I can't be sick;
God is my strength, unfailing, quick;
God is my all, I know no fear,
Since God and Love and Truth are here.

*Be on your guard;
stand firm in the faith; be
courageous; be strong.*

1 Corinthians 16:13 | NIV



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

3:18 am, SE Pasek St.

Reporting party advising someone is threatening to kill him; person who made threat is upstairs. States owner grabbed him by his throat and threatened to poison him.

5:06 am, Bounty Loop

Reporting party states wife has been downstairs for 15 minutes; says wife went to a different apartment. Now saying wife was arrested; wife may be in Magnolia. When asked if Magnolia, Seattle, caller said no, in Dallas.

5:51 pm, Torrence Ln.

Requesting call; says received text with photo of reporting party nude.

8:16 pm, Hersig Rd.

Caller states neighbors shot gun and hit storage container; states it almost hit caller's friend.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

6:47 am Meadowood Ln.

Reporting party states subject walked past his bedroom window and said something. Reporting party states a killer is staying at neighbor's residence. Heard subject tell killer to kill reporting party. Occurred just prior to call.

6:56 am, Humphrey Rd.

Caller advising coyote approached her; caller scared it away. Last seen running toward SR 525.

1:18 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising male lying on side of road. Advising is passed out.

2:47 pm, Carl Ave.

Occurred 5 minutes ago; reporting party was driving by location when man was standing in middle of road screaming at reporting party, motioning her to stop.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

8:07 am, West Beach Rd.

Reporting party advising 15 minutes ago at location, male subject got out of a silver Crown Victoria and approached reporting party; said "you shouldn't be here, you guys don't know who I am."

10:42 am, Paul Ave.

Requesting call. Advising female who lives at location is sick, reporting party suspects she has COVID. States she is refusing to self-isolate and going all over the island.

4:18 pm, Driftwood Dr.

Reporting party advising neighbors own a VRBO next door; aware it will be rented tonight, concerned if COVID bug gets brought to neighborhood it will affect a large portion of the community.

5:03 pm, NE 3rd St.

Saw Facebook post of a nurse; threatened customer service at Safeway and would cough on food and employees.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

1:10 am, Oak Harbor Rd.

Caller reporting female subject walking down road threatening to fight someone; mentioned "shooting." Unknown description.

1:54 am, SR 20

Box truck in front of reporting party has been trying to run her off road for past 5 miles, is swerving.

5:15 am, Mobius Loop

Caller states wants to make complaints of sheriff molesting children and being a drug dealer; rambling on about why he was arrested instead.

5:22 am, SR 525

North of Carnica Way and south of Donahy Rd., dog in roadway and overturned car. Reporting party states one person fled scene on foot. Male voice heard in background saying male doesn't have license.

12:25 pm Fireside Ln.

Requesting call to know if he is allowed to own a firearm.

2:08 pm, Secret Pl.

Requesting call to know if he can fish and canoe on his own private lake.

10:05 pm, Mobius Loop

Caller states wants to report herself for animal abuse; advising a couple years ago she was at her house and was masturbating and was drinking at a party when her friend's dog licked her "down there;" states it was recorded on video.

10:42 pm, Mobius Loop

Reporting party requesting to know what restrictions are for white woman to leave state due to travel restrictions. States does not have contact phone number.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

1:15 pm, Lagoon Point Rd.

Advising blue Chevy SUV, white female, short blond hair, 55 years old, threw bag of garbage out window. Appears to be a two-gallon bag of soup.

2:01 pm, Cedar Valley Way

Requesting call referencing hearing shots fired; coming from up the hill by Scatchet Head. Says have been shooting all day; says sounds like cannon just went off. Doing the same thing yesterday.

3:24 pm, Witter Beach Pl.

Reporting party staying at Air BNB at location. Found large black garbage bag with lots of items in it when she was walking on beach. Little girl's clothing, women's clothing, knife, make up, socks, shoes, epi pen.

4:24 pm, Lenz Pl.

Reporting party advising boyfriend was supposed to take turtle to pet store to get rid of it a month ago; just found it in box in garage, alive. Requesting call.

5:04 pm, Sego Ln.

To the west of location, reporting party can hear large explosions - sounds like dynamite. Started around 1300. Has heard 10-12 explosions since.

5:33 pm, Denneboom Rd.

Reporting party calling referencing vacant lot on Welcher; 11 acres, reporting party just purchased, was walking on property. Vehicle pulled up to road and yelled if they didn't leave they would come back and shoot reporting party.

7:09 pm, W Henni Rd.

Reporting someone shooting machine gun in the area of W Henni Road.

7:25 pm, Swede Hill Rd.

Reporting party states gun fire on and off all day. Ongoing issue. Shooting what sounds like bomb-making material.

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



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Any commitment to writing a regular column sets off anxious associations from my high school journalist days when, as feature editor of the school rag and holder of the classroom key, I would sneak in after hours and stealthily modify my deadlines to give myself another day of breathing room. Still grasping for breath after all these years, I take a deep one now. I can do this.

If there's any relevance to the above confession, it is to illustrate my commitment to write transparently and clearly, to communicate from the heart. If readers know nothing about the writer, there's little chance of trust. Now that you know of my precocious procrastination proclivities, I'm sure you feel closer to me already!

My intention for this monthly column is to focus community attention and action on challenges we can meet together. Heading a Whidbey-based nonprofit organization gives me a vantage point from which I get glimpses into the workings of community groups, service organizations, county-level departments and state and federal advocacy groups. I hear of hardship from our beneficiaries and of heartache from those who donate in memory of loved ones lost.

Today, while most of the Island and, indeed, the nation, is "sheltering at home," a small percentage are working overtime to man essential services and a small percentage of those are coordinating those services.

I'd planned to highlight just how inspiring this coordination is on South Whidbey – as if it were somehow special and unique. But now, as the manic activity of the first few weeks is abating, I've had time to read about similarly inspiring and special community responses from around the country and the world. I hope everyone is reading those stories alongside posts of comparative advantages to different fabric for masks. The point is, all our communities are capable of greatness and any mask is better than no mask. (I can't resist a plug for socially responsible public health behavior change!)

Particularly inspirational are the many individuals, groups and small business owners who are finding ways to support essential services – on Whidbey and beyond. Only a few pathologically optimistic types like myself would have ever thought so many would respond with such selfless compassion, conviction and ingenuity. (Confession: there is a little child jumping up and down with tears in her eyes and a big grin repeating "I told you so! I knew people were Good!")

What follows describes tangible examples of compassionate and effective community response I have personally witnessed since March 23.

Beginning with an email thread initiated by Mayor Tim Callison and Neil Colburn of the City of Langley, an informal "food group" coalesced around the most

effective ways to get food to those who were in sudden need. The South Whidbey School District sent out a survey to families whose children benefitted from school meals to assess need and contacted Good Cheer to see how we could collaborate to best serve all families with children.

On the other end of the age spectrum, Cheryn Weiser of Island Senior Resources (ISR) reached out to brainstorm new ways for getting food to seniors.

Good Cheer produced a phone call-based needs assessment for over a thousand of its beneficiary households that Gail LaVassar's team at Readiness to Learn is in the process of conducting. Each household receives information about the available services from SWSD, ISR and Whidbey Island Nourishes as well as Good Cheer. We're using the information to arrange joint deliveries whenever possible and ensure no one goes hungry because they can't get out or don't know what is available to them.

Responding to shortages of paper products in stores, Michaleen McGarry of the Langley Main Street Association called to say they had ordered an enormous shipment of toilet paper and paper towels for Good Cheer to give to its food shoppers. Callahan McVay (Callahan's Firehouse) is graciously storing what we couldn't immediately fit in our space.

Judy Feldman of the Organic Farm School is plotting ways to help Good Cheer receive enough local, organic produce to meet the increased needs of the rising numbers of families signing up at the food bank as the economic crisis deepens.

Wes Rock of Useless Bay Coffee Company is making UBCC's signature soups in large batches and packing them in Ziploc bags to be frozen and distributed to Good Cheer shoppers for an easy lunch or dinner.

Finally, I want to publicly acknowledge the Good Cheer team that has said "Yes" to keeping the food bank open, no matter what. They have put in long, hard hours retooling our processes, retraining themselves to operate with masks, gloves and distance between us, and serving with good humor, patience and perseverance. Aloria, John, Karen, Kelly, Lissa, Maggie, Sage, Shawn, Scott, Tyler, Will and Yvonne, it is an honor and an incredible blessing to work with you.

If reading this has raised your spirits, confirmed or increased your belief that humans can act with humanity or encouraged you to pull out your checkbook or sewing machine, I'm sure *Whidbey Weekly* and its readers would be happy to hear from you. I look forward to writing again next month (deep breath). In the meanwhile, may we all stay safe and connected. May we all keep our droplets to ourselves. May we all give others reason to believe in humanity.

Good Cheer thanks all those who give and do what they can to help our community stay safe, fed and connected. Donate at goodcheer.org



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Relay For Life has always been about togetherness. Even though we cannot currently be face-to-face, millions of us from across the country are committed to fight cancer head-on. We stand together, even when we're apart.

On Saturday, April 25, we're hosting Relay USA, an exciting virtual Relay experience that anyone, anywhere can join. But to make this online event as powerful and impactful as we can, we need more engaged Relayers than ever before. Will you tune in to watch Relay USA?

Just last month, over 80% of calls to our 24/7 helpline for answers and support were related to the COVID-19 crisis. Cancer patients are actively seeking answers, support, and hope during this difficult time, and we're doing everything we can to be there for them. That's why we can't stop fighting.

Mark your calendar and make a difference! The Relay USA virtual experience will be live streamed on April 25 at 4pm EST on the Relay For Life Facebook page and the Relay For Life YouTube channel. You can also join the Relay USA Facebook Event to stay connected and up-to-date.

It is easy to join the Relay USA live experience and start fundraising with your family and friends. Watch the live Relay USA broadcast and help raise critical funds to fight cancer!

We're looking forward to standing together with you, even while we're apart.

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Whidbey schools tackle online, distance learning



By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Classrooms may be empty for the rest of the school year, but teachers and staff at all three Whidbey Island school districts have been working hard to navigate the tricky, sometimes complicated online learning situations imposed upon all Washington State schools in the wake of COVID-19.

All schools are required to provide distance learning for the remainder of the school year, which is set to end June 19. It's a concept most educators would never have believed possible just a few short weeks ago.

"Public school is a face to face business," said Jo Moccia, superintendent of South Whidbey School District. "In a matter of days we have changed from this age old model to emergency remote education. Considering this monumental shift, it has gone very well. Everyone has stepped out of their comfort zone into this new way of doing school."

"It's incredible to think where we were in March when the closure was announced," said Lance Gibbon, Oak Harbor Public Schools superintendent. "Even before on-site school was canceled for the remainder of the year, our teams were preparing to roll out our aligned distance learning classrooms. This doesn't happen overnight and it's a true testament to having a wonderful team and a great community."

All three Whidbey Island districts have provided technology, and in some cases, internet connectivity, to students, who are now opening Chromebooks rather than textbooks. Google Classroom has proven to be the tool of choice among the districts, supplemented as needed by other learning applications.

Even so, districts must accommodate curriculum for kindergartners through seniors – an immense challenge that has required hours of planning and problem-solving for teachers and students.

"We have leaders at different levels working with different committees to make sure appropriate instruction for each grade level is accomplished and aligned," Gibbon explained. "It was a big priority for the district to make sure all five elementary schools had the same model. This was accomplished with a team of about 50 teachers representing all grade levels working for almost two weeks to build the foundation of the program."

"The intermediate, middle and high schools were able to

manage their own teams through departments and teaching team meetings to develop their programs," he continued. "Each of the levels meet with one another to make sure the instruction vertically aligns with the other schools."

"It takes every single staff member working together to transform what we had been doing," Moccia said. "We are all involved in making this happen. We have been meeting several times per week virtually since mid-March."

"Teaching and learning has changed so radically in the last couple of weeks," said Val Brown, president of the South Whidbey Education Association teachers' union. "We have been moving quickly to adapt and meet the needs of our students and teachers."

Brown said it has been exciting to see the amount of creativity being applied to these new, virtual classrooms.

"Teachers are busy Zooming with classes, sending pre-recorded lessons and live streaming instruction," she said. "They are reimagining learning and keeping students engaged in new ways. Students have had South Whidbey teachers deliver virtual chemistry lessons, recorded history lectures, YouTube videos on how to tell time and much more. It is really exciting to see staff leverage technology to deal with the changes and challenges."

Kendra Hackler, who teaches third grade at Olympic View Elementary School in Oak Harbor, said all this is new for teachers and students alike. She said the school shut down happened so quickly, it's been nice to be able to "talk" to her students again, even though it's not in person.

"It can be heartbreaking, especially with how quickly it all happened," she said. "We said goodbye Monday, thinking this was only six weeks. Then, for some kids I know who will be moving, there was a chance I wouldn't ever see them again and that was really hard to cope with."

"But I have been able to keep up with them now through emails and have been able to use Google Meet with them this week," she continued. "The nice thing is, I'm not alone in this. I'm not the only teacher grieving at this time, I'm not the only one who had to say goodbye to their kids."

"I miss seeing my teacher every day and having her there to ask questions right away," said SWSD third grader Dailee Franks.

Most South Whidbey students who responded to our questions told *Whidbey Weekly* there are both good and bad things about the new distance learning model.

"I think it's fun," said sixth grader Irene Stewart. "I like seeing my teachers because they let me show everyone my puppies! I miss seeing all my teachers because I'm in sixth grade and will not be able to say goodbye before I move to seventh grade."

"I miss recess because I miss the tether ball and I don't have one," said fourth grade student Jocee Franks. "I like seeing my teacher on Zoom because it's different."

Judah, a fourth grader as well, said learning at home is "pretty good," for the most part.

"I miss school because there is no friends at home and no playgrounds at home," he said. "I miss seeing them."

"I like learning at home - it can be nice and kind of stressful at the same time," said fifth grade student Adelynn Franks. "I enjoy visiting with my class on Zoom and feeling like my teacher is right there if I need her."

Distance learning, although far from perfect, has at least enabled students to continue their studies. School officials said they will continue to work on problem solving to make this transition as smooth as possible for staff, students and parents as they tackle the challenges that lie ahead for the next several weeks.

"The magnitude of the transformation, the emotional toll it has taken on students, families and staff, the sheer ambiguity of how long this will last, the impact on families trying to juggle home and the provision of remote instruction; it is all very challenging," said Moccia.

"The biggest challenge remains the unknown," said Gibbon. "The pandemic is a dynamic and constantly evolving situation. There have been countless times that our team has had to show flexibility and be willing to pivot with the new directives being handed down to us by the Governor and Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction."

Perhaps, said Hackler, now is a good time to practice grace under pressure.

"Give yourself grace and everyone around you," she suggested. "This is hard for every single person. Giving that grace to each other, understanding everyone is doing the best they can with the situation can go a long way."

Fundraising continues despite Relay for Life cancellation

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

For the first time in its 33-year history, there will be no survivor's lap, no luminaria ceremony, no continuous walks around the track at North Whidbey Middle School in Oak Harbor. COVID-19 has made it necessary to cancel this year's Relay for Life on Whidbey Island.

"This most definitely was a hard decision to make to put it lightly," said Amanda Patricco, lead event organizer for the 2020 Relay. "Considering the uncertain and fluid nature of this virus, our main goal is to meet the health and safety needs of our community, while continuing to do all that we can to support cancer patients during this difficult time. In order to reach that goal, the event leadership decided this was the responsible decision to make."

Just because the Relay for Life "event" has been canceled doesn't mean efforts to continue to raise funds to support the American Cancer Society have stopped, however.

"Fundraising in this kind of climate is certainly challenging, as many fundraisers have been canceled as a result," acknowledged Patricco. "With that said, we continue to see money coming in and our total funds increased by \$3,500 since last month's Relay Rally. Our community is just incredible - there's no better way of putting it. Again, despite the challenges, this is a good time to

utilize online platforms like Facebook Fundraising, ACS FUNdraising App, the participant's dashboard, etc."

There were 19 teams registered to participate in this year's Relay. Typically, organizers see that number grow a little more as the Relay date (usually the last weekend in May/first weekend in June) gets closer.

The event is a public way of celebrating those who have survived cancer, encouraging those currently engaged in the battle and remembering those who have lost the fight. It is a heartwarming, emotional, cathartic, uplifting, fun and encouraging 18-hours.

Patricco said there are still plans to hold smaller events as social distancing guidelines change and restrictions are loosened.

"Once the COVID-19 threat has subsided, we definitely plan to hold smaller events and will work with our volunteers and commu-

nity to celebrate our survivors, caregivers, and community," she said, listing events like a survivor breakfast and luminaria ceremony as examples.

"While this is a difficult time, I'm looking forward to continuing the conversation with the community virtually, through our social media platforms, on new and creative ways to support

families facing cancer throughout this unprecedented time."

The current COVID-19 pandemic has brought so many things to a halt these days. But as Patricco said, the fight against cancer is one battle that rages on.

"Cancer doesn't stop," she said. "The needs of people facing cancer continue and if anything, they are even more vulnerable given the current circumstances. We plan to continue the conversation with the community through our existing platforms, spread awareness, continue to

fundraise if feasible, connect with families of caregivers and survivors and see what resources they may need throughout this pandemic (i.e. masks, groceries, etc.)."

According to the American Cancer Society, 80 percent of calls to the cancer helpline and its LiveChat program in March were COVID-19 related. Many of its services have changed to telephone and online formats to ensure cancer patients have access to support. Go to cancer.org for a comprehensive resource reference.

Patricco also encourages those interested in helping ACS's Hope Lodge – which is providing free housing for health care workers across the country during this health crisis – visit https://donate3.cancer.org/?campaign=lodging_eoy_19 to make a donation and to find more information.

Those interested in discovering how they can help locally are invited to email relaywhidbey@gmail.com.

"I appreciate all of the understanding we have received from the community as we work to balance the current circumstances with the need to advance the mission of Relay for Life," Patricco said. "We are grateful for all the dedication of our fellow volunteers and appreciate the sacrifices they make to support our events. These events will be back and Relay for Whidbey in particular will come back with a fighting force."



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Film School

Screen time for kids

By Carey Ross



I see you, parents.

Your kids can't go to school. They can't play with friends. All those activities you signed them up for are curtailed, postponed or just plain canceled.

Sure, many of your offspring are plunging into the world of online learning—huge shout out to the teachers making the plunge right along with them—but it doesn't change the fact your kids are home. Every minute of every day. All of the time.

I've been impressed by the extent to which the parents I know have been managing these unusual circumstances and stressful time in history. You're using it to teach your children valuable life skills, helping them to design innovative forms of entertainment with the resources you have at hand and assisting them in keeping in touch with their friends and extended family through technology—all while managing their expectations and mitigating their fears as best you can.

And because the nature of parenthood is designed to make you feel guilty and as though you're constantly underachieving, I just want you to know you're doing a remarkable job. Getting through the day is hard work right now, and you're doing considerably more than just making it from wakeup to bedtime.

That said, you deserve a break. As such, there's not a thing wrong with turning on a movie for your kids while you pour yourself a glass of something and tune out for a bit. Since screen time is such a fraught issue for every parent I know, I've got some suggestions for films that will teach your kids a thing or two while they think they're being entertained.

It was the inimitable Fred Rogers who said, "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'" Never has this been truer than under our current circumstances. Read your children the quote and then let them learn about the extraordinary life of the man who said those words from the documentary "Won't You Be My Neighbor." In a loud, scary world, Rogers embodied gentleness, acceptance and quiet courage. Nearly every adult I know benefited from his teachings when we were young. There's no time like the present to pass those lessons on.

Perhaps your squirrely offspring could use a double feature, in which case I suggest the one-two punch of science and innovation under pressure embodied by "Hidden Figures" and "Apollo 13." From the former, they'll learn the largely unknown—at least until the 2016 hit film, that is—story of the black female mathematicians who worked for NASA and were instrumental in launching astronaut John Glenn into orbit during the Space Race of the 1960s, despite facing segregation and the massive societal obstacles of racism and sexism. From there, they can watch Ron Howard's epic about the space program back when it was firing on all cylinders and sending men to the moon in a show of American exceptionalism—at least until something went terribly wrong during the Apollo 13 mission. Your kids can witness the frantic efforts and incredible ingenuity shown by NASA engineers and the mission's astronauts, led by Tom Hanks as commander Jim Lovell, as well as the moment when Hanks utters the iconic line, "Houston, we have a problem."

Because I always have to put a plug in for a classic movie—I learned to love black-and-white films as a child, and if I had kids, would force them on my children in the same way my mom forced them on me—it's my duty to offer an oldie but a goodie, in this case, "To Kill a Mockingbird." One of the reasons the film adaptation of Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel translates so well to younger folks is it's told via the viewpoint of its hugely likeable protagonist, Scout Finch. The plot itself is a hard one, dealing with complicated issues of racism and rape in 1930s small-town Alabama, but thanks to Gregory Peck as lawyer (and Scout's father) Atticus Finch, it's ultimately a story of fair treatment, moral fortitude and turning the other cheek. Peck won Best Actor for his portrayal and Atticus Finch has been called the greatest film hero of the 20th century. If your kids haven't yet read the novel in school, they certainly will.

Lastly, there exist those movies that are ostensibly for kids, but I would never inflict on them and would caution all parents away from. Really I'm just talking about one film: "Where the Red Fern Grows." I still carry with me the scars inflicted by both the movie and the book it's based on. I'm not saying "Where the Red Fern Grows" is responsible for all of the therapy I've sought, I'm merely letting you know it did come up in a session or two.

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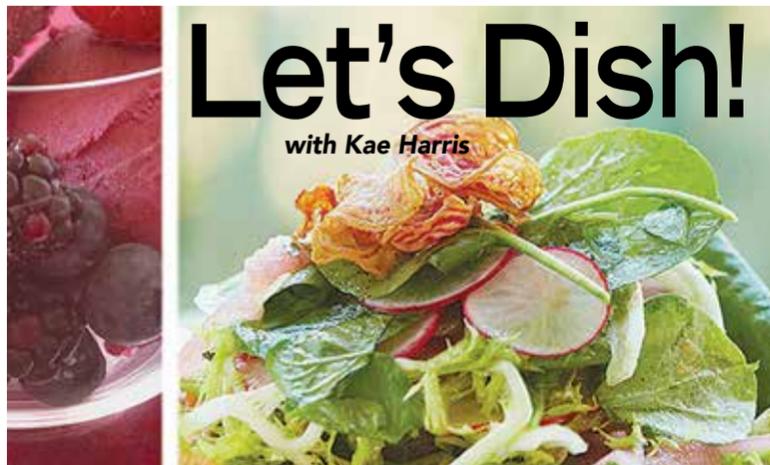


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LOCKDOWN LIVING; WHAT'S YOUR MENU LOOKING LIKE NOW?

I would first like to say I hope you are all keeping well, dear readers, and that lockdown has not been too hard. I know I have struggled a bit during this time, but nonetheless I have found creative ways to keep myself and my kids occupied. This includes the many, many meals I have made over the past few weeks. I'll just say my exceptionally picky children have become far less picky.

You see, choosiness isn't an option in my home anymore. It never was when I was growing up and finally this seems to be echoed in my house now. When I was a child, whatever my mother made for any meal, we ate; no choice. Asking her "What's for dinner?" wasn't even a thing. While I would indulge my own kids' queries about what I was cooking, I always felt a sense of anticipation. I felt like I was waiting for their seal of approval, similar to those contestants on *Master Chef*. No, it was more like *Guy's Grocery Games*, where I'm given an incredibly limited amount of time to race around the store, grabbing whatever was closest and then turning it into a worthy meal. Yeah well, enough of that nonsense, because now when the kids ask "What's for dinner?" the answer is no longer "Well, I was thinking of xyz, what do you think?" It's "Whatever I make." Initially, they'd retort "But what if I don't LIKE IT?" and now it's

"Okay." Don't get me wrong, it's taken weeks of standoffs and stalemates, days of crying about how they don't like some or other fruit or veggie, countless hours of suppressed parental frustration, but here we are. We've come to realize bananas are not only a great source of potassium, but you can actually EAT them. They taste pretty good, too. Additionally, we've discovered if you mix a little garlic salt into your green beans, they're insanely tasty and they taste nothing like an actual bean. Furthermore, we have found homemade anything, while it might take longer, is far yummier than the processed, fast food version. My youngest son has finally developed a liking of apples – something he positively HATED before. He'd cry if he had to eat a couple of slices. Now, he gobbles them up no problem.

Anyway, the point of all this is I have found, during lockdown, not only am I more creative in the kitchen, I have to simultaneously exercise patience and understanding when it comes to cooking food for kids who used to be incredibly picky. Do I just stand in the kitchen all day and sing songs and bake things and cook? No, but I do find I'm spending more time in the kitchen; I haven't yet worked out if it's because I'm preparing more home cooked meals or because it's become more of an education platform for not just my children, but myself as well.

I've found out quite a few things. First, I've found a "watched pot (truly) does not boil."

Second, acini di pepe is kind of like tapioca in terms of size and consistency, and I prefer it when prepared in savory dishes. Next, if you clean up as you go along, you don't have a mountain of dishes to cringe about at the end of the night and procrastinate on until the next morning. I've always preferred to clean up as I go along, but now I'm taking my time. I don't feel rushed to do them. There's no sense of urgency to quickly wash, dry and put away, or rinse and stack in the dishwasher. This is for two reasons: One, my children have to do the dishes as one of their chores, many evenings; Two, I don't have to rush to be anywhere that evening or the next morning. But that's neither here nor there. I've also found there are so many recipes online making use of the simplest ingredients and this is something that always makes me happy.

My daughter made a side dish the other night and it was divine. What happened was, everyone in previous weeks had been buying everything out of the stores, and when I went in search of some pasta, lo and behold, there was none to be bought, except for acini di pepe. "What am I going to make with this besides frog eye salad?" I thought. Well, it turns out if you use the water it's cooked in, with a half stick of butter, some parmesan cheese, a little garlic, dried oregano and pepper to taste, you have yourself one of the easiest, simplest, tastiest sides possible. Perhaps I'm biased because I

was super proud of my daughter preparing such a delicious side dish, but I doubt it, because I made it again last night, myself, and it was just as scrumptious as when she made it. Case in point. In fact, everyone in the family enjoyed it.

During the lockdown, I've seen firsthand, just how adaptable we are. I've seen how capable and resilient we are, how creative and innovative we can be and how ingenuity abounds when the going gets tough. We as a species have the potential to build, make and create, and that's amazing. We can be open to new ideas and trying new things, especially new foods and methods of preparing our favorite meals. Let's take this time as an opportunity to do this, if it presents itself, and I truly hope it does just that for everyone.

My dear readers, I am including my daughter's acini di pepe recipe and I hope you try it out if you can find the pasta. Adapt it, play with the ingredients, make it your own! If you have any new and exciting recipes you'd like to share, send those in! Tips, advice or just a note to say "Hi," I'd love to hear from you, so please feel free to email me at letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com and we can do exactly that - dish!

Lemon Butter Acini di Pepe

- 1 box acini di pepe
- 1 stick butter
- ¾ to 1 cup drained pasta water
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 2 teaspoons crushed garlic
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- Garlic salt to taste
- Pepper to taste

Cook pasta as per package instructions (it should take about 9 minutes to cook, but I cook mine a little longer – 12 minutes). Drain and reserve about ¾ cup to 1 cup of the pasta water and set aside. In a large pot, melt the butter over medium heat. Slowly add in the reserved pasta water and whisk after each addition (this will form a thick sauce). Add in the garlic, garlic salt, pepper and oregano. Cook, stirring continuously for 2 minutes. Add lemon juice, stir. Add in the pasta and mix well, until sauce is evenly distributed throughout the acini di pepe. Taste and adjust seasonings as you like. Serve and enjoy!

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CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

ARIES (March 21-April 19)



From the poem, Invictus, a guiding light to live by: "I am the master of my fate: I am the captain of my soul." Are you a good captain? Fair, just, impartial? Can you hear out your critics, while listening for the unspoken meaning within their message? And in responding, address not only the complaint, but the humanity within? The resolute captain is ever mindful of what makes the soul unconquerable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



On today's menu of political rhetoric, have you an eye for value? Or is your favor cheap and easily won by whoever talks loudest and longest? Whenever the talk turns to free lunch, expect that Machiavelli is your waiter. His clever but misleading reasoning means you will pay dearly in the end. Entree or dessert, appetizer or a la carte, it matters not. Freedom is not free, and neither is lunch.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



If you're like most these days, your attitude is, "My mind is made up. Don't confuse me with the facts." That's understandable. Facts, like socks or ties, are commonly chosen with an eye for color and mass appeal, and changed as often. If you find yourself confused by facts, don't hesitate to think. Who wins, who loses, who gets the money? Follow the money. So. Got your tie? How about a nice silk pocket square to match?

CANCER (June 22-July 22)



Seeing things you never thought you'd witness in civilized society? Get used to it. It's an election year, meaning places at the trough are up for grabs. Forget Robert's Rules of Order. Never mind parliamentary procedure. The stakes are high and the race for position goes to the fittest. Keep your eyes open and your wits about you, lest you be trampled in the fray. And don't forget your shin guards.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



There's a way to conquer your enemies that is both legal and humane. It's a tactic not easily learned. Though not exactly a martial art, the best warriors employ it. It's powerful because it's the last thing your enemies expect. Often, it's confused with weakness, but the two are not the same. It's name? Kindness. Conquer your enemies with kindness. Prove that gentility does not lack strength. When the time is right, you'll know how.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



A poet of old said that the pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist believes the wind will change; and the realist changes the sails. You don't have to be a sailor to make the winds work. Changing the sails means adapting to whatever conditions you must to fulfill your responsibilities. The needs of family, friends and loved ones will keep you

busy this week. Be the realist, and take up the slack where you must.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



Throw a log on the fire, tamp some Prince Albert into your pipe: "Home is the sailor, home from the sea, and the hunter home from the hill." Stevensen's wistful poetry poses a challenge. Can you wax poetic while all around you are tying their knickers in knots? Do as Stevensen did. Turn off your phone, don the fuzzy slippers and pour yourself a nightcap. Let the Shanghai waterfront stay in Shanghai.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



A Dutch proverb tells us, "Tall trees catch loads of wind." It's a warning that to tower above the norm is to risk being taken down. In a week that sees you standing out against your competition, will you hunker down and tip-toe through the tulips? Or stand like a mighty oak and defy the gale? Deep inside you is a third choice. An inner stillness that no wind can reach. Abide there, and you will always be safe.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



A penny saved is a penny earned. A penny doubled every day for 30 days is \$5,368,709.12. That's everything you need to know about compound interest. It's also why the poor work for money and the rich make money work for them. You may safely assume that money figures largely in your week. How largely? Depends on whether you're working for your pennies, or your pennies are working for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



Can you tap your head, rub your tummy and chew gum, all at the same time? Great. You'll have a fine week. Even finer if you can do all that while also blowing smoke rings. You get the drift. Multitasking is king. If you can multitask, no problem. Got smoke rings inside your bubble gum bubbles, and still falling behind? You may have bitten off more than you can chew. Get yourself a gal Friday and keep her on speed dial.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



So you know something, and wish you didn't. You can't unknow what you know, but you can offload the burden of knowing it. How to go about that? When you're charged with keeping someone else's dark secret, urge that person to speak up and come clean, freeing both of you. In terms of health and sanity, the cost of keeping secrets is high, far too high to tolerate. The old cliché is true: Honesty is the best policy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



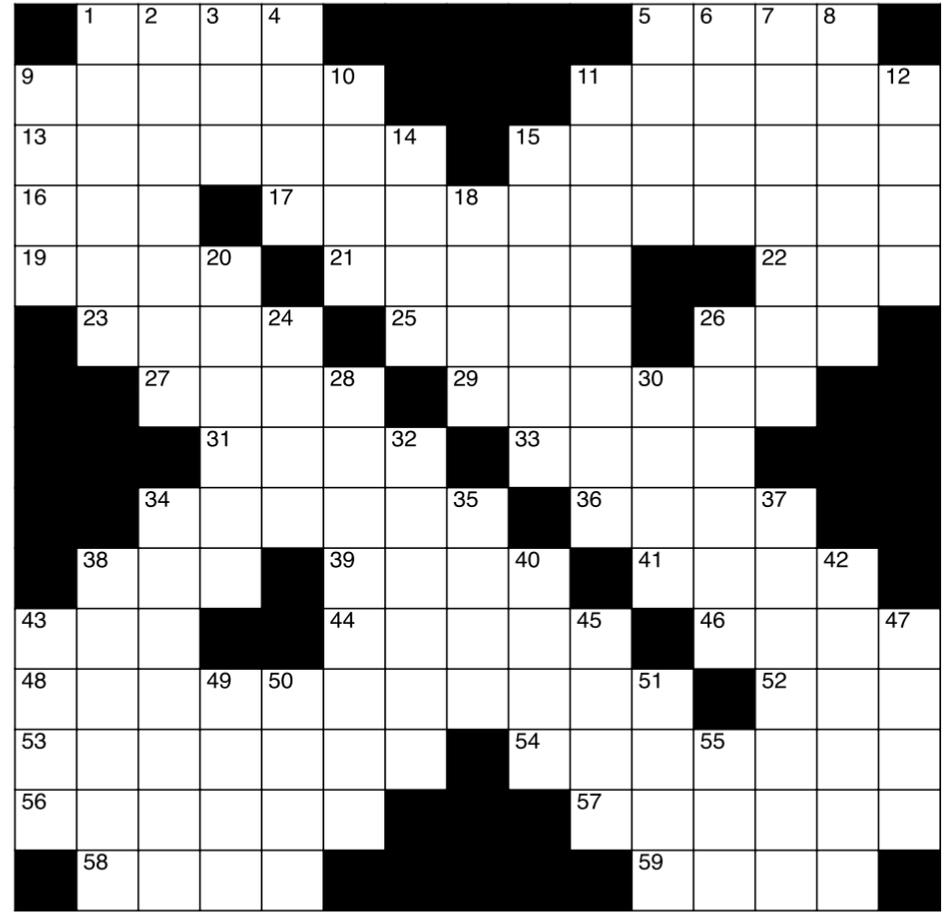
With regard to your pursuits, we're reminded of our favorite quote by Mae West: "Too much of a good thing is wonderful." The excesses Mae had in mind, we leave to your imagination. More to our point is that the number of people involved in reaching your goals is becoming excessive. With so many dancing feet, missteps are likely. Nevertheless, if everyone has the beat, success is more likely. Mae would have approved.

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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. Canadian law enforcers
- 5. Actor Idris
- 9. Cut or bruise
- 11. Vegetables
- 13. Aircraft delivery
- 15. To make obsolete
- 16. Things similar to those already noted
- 17. Columbus is a famous one
- 19. Age group
- 21. Denotes nature of sound
- 22. Klutz
- 23. Uninteresting
- 25. Computer manufacturer
- 26. 2,000 lbs.
- 27. Genus of seabirds
- 29. Emerges
- 31. Baseball stat
- 33. Witnesses
- 34. Observed
- 36. Satisfy
- 38. Former OSS
- 39. Small Eurasian deer
- 41. Wife of Sparta's king
- 43. Ballplayer accessory

CLUES DOWN

- 14. Temporary cessation of breathing
- 46. Where construction workers ply their trade
- 48. Arguments that justify a religious doctrine
- 52. Thick cloud of tiny water droplets
- 53. Widens
- 54. Detection
- 56. Period of inactivity
- 57. Tomato and vodka are two
- 58. Greek war god
- 59. Urinates
- 1. Churned
- 2. Seal bottles
- 3. Million barrels per day (abbr.)
- 4. Meat from a pig (French)
- 5. Within
- 6. Walk in a slow pace
- 7. Cries
- 8. About Andes
- 9. Fishermen use it
- 10. Expresses delight
- 11. Shouts
- 12. Feudal agricultural laborer

- 14. Sailboat
- 15. Small Eurasian willows
- 18. S. American native people
- 20. Extreme disgust
- 24. Nonsense (slang)
- 26. Produce male reproductive cells
- 28. Computes
- 30. Pop singer
- 32. Weds secretly
- 34. Having two poles
- 35. Yankee hero Bucky
- 37. Building
- 38. Per __, each
- 40. Six (Spanish)
- 42. Makes amends
- 43. Scoundrels
- 45. Baseball's best pitchers
- 47. Some are scrambled
- 49. Emit coherent radiation
- 50. Singer Redding
- 51. Break
- 55. Institute legal proceedings against

Answers on page 15

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, April 23	Fri, April 24	Sat, April 25	Sun, April 26	Mon, April 27	Tues, April 28	Wed, April 29
North Isle H-60°/L-42° Rain Possible	North Isle H-57°/L-44° Cloudy	North Isle H-61°/L-46° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-62°/L-47° Cloudy	North Isle H-62°/L-45° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-59°/L-42° Chance of Rain	North Isle H-60°/L-43° Cloudy
South Isle H-60°/L-43° Chance of Rain	South Isle H-60°/L-43° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-64°/L-46° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-65°/L-47° Cloudy	South Isle H-65°/L-45° Cloudy	South Isle H-63°/L-44° Rain Possible	South Isle H-63°/L-44° Cloudy



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8	7	4	3	2	6	5	1	9
2	3	1	5	4	9	7	6	8
1	9	6	7	8	5	2	4	3
4	5	3	9	6	2	8	7	1
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3	4	7	1	9	8	6	2	5
5	2	9	6	7	3	1	8	4
6	1	8	2	5	4	3	9	7

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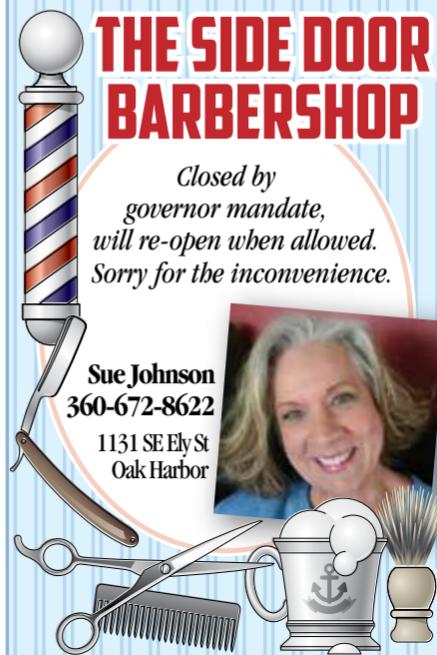
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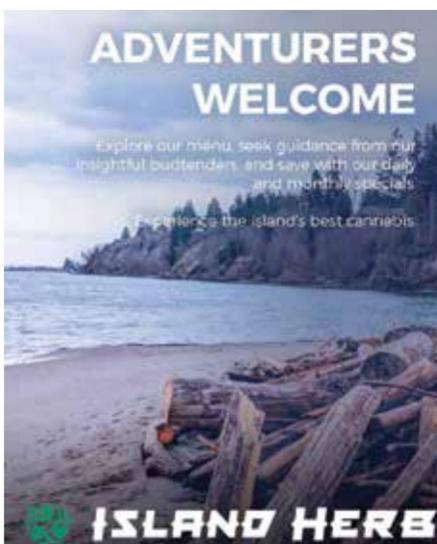
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