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Monday, October 26, 6:30pm

Author event: "Beyond Civility"  
Wednesday, October 14, 6:30pm

Meet the Artists  
Friday, October 23, 5:00pm

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# ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



Having just emptied a 40 pound bag of bird seed, I wonder whether or not I should replace it.

Are the birds depending upon my feeding them? It took a few days and some squirrels to get the birds interested,

but now the birds have a routine. Word has tweeted out.

But, is this excess for them? Is it just extra food? Are my neighbors involved?

I am an insecure Cancerian. Do the birds really need me?

Or do I need them because I think they need me?

Am I like the federal government? Have I created a dependence?

Am I a socialist or just being sociable?

If I cut back on the bird seed, does it make me a conservative or am I just conserving?

All this makes a guy want to have a drink or go bowling.

These pandemic thoughts are making me feel out of sorts.

The squirrels, chipmunks and deer eat the bird seed too, even though it is not intended for them.

What does this make me if I allow bird seed sharing? A co-conspirator? An accessory after the tweet?

Maybe I am a share-tweeter.

If I keep on labeling myself, I may as well get one of those grocery store scanners and go full time.

### 100 years ago

"Daniel Evans pleaded to the board of state prison directors that when he left the convict camp and came to Downieville he did not 'escape' but only 'voluntarily absented himself from the said employment for the purpose of visiting Downieville.' Evans was one of the crew of convicts working on the state highway and was charged with attempting to escape. His defense is surely ingenious."

~The Mountain Messenger, Sept. 4, 1920

"Next Tuesday is the primary election, which will end the suspense for half the candidates."

~The Mountain Messenger, Aug. 28, 1920

### What's my line?

Last week in the Rite-Aid, Ace Hardware, Lind's and more parking lot in Freeland, a masked reader approached my truck and the unmasked driver.

"I sure enjoyed your column about the word UP. I sent it to my grandson."

"Thanks. Where does your grandson live?"

"North Carolina."

"We used to call it 'North Cackalacky' when I was in the Marines. Glad you liked the UP segment. Someone sure spent a lot of time on that."

"Yes, you did," replied the kind lady.

Then we talked politics, pandemic, and paralograms.

Just to set the record straight, not uncommon for an 80s DJ in Bend, Ore., I did not write the UP analysis. Had it been UP to me, I would have been UP the creek. There is an intro to the UP summary which may be sarcastically unclear. If you want to check our Whidbey Weekly digital archives for the reference to UP, the issue is Sept. 24-30.

One of the many reasons that I have a *with-line* instead of a *by-line* below the *On Track* title is my too many words a week may include assemblages of jokes sent by you perceptive readers, or tidbits that I may share from other publications duly noting their source.

Sometimes I may roll with one subject, but given my attention span which barely crosses a creek in the Ozarks, I often prefer variety.

I just wanted to clarify all this since Claire did not show up for work again today.

Out of curiosity, and where else would one leave from, I checked the definitions of *contributor*, *columnist*, *reporter*, *editor*, and *scribe* to see if I qualified for one of those labels. Our banner description to the right says "contributing writer."

According to my 50-year-young Webster's Seventh New Collegiate, *contribute* "is to give or supply in common with others; to supply as an article for publication."

Son of an oil man, I am a contributor! I am a supplier. I am an articulator. Look Dad, no hands, just two fingers.

Better get on with this as my with-line continues.

### Senior moments

Thanks to Tom Wright for the following contemplations, even if they are wrong.

Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons & tomatoes. Really just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce, and cheese. FINE, it was a pizza....Okay, I ate a pizza; are you happy now?

I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.

A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk nine feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.

I love being almost 80, I learn something new every day and forget five others.

A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money so I woke up and searched with him.

I think I'll just put an *Out of Order* sticker on my forehead and call it a day.

### Vote.org

Not that I believe in any conspiracy theories, but why are all these people and organizations telling me to verify my voting existence at Vote.org?

I checked. Me not listed. I have never missed an election, primary or regular. I have never not voted. When people tell me they have not or do not vote, I leave the room.

Vote.org may be legitimate, but its data bank did not take my deposit.

I am not worried. I know I will get my ballot. And, unlike Pennsylvania which disallows mail in ballots not placed in their secret envelopes (same white color as the mailing envelope), we here in good old Washington can forget our pink secret envelope and still have our voice heard, and counted.

I grew up in Pennsylvania. We used to take pride in having more species of deciduous trees than any other state or commonwealth. We also were proud of having more churches and more state liquor stores than other states. We also closed the schools the first day of deer season so we non-hunters could sleep in and be well rested for the late afternoon dead deer on the truck hood parade.

I only went the one time, then went home and threw away all my venison jerky.

I accidentally shot a robin once. I am still in therapy.

This week I will check Vote.org once again to see if they got my tweet. My hash tag was #accidentalbirdkiller.

No matter what happens to my voter registration history online, I know our Island County Auditor Sheilah Crider and her amazing team of auditorial angels have us all handled.

Concerned?

Email elections@islandcountywa.gov, drop a note to P.O. Box 1410, Coupeville, WA 98239, or leave a voice message at 360-679-7366.

In the meantime, I must get back to making more of these yet-to-be-worn *I Forgot to Vote* stickers.

(Editor's note—Jim is listed on Vote.org and on VoteWa.org. By using James instead of Jim to verify his registration, Mr. Freeman was in search of an unknown. Jim now has a name tag.)

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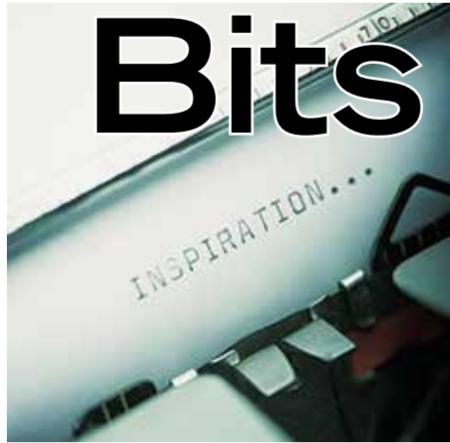
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# Bits & Pieces

## Letters to the Editor

### Editor,

In the Air Force, our three core values begin with "Integrity First," above all else. So that's extremely important to me, as it should be to you.

I've known Damian Greene most of his life. Moreover, I've known his family as one of the most rock solid I've ever known anywhere. His oldest brother has been one of my closest friends in life. I knew Damian's Dad as a great man, who taught his kids the value of education and hard work, as well as the virtues of honesty and integrity, as the keys to a successful life.

This, my friends, is the Damian Greene you would elect as your next Island County Commissioner.

As an independent business owner on South Whidbey, a three-term member of the local school board, and an engineer for BNSF Railway, he's faced and mastered countless big budget and other critical leadership issues. As he's done as a school board member, and whether you're a Republican or a Democrat, Damian is that person who will take the time to talk to you about what's bothering you. He listens, and then acts.

Please vote Nov. 3 for Damian Greene to be your next county commissioner.

Col. Dennis Hunsinger, U.S. Air Force (Retired)  
Langley, Wash.

### Editor,

Carolyn Cliff will be an outstanding Superior Court judge. Not only is she the candidate with the most judicial experience (some 20 years as Judge Pro Tem), she is honest and fair.

I have known Carolyn for many years, and she is a close friend. Several years ago, I was involved in a court case. I was waiting in the courtroom when I noticed that the name plate on the bench said "Carolyn Cliff." I turned to the lawyer and told him that I knew the judge. I asked, "what I should do?" He replied that the judge would handle it.

When Carolyn took her seat on the bench, she pulled out the paperwork. After a very short time, she said, because of a conflict of interest, the case would be moved to another courtroom. So simple.

When you have lived and worked in a community, you come to know many people. But, as my case indicated, Carolyn will do what is right when she is presiding as a judge. I am confident she will base her decisions on the proved facts and the applicable law.

Carolyn has my vote. I encourage you to vote for her, too.

Mary Ellen O'Connor  
Coupeville, Wash.

### Editor,

In more than 45 years of practicing law in Washington, mostly off the island, I have practiced before all of the Island County judges from Howard Patrick forward. I have had an opportunity to form some opinions as to the qualities we should expect to find in a judge. I can't say which is more important because they all are, but a sense of fairness, knowledge of the law, objectivity, and decisiveness are all vital. Experience with the workings of the legal world is also important.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Kathleen

Petrich, and studying her resume. Her experience is very impressive. Educated both as a mechanical engineer and as a lawyer, she used both disciplines to forge a very successful career as a partner in a nationally known law firm. She has demonstrated objectivity and empathy in all of her endeavors. She has, in good measure, all of the qualities a great judge would demonstrate. We have a rare opportunity to make her a part of our judicial system.

I enthusiastically support Kathleen's candidacy, and I hope the voters of Island County will do so as well.

Robert C. Alexander  
Langley, Wash.

### Editor,

I am a lifelong resident of Whidbey Island. I am endorsing Damian Greene for Island County Commissioner. I feel integrity in a politician is vital, especially for the duties and responsibilities they have as Commissioner.

Damian Greene embodies this virtue. For years he has worked diligently on the South Whidbey School Board to bring about vital change on behalf of the students. Integrity is what is most needed and should be a key ingredient in what we expect in our politicians. Without it, it becomes a recipe for lack of character and thus results in failed duty to the voter.

A vote for Damian Greene is a vote for integrity. In him you will have a fine Commissioner for District 1 and all of Island County.

Paul Firnstahl  
Langley, Wash.

### Editor,

I don't just vote Democrat or Republican. I vote for the person whom I think will do a great job.

Seventeen years ago, I had the pleasure of working with Angie Homola in Island County's Building Department. During that time, most of the workers (including myself) were reprimanded for the same trumped up reasons that are printed on the flier that came in the mail today. Many of us quit (like myself) and one was fired.

The consensus in the office was the manager harassed others to take the focus off him. He sabotaged Angie's employee file with the very garbage this flier is based on. Of note, he was later fired. The flier says Angie asked the same questions over and over and that she was argumentative at work. The truth is she offered improvements to help the public, and did excellent plan review. What I witnessed was a woman with a brain and that can frequently be criticized (by males typically). It's okay for a man to question, but not a woman.

The slanderous flier also says she has "behavioral issues" and she "didn't want to work with anyone?" Hogwash. Angie skipped down the halls, was very helpful to applicants, and brought flowers and baked goods to co-workers. I am still trying to lose the weight I gained from the cinnamon buns she brought to work.

Before Angie decided to run for office years ago, she happened to meet my wife, who commented after she left that she could tell Angie was a totally honest person. I do not endorse anyone for any office. Though I can tell you, I will be voting for Angie Homola for Wash. State House of Representatives.

Ed Jones  
Retired Building inspector/Plans Examiner/  
Building Official Island County and Town of  
Coupeville

### Editor,

We are lucky to have a truly outstanding candidate for Island County Superior Court Judge in the upcoming election.

In my 30 years working in the criminal justice system and as an Island County CASA, I have had many opportunities to observe judges. Carolyn [Cliff's] experience and demeanor are of the highest caliber. She has prepared herself through education and professional experience, including serving for over 20 years in

the Island County Superior Court as Judge Pro Tem. She knows the system and players and would hit the ground running. She is experienced in criminal, civil and child welfare cases. She is meticulous in her preparation and ensures procedures are dignified and fair for all.

Her experience in Island County will be of particular importance as both of our Superior Court Judges are retiring. Carolyn will provide important institutional memory and stability to a key community institution. Both retiring judges, Alan Hancock and Vickie Churchill, have endorsed Carolyn as has Island County District Court judge William Hawkins.

I'm thankful Carolyn is stepping up to this level of public service. I hope you will join me in supporting her.

Janice O'Mahony  
Langley, Wash.

### North Whidbey Fire and Rescue Lid Lift to Replace Apparatus, Equipment



North Whidbey Fire and Rescue is asking voters to consider a 15-cent fire levy lid lift during the November General Election. Funding would be used to replace two fire engines, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (called "SCBAs") for firefighters, and emergency radios.

While recognizing a fire engine is easy by sight and sound, community members may not be familiar with what SCBAs or emergency radios look like. North Whidbey Fire and Rescue hopes this is helpful for taxpayers to know how funding would be used to save lives and property if the lid lift is approved in November.

SCBAs provide firefighters with a dedicated air supply when working in environments with smoke or other toxic fumes. The fire district's SCBAs are from 2007, showing wear and tear, and are past the timeframe for recommended use.

The emergency radios used by the fire district are 25 years old and past their usable lives. Replacement parts are no longer available, and some units have broken down during emergency calls. This can impact the fire district's ability to communicate with emergency personnel on scene.

Of course, North Whidbey Fire and Rescue had to include a picture of one of the fire engines being replaced. Engines 21 and 25 are almost 20 years old and have logged the equivalent of 350,000-400,000 miles (combined road miles and water-pumping use). The fire district has aggressively maintained this apparatus to extend its usable life. However, it's now time to replace both engines before they become unreliable.

Call volumes have increased 45 percent for North Whidbey Fire and Rescue in the past 10 years. Replacing apparatus and equipment is a normal part of emergency service operations. However, the fire district prefers to pay cash for capital items through a lid lift instead of financing these purchases through a bond, which would cost taxpayers more in interest payments.

The proposed 15-cent/\$1,000 lid lift would cost the owner of a \$370,000 home (an average for the area) approximately \$4.63 per month (\$55.50 per year). Replacing these items also will maintain the community's insurance rating, which is linked to the amount some home and business owners pay in premiums.

## Can You Influence Your Financial Aid Award?

Right now, the pandemic is causing chaos and uncertainty for colleges and students. But it won't always be that way. And if you have children who will be heading off to school in the next few years, you're probably thinking about more typical concerns – such as expenses. How will you pay for the high costs of higher education?

Most colleges do offer financial aid packages that can greatly help with these expenses. But it pays to know, well in advance, how financial aid works. And the key platform for determining much of your child's financial aid is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In fact, if you have children starting college next year, now is the time to get going on the FAFSA, which became available Oct. 1 for the 2021-22 award year.

Filling out your FAFSA will provide you with what's known as your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC calculation takes into account four separate areas: parent income, parent assets (excluding retirement funds, such as 401(k) plans and IRAs, home equity and small family businesses), student income and student assets. The EFC does not calculate the exact amount you must pay for college – rather, it's an estimate, and the amount you pay can be below or above this number.

Nonetheless, the EFC is important in determining your financial aid package, and your actions can influence the results. Here are a few suggestions for future years:

- **Save money in your name – not your child's.** FAFSA will just consider up to 5.64 percent of a parent's assets, compared to 20 percent of a student's assets.

- **Be aware of how retirement plan contributions can affect aid.** Many of your current assets, such as your retirement accounts, may be excluded from the EFC calculation. However, any voluntary contributions you make to your 401(k) or traditional IRA during the "base" year (the prior tax year) generally must be reported on the FAFSA and are counted as untaxed income; consequently, these contributions may have a similar effect on aid eligibility as taxable income. Mandatory contributions, such as those made by teachers to a state retirement system, are generally not reported on the FAFSA.

- **Avoid withdrawals from your 401(k) or traditional IRA.** The money you take out from these accounts in the years you fill out the FAFSA, and the prior tax year, may count as taxable income in the financial aid calculations. If you really need the money, you may want to consult with your financial professional for alternatives.

- **Consider having children put earnings into a Roth IRA.** Money from after-school or summer jobs your children put in a Roth IRA may not be included in EFC – plus, your kids will get a head start on a tax-advantaged retirement account. Keep in mind, though, that Roth IRA withdrawals could be considered as taxable income on the FAFSA if the account owner is younger than 59 ½, which will be the case for your children, or the account is less than five years old.

Not all these suggestions will be appropriate for everyone, but they're worth thinking about. You might also want to consult with a college's financial aid officer before you complete the FAFSA, as aid calculations can be complex. An investment of your time and effort early in the process may pay off when the aid packages are finally delivered.

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Even with the lid lift, North Whidbey Fire and Rescue would continue to have the lowest fire levy rate in the county. More information can be found on www.nwfr.org, or by contacting Fire Chief John Clark at 360-675-1131 or chiefclark@nwfr.org.

North Whidbey Fire and Rescue provides an emergency response to fires, medical calls, water and high angle rescue, and auto accidents. The agency serves 18,000 people over 55 square miles, which includes the unincorporated area west of the City of Oak Harbor from Deception Pass Bridge (to the north) and Libbey Road in Coupeville (to the south). Highly-trained part-time paid and volunteer firefighters respond to an average of 2,400 calls per year.

[Submitted by North Whidbey Fire and Rescue]

**Sno-Isle Libraries Will Offer More Work Skills Training to Public**

Whether it's adding career-building skills or getting assistance navigating today's online job applications, Sno-Isle Libraries staff is ready to help.

Sno-Isle Libraries cardholders can access a wide range of free, online employment, training and job services. It includes access links to all Lynda.com tutorials and workshops, the Brainfuse Adult Learning Center, LearningExpress Library, Mango Languages and the Microsoft Imagine Academy.

The EBSCO Learning Express Library features searchable skill-building tests, tutorials and ebooks for career advancement and resumes. Topics include career preparation, a job and career accelerator, high school equivalency center, college admissions test preparation, a school center for classroom and homework success, and targeted help for college undergraduates and adults. Resources are also available for native Spanish speakers.

Live, online tutoring and review for resumes and cover letters is available in the Help Now Adult Learning Center.

Sno-Isle Libraries is now piloting a job retraining program to help people interested in an information technology career earn the entry-level Comp TIA A+ certification.

More help is on the way.

Starting Sept. 21, Sno-Isle Libraries training staff began offering online proctoring to the public for Microsoft Office Specialist and Microsoft Technology Associate certificates, plus Unity, Quickbooks and Adobe certifications. All are offered in a partnership through the Washington State Library.

"If you're proficient with Microsoft software, these certifications are a great career builder," said Emily Felt, Sno-Isle Libraries Service Coordinator for Adult Services.

Proctored online test sessions will be scheduled twice monthly. To register or for more information, send an email to certify@sno-isle.org.

"Since Sno-Isle Libraries is already set up to be a testing center, it's a fairly easy switch to start offering these certifications to the public free of charge," said Felt. "It's a good way for our customers to prove that they are proficient in a variety of software requested in job listings."

Felt will add more proctoring sessions if the public wants more testing opportunities.

"We thought we'd start small and fast and build from there," she said.

With the job market in flux, Sno-Isle Libraries will continue looking for the best ways to respond to customers' evolving career needs. It's just one aspect of Sno-Isle Libraries commitment to the greater community and customer service.

[Submitted by Kurt Batdor, Communications Specialist, Sno-Isle Libraries]

**Gail the Whale Hits the Road on Island Transit, Sharing a "Mask Up" Public Health Message During the Pandemic**

To promote public health during the pandemic, Island Transit and Island County teamed up to feature Gail the Whale on the side of the Island Transit fleet, telling community members

to protect each other by wearing a face covering.

"We truly are all in this together, as Gail advocates," says Todd Morrow, executive director of Island Transit. Morrow says the agency used some of the CARES Act funds for the project and asked Island County to work with the transit system on the public health messaging.

"It made sense for us to partner with Island County as they work diligently to provide information to our community on how to slow the spread of this deadly virus," Morrow says. Island Transit's entire fleet of 60 buses travel all over Whidbey and Camano islands from early morning to late at night, making the buses rolling billboards with a high level of visibility in Island County.

"Island County is proud to partner with Island Transit in sharing the message from Gail the Whale to support local business and our community by wearing your mask. Together we can be a strong and healthy Island County," says Island County Commissioner Janet St. Clair, who also serves on the Island Transit Board of Directors. "Island Transit has been a partner in strengthening our community by assuring our residents have transportation access to jobs, healthcare, education and recreation. As an essential service during the pandemic, they are a key to our success in overcoming this crisis."

Gail the Whale, illustrated by a Coupeville native and current Greenbank resident Scott Rosenkranz, also is being used by the Whidbey and Camano Visitors Bureau to spread the word about scientifically-supported behavior that protects against the virus.

Gail the Whale will remain on Island County buses into 2021. Installation of the bus boards is being done by Island Transit maintenance staff. The first bus rolled out with the new messages last week. The entire Island Transit fleet will carry the messages and installation should be completed by end of next week.

Already the promotion is getting noticed and people are paying attention. "Even our congressional delegation is asking us about

Gail the Whale," says Morrow. "I think that's a testament to how important it is for us all to pull together during the pandemic and protect each other by doing simple things like covering our mouth and nose for the protection of others. We know how the virus is spread, so wearing a face covering in public, whether it's on the bus or someplace else, is the safest way to protect everyone."

Gail the Whale will be on the island for a while. "Island Transit is proud to be part of the best solutions we have available to us at this time to combat this virus," says Morrow, adding the transit system has gone to extraordinary measures to slow the spread of the virus among bus passengers with additional sanitizing equipment and cleaning routines, and new health and safety measures required for all operators and passengers. The system provides face masks to passengers who don't have them and limits seating on the bus to promote social distancing. For more information Island Transit's COVID-19 response, go to www.IslandTransit.org/COVID-19.

[Submitted by Rena Shawver]

**Local Business News**

**New Offerings at Whimsies' Studio Shop**

Whimsies is a small gift shop located on Pioneer Way in Oak Harbor's Historic Downtown district.

Come in and see all of its small treasures - mosaics, art, calligraphy, photography, jewelry, pottery, baskets, vintage teacups and teapots, teas, clothing, accessories and more. Everything is affordably priced with just a touch of "whimsy", with many one-of-a-kind creations. Help support local artists and crafters who sell their little treasures.

Mosaic Class: Learn to mosaic with one-on-one instruction. Charlotte Gray teaches the basics of mosaics right in the shop. You can make a small mosaic mirror for just \$35 with everything included so that you take home a

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# Insurance and You

By Mary Elizabeth Himes

## Maintaining Your Home

Insurance is an agreement between parties to transfer risk. That means one party pays another party to provide financial compensation in the event of loss of assets, property or life. Most Americans are familiar with personal insurance that protects their homes and cars; the problem is that most Americans do not understand what they are paying for. We want to help you have a better understanding and over time, use this platform to educate you about personal insurance and its benefits.

The importance of understanding coverages cannot be ignored. Our last article discussed the different types of homeowner's insurance and what they covered in very general terms. As fall is now here, there are items you should consider when it comes to your home and how it is insured. In Washington there are some maintenance issues that should be addressed to make certain a claim will be covered by your carrier. So, we will touch on a few items to which a homeowner should pay attention.

What many insureds do not know is that carriers often do short visual inspections of insured homes that do not require the insured to be contacted. This is done to make certain an insurance company is managing the number of potential claims by weeding out unacceptable risks.



### Roof Maintenance:

Poor roof and gutter maintenance is one of the most common ways an insurer will not renew a policy. Indicators of poor maintenance are excessive moss growth (Organic Growth) on the roof of ANY structure on the insured property. Many people think it is just the main home, but all detached buildings on the property are also covered under Coverage B – OTHER STRUCTURES. Broken or sagging gutters are unacceptable,

as the water may back up into the eaves and into the walls of the home causing extensive damage.

Organic growth can lead to additional moisture seeping into the wood beneath the outer covering of the roof, be it asphalt, wood or metal, causing rot, mold and leaking. The growth can also attract pests that can destroy the wood, leading to leaking and burrowing into attic areas of the home. The homeowner is responsible for maintaining the home and eliminating potential hazards to the structure. Rot, mold and rodent or pest infestation is not covered under most home policies and may require additional endorsements. If it is found at the time of a claim that maintenance was neglected over a long period of time, the carrier may deny or pay less on a claim.

### Trees and Brush:

Homeowners are responsible to keep trees and brush trimmed back away from the home. Tree limbs touching the roof are a way for animals to possibly find a way into the attic and walls of a home, causing openings in the structure that may lead to water damage. Overgrown trees and brush are fire hazards and a hindrance to the safe access into the home or property. Now that fall is here, and the winds are picking up, falling tree branches close to the home may damage the roof.

Many times, insureds are concerned with a neighbor's tree falling onto their property and causing damage; if this happens, the neighbor is liable for the damage caused by the tree.

### Debris:

Debris on the insured property is also unacceptable and can lead to a cancellation or non-renewal. Debris is garbage, old appliances, abandoned vehicles, old construction materials, etc. The hazards of these items are that they are potential fire hazards but also liability hazards, as they pose a threat of injury to persons or the environment. Abandoned vehicles and old appliances can house rodents or can become an attractive nuisance for children who may decide to be adventurous and play in a vehicle or large appliance (freezer/refrigerator). Construction materials can be a fire hazard, as they may have flammable chemicals on them. The same is true of old batteries and paint.

These are just some simple items homeowners can manage to keep their homes insurable. Sometimes the upkeep can get overwhelming for older homeowners and extra help is needed. We have many volunteer organizations on Whidbey Island to aid homeowners who may be overwhelmed with caring for their property. Reach out to Island Senior Resources and The Center in Oak Harbor for information about those organizations.

# What's Going On



All entries are listed chronologically, unless there are multiple entries for the same venue or are connected to a specific organization (such as Sno-Isle Libraries) in which case all entries for that venue or organization are listed collectively in chronological order under one heading.

### WAIF Fundraising Shred Event

Saturday, October 3, 11:00AM-2:00PM  
WAIF Thrift Store, Freeland

Meow's the time to Shred. Protect your identity and securely dispose of sensitive documents with the professional shredding services of LeMay Mobile Shredding. Suggested minimum donation: \$5 per grocery bag, \$10 per bankers box. Donation proceeds will help WAIF shelter animals. The store is located at 1660 Roberta Ave.

### Octoberfest Fall Plant Sale

Saturday, October 3, 11:00AM-2:00PM  
Sunday, October 4, 11:00AM-2:00PM  
Meerkerk Gardens, Greenbank

Purchase rhodies at the plant sale, get your tulips and daffodil bulbs, send a postcard or buy a new hat, sip cider, participate in a kids' scavenger hunt, sign up for any of three classes per day, stroll the garden and trails, enjoy a wandering accordion player. Get all the details and pre-register for classes at www.meerkerkgardens.org

### Build a Scarecrow & Help Good Cheer

Saturday, October 3, 12:00-4:00PM  
Island County Fairgrounds, Langley  
\$10 per scarecrow

All materials and instruction provided for you to build, stuff and customize your own scarecrow. Bring two cans of food for Good Cheer. Social distancing and masks required. For more information, call 360-221-4677.

### Mr. South Whidbey's Message of Gratitude

Saturday, October 3, 7:00PM

This virtual event, designed for your viewing pleasure, serves as a big thank you to the community for the support shown to Friends of Friends and the Mr. South Whidbey Pageant over the past 15 years. Watch for local funny gal and emcee Sue Frause, see greatest hits captured from previous pageants and catch up with familiar faces that have worn the crown. The annual zany pageant will return to Freeland Hall in 2021, along with campaigning, voting for a winner and talent galore.

In a year marked by uncertainty, Friends of Friends Medical Support is focusing on all that it has to be grateful for; including founder Lynn Willeford, community grants, donations, volunteers and the 88 men that have run for Mr. South Whidbey. Its mission is to help pay for medically related costs, including dental, that cannot be met by residents of South Whidbey. FoF has continued to serve the community during the pandemic by responding to phone calls and online requests for help. Tune in October 3 to www.fofmedicalsupportfund.org, or anytime during the year, to enjoy the Message of Gratitude. Donations will also be accepted on the secure website.

### Pay it Forward Virtual 5K/10K

Ends Midnight on Saturday, October 31

In Island County, proceeds will be donated to the Whidbey Homeless Coalition. Any form of activity is welcome, including running, walking, biking, swimming, rollerblading, or anything else. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.peoplesbank-wa.com/virtual5k10k/>.

### Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below

Cost: Free

### How to be an Anti-Racist Family

Saturdays, October 3, 10, 17, 10:00-11:30AM  
Webinar series

In this time, when inequities and violence suffered by people of color have been so clearly revealed, it is imperative that we use an anti-racist lens in all aspects of our lives, relationships and family. Presented by Keshia Lewin of Lewin Education and Consulting. Register for this Zoom event at [www.sno-isle.org/online-events](http://www.sno-isle.org/online-events)

### Craft and Chat: No-Sew Fabric Wreaths

Friday, October 9, 11:00AM

Freeland Library (online program)

Craft and Chat is an online social event that offers you the opportunity to skill share, learn about library resources and make connections with fellow crafters. In this Craft and Chat session you will create a no-sew fabric wreath—choose fabric colors to reflect your décor, your favorite team, or holiday hues! Registration is required. For more information, visit [www.sno-isle.org/online-events](http://www.sno-isle.org/online-events)

### Galleries & Art Shows

#### Jacob Kohn - New Landscapes 2020

Meet the Artist: Saturday, October 3, 2:00-4:00PM

Exhibit continues through November 2  
Rob Schouten Gallery, Langley

Jacob Kohn's New Landscapes 2020 exhibition is a departure from this eminent realist painter's usual subject of water surfaces. Bringing the same soft focus quality and smooth brush work to these new landscape paintings Kohn explores the light and movement in the complicated levels of space created by trees and plants, hills and skies.

If you do not yet feel like venturing out, you can see the entire exhibit at [www.robschoutengallery.com](http://www.robschoutengallery.com) and can even make your purchase online.

### Classes, Seminars and Workshops

#### Zoom 101

Wednesday, October 7, 1:00-2:00PM

Online workshop

Zoom has emerged as one of the most popular ways to meet people safely in these times. This intro level course will cover the basics such as setting up an account, organizing or joining a meeting, and controls for free and advanced accounts. Use it for nonprofit gatherings, business meetings, or social calls. Led by Sami Postma, Events & Education Coordinator. To register, please email [sami@goosefoot.org](mailto:sami@goosefoot.org).

#### Zoom 201

Thursday, October 8, 6:00-7:00PM

Online workshop

Continue to grow your Zoom knowledge with this advanced class. This workshop will be focused more on using Zoom for business or nonprofit use, and will look at tools like breakout rooms, polls, Q&A, and text chat. Led by Sami Postma, Events & Education Coordinator. To register, please email [sami@goosefoot.org](mailto:sami@goosefoot.org).

#### Bridging Our Differences

Saturday, October 10, 2:00PM

Wednesday, October 21, 2:00PM

Monday, October 26, 6:30PM

Online workshop

Celebrate Civility Month with these free online workshops. Please register in advance at [www.civilityfirst.org](http://www.civilityfirst.org) or email [civility1st@gmail.com](mailto:civility1st@gmail.com) to receive a Zoom link.



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Photo Courtesy of Kyle Logan  
Kyle Logan moved to Whidbey Island in September to begin his new role as a pastor for Grace by the Sea Anglican Church. Logan said he looks forward to making connections with the congregation and the community.

## Oak Harbor churches welcome new faith leaders

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

Two of Oak Harbor's local churches recently welcomed new leaders to their congregations. Grace by the Sea Anglican Church will be led by Kyle Logan, who relocated to the island from Santa Cruz, Calif. Whidbey Presbyterian Church's new pastor will be Greg Steible, who moved from Indiana to lead the church.

Steible said he and his family have been anticipating the move to Washington and he looks forward to serving as a pastor at Whidbey Presbyterian. The church had a Drive-By Pastor Parade to welcome him and introduce congregation members at a safe distance.

"We have been looking forward to coming to the Pacific Northwest," he said. "We have known that we would be coming to this church since February, but COVID had stopped all that."

Logan said he and his wife moved to Whidbey Island because of the opportunity at Grace by the Sea and look forward to getting to know the community.

"I had always been an associate rector or an associate pastor but we felt like the Holy Spirit was leading us into a new season of our lives where I would be leading a church," he said. "After a lot of prayer and seeking out wisdom from other pastors who knew me, we started to look for a place for me to lead, and Grace by the Sea and Whidbey Island was the place that the Lord wanted us. So that is where we are."

Steible said he is hoping to grow new connections with the congregation and the community as he begins his new role.

"I am looking forward most to getting to know people, not just here in the church but also in the community," he said. "I think it is important for churches and people of faith in general to be active and supportive in the more broad community. We are called to help others and support others and to live a global life, so I am looking forward to getting to know as many people as possible, which is easier said than done obviously."

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## Celebrate civility in October

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

It's alright to disagree – but how we express those opposing viewpoints is at the heart of what local grassroots organization, Civility First, is all about. October is the third annual Civility Month on Whidbey Island, and the organization has a slate of activities scheduled to mark the occasion.

"Each year we have had an art contest, several workshops and at least one public forum, all focused on civility and its role in current times," said Kate Bracey, Civility First board president.

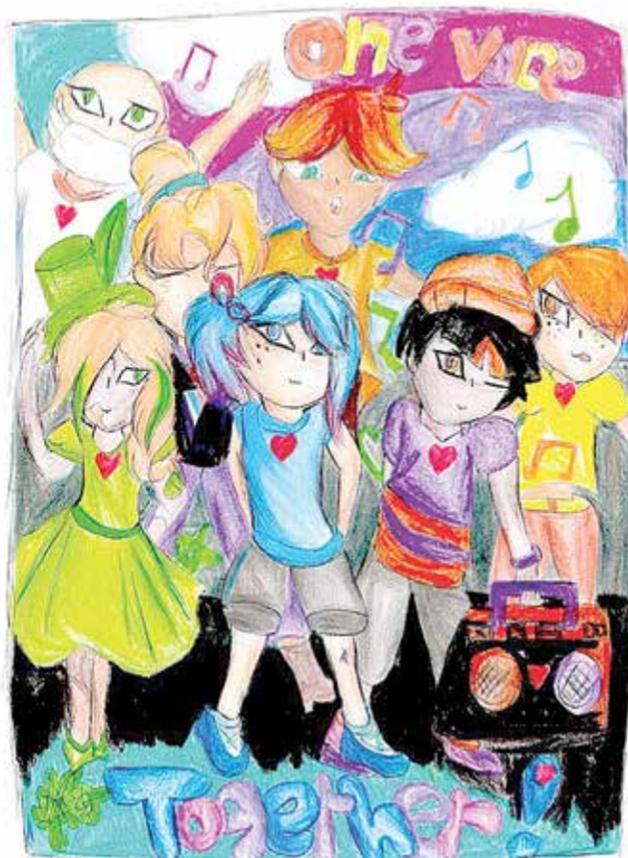
The group's message seems to come at an opportune moment in our history – divisions run deep, driving wedges between families and friends, and that's just politics. Add in a pandemic, tough economic times and civil unrest, and fuses can run short. Civility can be left on the back burner.

"We are a nonprofit organization that strives to help people find ways to have uncomfortable conversations about things that matter to them most," said Sandi Peterson, one of Civility First's founders and current board member. "One thing I find is important to say is what Civility First is NOT about. We are not about asking people to learn how to be quiet or to not be passionate about things, or to just walk away. We truly desire to help people hear and be heard. It is important for people to be able to disagree agreeably."

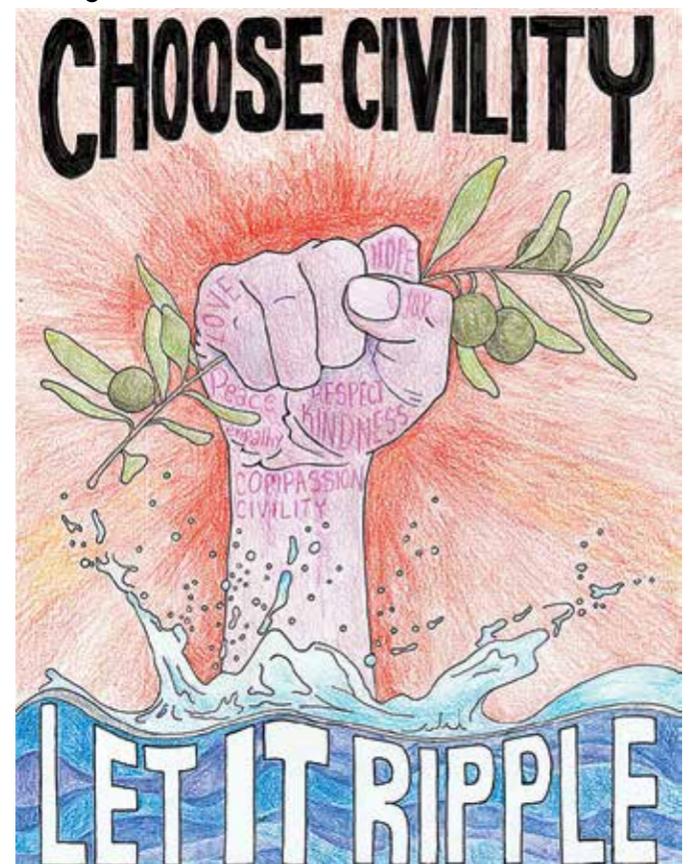
Civility First's annual art contest is one way to illustrate how people can overcome difficulty in communicating opposing views while staying respectful.

"The art contest was a way for the community to participate in defining the many versions of 'civility' that they see in the world, or would like to see in the world," said Bracey. "It has been a highlight every year to see how artists have worked with a civility theme and made it come alive in visual ways that we couldn't have dreamed of."

"The art contest is an organized approach to fostering the conversation within families and smaller communities about what it means to be respectful, listen and be kind," agreed Elizabeth Guss, a Civility First volunteer and chair of the art contest committee. "With the conversation can come means of expressing visually this powerful concept. I recognize that many concepts are very hard to articulate clearly and definitely with words. Sometimes a picture moves us emotionally to insight that can help inform behavior toward being more helpful."



Artwork Courtesy of Civility First  
This original art by Hayley Latorre of Stanwood earned an honorable mention in the youth age division of Civility First's annual art contest.



Artwork Courtesy of Civility First  
Elektra Caffrey's original artwork, entitled "Let it Ripple," is the teen/youth category winner in this year's Civility First art contest. See more entries online at civilityfirst.org.

This year's theme was "Choose Civility – Be Respectful, Listen, and Be Kind." People of all ages were able to submit entries depicting that vision. In all, 18 entries were submitted from Island, Snohomish and King Counties as well as an entry from as far away as New Mexico. There were three age divisions – children 12 and under, youth 13-18, and adult (over 18). Cash prizes were awarded to those in first and second place, \$100 and \$50, respectively.

"The artwork is judged by our sponsor, the Pacific NorthWest Art School in Coupeville," said Debbie Batey, a Civility First volunteer. "This year the submissions, judging, and exhibition all had to be done online. The artwork from this contest illustrates the numerous ways that civility can be accomplished and opens our eyes to how we can work toward that goal."

First place winners this year include Anna Paul in the children's division; Elektra Caffrey in the youth division; and Mark Orth in the adult division. There will be a virtual gallery show opening with a Zoom conversation Oct. 23 at 5 p.m. Those interested will be able to hear from participating artists about what inspired them and what the experience has been like. Register to attend at civilityfirst.org.

"Art is a powerful way to convey a message," said volunteer Danielle Bishop. "I hope the artwork provokes conversation that results in new perspectives and points of view."

Other virtual events throughout the month include three workshops entitled "Bridging Our Differences," which gives attendees an opportunity to learn how to have a conversation with someone with a differing viewpoint. Dates and times for the workshops will be announced online. Authors William Keith and Robert Danisch will discuss their new book, "Beyond Civility: The Competing Obligations of Citizenship," Oct. 14. The month will wrap up Oct. 28 with a panel discussion including a faith leader, a political figure, a communications professional and a Civility First founder.

"We are really excited about the events we've lined up, and are hoping for a good virtual turnout, despite all the competing priorities that people are juggling," Bracey said.

As there is no seasonal limit to practicing civility, the organization works throughout the year, holding workshops and giving presentations all over Whidbey Island to not only explain what Civility First is all about, but how, with some basic concepts, one can improve communication with others, giving people the ability to not only

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**SANDI PETERSON and CATHY WHITMIRE**

**POWER OF LISTENING TO UNDERSTAND**

When do you feel listened to - really listened to? Do you listen to others to understand? A listener can civilly and vigorously disagree, as long as the speaker had a chance to convey their viewpoint. Showing respect is so much more powerful than hostility.

Steve Cooper describes two respectful listeners. "I first heard Cathy Whitmire and Sandi Peterson at a Civility First talk. Now mind you, this was not my idea to go to this presentation. In fact, I wanted nothing to do with it. My girlfriend finally talked me into going with her by promising to take me out to my favorite restaurant. I will admit up front, I went in with a bad attitude at best. I thought this movement was, quite frankly, BS, simplistic, and about trying to tell people to shut up and to shame them for their anger, marching, and protesting. But I was dead wrong." Cooper says that since he has practiced civility, he has learned much from listening to others, "and people actually want to listen to me now."

Civility First, is a grassroots group promoting listening to and learning from people with different perspectives in a civil and respectful manner.

"Cathy and Sandi are both people I admire," remarks Dave Cauffman, one of the board members and founders. "Cathy stepped up in the very beginning to the role of president and put an enormous amount of energy into promoting Civility First. Sandi has brought prodigious energy to the board. Sandi partnered with Cathy and other board members on our outreach, which made our presentations authentic and genuinely bipartisan."

Civility First's president, Kate Bracy, volunteers with Whitmire and Peterson. "Who would have thought a vegetarian pacifist Quaker and a conservative Republican political strategist would not only volunteer together but become close friends? They hold different views and opinions and at the same time have a deep respect and affection for each other. They can take on very divisive political and social issues, with wildly different opinions, without needing to diminish the other in any way. I think this

is possible because they lead with their ears. If people on Whidbey, and in the world for that matter, would cut each other as much slack as these two do, we could solve a lot of problems and have a lot of fascinating discussions!"

Whitmire says it is a mistake to think civility means not standing up passionately for what we believe in, and anger is a God-given sense that lets us know when something is wrong. Martin Luther King, Jr. and John Lewis are both powerful examples of people who expressed anger and at the same time stood up for civility. She says, "I like to keep in mind I need to be kind to everyone I meet, because every single person is carrying an unseen burden. And people can change."

She has read Leo Tolstoy's War and Peace over 15 times. It's a very human story, about imperfect people doing the best they can given their circumstances and life histories. The book ends with a protagonist's belief that while evil is strong, it can be turned back when people of good will band together and work for the common good.

As a divorced single parent, Whitmire had a spiritual awakening that led her to move across the country with her son to a divinity school and begin a whole new path. She says this was both one of the best and hardest things she did in her life. "When I became a pacifist, it was humbling to realize how much I had to learn about forgiveness and letting go of grudges. I wish there was a way to help every person in the world see that we are related to one another, that we are all family, and we need to love and support one another."

Charles Terry, Civility First board member, says, "Cathy and Sandi are two people with great integrity, both of whom have dedicated huge amounts of time and energy to helping others and making the world a better place. Since they come from different political backgrounds and perspectives, to me they serve as excellent and much-needed role models for how we can bridge the divide that is so deep today. Their work with Civility First is exemplary, and they practice what they preach. The fact that they have become good friends while not abandoning their beliefs is testimony that it can be done."

**Catherine Susan Whitmire**

Born: March 19, 1947, St. Louis, Missouri  
Education: Master of Divinity, Harvard Divinity School University  
Spouse: Tom Ewell, married May 30, 1998  
Children: 3, and 6 grandchildren  
Years on Whidbey: 14

Favorite song: Handel's *Messiah*. "During the *Hallelujah Chorus*, I promise God that I am signing on for another year to try to be the person God hoped I would be."  
If you had your life to do all over again, what would you do differently?  
"Be less judgmental and more forgiving as a young person."

**Sandi Peterson**

Born: September 1951, Laramie, Wyoming  
Spouse: Brian  
Children: 4, and 8 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren  
Years on Whidbey: 15  
Favorite songs: *Amazing Grace* and *Stairway to Heaven*

What do you wish you could do over and better this time?  
"That's easy. We have great kids. However, looking back, I wish I had done more fun things, spent more quality time, built more sandcastles and skipped more rocks."

**Quotes from others:**

*Cathy is one of the most gentle people—yet one of the most firmly and passionately committed to the cause of making a more civil world—that can be found. She exudes civility one on one and in larger group settings. Civility breeds trust. Civility doesn't mean agreeing. Civility is necessary because people don't agree. When people treat each other civilly, better answers can be found for the complex issues that the world is facing. Without civility, there is little chance of solutions being discovered. Finding solutions to complex issues through civility is Cathy's life mission. I'm a better person for knowing her!*

~Matt Chambers, Senior Pastor of South Whidbey Assembly, Civility First Advisory Board

*Sandi's openness has changed my mind and heart towards Republicans. Her and others from civility first, reminds me of a albeit rare and dramatic example of what effective listening has the potential to do. Daryl Davis, a black man and descendant of slaves, has changed hearts one by one by courteous communication even to various white supremacist groups. His civil manner focused on listening has inspired Ku Klux Klan members to leave the KKK and denounce hate. Davis has been kicked and spit upon and thrown out of places, but he continues his mission. The books 'Klan-Destined' and 'Klan-We-Talk' elaborate on his journey.*

~Pete Porter, teacher

*I met Sandi at a Civility presentation, and her mannerisms and gentleness inspired me to help promote it in my daily life.*

~Carol Benson, student

*Cathy is both the gentlest and the strongest person I know. She is full of loving kindness and generosity. At the same time, she is smart, strategic and determined about the changes she wants to make in the world.*

~Janice O'Mahony, Goosefoot board member

Do you have an Inspiring Islander that you would like to see featured in this series? Please send their name, along with some examples of why they fit into this venue. Also your name and contact. Send to the writer at sk@whidbey.com.

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**BROWNIES**

After fighting 10 to 18 pound salmon, pulling 15 pound lingcod out of the rockpiles and occasionally hooking into a 40+ pound halibut, the idea that freshwater Smallmouth bass (Brownies) would even get your heart rate up seems a little far-fetched. Well, if you are a passionate fisherman any fish tugging on the end of your line is something to get excited about. Largemouth bass are generally the star of the show when people talk about bass fishing, and there's no doubt they are impressive, with their large Mason-jar size mouths and impressive gill-plates, they can siphon in half a quart of water when engulfing a baitfish. But don't count out Mr. smallmouth (brown bass); this species of bass is tenacious, scrappy, and very capable of breaking off your line.

Growing up in Idaho, if we were fishing the Snake River for solid cookie-cutter channel cats it was not uncommon to hook into a smallmouth bass cruising the same area; most of the fish we encountered were around a pound and we generally released them back into the river. I believe one of the main reasons we hooked the bass was because of the bait we primarily used for the catfish; our bait of choice was a nugget-size chunk of raw shelled shrimp or prawn. Bass love crawfish and I believe the shrimp was close enough to a crawfish for them. I don't ever remember catching a largemouth out of the rivers, but the smallie's thrived in the rich waters.

The State of Washington has many lakes that hold smallmouth bass. Here is some helpful information if you set out in search of a brownie: Smallmouth can be caught throughout the year; fishing success increases dramatically in the spring as water temperatures rise and food becomes increasingly available. During this transition period, reaction baits such as crankbaits and suspending jerkbaits (just ask pro bass angler Kevin VanDam) can be very effective for coaxing lethargic bass to bite. As waters approach 55-60 °F in May, smallmouth bass become increasingly active as they prepare to spawn. In our eastside rivers, large spawning adults are on the move, gathering along current seams near shallow gravel flats. Current breaks created at the heads and tails of islands are good bets. In lakes, smallmouth bass also seek shallow, flat, gravel bottom for spawning, but relate more to structure (large rocky substrate, docks) than current breaks to ambush prey. In both instances, hard baits (crank baits, jerkbaits, spinnerbaits) and soft baits (grubs on a football head jig, finesse worms rigged drop shot style) can be effective, depending on the location and how the fish are relating to available cover.

Spawning occurs as temperatures reach 60°F in late May and June. Male smallmouth bass build nests (beds) to attract females and together they spawn over gravel substrate in five to 20 feet of water, depending on water clarity. Spawning adults will aggressively defend their nests from any intruders, including soft plastic baits, but you will need some patience and experience on the water to locate nesting sites. They are generally found just deep enough that spotting them can be difficult, especially on an overcast day.

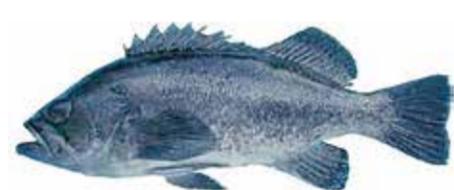
As summer progresses and lakes become temperature dependent or separated in layers, smallmouth bass will spend much of

the day resting on the bottom below the thermocline (barrier between warm and cool water) in 20 to 30 feet of water. In most lakes, smallmouth will congregate in areas of large, rocky substrate where their favorite food, the signal crawfish, is abundant. Dragging soft plastics and drop-shotting finesse worms on the bottom are the primary methods of choice. During low light periods between dawn and dusk, smallmouth will venture into the shallows to hunt for food. In early morning and late evening, a variety of shallow diving or surface baits will work; favorites include spinnerbaits, soft jerkbaits, and poppers. Time periods when topwater is effective can be very short, especially when targeting larger fish, but the surface explosion of a lunker smallmouth is worth the effort. Though most anglers key in on larger fish, 100 fish days are not uncommon on the Snake River during the summer. The majority of these fish will be 8-12 inches, but they will fight over a topwater plug all day long, making for great fun for the kids.

Fall is another transitional period as temperatures fall, food becomes increasingly scarce, and predatory fish like smallmouth look to pack on fat reserves for the winter. Many of the tactics used during the summer carry over to the fall, including bottom fishing soft plastics during the day and fishing reaction baits near the surface during low light periods. As winter approaches, smallmouth will seek out deeper water (>30 feet deep in many lakes) and become increasingly inactive and can be difficult to catch.

If you have ever fished out in Marine Areas 4 and 5, you may have hooked into a black sea bass. I consider these sea bass the closest thing to a fresh water smallmouth found in the saltwater; they are very similar in size and shape and the fight on the line is also very similar, plus black sea bass are very good eating. I have never found bass fishing on TV very interesting, however, as winter approaches and you could be restricted to fishing from the couch, there actually is some exiting bass fishing on television; check out Major League Fishing (MLF). I'm not endorsing this show but the catch-and-release format that has been established for the anglers to follow during the challenge events and tournaments will keep you watching, they catch a ton of smallmouth and they often follow up with some great lessons learned from the tournament winners.

Coho numbers are picking up – 170 Coho were reported coming back to the dock at Coronet Bay boat launch last Sunday and shore fishermen are reporting more than just the occasional bite. We got the rain we were hoping for so be ready to hit the beaches to intercept them, because they will be heading to the rivers very quickly from here on out. As the weather starts to change, think about cold water ops; check the regulations and emergency changes for the area you are fishing, and most importantly, have confidence in your fishing and GOOD LUCK out there.



Puget Sound black sea bass

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# New COVID-19 case reported on WhidbeyHealth surgical team

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

A member of the surgical services team at WhidbeyHealth Medical Center in Coupeville has tested positive for COVID-19.

An announcement was made on WhidbeyHealth's social media over the weekend, followed by a press release from Island County Public Health Monday. It appears the individual contracted the virus outside of work and immediately left work to self-quarantine upon the onset of symptoms. Island County Public Health was immediately informed.

"Island County Public Health staff conducted the case investigation for the positive case at the hospital and started contact tracing on Saturday," said ICPH Director Keith Higman. "We will follow both the case and contacts for a period of 14 days as we would for any other case of COVID-19 in the county. We have been working closely with hospital staff since Friday."

According to the release, it appears exposure of patients and staff was limited to people who were in the operating room between Sept. 22-24, although it is not yet clear how many people may have come in contact with the individual.

"I cannot give you an accurate count at this time because the list of people who may have been exposed continues to shrink as we continue with the intricate process of contact tracing," Nic Wildeman, WhidbeyHealth Community Relations representative, told *Whidbey Weekly* via email. "'Exposure' is defined as being in fewer than six feet proximity for a sustained period of 15 minutes or more. As you can imagine, there are employees in the department who never came near the staff member who tested positive and therefore were not exposed. The process of tracing is very detailed and requires that people reconstruct their day(s) nearly minute-to-minute."



A member of the surgical team at WhidbeyHealth Medical Center in Coupeville has tested positive for COVID-19, prompting a number of actions at the hospital.

Wildeman said WhidbeyHealth acted promptly, taking several steps to contain the spread of the virus, which were outlined in the WhidbeyHealth statement released Sunday:

- Everyone affected has been contacted and patients can choose to obtain testing; all exposed staff members have been tested and are self-quarantining at home.
- WhidbeyHealth is working with Island County Public Health to assist with contact tracing.
- Elective surgeries and non-urgent visits to the surgery, obstetrics and orthopedic clinics have been postponed until Oct. 7. However, urgent and emergency surgeries and care for women in labor will continue.
- Visitors are limited to one support person

per patient in the Medical Center and all clinics.

"Delaying of elective surgeries until Oct. 7 is implemented to integrate the Centers for Disease Control recommendation of 14 days in quarantine," Wildeman said.

In addition, the West Wind Café and Gift Shop have been closed to the public, but that is NOT related to the positive COVID-19 test.

"It is very important to mitigate the spread of seasonal flu - even more important in the context of the pandemic," said Wildeman. "Closing public access to the cafeteria and gift shop are precautions which are identical to those we took in the height of the coronavirus outbreak earlier this year. This decision was timely and not related to the employee who became infected."

WhidbeyHealth officials say it is important people continue to seek care; delaying health care could worsen a patient's condition.

"WhidbeyHealth has proven for months that we can operate a safe medical environment to care for the community - regardless of the challenges of the pandemic," Wildeman said. "Among other precautions, we have: Met the need for extensive use of PPE for staff and patients; implemented new systems to screen people who enter any WhidbeyHealth facility, including staff, who are screened every time they come to work; acquired and deployed innovative technologies to sanitize patient rooms including dry fogging delivery of disinfectant through any space; equipped additional rooms with negative pressure air handling to prevent airborne pathogens from leaving an isolation room.; and reconfigured spaces throughout facilities to accommodate spatial distancing."

Wildeman encourages people to watch for updates from WhidbeyHealth on its Facebook page as well as on its website, www.whidbeyhealth.org.

The total number of people in Island County who have contracted COVID-19 thus far stands at 316 (as of *Whidbey Weekly's* press deadline); 12 people have died. Public health officials recommend people continue to follow suggested guidelines to prevent the spread of the virus.

"Our messages to Island County residents as we see more cases increase in our community are to remain vigilant in wearing masks, staying home when possible, washing your hands frequently, limiting travel, and avoiding congregating with people outside of your home," Higman said.

More information can be found online at islandcountywa.gov and at coronavirus.wa.gov.

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speak their mind respectfully, but to listen to others and appreciate a differing perspective.

"We offer tried and true ideas, like actively listening to learn about the other person's point of view, asking questions to help understand how they arrived there, being interested without having to agree," explained Peterson. "We also teach people ways to share their point of view, so people want to hear about it. And, of course, we always remind people that relationships are important."

"Our approach is decidedly non-partisan," said Bracey. "We are promoting the practice and skills of talking to one another across political lines, but we know that these skills and that practice works across any lines of difference. We understand that progress and solutions for our important issues depend on us talking to each other. As it becomes more difficult to have discussions because of uncivil behavior, it becomes more difficult to get anything done."

"I appreciate that Civility First seeks to engage the community

in open dialogue about our differences in a respectful way," said Bishop. "I believe doing so allows us better opportunities to find common ground."

"Civility First can help, beginning with each of us looking at our own lives, behaviors, and attitudes," Guss said. "Then, [we must] ask ourselves whether this reflects who we want to be. Finally, [we can] learn new skills of listening and responding that allows [respectful] dialogue, so that we can learn more and make better decisions."

To learn more about Civility First and Civility Month activities, visit [civilityfirst.org](http://civilityfirst.org).

"I hope, and our board hopes, that people will take a moment sometime in October and consider the value of civility in their lives," said Bracey. "We know that people are occupied and busy, but we also know that people are suffering with some of the disconnection that has occurred on the political front but also in other areas of our lives. We hope people will think about how to incorporate civility into their everyday communications, and why that might be important for bridging the gaps and disconnections they might be

experiencing. It's an opportunity to pause for a moment and remember that kindness and respect go a long way toward keeping us connected."

## Civility Month Activities:

### Workshops: "Bridging our Differences"

Saturday, Oct. 10, 2 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2 p.m.  
Monday, Oct. 26, 6:30 p.m.

### Author Event

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m.

William Keith and Robert Danisch discuss their new book, "Beyond Civility: The Competing Obligations of Citizenship"

### Artist Conversation

Friday, Oct. 23, 5 p.m.

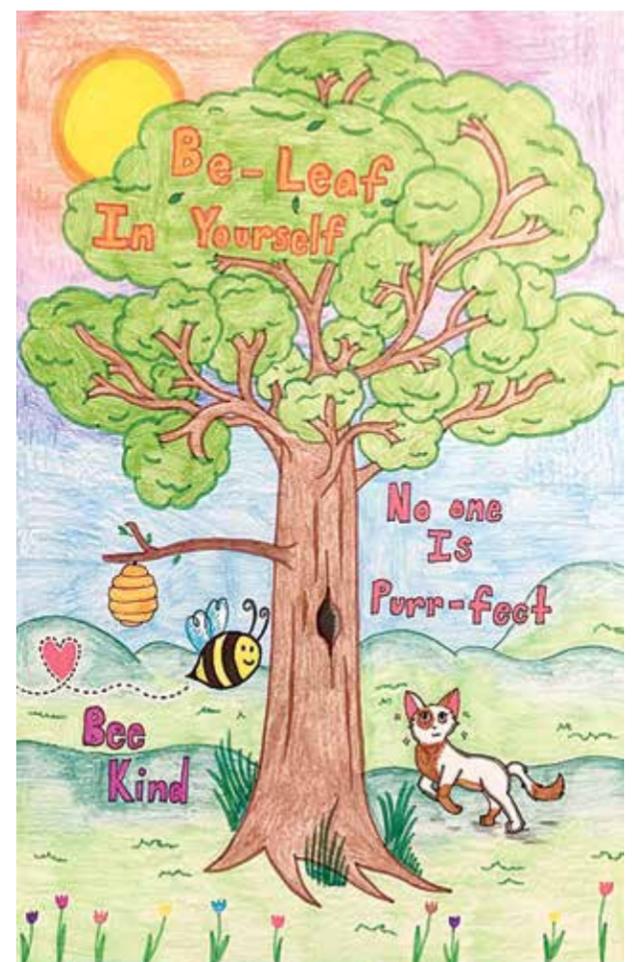
### Panel Discussion

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m.

Register for these online/Zoom events at [www.civilityfirst.org](http://www.civilityfirst.org).



Artwork Courtesy of Civility First  
Codie Nysether of Langley took second place in the Civility First art contest with his original artwork called "Love Each Other."



Artwork Courtesy of Civility First  
"BEE kind to others" is the title of Megan Stulc's entry in the Civility First art contest. Stulc's entry took second place in the youth division.



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# October

The virtual truth

By Carey Ross

In a normal year, the Pickford Film Center staff would be putting the finishing touches on preparations for what is the nonprofit arthouse movie theater's biggest annual undertaking: October.

Those who manage the calendar would have long since made sure each piece of the vast scheduling puzzle that is October was in place and as it should be—while troubleshooting the various unforeseen issues that always arise. Those involved in film trafficking would be constantly updating spreadsheets and systems showing which of the movies booked for the month-plus celebration of all things documentary had arrived and which were still in transit or required downloading and file conversion. Those in charge of the many special events that go along with the documentary showings would be nailing down details of in-person filmmaker appearances, Skype interviews, panel discussions, champagne receptions, after-show talkbacks and, because it wouldn't be October without a touch of whimsy, the furry animals that have somehow made their way into each festival (Buster the goat remains my forever favorite).

Along with all of this comes procuring the community sponsorships that make October possible, as well as the large—and largely unseen—amount of effort that goes into the Pickford's Doc-Ed program which enables thousands of Whatcom County public and tribal schoolchildren to come see documentaries free of charge nearly every weekday before the theater opens its doors to the public for the duration of October and beyond.

As for me, a member of the Pickford's projectionist staff, right about now I'd be bracing for impact, half-excited to once again be part of pulling off feats of movie magic in service to one of the coolest community events I've ever seen, and half-nervous as October can be an intense and wily beast to wrangle.

But 2020 is no normal year, and instead of bugging my bosses about October punch cards, asking for yet another crash course in how to set up a Skype interview, getting to work with enough time to practice running the light board so I don't pepper a guest with dancing stars instead of bathing them in a warm glow of a spotlight and generally preparing to handle anything, I'm sitting at home, in my pajamas, having not popped a batch of popcorn nor pressed play on a movie at the Pickford in more than six months.

However, the show, as it always does at the Pickford, goes on. Since we are not able to invite you to the theater itself for October, we're bringing October to you, wherever you may be—and if you must watch the documentaries chosen for this year's festival in your pajamas, we are not here to judge you. We will likely join you, if not together, then in pajama solidarity.

If you've ever watched a film via the Pickford's virtual screening room, you're already familiar with how October will work. The lineup of documentaries is live on the Pickford's website (www.pickfordfilmcenter.org/october). As in years past, there's a gap between when the schedule is released and the showings begin—in this case, October kicks off Fri., Oct. 9—which you can use to reorient your life around the docs you want to see. While watching at home can't really ever match experiencing October at the Pickford, as it was meant to be seen, it does allow for more flexibility in terms of calendar management. It doesn't quite make up for the lack of big screen, surround sound and

excellent Pickford popcorn, but we do what we can under circumstances such as these.

This year's October films are organized into the categories of Social Justice Themes, Arts and Entertainment, Woman Filmmakers, Family Friendly, BIPOC Filmmakers, Queer Filmmakers and Queer Content, Strong Youth Leads, and Local Showcase, with quite a bit of overlap between the groupings.

If you're new to the sometimes-confusing (it's not just you, I swear) realm of virtual cinema, are on a budget or would simply like to get a taste of what October is all about, the Pickford has made three full-length docs and one short film available for viewing free of charge—and three of the four are both regional and highly topical.

**Keepers of the Dream: Seattle Women Black Panthers** is a series of five short films detailing the origins and work of the women who formed the Seattle chapter of the Black Panther Party and their lasting effect on the Black Power movement in the city, complete with a soundtrack by Seattle artist SassyBlack. Once you've got some history under your belt, join the state of racial protest in the present day through the eyes of activist filmmaker Tajuan LaBee, who takes viewers on an in-depth journey into the heart of the Capital Hill Occupied Protest in **24 Hours in the Chop**. To get a glimpse of the protest movement in Portland, queue up the short film **100 Days of Protest in Portland**. The final of the free offerings is **Public Trust**, which traces the shifting relationship the federal government has to Public Lands—our land—and how we can protect this vital American asset.

But that's just the beginning of what October has in store.

While I can't give a rundown of the more than 25 films that are part of this year's festival, I can point you toward a smattering of them to get you started. Take a highly personal look at Chinese artist and wickedly clever dissident and humanitarian Ai Weiwei in **Ai Weiwei: Yours Truly**. Do the same with legendary First Nations artist Robert Davidson in **Haida Modern**. Explore rural small-town life of a group of Florida schoolchildren in the observational **Pahokee**. Learn about Rock Against Racism, the 1970s-era effort in the United Kingdom to counteract a rising neo-Nazi movement using punk rock as a unifying force (featuring cool footage of the Clash, X-Ray Spex, and more) in **White Riot**. Ride along during the batshit (there's no other word to describe it) R2AK, an adventure race beginning in Port Townsend and ending in Ketchikan, Alaska when the winner claims a \$10,000 prize nailed to a tree in **The Race to Alaska**. Adding to the growing canon of excellent docs detailing the rise of women activists and politicians following the 2016 presidential election is **Resisterhood**—watch it while you vote. Speaking of politics, hearken back to a kinder, gentler era with an examination of the intersection between former President Jimmy Carter and, of all things, rock 'n' roll via such luminaries as Willie Nelson, Bob Dylan, and Roseanne Cash.

Those are just a few of the many films the Pickford has carefully chosen for your entertainment and edification during this most unorthodox October. Whether at home or in the theater itself, those of us at the Pickford know one thing about this area's movie-goers and their relationship with documentaries: You can handle the truth.

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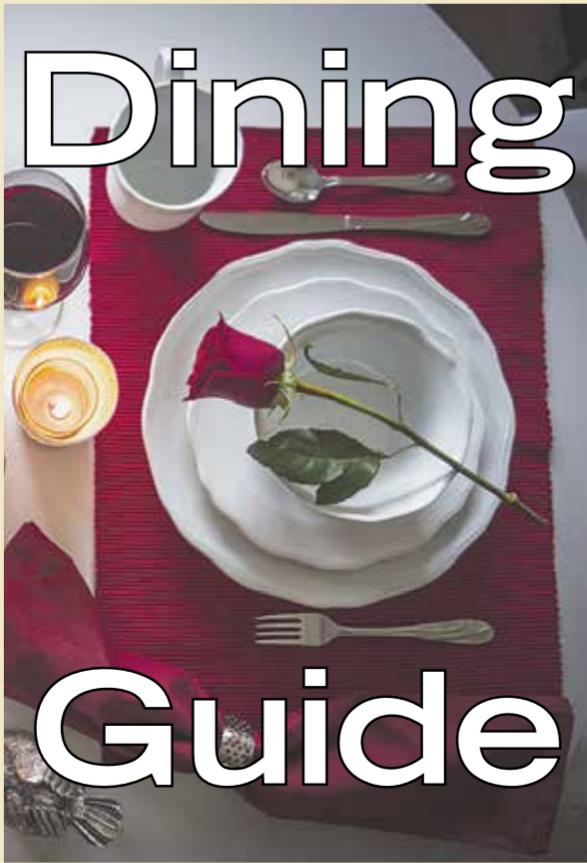
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Logan, who was ordained in 2016, said he hopes to see the church gain new members in the future.

"We are hoping to grow the church," he said. "We would like to see some families join the church and develop a really strong children's ministry. We want this church to be a place where families feel really safe and feel like their children are being grown up into the Lord. We want this church to be a place where disciples are made, ultimately. We want to make disciples of older people, we want to make disciples of people in their 40s and 50s and we want to see more people come to Christ."

Steible said COVID-19 has had a number of impacts on the church and his start as the pastor.

"Day-to-day, it looks different in that I cannot go visit people in the same way," he said. "I might be able to sit on a front porch but I am not able to sit in a living room and have a cup of coffee, so it is harder to get to know people on one level, but everyone is embracing the phone as the new way of life and online video conferencing. Through technology we are able to continue growing in our relationships, which is really what I am about. It is different but it is the same in many ways."

Logan said the church is working to create opportunities to connect with people and help others grow in their faith, even in the midst of the pandemic.

"We are a very welcoming community so if people are feeling lonely because of COVID-19 and they are not able to be out and about with family or friends, we livestream our services on Facebook so people are able to worship with us," he said.

Steible said he is happy to now call Whidbey Island home and looks forward to the opportunity to get to know the island and its residents.

"We are thankful to be here and we are thankful to be able to get to know people in the community and in the church," he said. "My goal for the congregation, and I think it is a shared passion of many here, is to be able to live in the world building relationships with others."

Logan said he felt blessed to be brought to the island to serve as a faith leader for the community.

"We are thankful that He called us somewhere that is beautiful and that is going to be a fun place to live," he said.

For more information on Grace by the Sea Anglican Church and Whidbey Presbyterian Church, visit their websites at [gracebythesea.org](http://gracebythesea.org) and [whidbeypres.org](http://whidbeypres.org). Grace by the Sea offers an in-person service with social-distancing measures and also streams on Facebook at 10 a.m. each Sunday. Whidbey Presbyterian currently hosts online-only services via Facebook and YouTube every Sunday at 10 a.m.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Presbyterian Church  
Whidbey Presbyterian Church in Oak Harbor welcomed new pastor Greg Steible and his family with a Drive-By Pastor Parade. Members of the congregation stopped by in their cars, many covered with welcome and introductory signs, to meet the new pastor and his family in a safe and socially-distanced environment.

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finished product after two sessions. Just drop into the shop or call to set up a time.

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## GUEST COLUMN

By Judith Canfield and Terry Welch Co-Presidents, South Whidbey at Home

Why we choose to become involved with South Whidbey at Home

As we age, we find new challenges in living independently, such as driving to appointments, grocery shopping, or changing batteries on smoke detectors.

According to the National Institute of Aging, nearly 90 percent of seniors want to remain active, vital, and in control of their own decision making. Staying in their own homes as they age and living by their own schedules are very important.

Four years ago, on July 5, 2016, volunteers on Whidbey Island started South Whidbey at Home to help seniors with these challenges. This brought together a community of caring and action surrounding seniors, caring for each other. South Whidbey at Home is a membership-based nonprofit dedicated to helping older (55+) South Whidbey residents remain in their homes and active in the community by providing access to a variety of professional services, volunteer assistance, and social activities. We follow the principles of the Village to Village ([www.vtvnetwork.org](http://www.vtvnetwork.org)) concept.

Volunteers are the bedrock of this loving, caring organization, as they perform minor home repairs, emergency pet care, a ride to church, meditation circle, or health professional appointment, help in the garden, assistance with new technology, a neighborly visit, or a daily phone check in. Currently, during the COVID-19 pandemic, our mission does not allow in house visits or car rides, but otherwise we are there for our senior community. Volunteers can be people of any age who don't mind helping an older neighbor. They are generous people who are happy to share their time and skills.

South Whidbey at Home's primary focus is to support those aging in our community to live healthy and rich lives—and our secondary one—to build stronger intergenerational ties on South Whidbey. We believe the second half of life can be as rich and rewarding as the first half, and that older people have a need and desire to stay active and engaged.

We collaborate and partner with other organizations by taking advantage of social and educational opportunities and filling the gaps not met. We strive to do the best we can with an attitude of compassion, respect, dignity, and acceptance.

Now more than ever many people, especially seniors, feel isolated and alone. Connecting with our members and supporting them through this period of time is essential.

Are you one of these special people who wants to make a difference in our community? To become a South Whidbey at Home member or volunteer, please contact at South Whidbey at Home call 360-331-1971 or [www.swathome.org](http://www.swathome.org).

We Welcome You!



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# CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)



Said John F. Kennedy: "Victory has a hundred fathers, and defeat is an orphan." So sad. Before you turn your back on the waif no one wants to claim, look at the eyes. What do you see? Reminders of things you'd rather forget? Both victory and defeat are shaped by your own hand. Only by fully embracing your past, the bad as well the good, can you truly move forward to victory. Ready to sign the adoption papers?

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



Home is where the heart is. A stock proverb, but true. Seems everyone and everything has a fondness for home. From Homeward Bound Simon and Garfunkel, to the boll weevil (remember the Brook Benton song from the sixties?), to Pliny the Elder; from the swallows of Capistrano to schools of salmon home from the sea, it's always about coming home. We'll leave the porch light on for you.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



If ever the pot of gold at rainbow's end is found, it will be by a curious wanderer like you. The anchor of responsibility may hinder, but the appeal of chasing rainbows remains. Yes, you can honor both. That greatest of wanderers, the Moon, shows how. The Moon's face is ever-changing, but it always appears at the appointed time. Got it? Change frequently, move rapidly, and be on time. That's all. Happy hunting!

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)



Who but you could be so volatile and varied, yet always so solidly within your karma? Brash and bold one minute, a bashful kitten the next. No one ever won a dime betting on boredom from you. As for this week, what's a minor flare up or two between friends? Life is about more than marshmallows, after all. Someone must provide the fire to roast the things. S'mores to you.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



Dreaming of life's finer things? It's important that you do. Your favorite wine, the watch you'd like to own, even the mauve sunset walk along the beach, all began as dreams, dreamed by Someone, Somewhere. Dreams are your connection to the Divine. Dreams breathe life into hope and bring wishes into being. Dreams are the blueprint of the future. Without dreams, how could there be a tomorrow? Keep those dreams alive.

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



Good deeds and others' desires. What have they in common? Only this: Should you find yourself reaching for your wallet this week, those two are the likely reasons why. Far more than just racking up expense, your desire to do good and your willingness to help others are arguably the two most important things in life. They're also the essence of what it means

to be a team player. On Team Humanity, you're up to bat.

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



The most oft-repeated lesson from Wall Street is, "Cut your losses short." That means, when a bet goes bad, get out of it quickly. Alas, most do the opposite. They stubbornly hold on, letting their unwillingness to be wrong become their downfall. In love, as on Wall Street, you win some and you lose some. The advice in love? From Lord Tennyson: "Better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all."

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



In show biz, you're only as good as your last show. In sports, your last race or game. When resting on your laurels won't do, winners step up. When the question becomes, "What have you done for me, lately," what will your answer be? Hounded by critics, can you respond with pride and the facts? Under attack is no time to be shy. Sound your horn, tout your own praises, because no one will do it for you. Toot-toot!

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



"Turn! Turn! Turn! (To Everything There Is A Season)" is the Bible set to music, most famously by The Byrds in 1965. Listening, we sense our small selve's place and role in a much greater scheme. Are you impatient to effect the changes you feel within? Angry at others who cling to limiting beliefs you long ago abandoned? Be patient a while longer. The Turn works in mysterious ways, but it does work.

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



A fortune cookie from Lao Tzu: "Care about what others think and you will always be their prisoner." Does the thought make you queasy? It only means you as the caring prisoner are your own jailer. Is yours a life sentence? Any chance of parole? A pardon? A commutation? A smuggled file inside your birthday cake? No? What kind of jailer are you? Here, some Maalox. And no more Lao Tzu for you.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



Great listeners make great leaders, says the Harvard Business Review. But what makes a listener great? Not what you think. More than just keeping one's mouth shut, asking relevant questions before going silent turns the ordinary listener into a great listener. And great leaders then act on what they learn from such listening. Good questions, effective action. Can you think of anything more empowering? We're listening.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



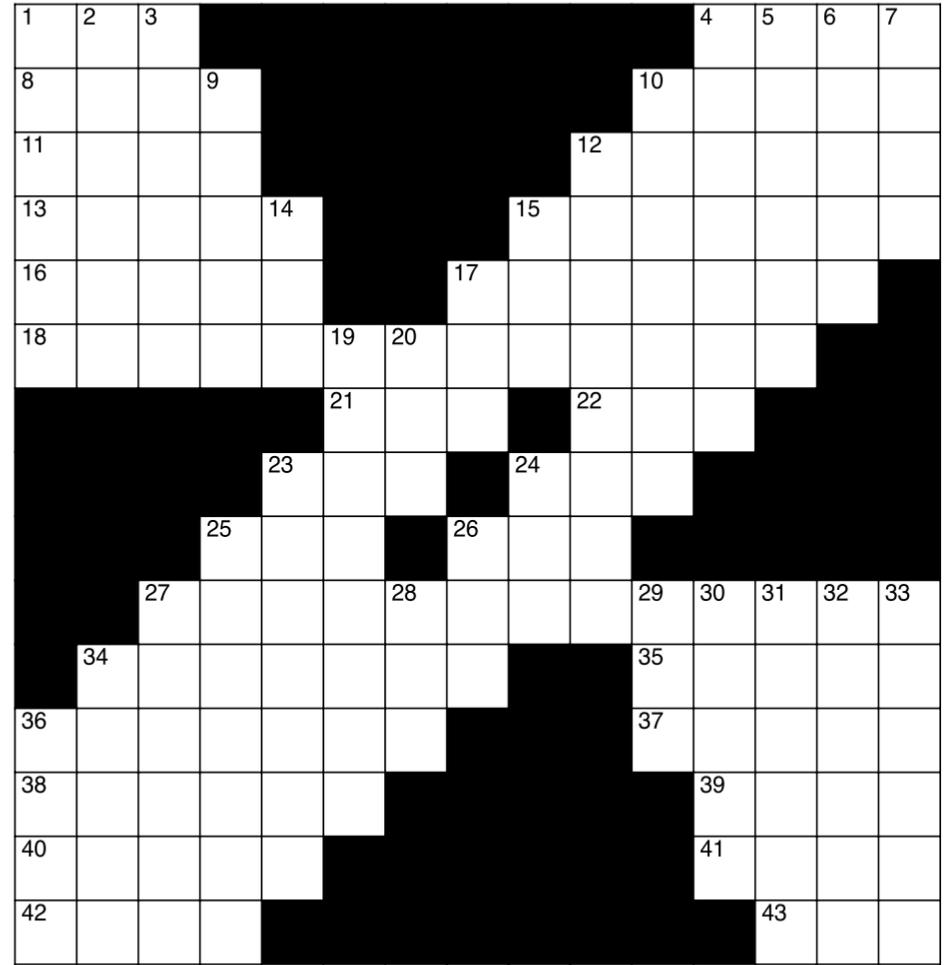
Statements under oath are sworn to be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. A half-truth, in the opinion of the court, is the same as a lie. Mark Twain declared half-truths to be the most cowardly of lies. (Was he speaking under oath? History doesn't say.) Less formally, honesty is said to be always the best policy. The takeaway? Your best safety net in all activities is the truth. Honestly.

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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. Engine additive
- 4. Undemanding
- 8. " \_\_ your enthusiasm"
- 10. Well-known island
- 11. Not saintly
- 12. Habitual
- 13. Central parts of church buildings
- 15. Trust
- 16. Intestinal
- 17. Deep-bodied fish
- 18. Live up to expectations
- 21. Snag
- 22. Partner to haw
- 23. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 24. Sheep disease
- 25. Male term of endearment
- 26. United
- 27. Popular TV host
- 34. Overnighters

- 35. Beloved British princess
- 36. Obtains from
- 37. Third Mughal Emperor
- 38. Shares the opinion of
- 39. Central European river
- 40. Feudal estates
- 41. KU hoops coach Bill
- 42. Spreads out for drying
- 43. "The Partridge Family" actress Susan

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Picturesque
- 2. South Pacific island country
- 3. Shrub of the olive family
- 4. Establish the truth of
- 5. Unfettered
- 6. Originations
- 7. Famed English park

- 9. Sheep's cry
- 10. Danced
- 12. More upstanding
- 14. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)
- 15. Type of lettuce
- 17. Place to call a pint
- 19. Backs
- 20. Partner to cheese
- 23. Makes it there
- 24. Value
- 25. One's convictions
- 26. Former CIA
- 27. Clashed
- 28. Affirmative
- 29. Journalist Tarbell
- 30. Athletic shoes
- 31. Roof style
- 32. Make possible
- 33. Make less dense
- 34. Healthy food
- 36. Silly

Answers on page 15

## YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Oct. 1	Fri, Oct. 2	Sat, Oct. 3	Sun, Oct. 4	Mon, Oct. 5	Tues, Oct. 6	Wed, Oct. 7
North Isle H-67°/L-53° Mostly Sunny	North Isle H-65°/L-54° Mixed Sun and Clouds	North Isle H-66°/L-53° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-64°/L-52° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-63°/L-51° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-63°/L-53° Cloudy with Possible Showers	North Isle H-62°/L-49° Mixed Sun and Clouds
South Isle H-73°/L-56° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-70°/L-55° Mixed Sun and Clouds	South Isle H-68°/L-55° Sunny	South Isle H-68°/L-54° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-67°/L-54° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-66°/L-53° Cloudy with Possible Showers	South Isle H-64°/L-51° Mostly Cloudy



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# Life Tributes

## Joanne Gaylord Ellsworth



Joanne Gaylord Ellsworth, 91, passed away peacefully in her sleep Sept. 18, 2020.

She was born Feb. 28, 1929 in Torrance, Calif., to Charles and Dora Gaylord. Joanne attended university in New York City for fashion design.

Joanne married her beloved husband, David S. Ellsworth, from Seattle Wash., Jan. 3, 1953, and they enjoyed more than 61 years together. Their early married life was spent in Bellevue, Wash., raising their three children: Catherine, Stephen and Charles. Joanne enjoyed volunteering

for the Ryther Bazaar, which served children with severe emotional and behavioral needs.

Joanne and Dave enjoyed staying at a hobby farm in 1968 in Coupeville, Wash., and later moved to the farm permanently in 1972. Joanne served many years as a teacher's assistant at Coupeville Elementary School. Joanne and Dave enjoyed many years on their boat, DeYata, while they were members of the Fidalgo Yacht Club. Their boat outings include voyages as far as Alaska.

Joanne was known as a master quilter and earned several awards for her quilting. She also enjoyed gardening and walking.

In later years, Dave and Joanne spent winters in Surprise, Ariz., relaxing, riding bikes and playing shuffleboard.

Joanne is survived by her three children: Catherine Ellsworth, Stephen and Toni Ellsworth, and Charles Ellsworth; her two grandchildren, Danielle and Karoline Ellsworth; and her grandson-in-law Joseph Hall (Andrea) and children Alex, Audrey, Sawyer and Stephan.

A private family service will be held Saturday at Sunnyside cemetery in Coupeville.

**Life Tributes can now be found online at [www.whidbeyweekly.com](http://www.whidbeyweekly.com)**

## Pam's Prayer Corner

*In honor of my late mother-in-law, Pamela Kaye Young, this column 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](mailto:info@whidbeyweekly.com) or call 360-682-2341 to share your prayer requests.*

Lord, today we ask for your comforting hand for our friend, Penny. Please help deliver her from pain and discomfort. Please help her discover your peace and receive your comfort. Help her to be at rest knowing you care for her and you love her. Amen

*"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going."*

**John 14:1-4**



# Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

## MONDAY, SEPT. 7

### 8:45 am, Harbor Hills Dr.

Caller states 25-year-old white male running around golf course naked, at hole 15 now. No weapons seen.

### 10:32 am, Bounty Loop

Reporting party states girlfriend is not answering her cell phone, states is a caregiver in Freeland; has not been answering for 20 minutes. Reporting party is concerned.

### 7:42 pm, Beacon View Dr.

Reporting party advising an inner tube washed up on beach, drone and personal items attached to it; washed up 10 minutes ago. No one seen today, has seen several boats in area today; possibly came from the area.

### 11:53 pm, W Sleeper Rd.

Reporting party advising two cows are loose again; unknown where they are.

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 8

### 6:28 am, NE 6th St.

Party advising neighbor is burning trash. States she knows it's him because she knows what it smells like. Reporting party didn't see anyone.

### 8:26 am, Race Rd.

Caller states has permission from owners of home to clean debris; male neighbor has been asking reporting party for immigration papers; states male is acting racist. Occurred 25 minutes ago.

### 9:09 am, NW Alexander St.

Requesting call, states since May, has been getting "a night visitor" who plays in rocks at location. Not heard when it happens but rocks are moved. States Saturday afternoon a re-visitation occurred but person came onto reporting party's steps and removed rocks from her steps. Also other rocks spread out on sidewalk, subject ran off.

### 10:07 am, Zylstra Rd.

Advising ongoing problem of dog ending up in caller's garage, not sure where owner lives. Dog currently in garage.

### 6:41 pm, Frog Water Rd.

Reporting party was driving her vehicle and it slid off road around 5 pm; vehicle is almost completely submerged, already called tow company; is home now.

### 8:16 pm, Deception Pass State Park

Reporting party advising neighboring site was upset about burn ban; has been escalating, yelling and threatening to kill his wife. One male and female at site; reporting party cannot see them because of a large bush.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9

### 3:36 pm, W Green Valley Rd.

Trooper on a stop advising of goat loose on W Green Valley Road near location.

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 10

### 8:28 am, Pilchuck Dr.

Yesterday male subject at location was "back burning" with a weed burner, reporting party very concerned due to current conditions; would like subject talked to. Advising subject is new tenant at location.

### 6:35 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising someone is dumping deceased animals on reporting

party's property. Advising two deer and now a pig head.

### 7:43 pm, SR 525

Reporting party is being followed by male who is trying to attack him. Reporting party states can't give personal information over the line at this time. Will not give name. Is afraid people he cares about will get hurt. States people are blaming him for something he didn't do.

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 11

### 3:02 pm, NW Alexander St.

Bathroom at location is clogged. Advising restrooms are accessed from outside, at back of building; it will be the one closest to the parking lot

### 9:44 pm, Storkson Dr.

Abandoned wireless line; on recall advising he is in Clinton; advising no emergency - just eating cheeseburgers.

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

### 9:11 am, Paul Ave.

Reporting party advising was given dog last week from female, now states she is trying to take the dog back. Concerns over paperwork.

### 2:53 pm, Bradshaw Rd.

Reporting party advising has items stuck in antlers, not injured.

### 11:09 pm, Sealawn Blvd.

Reporting party advising of loud bang. Possible fireworks in location. Did not wish to speak or elaborate any further.

### 11:19 pm, Golf Course Rd.

Reporting party advising black Volkswagen parked in area doesn't belong. Reporting party advising vehicle is now gone from area. Subject was hiding in vehicle behind steering wheel.

### 11:29 pm, Spinnaker Dr.

Reporting large explosion in area of location. Unsure what the noise was. Reporting party advising house at location is new build and lights are flickering.

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

### 11:26 am, Sealawn Blvd.

Reporting party advising someone sent them something suspicious. "Could be a neighbor with trucks in the yard;" wants to sue the whole neighborhood for \$100 million.

### 12:52 pm, S Main St.

Reporting party advising chicken is loose in area; running around near high school and Tye Hotel. Reporting party requesting call, wondering if it will be a crime if he catches it and keeps it.

### 4:53 pm, Sealawn Blvd.

Reporting party advising had items stolen yesterday from 12 step AA; reporting party states no one cares about homosexuals. Started yelling; not allowing caller to ask questions.

## MONDAY, SEPT. 14

### 9:39 am, Silver Lake Rd.

On Silverlake between Slater and Umatilla Rd, "unusual looking" male standing on side of road, wearing blanket or towel. Now sitting in ditch. Appears disheveled. Unknown if substance abuse or medical issue. Seemed disoriented.

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



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# Community Bulletin Board

To place an ad, email [classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com](mailto:classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be the difference in a child's life and become a foster parent today! Service Alternatives is looking for caring, loving, and supportive families to support foster children. 425-923-0451 or [mostermick@serval-t-cfs.com](mailto:mostermick@serval-t-cfs.com)

## 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 Festival's important cultural, social, and fiscal position on Whidbey Island. Our current needs include individuals with backgrounds in the following areas: human resources, donor relations, finance, as well as other 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 board committees, and attend activities and events sponsored by ISF. Women and persons of color strongly encouraged to apply. For more information, please contact [jeff.natter@islandshakespearefest.org](mailto:jeff.natter@islandshakespearefest.org).

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/HabitatCommittee>.

Big Brother Big Sisters of Island County (BBBSIC) is actively seeking new member(s) for its Board of Directors. Join the board's exciting array of professionals! BBBSIC is seeking individuals who are committed to defending the potential of youth in our community through their time, skill sets, and influence in the community. To complement the existing board, candidates with expertise in accounting, law, nonprofit management, networking, or fundraising are of particular interest. Committed to diversifying its board to better represent our community, BBBSIC encourages BIPOC and LGBTQIA community members to inquire. Please contact [admin@bbbsic.org](mailto:admin@bbbsic.org)

[bbbsicandcounty.org](http://bbbsicandcounty.org) for more information.

The Island County Medical Reserve Corps (ICMRC) is a local network of volunteers organized to improve the health and safety of communities on Whidbey and Camano Island. 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 response capabilities, and boost community resiliency. 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 are interested in volunteering please go to the Island County MRC website for more information or contact [s.ziemer@islandcountywa.gov](mailto:s.ziemer@islandcountywa.gov)

If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, look no further! When you volunteer at one of the Habitat for Humanity of Island County stores, you are helping local families attain decent, affordable housing. Income from the stores is vital to giving families a path to homeownership. We need people who can commit to help out in our Oak Harbor or Freeland store at least two-hours per week. Schedules are flexible. Our friendly volunteers provide customer service, help with receiving donated household items and furniture, and maintain the store. We also need drivers and driver helpers who will professionally represent Habitat as they pick up donated items using our trucks. Please call either store for more information. Oak Harbor: 360-675-8733, Freeland: 360-331-6272.

College student? Student of history? History buff? Opportunities are available to spend constructive volunteer hours at the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum. Go to [www.pnwnam.org](http://www.pnwnam.org) and click on "Volunteer" or just stop by and introduce yourself.

Imagine Oak Harbor's first Food Forest, Saturdays 11am-3pm, at 526 Bayshore Drive. Each week, we have volunteer opportunities available to

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help care for our community garden, share organic gardening tips, and learn Permaculture principles. All ages and skill levels welcome. Schedule can change due to adverse weather conditions. If you have any questions, please contact us at: [imagineapermacultureworld@gmail.com](mailto:imagineapermacultureworld@gmail.com)

Mother Mentors needs volunteers! Oak Harbor families with young children need your help! Volunteer just a couple of hours a week to make a difference in someone's life! To volunteer or get more info, email [wamothermentors@gmail.com](mailto:wamothermentors@gmail.com) or call 360-321-1484.

Looking for board members to join the dynamic board of Island Senior Resources and serve the needs of Island County Seniors. Of particular interest are representatives from North Whidbey. For more information please contact: [reception@islandseniorservices.org](mailto:reception@islandseniorservices.org)

## JOB MARKET

Local Non-Profit SEEKING VIDEOGRAPHER for Virtual Event. Big Brothers 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 look a bit different this year but will be full of the same holiday cheer! We need a local VIDEOGRAPHER to make several recordings for our online event and work 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 week-long silent auction will showcase a variety of local treasures and wreaths. This annual event raises over half of the annual budget for BBBSIC. In order to continue changing the lives of youth on Whidbey Island, BBBSIC and Festival of

### No Cheating!

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Trees need your support. Local businesses are encouraged to donate auction items to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County. For more information, please contact Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County at [development@bbbsicandcounty.org](mailto:development@bbbsicandcounty.org), or call 360-279-0644 (2)

Island Transit is Hiring! If you are looking for a solid career with great pay and benefits including two retirement plans, we are hiring for the following positions: Marketing and Communications Officer, Safety and Training Supervisor, Fleet Vehicle Journeyman Mechanic, Transit Bus Operators. Visit [www.islandtransit.org/employment](http://www.islandtransit.org/employment) to apply. Island Transit is a drug and alcohol free workplace and an equal employment opportunity employer. (2)

## MISCELLANEOUS

Steel door with baked on polyester enamel coating, "white." Insulated (R-value unknown), 6 windows on second panel down. All in like new condition. 360-678-4889 or 425-422-0801 (1)

## ANIMALS/SUPPLIES

Horse equipment: Trail Trim Feno pack saw and clippers, each in leather scabbards, attach under fender, besideommel. Good condition. Current prices, saw \$133, clippers \$35. Asking \$50 for both; Two Australian Outback waterproof, full length, ALL weather "duster" trail coats. Perfect mountain camping coats. Covers rider & horse. Oil cloth exterior, insulated, brush & wipe clean. XXL dark brown, XL light brown, new are \$230. Asking \$70 each. Very good condition. Make appt to see; 2" extra thick well-constructed saddle pad for bareback riding. Has safety hand grip, buckle cinch. (red/beige stripe) 16-18" seat. Good condition.



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