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ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman

80th birthday in perfect fashion. The Shifty Sailors, just celebrated his Vern Olsen, aka Sir Squeeze of the world As the Vern turns in fact, with all this smoke in the sky, I am so see if it is a syndrome or an idiosyncrasy. I might consider going to the doc about this to word.

blooming.

South Africa. It is spring here. The trees are
on the west coast are you located? Do you have food and Drink and any of my staff writers Amy Wong and Taylor Batforditch, two admitted fast food fans. Their article encouraged other fans of Washington State Fair head to the faigrunds in Puyallup the remaining week-ends in September between 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. for some fun grub. What a fun way to see the faigrunds. A huge drive-in with a whole lot of choices. Since there is not enough time for me to get to Puyallup to extract my desires for Kansas Pop- corn bags, Big Mama’s Meat Shack ½-pound cheeseburger, and Fisher Sciones, I decided to go to Jupiter Coffee in Freeland for the later Located in the mini mall on highway 525 in Freeland, Laura and Bryce serve up great coffee, homemade baked goods, and Laura’s scenes of surprising. Why drive to Puyallup? Scorne bonus — There is a fresh stock of Whidbey Weeklies every Wednesday afternoon right outside the Jupiter Coffee door. To be completely transparent, I am the column- est designer described above, and further, I approved the next long sentence. While I have not been bribed to support in print Laura’s scenes. Us injured a gifted one, deliv- ered fresh to me by Laura’s lanae drence, Bryce, all the way from their door to the Chevron gas pump where I received my Bryce surprise. Talk about being pumped. No n’t to know Ever since learning to read, I have loved head- lines. Two of my very favorites when I wrote for the paper formerly known as the South Whidbey Record were- Two covers in crash- landing and Coke turns out to be lemon Jello. Nothing like adolescent drug dealers at recess. And who said cows can’t fly? Now that I am old enough to receive the AARP Bulletin, I like to scan the headlines to see whether or not to get out my Dad’s magnifying glass for details. The following headline brought out the magni- fying glass: 6 Things You Should Never Do Again. My mind was hopping like a Presbyterian jumping bean. Had my parents contacted the publisher? Actually, the six things have to do with fu- season. In case you are not too young and/or do not have a magnifying glass, here is the six pack of no-nos: 1. Do not pass a sink without washing your hands. 2. Do not leave home without a pen in your pocket. 3. Do not wake up to an alarm clock. 4. Do not drive when you can walk. 5. Do not smoke a cigarette. 6. Do not eat buffet-style. For details about these AARP-approved caviats for fu season, check out www.aarp.org/bulletin at page 21. The pen in the pocket suggestion confused me until I read that flu viruses can live on nonpol- ysurfaces for a day or two. Given I have not been inside a bank since March, and pay with cash, who needs a pen? Reminds me of the Mark Twain story, The Pen and the Pap. Stay mentally safe. Avoid the news. To read past columns of On Track in the Whidbey Weekly, see our Digital Library at www. whidbeyweekly.com.

Fraud fake How can one have fake fraud when fraud in the nature is fake? When a fake Amazon rep calls with fraud questions, I call double fraud. Fraud in stereo.

More and more I realize everybody, regardless of age, needs to be hugged and comforted in a brotherly or sisterly way now and then. Preferably now. —Jane Howard.

Gratitude. More aware of what you have than what you don’t. Recognizing the treasure in the simple—a child’s hug, fertile soil, a golden sunset. Relishing in the comfort of the common—a warm bed, a hot meal, a clean shirt. —Max Lucado

Good humor is a tonic for mind and body. It is the direct route to serenity and contenting. —Grenville Kleiser

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Questions. Consider some of the lessons you may learn from experiencing or understanding the emotions of others.

- Regulate your emotions. In the investment world, this means not getting emotional when losses occur and not being swayed by market hype. The goal is to avoid being swayed by the market emotions.

- Learn from experience. As a judge, you can learn a lot from the experiences of others. When you make mistakes, you can learn from them and improve. When you see the mistakes of others, you can learn from them and avoid making the same mistakes.

- Take a longer-term perspective. When you are making investment decisions, you need to think about the long-term rather than the short-term. This means that you need to have a long-term plan and not be swayed by the short-term market fluctuations.

- Understand the importance of diversification. Diversification means spreading your investments across different types of assets, industries, and geographies. This can help you avoid the risks of losing money in one particular investment.

- Develop a sense of risk tolerance. It is important to understand your own risk tolerance. This will help you make better investment decisions.

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Skgat College's Worker Retraining Program Covers Tuition, Books, and School-Related Fees to Help Those Who Are Unemployed

Skgat College is pleased to announce new options for fall quarter, taught by its trained, experienced faculty. Classes start Tuesday, Sept. 22 and registration is going on now.

Are you unemployed from aerospace, construction, logging, retail, or hospitality, or from another industry? Did you know you can continue your education and find better options while attending Skgat and sometimes receive a benefits extension because you’re attending? Skgat College’s Worker Retraining program provides access to books, textbooks, and school-related fees, with the support you need to prepare for new employment.

Email Lisa Barnett at lbarnett@skagit.edu by Sept. 21 for fall enrollment.

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

National Voter Registration Day Is September 22

Every year millions of Americans find themselves unable to vote because they miss a registration deadline, lack access to the Internet, or other registration issues. Voter registration is essential in order to participate in our democratic election system and isn’t as difficult as you might think.

Do you register to vote? Is the information on your registration up to date? Visit www.vote.gov to learn more.

Are you in the military and need help registering to vote in another state? Federal Voting Assistance is available for you.

Are you a snowbird or a student and need your ballot mailed to you at your temporary address? Send the Island County Elections Office an email at info@islandcountywa.gov and we can send your ballot to your “other” address.

For more information about voter registration and elections, contact the Island County Elections Office at 360-678-7366 or visit the website www.islandcountywa.gov/elections.

National Voter Registration Day has been endorsed by the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASAS). It is further supported by the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED). National Voter Registration Day is held the fourth Tuesday in September. In 2020, it will be observed Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Visit NationalVoterRegistrationDay.org for more information.

Applications for Community Impact Grants are available by request from Petite Bryant-Hunt at email at p.bryant-hunt@islandcountywa.gov. Applications will be accepted until close of business Friday, Sept. 25.

The Economic Recovery Task Force will present the requests to the Island County Commissioners for consideration Tuesday, Sept. 22.

[Submitted by Virginia Shaddy, Clerk of the Board]

Library Foundation Helping Families Address Back-to-School Needs

Families with school-age children facing the uncertainty of the coming school year are getting help from the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation.

The foundation is funding books, computers and hotspots to help families. Funding launched a new initiative called the Opportunity Fund.

“We developed this fund in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its continued impact on our library communities and Sno-Isle and island counties,” Foundation Executive Director Paul Pitkin said. “With our funding, we are partnering with programs at Sno-Isle Libraries and community-based service agencies to address literacy and technology needs in our area.”

The Opportunity Fund is helping bridge the widening digital divide by providing funding for laptops, computers and hotspots as individual Wi-Fi hotspots to provide internet access. The foundation is also funding the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation’s library lab containing up to 100 books aimed at developing and improving early literacy. The books are selected by Sno-Isle Libraries staff members.

To identify recipients and distribute the laptops and hotspots, Sno-Isle Libraries staff members connected with local school districts. So far, participating districts include Darrington, Granite Falls, Lake Stevens, Marysville, Monroe, Oak Harbor, Snohomish, South Whidbey, Stanwood and Sultan.

In addition to helping students and families participate in online school work, the laptop and hotspot program also provides access to the educational support resources available through Sno-Isle Libraries. Besides books and digital materials, the library account opens up assistance such as homework help, many databases and reference services, rolling carts, online tutoring, and online study groups.

To identify Home Library Project recipients, Sno-Isle Libraries is working with Stanwood Camano Food Bank, Marysville Life Walk, Whidbey Island Nourishes, Childsling, Growing Together, Coupeon House North, All Families Are Ready and Early Learning by the Book to distribute through the partner agencies.

Books for families are included to encourage parents to read with their children. Students have shown just how books available in the home dramatically improves a child’s literacy, and that lifelong literacy and a love of learning begins at an early age.

More than 1,000 books have been distributed through Home Library Project with more to be delivered in the coming months.

Pitkin said the foundation is contacting additional Opportunity Fund partners to support outings and follow-up programs.

“The pandemic is really highlighting the importance of equity of access for all the commu- nities in Sno-Isle Libraries,” Pitkin said. “It was a priority before the pandemic, but now it’s especially urgent. Students don’t know how many of their classmates are in person this coming school year, and library parking lots are full of people in their cars because of the free Wi-Fi they’re buying.”

Pitkin said library staff are seeing online library use increase since pandemic-related restric- tions were imposed, making internet access all the more important.

“At the same time, children need actual books to learn to read and keep up their literacy skills and the Home Library Project is doing just that,” Pitkin said. “I’m so grateful to our community partners for helping us make that happen. These are difficult times, but it’s so inspiring to see our communities come together.”

The Opportunity Fund

The Opportunity Fund Foundation Opportunity Fund goal is $250,000. For more information about the fund and contribution opportunities, go to www.sno-isle.org or contact Paul Pitkin, 206-618-3761, pitkin@sno-isle.org.

[Submitted by Jim Hill, Sno-Isle Libraries]

New Whidbey Fire and Rescue Citizens Advisory Committee

New Whidbey Fire and Rescue (NWFR), Chief, John Clark, brought with him the useful cooperation of a citizens advisory committee. At such, Chief Clark and advertised NWFR’s first citizens advisory committee (CAC) for members from outside of the Oak Harbor fire department which does not serve Island County. The CAC consists of seven members from who are all interested in being an emergency manager. The committee meets once a week to discuss fire plans and procedures. Chief Clark says the committee is now the upcoming vote on the Fire Levy Lid Lift increase in Island County property taxes for fire district equipment. Given the amount of fire storms, such as the ones in East Washington, ensuring we have a robust fire department in north Whidbey Island is critical, especially given the amount of forest area involved.

The citizens advisory committee will brief Chief Clark monthly on near-term issues, such as the needed Levy Lid Lift, and longer-term issues, such as fire state of readiness. Any insights or questions for the CAC, please email Steve Schwalbe at: CsSchwalbe@gmail.com.

The Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation Opportunity Fund partners to support outings and follow-up programs.

[Submitted by Steve Schwalbe]

Local Business News

Apply Now for New Emergency Grants Available to Local Small Businesses

Up to $200,000 is available for Island Coun- ty businesses with up to 20 employees

The Economic Development Council for Island County (EDCIC) is accepting applica- tions for a new round of CARES grant funds. These funds will target small businesses that are suffering the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding is intended to support local busi- nesses that have been negatively impacted by the pandemic.

“Funding is needed for our small businesses and communities,” said Mark Laska, owner of Ciao.

Ciao Food and Wine is bringing Italian food artistry to Whidbey Island. This week, the beloved Italian restaurant debuted an updated menu, alfresco dining on the patio, and a new experience with a selection of shareable appetizers.

“Taste Italy with us,” says Owner Cathy Lemon.

Almost well known for its authentic and deli- cious Italian cuisine, Ciao now features a market of uniquely fantastic Italian food products including fresh pasta, fresh mozzarella, burrata, high-quality Italian meats and cheeses, fresh-baked bread and Italian pastries and cakes. Ciao is also iconic for its extensive wine selection with wine featuring nine rotating flavors - sample exquisite wines from family-owned, small-production, organically-grown vineyards throughout Italy.

“We want to bring the best of Italy here right to Whidbey Island with a better menu and the best selection of wines,” says Owner John Clark. “It’s going to be possible to find anywhere else,” said Mark Laska, owner of Ciao.

Laska apprenticed under the great Italian chefs including his famous brother, Rome, and one of the founders of the slow food move- ment. He immersed himself in the food culture and now brings the true taste and learned to mill flour with Caputo, mozzarella production in Paestum, olive oil and curing near Tuscany, pasta making in the ancestral fields and canneries of San Marzano. When he opened Ciao 10 years ago, Laska brought those unique flavors and techniques to Wash- ington.

To create the safest experience for its customers and their teams, Ciao implemented criti- cal cleaning and hygiene protocols, a beautiful alfresco dining area - adding to the restaurant’s authentic Italian ambiance.

Visit Ciao at 301 N Main Street in Coupeville and 1201 W Sunset Drive in Oak Harbor for takeout meals, alfresco dining, and a selection of artisan Italian foods and wines.

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Wishing our Students & Teachers
A Safe & Successful School Year!

Wishing Our Whidbey Island Students & Teachers A Safe, Happy & Successful School Year!

Best wishes to this year’s students and parents as you embark on an exciting new school year! We know how much planning and effort has gone into keeping students safe, and we appreciate the effort and dedication of Oak Harbor School District to our community’s kids. Thank you, teachers and school staff!
BLM banner draws support and concern on South Whidbey

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

A Black Lives Matter (BLM) banner hanging on the tennis courts at South Whidbey High School has sparked a conversation in the community. The banner, which was placed with the approval of South Whidbey School District officials July 28, has drawn both support and concern from area residents.

Jo Mosota, superintendent for the South Whidbey School District, said the banner was placed in line with the district’s vision of equity and inclusion for all students. The school board also approved an equity and inclusion policy Aug. 26.

“If there is only a Black Lives Matter Banner placed to support inclusion. Other community members were concerned the banner may be divisive and not acknowledge factors outside of race impacting students.

“My concern about the BLM banner is that it is a one-sided approach to an education issue promoted by the school district without balance,” he said. “Visuals work, without balance they can easily mislead. This visual is extremely political and out of place on public property, especially on school property.”

Moccia said the Federal Office of Special Education Services can’t give at the levels they may have in the past, “With COVID happening, we realized our usual fundraiser just wasn’t practical; circumstances have changed and a lot of businesses can’t give at the levels they may have in the past,” said Tonnelli Grundhe, manager of growth and outreach for Growing Veterans and part of the team putting the show together.

“Our donations are down 50 percent over last year, yet the need for services has skyrocketed,” she said. “It’s sort of a sad secret to have.”

Located in Lynden, Growing Veterans has been around since 2012. The organization opened an outpost at Greenbank Farm at the beginning of the year. Its mission is to help prevent veteran suicide by ending the isolation often felt by so many. Whidbey Island seemed like a perfect location for an outpost, given its high veteran population.

Because September is Suicide Awareness Month, Gruetter said they wanted to come up with an idea that would help raise awareness of veteran suicide and provide a fun even outing. It really took off when Blue Fox owner, Darrell Bratt, offered to donate the drive-in for the night.

“That was kind of our launch point and from there it sort of snow-balled. We ended up with a couple of local singer/songwriters, a band, jugglers, comedy – all kinds of talent. “Because of the current ban on live performances, organizers enlisted the aid of filmmaker Chris Laxamana to help put it all together.

“He donated his time at the farm filming the acts, and it is being edited into one big film,” Gruetter explained. “Hopefully some of the performers will be able to be there so the audience can give them a round of applause at the end.”

Performers include the Dalgarn Family Band, Ronnie Nix, Wren and Della, and comedian Vanessa Dawn, who will also serve as emcee, along with Grace Therese, Miss Washington 2019.

“This is going to be a great variety show AND the proceeds go to helping an awesome charity,” said Dawn. “Plus, I’ll be there!” Performing without a live audience is something that proved challenging for local performer Ronnie Nix.

“Filming a comedy set without an audience was VERY difficult,” said Dawn. “When I’m at a comedy club I can feel the crowd’s energy and I’m able to read the room. More importantly, I can hear people laugh. Plus, I haven’t been able to do a live show since June, so I felt super suzy. It felt like when you try to work out for the first time in a few years and quickly realize you’re not as in-shape as you used to be.”

“That’s been the hardest part of the pandemic for me,” said local musician Ronnie Nix, who is currently on active duty with the U.S. Navy. “Personal interaction means so much to me as a performer. I miss seeing my friends who come out to see me play and being able to look at people’s faces as I’m playing. I can’t put into words the feeling that gives me. I play shows online but it’s not the same.”

Bellingham-based performers Wren and Della will be one of the acts featured Sept. 25 in the Veteran Variety Show at Blue Fox Drive-In, a fundraising event for the Growing Veterans organization.

Variety show supports Growing Veterans

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Organizers of an upcoming show at the Blue Fox Drive-In near Oak Harbor hope their unique spin on an evening of entertainment will help grow support for the Growing Veterans organization and help end the stigma of veteran isolation and suicide.

The Veteran Variety Show begins Friday, Sept. 25 with an open-air, pop-up market from 4 to 7 p.m., featuring veteran-owned businesses, followed by the variety show at 7 p.m. A showing of the comedy classic “Tropic Thunder” will begin at approximately 8:45 p.m.

The variety show is a new take on Growing Veterans’ traditional fundraiser.

“With COVID happening, we realized our usual fundraiser just wasn’t practical; circumstances have changed and a lot of businesses can’t give at the levels they may have in the past,” said Tonnelli Grundhe, manager of growth and outreach for Growing Veterans and part of the team putting the show together.

“Our donations are down 50 percent over last year, yet the need for services has skyrocketed,” she said. “It’s sort of a sad secret to have.”

Performers include the Dalgarn Family Band, Ronnie Nix, Wren and Della, and comedian Vanessa Dawn, who will also serve as emcee, along with Grace Therese, Miss Washington 2019.

“This is going to be a great variety show AND the proceeds go to helping an awesome charity,” said Dawn. “Plus, I’ll be there!” Performing without a live audience is something that proved challenging for local performer Ronnie Nix.

“Filming a comedy set without an audience was VERY difficult,” said Dawn. “When I’m at a comedy club I can feel the crowd’s energy and I’m able to read the room. More importantly, I can hear people laugh. Plus, I haven’t been able to do a live show since June, so I felt super suzy. It felt like when you try to work out for the first time in a few years and quickly realize you’re not as in-shape as you used to be.”

“That’s been the hardest part of the pandemic for me,” said local musician Ronnie Nix, who is currently on active duty with the U.S. Navy. “Personal interaction means so much to me as a performer. I miss seeing my friends who come out to see me play and being able to look at people’s faces as I’m playing. I can’t put into words the feeling that gives me. I play shows online but it’s not the same.”

Bellingham-based performers Wren and Della will be one of the acts featured Sept. 25 in the Veteran Variety Show at Blue Fox Drive-In, a fundraising event for the Growing Veterans organization.
Changing from a Ground Operation to an Air Operation

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In fighting forest fires, the proposal is to change from a ground operation assisted from the air by a few small fixed wing tanker aircraft and a few helicopters to using only large aircraft and fighting it totally from the air. (A minor exception is there may be a need to transport a few firefighters to the site after the fire is over 99% extinguished with the mission to extinguish any smoldering embers and to make certain that the fire does not re-ignite.) For this concept consider:

- There is no requirement to only fight forest fires from the ground assisted from the air by a few small aircraft like the S-2s that can carry 1200 gallons of retardant and a few helicopters, that can carry 220 gallons of the same stuff.
- To fight forest fires with aircraft and to be effective, they need to transport the maximum amount of water to the fire as quickly as possible and dump this water directly on that fire.
- To transport the maximum amount of water will require securing the largest aircraft possible.
- If they have enough of these large birds, they should be able to do much more than just fight the fire, but they should be able to actually extinguish it all from the air in a single pass.
- If this is achieved where every fire is extinguished in its infancy, then there will be no more “major” forest fires.
- In selecting aircraft, the person in charge of aviation should do a cost per gallon capability analysis of the competing aircraft. (This is dividing the cost of the aircraft by its payload in gallons.) The analysis will show that as the aircraft grows in size, the cost of the aircraft also increases, but the cost-per-gallon capability goes down, often dramatically.
- To consider the aircraft involved there is one problem. The person, Curtis Brown, responsible for the data cost for CALFIRE aircraft has ignored this writer’s two request for this data leaving him no choice but to estimate his cost. He estimates the small 4-engine tanker aircraft at $20 million and the UH-IH helicopters at $10 million. The C-5s can be secured from the Arizona boneyard at no cost to the Forest Service (FS) with the only cost is the conversion to tanker one and that is estimated at $5 million. The C-5’s payload is estimated at 40,000 gallons. (As conjecture is used in the aircraft cost, the results are not as accurate as they can be much more or possible a little less.)
- For comparison purposes, the C-5 carries 40,000/1200 = 33.3 times and the UH-IH, it is 40,000/320 = 125 times more. What is shocking is the cost per gallon, which for the S-2, $20 million / 1200 = $16,667 per gallon and the UH-IH $31,250 / 1200 = $250 per gallon. The C-5 cost $5 million / 40,000 = $125 per gallon. On a cost-per-gallon comparison, the S-2 cost $16,667 / 125 = 133.3 times and the UH-IH is 31,250 / 125 = 250 times more than the C-5. Small aircraft are extremely expensive on a cost-per-gallon comparison. (Unless their VTOL capability is critical, helicopters should not be considered for this mission as their purchase and operating costs are roughly 10 time that of a fixed wing aircraft for the same payload.)
- The performance of the person in charge of aviation, a Shawna Legarza, of the FS is disturbing. He considered no large aircraft like used 747s or the C-5s to transport this water. He did not cost-per-gallon comparison of any aircraft. One must believe that he blindly and only considering cheap aircraft, purchased these 22 S-2s and 12 helicopters.
- One must conclude that Mr. Legarza wasted over $500 million of the taxpayers’ money by buying the wrong aircraft. He is also indirectly responsible for $8 billions in more burnt forest, homes, structures, and some lives past and present as he purchased aircraft that have so little capability.
- This illustrates how just one employee in a key position can stain the reputation of an otherwise proud establishment.

- **With its huge reduction in its firefighters and other staff will see CALFIRE be changed from the world’s largest fire departments to one of the smaller ones.**
- **It makes much logical and economic sense to transfer the responsibility of all air operations to the US Air Force.** They already have almost everything needed, the trained crews, the maintenance staff and other staff, and the aircraft that will need to be converted to tankers. About all that is needed is the critical approval of Congress and the President for this change in responsibility and the funding to convert a number of C-5s to tankers, for some training and testing, for some minor infrastructure of loading bays, etc.
- As the C-5 can fly about 450 mph they may need about 15 to 20 aircraft stationed at Travis AFB. (This many would give them the ability to fight multiple fires simultaneously as lighting storms sometimes produce.) They would be responsible for extinguishing all fires in California, Colorado, and much of Oregon. Other bases with TBD numbers of aircraft, another base is needed in Washington State that would be responsible for much of that State, part of Oregon and part of BC in Canada. Another base is needed farther east in Canada and would be responsible for that part of Canada, Montana, Idaho, and part of eastern Washington. Another base is needed in Alaska and be responsible for that State and part of Canada. (Recognize, if the need arises, these aircraft can be flown from one of these bases to other parts of the US, Canada, or even to Mexico.)

These aircraft could become the foundation of an international unit. As the north and south hemispheres have opposite seasons, this allows a number of these aircraft can be flown in our winter and their summer south to Australia, countries in South America and Africa and then returned to their normal base in the spring.

- **The maximum water payload is a major TBD item.** On delivery it had a payload of 281,000 lbs. (133,000 gallons). Applying “tricks” like limiting the fuel load to the mission requirements and/or increasing the required runway length to 10,000 or more feet, both can increase the payload substantially. The delivered aircraft had 42,000 lb.-thrust engines, but completed in 2018 was an improvement package that included new engines with 51,000 lb.-thrust engines installed on 52 aircraft to the C-5M model. The balance of the fleet was rearmed. Increasing the payload will require engineering approval. Considering the “tricks,” it is logical to increase it to 40,000 gallons. The extra power may allow the payload to be increased to 50,000 gallons and possible to 60,000 gallons, but the limiting factor may be the structural strength of the aircraft.
- This writer/engineer has designed a concept to custom dump the payload over a distance from 400 feet to 3,000 feet or more depending on the size and shape of the fire. The system would have three rows of solenoid operated valves installed in the bottom of the aircraft. The dumping rate is determined by the number of valves activated.
- **To judge the amount of water needed to extinguish a fire, they may believe that ½ inch of water will do major damage to the fire but will not extinguish it.** A ½ inch of water should extinguish over 90% of the fire, but to be confident, a full inch may be necessary. Experience may show that they should attack it with about ½ inch of water on the first pass and then 10 minutes later have follow-up aircraft to hit any lingering hot spots.
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- The number of aircraft loads is 203,655 / 40,000 = 5.09 loads. (The mission commander may also add extra loads to be dumped just for “insurance” to make sure the fire is extinguished. Experience is the best teacher.)
- It may also be desirable to soak the unburnt combustible areas at the edges of the fire so the dump master may include this area in his dumping plans. (Science says it takes 1100 BTUs to evaporate a pound of water, which is exchanged for heat from the fire. With many pounds of water being evaporated results in a significant cooling of the area.)
- **PS. As this needs all the publicity that it can get, send it to your friends and the president.**

Donations towards this ad are appreciated and can be mailed to: Joseph C. Coomer 2020 N. Heller Rd MH #3, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

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RAIN WILL HELP THE SALMON FISHING

I know rain is something we on the island do not rush, because once it starts it can be nine months before it stops. This time of year is what I would call our hot and dry season; the hot days are good for the tomatoes and cucumbers but the lack of rain can stall the incoming Coho salmon to the point we start to wonder if there are any fish coming at all. Over the years, I’ve had more than one old timer fisherman tell me “we need a good rain to bring ‘em in.” The old timers’ statement holds true - if a good rain comes through, the fish can detect the small increases in fresh water and will put them on the move toward their home rivers.

This movement is what we have been waiting for. The fish will hit all of the navigation points they use to get home and one of the great things about these navigation points is the fish are still feeding heavily and fattening up for the rivers. Rain gives us a chance to catch a limit. I believe the fish are coming and the Coho will be safe out there!

While shore fishing. Each run or season of fish, I believe, do not always use the same path to get home. For example, Coho headed for the Skagit and Stillaguamish Rivers travel down the Straits and shoot straight across through Deception Pass, or turn south at Point Wilson and do one of two things: They continue south until they are adjacent to Possession Point then cross over and travel up the west side of Camano Island; or they cross over prior to the bottom of Whidbey and travel up the west side of the island and then travel through the pass. This is why I never count finding large numbers of fish from the same beaches year after year.

Rain also plays a huge factor once the fish have entered the rivers. If the water is shallow, the fish will hold in the deeper holes until enough rain arrives to raise the river to a level where they feel they can safely navigate up-river avoiding predators. One thing we don’t want is too much rain as this will make the rivers unfishable, so I like solid rain to get the fish moving in the salt, however, a gentle, light, steady rain is perfect for the rivers.

For all of us fishermen out there, let’s hope this movement continues. Reports of Coho catches have been spotty; some fish are being taken out in the salt, however, a lack of rain can stall the incoming Coho salmon to not reach the river to a level where they feel they can safely navigate up-river avoiding predators. For all of us fishermen out there, let’s hope this movement continues. Reports of Coho catches have been spotty; some fish are being taken out in the salt, however, a lack of rain can stall the incoming Coho salmon to not reach the rivers.
Whidbey’s Angels bestow blessings

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Everyone needs a helping hand now and then and one Freeland woman has made it her mission to make sure no one falls through the cracks.

Cindy Buchanan created “Island Angels” within a social media group to help residents up and down Whidbey Island, whether they’re in need of food, clothing, furniture, appliances or even car repairs.

It all started with a simple post on the Whidbey Island Community Facebook group. “In the beginning, a lady put out on Facebook, ‘We have a box of food we’re giving away,’” then it got taken,” Buchanan described. “Another lady wrote below it, ‘If anybody else has some, keep me in mind.’ I messaged her privately and it ended up she had CSRFD. Her husband had fourth stage kidney cancer, so I gathered up some things and took food to her. We filled her fridge.

Then people started messaging me and it just kept growing and growing.”

Buchanan, who possesses a delightful laugh and a positive attitude to boot, began her efforts just before the COVID crisis hit. She started gathering up food donations but the requests for assistance grew to include other needs.

“Someone needed help paying their phone bill and things just kept going,” she said.

“One lady needed new tires, another lady needed brakes, someone else needed a new refrigerator. It doesn’t surprise me because I know a lot of people won’t ask for help.”

For the past month alone, Buchanan said she has given out 20 to 30 boxes of food per week. She said some people don’t qualify for assistance from the island’s food banks, can’t afford increasing prices, or simply don’t get enough to feed their families. In the short time since Island Angels began, she has seen the needs increase.

“I think the needs have always been there, but they have grown,” she said. “There’s a new group of people who have never had to do this before – they’ve lost their jobs and entered this new realm of ‘Hello, this is serious.’

So far, Buchanan has been doing much of the actual work packing boxes and making deliveries herself, although she said she would not be able to do it if not for the generosity of friends, neighbors, businesses and nonprofits on the island. People donate food, requested items or their skills to make repairs. Many people simply donate money. Buchanan has collected many overflow items, so she is holding a fundraising garage sale this Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Buchanan said she loves everything about what she is doing with Island Angels, and said she is noticing a trend – people who have received help are now doing what they can to give back.

“I lost my job in April,” said a woman who asked not to use her name. “I’d call her ‘Jane.’

“I saw Cindy’s message on Facebook and she came and brought wonderful stuff; I was without anything,” described Jane, saying she had been surviving on eggs from her chickens and moldy bread. “I was too proud to say anything. I’d never had this problem before.”

“ ‘They always say performers feed off the energy of the crowd and that’s definitely true,’ said Wee-Schultz. “But on the other hand, when juggling, especially when juggling complicated patterns or props, it is nice to have a re-take if things start to get out of hand (literally). Overall, we’ll take connecting real-time with a live audience any day, but film has its advantages, too.

All the performers Whidbey Weekly contacted said they were excited to be part of the show and even more pleased to help support a worthy cause.

“I wanted to be a part of the show because I feel it is important to support veterans causes,” Nix shared. “I feel that as veterans, we sometimes hide struggles because we feel that it would show weakness if we seek help. Growing Veterans seems to be a place where you can realize there are others who have struggles and that you are not alone.

“Being able to be a part of an event that helps an organization that is focused on community and positivity is really an honor,” said Shultz. “And with both of our dads being veterans, it is a cause that bears special significance. Having the chance to be on the big screen at Blue Fox Drive-In (one of our favorite local spots) just added to the draw.”

“I was excited Growing Veterans reached out to me about this event,” said Dawn. “I’ve been volunteering at their farms for about two years and it’s always fun to go out there and learn something new. I never thought I would be interested in farming, but Growing Veterans proved me wrong.

Gruetter, who has been a volunteer with Growing Veterans for five years, said support for this event will make a huge difference.

“Our goal is to reach $30,000, which will help buy seed stock for next year and help fund our veteran internship options,” she said, explaining they hope to add two internships at the Whidbey farm next year. “The world is hurting and in such a sad place right now with so many crazy things going on. Every dollar you give will go to support Growing Veterans. A dollar can make an actual difference.”

Tickets for the event are $15 per vehicle. Advance tickets and information are available online at growingveterans.org. Gates will open at 4 p.m. for the veteran vendor market, go karts and concessions, as well as the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets ($25 each) to win a classic, 1964 Ford Falcon. Only 500 raffle tickets will be sold – see details on the website.

“We all feel isolated right now and this is a safe, fun way to get out of house,” said Gruetter. “Everyone has worked so hard to keep Whidbey safe, they’ve earned a night out.”

“It’s going to be a great event: combine the fun of a drive-in movie with a great variety show including music, comedy, juggling, and more, all with the chance to learn about and support an amazing local organization – how could you miss it?” asked Schultz.

“I’ve seen the lineup and I feel this show will be phenomenal,” said Nix. “Also, this is an opportunity to support those who have served our country and continue to serve the local communities. Let’s actually use our pockets to thank people for their service.”
First came COVID-19. I’d never lived during a time of global pandemic before—same goes for my kids and probably a tiny group of centenarians who survived the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic. However, like most people know, I followed the science, listened to the CDC recommendations, adjusted to employment changes and generally tried to adapt in a way that kept me not only physically healthy, but also mentally and emotionally stable.

Then came an outbreak of a different kind: Widespread social unrest and a prolonged protest movement sparked by a series of violent incidents—many of them ending in death—by police against Black people. While the vast majority of the still-ongoing marches, protests and other activities has been well-organized and peaceful, this country’s long history of systemic racism has caused more than just tempers to flare, and when coupled with extreme dispersive measures used by police, it was the inevitable result. As that happened, I educated myself further about the ways in which I’m complicit and complacent in our broken system, made donations to organizations on the ground and tried to believe a more hopeful future would be the result of all of us working to prevent societal pain.

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CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER
By Wesley Hallock

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Artifice and indirection. Stock tools of the trade among the shifty. Is a fraudster relieved of moral responsibility for their crime by obliquely revealing it before committing it? The fraudsters seem to think so. Their line of reasoning? “If you’re too stupid to see . . .” And onward goes the double-dealing, chicanery and corruption. Sound like mud from an election-year campaign ad? Imagine that.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
So you’re out on a limb. Just you and the fruits. Pursuing crazy ideas isn’t your normal thing, but what the heck, now you’re there, no harm in basking in the glow, right? See what you can find. Nothing ventured, nothing gained, right? Out on a limb is where the fruit is. Emmy Carter and Mark Tawney both have it. What do you suppose they meant by that? Sometimes words have two meanings . . .

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Sometimes it’s easier to ask forgiveness than to get permission. Many believe that. When a deed can be done in less time than it takes to talk about it, the impatient just do it. Someone always objects. (Someone always objects.) A stock. “Sorry,” follows, and life goes on. Except that such tactics build a residue of distrust. For this reason, we like the Greek proverb: “One minute of patience, ten years of peace.”

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
The time is in the soil which profits grow. With that in mind, check your quieter and think back. Which of your arrows that left the bow long ago has yet to strike its target? Is there one you’ve forgiven entirely? No arrows sail on forever. Each must eventually find impact, even the arrow you’ve forgotten. Where will you find it? Is it waking up ahead, richly lodged in pay dirt, its mission complete but for your discovery and retrieval?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)
The more you give, the more you get. That’s the cup that runneth over. Alas, for the average person living paycheck to paycheck, a cup is not a belief. That’s reality. Where does the system break down? In the proverbs and scriptures that go back thousands of years? Or in our system of money that dates back barely a century?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Are you feeling pushed? Like your hands are on the wheel, but you’re not the one doing the driving? What is the agenda of those people who so busily coach you? A quick check of their backseat driver’s license would likely show there’s something they hope to gain by telling you what to think. Who profits most from your actions? Is it you, or someone else? In an election year, that’s the key question. Who profits most?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today’s fun fact: You can’t learn from your mistakes while you’re busy denying them. Today’s sad fact: Unowned mistakes are hardly things to join on others. A shortest of popular pincushions for unowned mistakes? In no particular order: Orange man, the devil, the dog who ate my homework. A fun corollary: The universal second mistake, after failing to own one’s first mistake, is to concoct a silly alibi.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Shoeboxes in dark closets. Old dainties in dusty attics. Family histories, in pictures and words. A memory keeper’s treasure trove. But wait. The caring and the daring in great numbers, browsing through federal shoe boxes, are piecing together their own memory book. More than a family history, it’s a living road map. It’s the good, the bad and the ugly of our country, where we’ve been, where we’re going. Care to look?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
A better future. Where does it begin? With the belief that something better is possible. Since your beliefs are one of the few things you truly control, and more important than that. An unshakeable belief in a better future is all you really need to make it so. Ideally, you will have someone who shares that belief, but don’t fret if you don’t. A desire, plus a belief that it can be so, and you’re set. Isn’t that how the world begins?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Dale Carnegie taught that most of us are motivated, not by logic, but by pride and reality. That means people are only waiting for you to make them feel good. Can life be that simple? Do smoother relations really begin with a bag of doughnuts? In more dignified terms, if you would have people take an interest in you, first take an interest in them. That’s not as manipulative as it sounds. It’s only logical.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Morning tea from Lao Tzu: “He who knows, does not speak. He who speaks, does not know.” For Western minds, a crumpled from Plato: “An empty vessel makes the loudest sound, so who they have the least wise are the greatest babblers.” You see where this is going. In good company, tea time is a quiet time. A few words, well-delivered, speak loudly at any time. One lump or two? © 2020, Wesley Hallock, All Rights Reserved

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

THURS, SEPT. 17
North Whidbey: Mostly Cloudy, 63°/50°
South Whidbey: Mostly Cloudy, 63°/50°

FRI, SEPT. 18
North Whidbey: Mostly Cloudy with Showers, 65°/50°
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SAT, SEPT. 19
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SUN, SEPT. 20
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MON, SEPT. 21
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10. Popular Will Ferrell
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11. Saints’ signal
12. Imitate
13. Form of “to be”
14. Intoxicate
15. Relationship
16. The 13th letter
17. Deceptive move
18. Anxious
19. Jacob __, American Indian leader
20. Popular Letterman
television show
21. Saints’ signal
22. Intoxicate
23. Form of “to be”
24. Mother of Hermes
25. Relationship
26. Area units
27. Afflicted
28. Important base
29. A way to compel
30. Will Ferrell
31. Popular Will Ferrell
film
32. формы “to be”
33. Warning sensation
34. Returned mate
35. Jewish equivalent
36. Every
37. Midway between east and southeast
38. Returned mating
39. Anti-slavery treaty
40. A friendly manner
41. Area units
42. Area units
43. Afflicted
44. Body part
45. Expressed plea
46. Sudden incursions
47. Job
48. Mother of Hermes
49. Body part
50. Cavalry sword
51. Swiss river
52. Cheer
53. Actor Idris
54. Cavalry sword
55. Wellington chant
56. Helps little firms
57. Afflicted
58. Criticize
59. Afflicted
60. Nellie __, journalist
61. Spiritual leader
62. Division
63. Affirmative
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Larry Allen Morse passed away peacefully at home Sept. 2, 2020 in Oak Harbor, Wash., at the age of 75. Born in Wenatchee, Wash., in 1944, he was the third of Ivan and Velma Morse’s four children. He grew up on the family homestead in Manson, Wash., where they raised cattle and apples. But his real pleasure when he had a day off from work was to trek through brush from a little canyon he loved. He spent many hours there.

At his mother’s urging, Larry pursued studies at Central Washington State College, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Business. Prior to starting his career in banking, Larry served with the Washington National Guard. He retired as chief appraiser from Pacific Northwest Bank.

Larry spent much of his life as a firefighter, beginning with the U.S. Forest Service in the 1960s, serving as a smoke watcher and fighting forest fires, and continuing with the North Whidbey Fire and Rescue, where he started as a volunteer firefighter for 31 years, rising to the rank of Battalion Chief. He also served his community as Fire Commissioner for six years. Larry was an avid photographer and outdoorsman. He loved hiking and travel, and had a special fondness for Alaska, Whistler, Mexico and North Central Washington.

In 1967, Larry married Cheryl Meyer, they had one son, Robert, and relocated to Oak Harbor. In December of 1984, Larry married Kathy Johnson, and inherited three more children – Kim, Melissa and Kevin. The family will remember Larry as a loving and generous husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother. He enjoyed spending time with his seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A private family graveside service will be at Maple Leaf Cemetery. Memorial donations are suggested to Samaritan’s Purse, www.samaritanspurse.org. Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and condolences at www.whidbeymemorial.com.

Hilton Hunter Hines

Hilton Hunter Hines, age 92, longtime Coupeville resident, passed away Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020.

Mr. Hines was born in Traverse City, Mich., Dec. 1, 1927, to Harry Elmer and Ethel May (Hunter) Hines, the youngest of four brothers. His father died when he was 5 years old and the family eventually moved to Novi, Mich. With the encouragement of his oldest brother, the family became devout Jehovah’s Witnesses.

In 1938 at the age of 11, he proudly submitted to water baptism dedicating his life to serving Jehovah God for the next 81 years. In October of 1947, at the age of 19, he married Carolyn Lee Willoughby. They made their home in Plymouth, Mich., and in 1949 they had their first child, a daughter, Linda Fay. Over the next 10 and a-half years, they added two more children to the family, Stephen Brent and Rebecca Jo.

He supported his family by becoming a carpenter and remained in the field of construction until his retirement. When his eldest daughter’s family decided to move from Plymouth, he and his wife and youngest daughter decided to join them, and the family left for Whidbey Island in February of 1978, in the middle of the worst blizzard in the history of Michigan. The beauty of the island, with its temperate weather patterns, delighted him.

In March of 1995, he lost his beloved wife, Carolyn, to complications of Parkinson’s Disease. In September of 2003, he married Janet Marie Brotten Bettinger to make their home in Admirals Cove. August 25, 2018, his only son, Stephen Brent, a longtime resident of Wisconsin, was removed from life support after suffering a traumatic brain injury 11 days previously. He is survived by his wife, Janet; two daughters, Linda and Rebecca (Don), residents of Coupeville; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

His 17 years of marriage to Janet were filled with travel, joy and love. He spoke often of how he had been blessed with two wonderful marriages and of his deep gratitude for Janet’s love and companionship and the tender care she gave him during his final difficult days. He remained a dedicated and active member of the local Coupeville Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses.

A private burial took place at Sunnyside Cemetery Friday, Sept. 4. Arrangements were under the direction of Whidbey Memorial Funeral Home. Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and condolences at www.whidbeymemorial.com.

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

THURSDAY, AUG. 27
1:46 pm, Deer Lake Rd.
Reporting party advising he was in fender bender and now he and other driver are arguing. Reporting party is driving U.S. mail truck, other driver is in FedEx truck.
2:59 pm, Bush Point Rd.
Reporting party advising subjects refusing to leave advising “It’s too much drama.”
4:04 pm, Cultus Bay Rd.
Advising someone sabotaged his truck; all lights went off and there is dirt by gas tank. Told from insurance company to report to Sherman Police Department.
5:13 pm, Degraff Rd.
Reporting party advising subject is harassing reporting party on Degraff. Unknown why male is, being confrontational.
5:52 pm, Cemetery Rd.
Requesting extra patrol checks for subjects defeating at block house, and drug use. Busted beer bottle on road. States Sunnyside is a county cemetery and county deputies have authority.
6:44 pm, W Sleeper Rd.
Reporting party advising his cow is heading down Moonstone Place. Cow appears to be black and white.
11:18 pm, W Sleeper Rd.
Reporting party advising his two cows are loose heading toward SR 20, requesting assistance.
11:56 pm, Mobius Loop
Male requesting call to report “everything.” Upset no one called back, began to yell “shut up” over and over at the call-taker. Disconnected. Reporting party recalling, requesting to speak to supervisor, states needs law enforcement assistance.
FRIDAY, AUG. 28
2:22 am, W Sleeper Rd.
Reporting party advising black bull in road close to highway.
3:50 pm, W Sleeper Rd.
Reporting party advising loose cow in the road on Sleeper.
8:40 am, W Sleeper Rd.
Reporting party searching for two black cows, wonders if anyone has called in about them.
1:29 pm, Hill Rd.
On Hill Road; female backed out and hit reporting party’s parked car. Female cursing reporting party.
1:37 pm, NE Lovejoy St.
Female wanting ambulance for bloody nose and hair falling out. Lungs feel like they are on fire.
2:34 pm, Jones Rd.
Caller wants to kill contractors who painted his house. Dumped paint all over Harvard and patio furniture. 911 caller called not to hurt contractors.
3:29 pm, Saratoga Rd.
Reporting party advising was blackberry packing and robbed by three cell phones and gun in bushes. Reporting party put political sign in front of location in bushes.
SATURDAY, AUG. 29
8:16 am, W Sleeper Rd.
Reporting party advising two loose black cows close to highway.
12:51 pm, Hastings Rd.
Reporting party advising neighbor violated court order again. Spread chips on roadway, trespassing.
8:54 pm, Cabrini Ct.
Advising watching neighbors’ dog for them; has been leaving door unlocked because she was not given key. Deadbolt is now locked. Not sure how it happened.
SUNDAY, AUG. 30
2:05 am, SR 20
Reporting party advising having confrontation with campers across from that such a stink loud and partying. Wife went to confront them and now sounds aggressive. No known weapons.
MONDAY, AUG. 31
5:06 am, U.S. 20 N.
Reporting party advising ongoing issue with two subjects doing harassment campaign against him; got on his roof and harassed him all night.
1:21 pm, Lake Forest Dr.
Child on line advising they are in George Washington, advising no emergency, immediately after 911 was announced asked if call-taker wanted to come over and play; not answering any questions.
3:03 pm, SR 20
Reporting male out of control on road.
TUESDAY, SEPT. 1
3:49 am, Hastings Rd.
Ongoing issue with neighbor. Noise since 2 am.
6:42 am, Hastings Rd.
Reporting party hearing awful noise coming from neighbor’s house since 2 am; sounds like industrial machines.
11:28 am, NE Haller St.
Requesting call, thinks her water main is broken and wants to know if it needs to be fixed so she can replace her shower.
12:14 pm, Deception Pass Bridge
States female stopped in middle of road and backed into reporting party. All parties have moved into south parking lot for contact.
1:17 pm, Douglas St.
Someone hit reporting party’s mailbox and drove away. Occurred 40 ago.
4:37 pm, SR 525
Reporting party states persons are messaging her to camp on her land. States male who she hired to do a lock. States is just going to request. Concerning. Requesting call.
4:49 pm, Craw Rd.
Advising Blue Pontiac Sunbird with removed plates and bullet holes left on vacant plot of land for several years now.
5:41 pm, Connston Way
Reporting junk vehicles at location at back of property. Location is neighbor’s. States doesn’t have a good relationship with subjects. Advising male is also pulling dirt from neighbor’s yards and has dug up county easement.
5:05 pm, Harbor Hills Dr.
Advising deer is dragging pole; has window pieces stuck to its body. Reporting party states deer is waking up hill. Is traveling with another deer.

Report provided by CHPD & Island County Sheriff's Dept.
Volunteer Opportunities

If you or someone you know has been a victim of homicide, burglary, robbery, assault, identity theft, fraud, human trafficking, invasion of privacy and other crimes not listed, Victim Support Services has advocates ready to help. Please call the 24-hr Crisis Line 888-388-9211. Free service. Visit our website at http://victimssupp ortservices.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

Island Shakespeare Festival is seeking new members to join our Board of Directors. We’re looking for people who are passionate about high-quality live classical theater and can devote time and energy to support the work of Island Shakespeare. Of particular importance is the cultural, social, and fiscal position on Whidbey Island. Our current needs include individuals with backgrounds in the following areas: human resources, donor relations, finance, and communications. Those with skills related to overseeing a performing arts organization. Board members are asked to provide input and feedback to the Board and staff of ISF, attend one full board meeting per month, serve actively on one committee, and attend events and activities sponsored by ISF. Women and persons of color strongly encouraged to apply. For more information, please contact jef.natter@islandshake.com.

Volunteer With Habitat - Make Lasting Change. Do you believe everyone deserves a decent, affordable place to call home? Do you have some time to donate to help Island County families fulfill their dream of home ownership? We are now accepting applications to join our Resource Development Committee. No experience necessary, just a desire to make Island County a better place to live. http://bit.ly/RCCommittee

Big Brother Big Sisters of Island County (BBBSC) is actively seeking new members for our Board of Directors - Join the board’s existing array of professional and public memberships! BBBSC is seeking individuals who are passionate about determining the potential of youth in our community through their time, skill sets, and influence in the community. We will be replacing the existing board, candidates with expertise in accounting, law, nonprofit management, or fundraising are of particular interest.

Committed to diversifying its board to better represent our community, BBBSC encourages BIPOC and LGBTQIA community members to inquire. Please contact admin@bbschabitat.org for more information.

The Island County Medical Reserve Corps (ICMRC) is a non-profit volunteer organization to improve the health and safety of communities and their natural environment. Volunteers include medical and public health professionals as well as other community members with no prior healthcare background. ICMRC utilizes volunteers to strengthen community health, enhance emergency planning and preparedness, and boost community resilience. They prepare for and respond to natural and manmade disasters such as winter storms, flooding, earthquakes, as well as public health emergencies such as disease outbreaks. If you have any questions, please contact us at: imaginespearmen@gmail.com

Imagine Oak Harbor’s First Food Forest, Saturday, 11-3pm, at 226 Bayshore Drive. Each week, we have volunteer opportunities available to help care for our community garden, share organic gardening tips, and learn permaculture principles. All ages and skill levels welcome. Saturday, Sunday, and Monday hours at the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum. Go to www.pnwm.org and click on “Volunteer” or just stop by and introduce yourself.

Big Brother Big Sisters of Island County is preparing for the 2020 Festival of Trees with some distinct creativity. Due to COVID-19 and necessary safety precautions, Festival of Trees will be a little different this year but will be full of the same holiday cheer! We need a local VIDEOPHOTOGRAPHER to make several videos, for our online event and with our planning team and tech support group. Festival of Trees will host a LIVE virtual event Dec. 4, including the live auction of decorated trees. A Volunteer registration/Photo shoot will take place to introduce your business to the Island County community. To complement skill sets, and influence in the local network of volunteers, please contact admin@bbschabitat.org or call 360-279-0644 (3)

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