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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

# ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



Instead of talking about what most of us are still talking about, I would like to begin with the lyrics to one of my favorite Bobby Darin songs, written by Bobby way, way back. You may remember *Things*.

*Every night I sit here by my window,  
Starin' at the lonely avenue,  
Watchin' lovers holdin' hands n' laughin',  
And thinkin' 'bout the things we used to do  
Thinkin' of things, like a walk in the park  
Things, like a kiss in the dark  
Things, like a sailboat ride  
Yeah, yeah  
What about the night we cried?*

One of the side benefits of this *Things* thoroughfare of thought is how many things I think while staring out the window.

My mind goes so many places without ever having to leave the yard.

Directions, for example. I was thinking about directions since I have not needed any lately.

Where did it get started that men cannot follow directions?

Mom taught us how to use a map.

Dad tested us on the map.

Horace Greeley taught us how to go west. Having lived in the other three directions, we were set.

Years later, as a Hollywood cab driver, I slept with the Thomas Guide under my pillow. One had better know how to get to Disneyland during rush hour.

So, this page three man does pretty good with directions, particularly on the back of the frozen food boxes.

I can re-heat, go half-power, or just vent if necessary.

I read those side or back of the box directions out loud, as if I am at a school assembly using a squeaky mic.

For the first time today, microwaving my first ever TGI Friday's cheeseburger slider, I read, "Let rest for one minute."

I applauded. No more standing with the "Let stand for one minute" nonsense.

Finally, after decades of waiting for a 60 second stand off before I can remove the now cooked frozen item out of the microwave, no more "Let stand for one minute." What happens during those 60 seconds anyway?

Imagine being a tourist from another country.

Let stand?

Now we can let the slider rest before it disappears into Digestionville.

How thoughtful.

### Three bones

According to one of my many great teachers, there are three bones in the body—the wishbone, the jawbone, and the backbone.

The wishbone keeps us going after things.

The jawbone helps us ask questions to find the things we are going for.

The backbone keeps us at it until we get those things.

Back to the backbone.

### Route 66

Last April, I began watching the first in a series of 66 Hopalong Cassidy movies. The first was *Hop-a-long Cassidy* from 1935.

As I watched each film, most running between 60 and 70 minutes, I concluded my viewing of each movie by reading Francis M. Nevins, Jr.'s summary in his beyond detailed *The Films of Hopalong Cassidy* (1988), published by The World of Yesterday in Waynesville, N.C.

When I binge watch, the subject must be

light and lively, like popcorn. I have outgrown the blood and guts of high school nights, although I still watch the Sam Peckinpah's director's cut of *The Wild Bunch*.

The early Hoppy's always started with a laugh, then a song, then a conflict of varying degrees, concluding with a chase, the conclusion, and the credits.

Even though alone during the over 70 hours of viewing, I applaud at the end of each movie just as I do in all movie theaters.

Our folks taught us applause was like an offering at church, only it did not take as long to collect.

Have you applauded your Netflix today?

### Signage

Now that those white uniformed warriors have collected while vacuuming the angry mutant hornets in Blaine, our armored custodians are retrieving abandoned political signs.

Rumor has it a family in Snohomish has offered to accept all political signs regardless of party affiliation. Further rumor has it the family will use the signs to construct a colorful voting booth tree house for their kids.

What a great place to play politician.

### 100 years ago

This week's highlights from *The Mountain Messenger*, California's oldest weekly newspaper, are from the Oct. 23 and 30, 1920 issues.

"A band of gypsies passed through Downieville on Tuesday, bound toward the foothills. Some of them were hard looking customers who looked as if a bath would do no harm."

"One of John Costa Company's pack mules died last Wednesday. Although the mule was old, he was well trained and used to working on the trails, so the loss is quite heavy."

### November

For me, November has always been a challenge. Growing up in Ohio and Pennsylvania, November brought asking Mom for a ride to school when it was too cold to ride bikes or walk.

November meant four more months until baseball season and cheesy horror movies at the Drake Theater.

This November, I am enthusiastic.

Thanksgiving, always the best part of November, followed by the Marine Corps birthday the 10th, will be Skyped or Zoomed. I will only have to make gravy for one.

Turkey sandwiches should be plentiful as this year's turkeys look steroidal. Lots of naps ahead.

Hopefully, this November will be more of a celebration. After all, November is Aviation History Month. Check out the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum in Oak Harbor. <https://pnwnam.org>. Eileen Brown, our columnist emeritus ad infinitum, was the primary cheerleader and catalyst for the creation of this rare collection of aviation lore.

November also sports the birthdays and anniversaries thereof for many of my heroes, including but not limited to: Will Rogers and Dodger pitcher Fernando Valenzuela the first, Art Carney and Walter Cronkite the fourth, Roy Rogers and Ike Turner the fifth, Albert Camus and Al Hirt the seventh, George Patton and Jonathan Winters the eleventh, Mickey Mouse and astronaut Alan Shepard the eighteenth, Dick Smothers and Judy Woodruff the twentieth, Hoagie Carmichael and Rodney Dangerfield the twenty-second, Billy the Kid and Franklin Pierce the twenty-third, Buffalo Bob and Eddie Rabbit the twenty-seventh, and Mark Twain and Dick Clark the thirtieth.

What a backyard bar-b-que it would be with the aforementioned Novemberers.

I can see masking up and social distancing with General Patton, but no way am I not shaking hands with Albert Camus.

I want his autograph on a nice sized rock.

"To Sisyphus, best of luck, Al."

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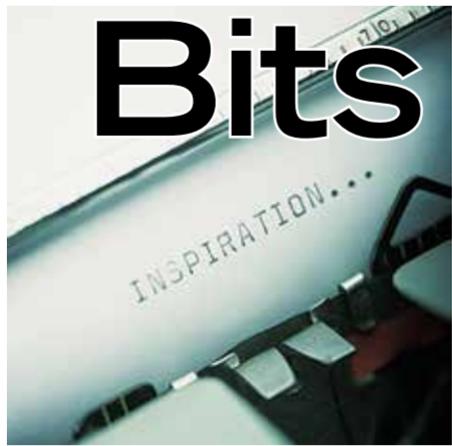
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# Bits & Pieces

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Respectfully submitted by,  
Carolyn O'Dell  
Whidbey Island Lions Club

### Editor, Plan to Sue

Many on the left may consider it okay and acceptable to pull a full-page ad from the right as the *Whidbey News-Times* did with an ad scheduled for publication 8/31/2020. But what if it were reversed with conservatives being the dominant opinion? Then it would be the liberals that would be livid with anger.

Normally, a newspaper is in business to sell subscriptions and ad space. They are not responsible for nor can they dictate the content of the ads, whether the ads be for products and services or even opinion. They are a business and the cardinal rule of a business is to be neutral. When a paper becomes political, it loses almost half of its business, as the offending side reacts and this is reflected in their circulation and/or viewership numbers.

Although only the *Whidbey News-Times* and its parent company, Sound Publishing are the defendants to be named in this \$100 million suit, the entire Main-Stream-Media (MSM) is on trial. The amount should not be \$100 million, but \$100 billion and even that is not sufficient to pay for all the damage and suffering that they have caused to our system of government and its people. They only report the positives of the Democrats and the negatives of the Republicans with the result of having no respect by any and despised by the majority.

All should cherish and respect our Constitution's First Amendment, the freedom of speech and press. It is priceless for all, and not just for the Dems.

Joseph C. Coomer  
Oak Harbor, Wash.

### Skagit Valley College South Asian Student Club and Black Students Union to Sponsor Free Mindful Meditation Sessions via Zoom

Skagit Valley College's South Asian Student Club, in collaboration with the Black Students Union, warmly invites everyone to participate in Mindful Meditation, a weekly series of free events presented by Delhi's well known and highly respected meditation teacher and Indian Sciences expert, R.K. Sharma.

Sessions will take place the following Sundays at 10:00AM via Zoom meeting ID 4571870466:

November:

- 8 - A brief introduction to Vaastu Shastra
- 15 - A brief introduction to Mudra Vigyan
- 22 - A brief introduction to Kundlini Energy
- 29 - A brief introduction to Hath Yoga

December:

- 6 - A brief introduction to Mantra
- 13 - A brief introduction to Yantra
- 20 - A brief introduction to Swar Vigyan
- 27 - A brief introduction to Aura

For more information, contact Dr. Farhana Loonat, SVC Philosophy/Political Science Instructor, farhana.loonat@skagit.edu.

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

### Alzheimer's Town Hall Set for Nov. 10

Learn about legislation impacting people with dementia, their families and caregivers

The Alzheimer's Association is hosting a virtual Town Hall for Washington's 2nd Congressional District (Larsen, D-WA) Tuesday from 3:00 to 4:00PM. This annual community event gives residents an opportunity to learn about federal and state policies impacting people affected by Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia.

"Our town halls inform federal and state legislators about the issues people are facing and how they can best support people impacted by dementia," says Brad Forbes, director of public policy for the Alzheimer's Association Washington State Chapter. "The voices of our community are more important than ever. By attending the town hall, people can get their questions answered and help bring awareness to their elected officials."

The session will include a brief presentation and time for Q&A. Topics covered will include federal funding for Alzheimer's research, legislation being considered to help families affected by the disease and the progress being made on the Washington State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias.

The Town Hall will be held virtually in 2020. It is free to attend but registration is required. To register, visit: alzwa.org/townhalls

For more information, contact Brad Forbes, Director of Public Policy, at brforbes@alz.org or 425-246-6432.

[Submitted by Carrie McBride, Alzheimer's Association Washington State Chapter]

### Native Plant Grant for Birds

Whidbey Audubon Society has created a small conservation grant fund for community groups or nonprofits interested in restoring or creating habitat with native plants. Grants of up to \$200 will be awarded for projects to help advance the Whidbey Audubon Society mission: "Dedicated to the understanding, appreciation and protection of birds and other wildlife species and their habitats on Whidbey Island." The society encourages applications by homeowners groups, water associations,

senior centers and service groups. Projects could include native plants around neighborhood water tanks, community centers, nursery schools, parking lots or pools.

Whidbey Audubon's conservation committee chair Kim Shepard suggests, "Make a wet spot more attractive to birds, use sturdy natives to replace less drought-tolerant species. Enjoy less mowing, more wildlife, year-round appeal, and water savings."

Applicants are encouraged to select native plants offered by the Whidbey Island Conservation District, which offers great value and ensures plants are appropriate for this area. Whidbey Audubon can also offer suggestions about bird-friendly plants. Grant applications are due by Dec. 5 and grants will be awarded in time to place orders with the Whidbey Island Conservation District plant sale in December and January (plant pickup is usually February). To send questions or to request the simple grant application, please contact conservation@whidbeyaudubonsociety.org.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]

### 4th Annual Holiday Sculpture Fund



Whidbey Community Foundation is excited to announce its 4th annual partnership with renowned sculptor Georgia Gerber and her husband Randy Hudson on the Holiday Sculpture Fund. This year's pewter sculpture is the Three French Hens. Also available for purchase are the 2019 Dashing Turtle, the 2018 Sheepish Rabbit, and the 2017 Settling Owl. Georgia and Randy will work with Whidbey Community Foundation on donating the proceeds from sculpture sales to Whidbey nonprofits.

"What started out over 20 years ago as Christmas gifts for family and friends expanded into an annual fundraising effort in support of local social service organizations on Whidbey Island," stated Georgia and Randy. "The project has helped make a difference in the lives of many people — particularly children since our main focus has been providing for organizations that assist families during the holiday season."

Sculptures can be purchased online by visiting Whidbey Community Foundation's website: www.whidbeyfoundation.org. Sculptures are available for pick-up at Rob Schouten's Gallery on the corner of Anthes Ave and 1st Street in Langley.

[Submitted by Jessie Gunn, Program Manager, Whidbey Community Foundation]

## Letters to the Editor

### Editor,

The Whidbey Island Lions Club would like to take this opportunity to thank the many wonderful supporters to our Oct. 31 Halloween Trunk or Treat Event at the Blue Fox Drive In. First and foremost, we are truly grateful for the tremendous amount of support we received from our community partners, the Blue Fox Drive In, and the Bratt Family. Our partnership with the Blue Fox Drive In allows us to host other annual events, such the Christmas Village in December and the Swap Meets in the summer. Through these events, we are able to provide our community with support in many ways through a variety of our Whidbey Island Lions Club's programs and projects. So, "Thank You" Blue Fox for allowing us to do what we do best by "Serving Our Community!"

Next, we would like to thank Midway Monster Mash for its donation to help support our Halloween Trunk or Treat Event by providing funds to serve up free Halloweenies (Hot Dogs), which were prepared by the wonderful staff at the Blue Fox Drive In and for the donation to purchase candy for this event.

Next, we would like to thank *Whidbey Weekly*, the *Whidbey News-Times*, the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce, and the Whidbey Island Macaroni Kids website for helping to promote our event, which was successfully attended by the residents of Whidbey Island and beyond. Generous donations were received in support to our Whidbey Island Lions Club Halloween Trunk or Treat Event by the Home Depot, Tractor Supply Company, Rite Aid, Smart Foodservice of Mount Vernon, and the Navy Wives Club of Whidbey Island #150. We would also like to thank the following participants who generously gave their time and talents in decorating a trunk or booth and provided candy to the ghouls and goblins of the Halloween Trunk or Treat event; Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, Oak Harbor Grocery Outlet Store, One Willow Farm, Island Tree Service, Seamlessly Gutters, LLC., Best Foot Forward Tutoring, Camp Fire of Samish, and Your Moments Photography. One last shout out to the many wonderful volunteers from the Oak Harbor High School NJROTC, as well as to other fantastic volunteers. Thank you to all for your generous support, while we

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7

8:54 am, SR 20

Reporting party advising semi truck is not moving to the side to let cars pass. Transferred to state.

9:13 am, San Juan Ave.

Reporting party advising "has assets;" was assaulted by different energies during yoga and meditation.

10:05 am, Anthes Ave.

Male in older, green Mercedes has a sword; is standing on hood of his vehicle out front of location, yelling.

5:36 pm, Mobius Loop

Requesting call. Advising is at old office on Goldie. States subjects around him are going crazy and poisoning food; subject pulled weapon on reporting party.

6:09 pm, Cliffordsville Rd.

Caller advising neighbor's three dogs were just on his property; caller asked neighbor to keep them off his property and neighbor screamed at him; is now home for contact. Two poodles, one mixed breed, aggressive to caller's kids in past.

6:27 pm, Whidbey Shores Rd.

Caller says someone moved her satellite dish. Caller very upset, tried calming her down. Dealing with a hearing issue.

7:06 pm, N Main St.

Reporting party requesting assistance getting subject onto stretcher for transport; advising he is a "big and vicious" guy.

8 pm, Burma Rd.

Reporting party advising drunk male is on porch, not leaving; male saying "I wanna kill somebody." Reporting party advising it's his landlord's son.

THURSDAY, OCT. 8

9:06 am, Whidbey Shores Rd.

Working at location; says elderly female neighbor at location is upset about construction going on. Female currently on neighbor's property yelling at reporting party to leave.

9:09:am SR 20

Vehicle parked in front of portable toilets, owner refusing to move her vehicle; being verbally abusive to reporting party. Reporting party is there to service toilets.

10:07 am, Monkey Hill Rd.

Bought gun from private citizen, found out it was stolen; would like to attempt to get money back from subject.

10:49 am, Main St.

Advising tenant moved out of location and left 15 vehicles. Would like to know how to have them removed.

1:59 pm, Autumn Ln.

Requesting call to file theft complaint, coil unit of an AC unit from location in 2019.

3:49 pm, Lalka Ln.

Advising her grandson-in-law has rattlesnake as pet and reporting party is concerned about children in the home.

8:45 pm, SR 525

Reporting party advising commander of building has been parked in fire zone at location for five hours. States is becoming ongoing issue with subject.

FRIDAY, OCT. 9

11:43 am, Stellar Ln.

Reporting theft of fridge from location; advising it has been reported.

1:12 pm, E Squire Rd.

Second hand to reporting party from her son. Approximately 30 minutes ago, transient subject from camp next door to

location chased reporting party's son and then kicked her son's car as her son was driving way from location.

4:45 pm, NE 9th St.

Reporting party advising male subject located on board Platypus; stated law enforcement directed public to call if person was located on the boat.

5:33 pm, Moonlight Dr.

Says neighbor was outside screaming at reporting party to "shut the f\*\*\* up." No weapons, says male has pellet gun and says he is extremely unstable.

7:40 pm, Fircrest Ave.

Reporting party states installed security system after being harassed by neighbors. States neighbors are outside of location now trying to set alarms off.

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## Christmas Bazaar

Friday, November 6, 10:00AM-Noon  
Saturday November 7, 9:00AM-Noon  
St. Augustine Catholic Church, Oak Harbor

Featuring handmade stitchery and crafts, Granny's Treasures, a holiday gift boutique, and Christmas gifts galore. Masks required. Limited entry. The church is located at 185 N. Oak Harbor St.

## Community Work Party Campground Cleanup

Saturday, November 7, 9:00AM-1:00PM  
Lake Store by Cranberry Lake

Bring gloves, water, snack and your favorite pruner or lopper. Plenty of social distance out in the fresh air of the park campsites. Masks are required. RSVP to [deceptionpassfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:deceptionpassfoundation@gmail.com).

## Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 7, 9:00AM-3:00PM  
Oak Harbor Lutheran Church

Featuring handmade gifts, Seahawks crafts, knitted crafts, quilted items, wreaths, giant Jenga, handmade dolls, birdhouses, dress dish towels, wooden snowmen, baked goods, lefse, awesome silent auction items, and much more. Face masks required, following CDC guidelines. The church is located at 1253 NW 2nd Ave.

## Hiking Close to Home - 3rd Edition Book Release

Saturday, November 7, 1:00-3:00PM  
Pacific Rim Institute, Coupeville

A book release party for the 3rd Edition of *Hiking Close to Home*. The event will include cider, snacks and tours of the trails and native plant garden. Masks are required and other safety protocols will be in place. This new edition has 68 trails on Whidbey, Fidalgo and Guemes Island and has become even more sought out during the pandemic. Stay safe, stay sane and stay close to home. Visit [www.hikingclosetohome.weebly.com](http://www.hikingclosetohome.weebly.com) to see the Hike of the Week, learn about trail events or order a book.

## 16th Annual Community Veterans Day Ceremony

Wednesday, November 11, 11:00AM

Due to COVID-19, this year's event is virtual and prerecorded following strict COVID mitigation measures. It will be uploaded to numerous community hosting sites and Facebook pages, YouTube, and local Channel 10. Check social media. Presented by The Navy League of the United States, Oak Harbor Area Council.

The ceremony centerpiece will be two featured veteran interviews: Commander Clayton Engebretsen (USN), a lifelong Pacific Northwest native and World War II veteran, and Sergeant Robert Olivarez, Jr (USMC) an Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom veteran, plus Regional Commander for the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

This year commemorates the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, plus significant anniversaries for other conflicts.

Veterans Day is observed the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month to memorialize the signing of the Armistice in 1918 ending World War I. The federal holiday honors all who have served in America's Armed Forces.

## Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below  
Cost: Free

### Craft and Chat: Sensory/Calming Bottles

Friday, November 13, 11:00AM

Craft and Chat is an online social event offering you the opportunity to skill share, learn about library resources and make connections with fellow crafters. In this Craft and Chat session, we will create sensory/calming bottles. This meeting takes place on Zoom! To get a Zoom invitation, please register. Email address is required.

## Meetings & Organizations

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Monday, November 16, 7:00PM  
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Anyone interested in astronomy is invited to attend (virtually). There will be short presentations about current topics in astronomy and a good time is guaranteed for all. For more information and a link to connect, please email [ICAS\\_President@outlook.com](mailto:ICAS_President@outlook.com).

## Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers (WIGS)

Tuesday, November 17, 1:00PM  
Zoom meeting

Lisa Oberg presents "Cemetery Symbolism." Non-WIGS members wishing to attend should send an email to [whidbeygensearchers@gmail.com](mailto:whidbeygensearchers@gmail.com) no later than Nov. 14. You will need a Zoom invitation in order to attend. All are invited to join us for this free educational program.

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### Alzheimer's Town Hall

Tuesday, November 10, 3:00-4:00PM

This annual community event gives residents an opportunity to learn about federal and state policies impacting people affected by Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia. Free to attend. Registration required. To register, visit [alzwa.org/townhalls](http://alzwa.org/townhalls).

For more information, contact Brad Forbes, Director of Public Policy, at [brforbes@alz.org](mailto:brforbes@alz.org) or call 425-246-6432.

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## ESSENTIAL TRIBUTE:

# Veterans Day program moves online

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The Oak Harbor Area Council of the Navy League will hold its annual Veterans Day program next week, but those interested in "attending" will be able to do so from home, or wherever they choose to stream a live broadcast of the event.

For the first time in its 16-year history, the Navy League's community Veterans Day ceremony will be streamed at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, on multiple social media platforms.

"We will broadcast live on local channel 10, and on Facebook Live – currently we're on 19 different pages, and we welcome more if anyone is interested in helping us host," said Greg Smith, president of the local Navy League council. "We will also be live broadcasting on the Oak Harbor Lions Club's YouTube channel for those without access to Facebook."

Putting together a digital celebration has been a long, if rewarding, process. According to Smith, one Navy League member in particular was instrumental in helping the organization plan and prepare the program.

"This year's production was quite a challenge due to the COVID restrictions, but Kelly Davidson brought her experience and success from her Memorial Day virtual celebration and her meticulous attention to detail to the table to produce our first digital Veterans Day celebration," Smith said. "We've been working on this since August, with regular meetings and ideas within our Veterans Day committee, plus reaching out to various groups and individuals. Each segment was recorded individually, following COVID guidelines. Our production team will be 'stitching' each segment together to produce the full presentation. We are very thankful to Oak Harbor High School for the use of its facility and support personnel who assisted with our project."

The end result will be a unique program designed to celebrate Whidbey Island's many veterans.



Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Navy League Sgt. Robert Olivarez, U.S. Marine Corps and regional commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, is one of two veterans featured in the Oak Harbor Navy League's community Veterans Day Celebration, which will be streamed live at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11.



Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Navy League This year marks the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. Retired Navy Cmdr. Clayton Engebresten, a WWII veteran, will share some of his memories of that conflict during the Navy League's 16th annual community Veterans Day Celebration, airing on social media Wednesday at 11 a.m.

"We are excited that our program will feature two veterans, Navy Cmdr. Clayton Engebresten, of South Whidbey, a World War II veteran; and U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Robert Olivarez, a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, regional commander for the Military Order of the Purple Heart and a two-time Purple Heart awardee," said Smith. "We will also be joined this year by Congressman Rick Larsen, Oak Harbor Mayor Bob Seaverns, Rear Adm. Stephen Barnett from Navy Region Northwest and a representative from the nonprofit group Growing Veterans."

Smith said this year's speakers will address topics ranging from support available to veterans, the relationship between the City of Oak Harbor and the Navy and veterans' mental health, especially in light of the pandemic.

"COVID has certainly taken its toll on our veterans due to the isolation and exacerbated by the 'lockdowns,'" he said. "Prior to the COVID pandemic, our country would experience losses of about 22 Veterans every day to suicide and there are

indications this has increased. Growing Veterans representative, Tonelli Gruetter, said suicide rates among active duty veterans have increased by an average of 20 percent since COVID started."

This year also marks the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. Smith hopes people will remember to pause Wednesday, marking the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month to focus on the importance of what the nation's veterans have done, and continue to do, for our country.

"We refer to those individuals who survived the Great Depression and served and sacrificed during World War II as the 'Greatest Generation' and rightfully so," he said. "This year marks the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII. Consequently, only a very small number of veterans survive to tell their story—stories of unrelenting, sheer terror as well as stories of great success.

"As a country, we cannot allow time to diminish the importance of our participation in this war," Smith continued. "We cannot allow our children to live their lives ignorant to the sacrifices that were made nor the reality of the potential consequences if our great country turned our cheek to the necessity of our involvement. Conflict is inevitable. Remembrance is essential."

# Whidbey organizations work to support island child care

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

Securing adequate and affordable child care has been an ongoing challenge for Island County families, and this need has been intensified by the COVID-19 pandemic. In September, Island County received a grant of \$100,000 from the Washington State Department of Commerce as part of a state initiative to assess and address child care needs in various counties. Local organizations, including the Whidbey Community Foundation (WCF), have also given grants to support child care on Whidbey Island.

Theresa Sanders, assessment and healthy communities director at Island County Public Health, said the grant money from the department of commerce will help kickstart the Island County Child Care Partnership Task Force. Sanders said the group plans to

evaluate needs throughout Island County, create recommendations for policy and eventually test a pilot project.

"The hope is to bring together people that are already doing work and experts in the field as well as community members that are impacted and have a stake," she said. "[We plan] to bring everybody together to look at the current data, collect any missing data we need and then to really try to form a plan moving forward for the county."

Sanders said while child care has been an ongoing challenge, the pandemic highlighted existing issues, as an already low number of providers in the county were faced with managing the obstacles presented by COVID-19 and families had school-age children transitioning to virtual learning.

"The reality of how much our economy

relies on child care has been highlighted in COVID," she said. "I think it was always there. (There is) an astronomical cost to it, particularly in Washington and in Island County, and there is a lack of slots, particularly for infants in Island County. The cost, that has always been there even prior to COVID. But now, suddenly, employers are really feeling it because parents are bringing kids to work or working from home and trying to parent."

Sanders said Whidbey Island faces particular challenges when it comes to child care as well. She said the south end of the island has a shortage of availability for infant care, and on the north end, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island has a long waitlist for its many military families for child care provided on base.

"We have had a great relationship with them

(NAS Whidbey Island), but there is a consistent influx of young families and there is a waitlist for the child care provided on base by the military," she said. "They have a very long waitlist, so I think that is a particular need that is unique to our community. The current Capt. (Matt) Army (commander of NAS Whidbey Island) is very aware of this issue and his wife is very aware of this issue, and they are very big proponents of working with the community around this."

Jessie Gunn, program manager for the WCF, said she feels the Island County Child Care Partnership Task Force will have the ability to help facilitate the formation of policies to support adequate and more affordable child care for residents.

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# Inspiring Islanders

By Susan Knickerbocker



## WHO DO YOU CHOOSE TO INFLUENCE YOU?

Who influences you in life? Every one of us has both positive and negative role models in our personal lives, in the headlines, in what we choose to listen to, read or watch. Although we do not have control over who is in our family or who we work with, we can choose who we are going to look up to. Even a bad role model can teach us how we don't want to live our life.

John Riley chose first to emulate his parents, who volunteered, and then from people who lived their lives to help others. John remarks what a privilege it is to be able to have the time to think about others and volunteer. He rides in a van pool to work in Seattle. The route ends about a mile from his office. "Each day when I walk the mile to and from my office, I can't help but see all the people less fortunate, lying on steps, covered in tarps, propped up against a building with a handwritten cardboard sign displaying various desperate messages."

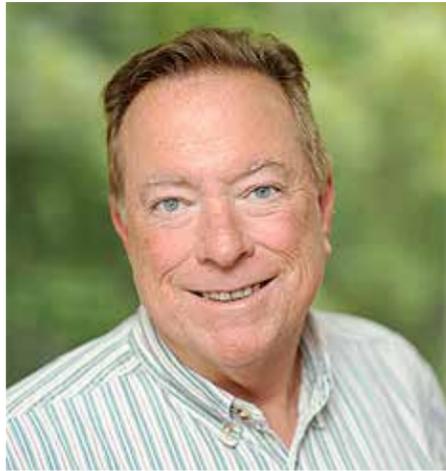
John is aware of his privilege daily: Food to eat, shelter, safety, blankets (instead of a tarp) and having love and purpose in his life. "Everyone's needs and wants vary some; however, we can all recognize what the most basic needs are. How lucky I am to be able to have all these basic needs met and so much more. If I am able to help others, how can I not?"

Riley worked hard to get where he is. However, he says he knows he was blessed with good parents, a good education, and the ability and luxury of life experiences to be able to get there. "I had parents that volunteered, took us along, and had us volunteer right along with them. I saw how giving of their time gave my parents fulfillment. They taught me in words and actions to put others first."

He also says he is blessed to have found his wife, Donna.

"I'm the lucky one!" Donna says, "After 32 years of marriage, four kids and numerous challenges, I'm happy to say that life with John has been a great adventure. We are so similar and so different at the same time, a great balance. He's grounded and I'm a dreamer. In fact, he always says with a great big smile, 'Your dreams are my nightmares!' And then he makes them come true."

John has been involved with several South Whidbey nonprofit organizations in the past including Habitat for Humanity, several church building committees, Equestrian Crossings (EqX), and most recently, the South Whidbey Schools Foundation (SWSF). This nonprofit organization was founded in 1995 to help



students and support teachers with grants. "It's all about kids," says Riley. "I am the treasurer on the board. It's the kindest group of people, and everyone is there for the kids, never any pettiness or negativity at all."

Past president of SWSF, Chris Gibson, remarks about Riley. "I got to know John well during our commute to downtown Seattle on the vanpool. He kept the books and drove the van most mornings. John and his wife, Donna, have volunteered in numerous charities, churches, Scouts, and causes of all kinds. I had never met such an energetic couple! I joined the SWSF in 2007 at the behest of my mother, Jean Shaw (original 1995 Hometown Hero), and also one of the founders of the SWSF. The Board needed a treasurer, so I asked John, and he immediately accepted. Bringing John on board was probably one of the most beneficial acts I did for the Foundation."

In addition to all the volunteering, the Rileys also loved making Christmas special for their family and those around. The Gibson family and the Rileys lived nearby in Langley. Gibson says, "Each year, John would haul out his ever-growing collection of outdoor Christmas decorations, which included a gazillion lights, lawn figures, and a variety of outrageous adornments. Think Chevy Chase in *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*. Sunglasses were needed for viewing. Each year I complained to him of the resulting brown-outs. So, John, being a reasonable man but also loyal to tradition, offered to only keep them on in the dark."

John especially loved Christmas when his kids were young. "When they began to question Santa Claus, I had fun coming up with answers for them. When they asked how Santa could land on our roof with no snow, I told them

## John Howard Riley II

DOB: October 4, 1960

Place: Kansas City, Mo.

Family: Mother lives in Tucson, Ariz., and he has two siblings, Cathy and David

Education: Kansas State University

Degrees: BS in Architectural Engineering (1985), BS in Business Administration (1985)

Career: Project Engineer in San Diego and Irvine, Calif., from 1985-1989 and Structural Engineer in Seattle from 1990 to present

Company: One of four Principals at

Quantum Consulting Engineers, LLC (QCE), consisting of 20 employees

Spouse: Married to Donna Ertel Riley in San Diego, Calif., in 1988

Children: Brendan, Derrick, Nathan and Kristen

Hobbies: Volunteering, hiking, biking, camping, stamp collecting, sports and travel/cruising

Books: "I liked "1984" and "Animal House," both by George Orwell, which provide lessons and warnings that still hold true today. They are about selfishness and political inequities of life to the extreme."

Santa had retractable wheels on his sleigh. When they asked about people that don't have chimneys, I said those families leave the sliding glass door or their side doors unlocked. I told them about the *Polar Express*, and that it was me in the story as a kid. After we put our kids to bed, I would climb up on the roof and ring large jingle bells like in the movie. The next morning, the kids would excitedly ask if had we heard Santa's sleigh bells. Family and the holidays have always been a priority."

Shelly Ackerman, president of SWSF, is grateful for Riley. "John has a huge heart. Being treasurer is not an easy job, and our annual gala requires a lot of time and he never complains one bit. We are all so thankful for him. His experience, competence and his willingness to do this even when he wanted to 'retire' but agreed to stay on when we were unable to find a replacement, has been so appreciated by me and the entire board."

John says he has always been shy, and never the life of the party. And others who know him would say he is unassuming and a man who has an abundance of skill sets. As SWSD principal, Susie Richards, says, "John has what every nonprofit wants and needs. He has a huge heart, cares about everyone and knows how to balance a budget! He not only cares about the bottom line as our board's treasurer, but also about the kids. He brings his analytical engineering mind along with his experience as a loving father. He's an absolute pleasure to work alongside, and I and others are so grateful for him and his wife, Donna, to live in our community."

Being treasurer is something Riley says is natural for him. He says another luxury he had is he knew what he was meant to do at age 5. "I was always putting Erector sets together and drawing buildings. Math came easy to me, and when my Dad suggested I become an architect or engineer, I took his advice and headed down the engineering pathway. All day I get to solve problems using math and science. I love what I do. How lucky is that!"

Riley says, "Most people I know either do not find their career or calling, go through many careers until they find the right fit. I encourage everyone to search their soul and keep searching. Don't be afraid to change careers, even if you went to college or trade school for your current one. Changing direction is not a defeat! Find what you are good at, and even more importantly, what you are passionate about. Attempting your goals or desires and not achieving them is not a failure! Not trying – now that might be the closest to failing. Failure



is not an option. So, if you do not have positive role models in your life, find them."

### What others have to say:

*Thank you for the opportunity to write about John Riley. He is a steadfast member of the South Whidbey Schools Foundation Board, a parent, and a warm, friendly community member. When I first arrived on Whidbey, John reached out to me and helped me to understand more about the school district, the buildings that housed our students, and the community sentiment. John has always been supportive, helpful, and works tirelessly as a volunteer. I have the utmost respect for John.*

- Dr. Jo Moccia, Superintendent, SWSD

*John is an integral part of the Foundation board and works well as a member of the team. He can be counted on to bring his very best to each challenge he is given with focus and a good sense of humor. He's a good person doing an excellent job.*

- Bob Wiley, former SWSF Board VP

*John is a thoughtful and committed volunteer. He is dedicated to improving this community and generous in sharing his talents in support of the South Whidbey Schools Foundation and other local organizations. I am very grateful for his leadership and the many ways he continues to contribute making a positive difference!*

- Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner District 1

### What is something most people don't know about you?

"At 19, I went skydiving. My chute opened incorrectly, which is called a streamer. So, I was free falling quickly to the ground. As I was about to pull the cord on my reserve parachute, my main shoot suddenly popped open. I landed hard but survived! I walked about two miles back to the airport, grateful to be alive, only to hear my instructor scold me that I should have opened the reserve shoot sooner! By the way, I have not been skydiving since!"

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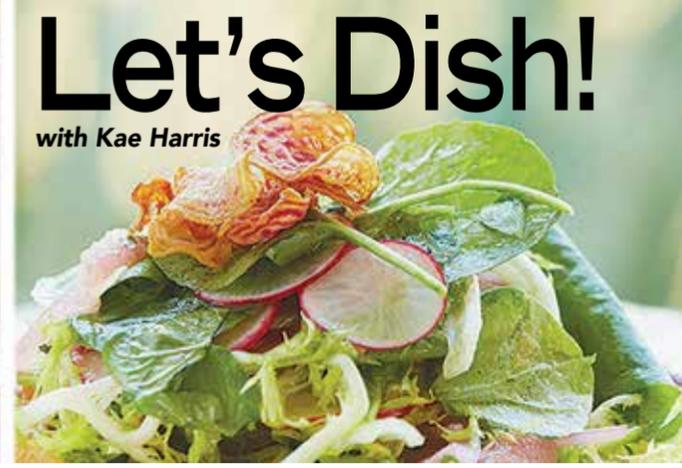
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# Let's Dish!

with Kae Harris



## IT'S OKAY TO GO A LITTLE NUTTY – WHEN IT COMES TO BAKLAVA

November is a month of many things, it really is. Worldwide, there are several events occurring throughout the month, from Guy Fawkes day to Armistice Day and Thanksgiving – all of them happen this month. I've talked about Armistice Day before, a monumental day in history to be sure and I talk about Thanksgiving every year. I will likely be discussing it again this year, but for this article, I really wanted to introduce you to the history of baklava.

You see, National Baklava Day happens to be Nov. 17 and this is great. Not for any reason

other than baklava is amazing. Have you tried it? If you haven't, you really should if ever the opportunity presents itself. Anyway, baklava is a pastry with a history as rich as its flavor profile and a background as diverse and complex as the dessert's unique texture itself. History suggests the Assyrians are the ones who likely conceived of the very first imaginings and subsequent antecedent to the modern-day dish. It's believed in the eighth century B.C., the Assyrians had devised a dish of bread dough, layered with chopped nuts and honey and baked it in wood stoves. Today however, the dessert is something far more decadent than a rudimentary bread dough, some roughly chopped nuts and a smattering of honey (per-

haps it was a significant amount of honey, we don't really know, so I am just assuming here). Today, the dessert is a step up on its ancestral origins and while not a dish consigned to the upper echelons of society anymore, it's a step up in its depth of flavor and the cultures that call it their "own."

In fact, this has been a hotly debated topic in recent years. While the region baklava hails from has largely been in conflict for various reasons throughout history, the "great baklava debate" has proven itself to be of such importance the matter wound up in Brussels to be awarded protected status. I'll back track a little. In 2006 apparently, Greek Cypriots had decided to call the dish "theirs" in European Union tourism posters. The Turks were incensed by this, but it wasn't until 2011, when at a dinner celebrating Greek Independence Day, then president Barack Obama had enjoyed a meal made by a New York-based Greek chef who announced to Greek American columnists the president loved Greek baklava. The key word he used here was "Greek." Not baklava. In any event, the stories that ran were supposedly about how the president loved Greek baklava and were subsequently picked up by Turkish columnists who, angered by this assertion that baklava is Greek, suggested the president be a little wiser to the history of the region and realize baklava is, in fact, a Turkish advent.

The baklava debacle was so serious, Turkish food producers began applying for patents on other Turkish food items so their Greek neighbors couldn't claim anything else founded in Turkey as theirs. So, the very first baklava to be awarded the aforementioned protected status was Gaziantep baklava. This is apparently a layered dessert comprised of sheets of filo (phyllo) pastry, in between which is layered Antep pistachio and semolina cream. It's important to note though, due to the constantly changing history of the region – the Middle East, Balkans, Eastern Mediterranean, etc. – people today all make and enjoy their own version of the dish, as they were all once part of the Ottoman Empire.

It's said Greek seamen and merchants traveling between Mesopotamia and Greece became acquainted with baklava, brought it back to Greece and modified it. A notable contribution to the dessert is actually a Greek technique for rolling out the dough as thin as a leaf. It was dubbed "Phyllo" – Greek for "leaf." So, while I'm not looking to pick a fight with anyone about the origins of this national food treasure, I must include the facts as I've researched them.

Now, as important as the pastry is to baklava, the syrup is tantamount to the thin dough sheets between which it lies and positively drenched in saccharine deliciousness. The

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# Feel-good Films

What to watch when reality bites

By Carey Ross



If you're reading this, it's after Election Day and... something... has happened. Or not happened. Or is in the process of happening. Or could happen.

Maybe it's best if we all just divorce ourselves from reality until reality works itself out.

As I've mentioned a time or 10 in the past several pandemic months, movies are excellent for this kind of thing—and we continue to consume them at unprecedented levels. It used to be I'd show up to my movie theater job and the first question out of people's mouths would be, "What have you watched lately?" The conversation was constant and ongoing, and it acted as a surprisingly effective movie-recommendation service.

Though I miss nearly all of the aspects of my projectionist shifts—even cleaning theaters sounds alluring to me at this point—I have not had to live without the "What are you watching?" convo as it now happens online in my social media feeds. On a daily basis, someone is either asking for film suggestions or taking to the internet to recommend something they've seen.

Now that Halloween has gone and has taken its horror movie marathons with it, I've noticed an uptick in social media posts detailing the feel-good films people would either like to watch or are watching. If movies are a necessary form of escapism from our current reality, it only makes sense we'd want to escape to a place that comforts us. Given my personal playlist of cheery flicks is a little on the dark side (we need not talk about how many times I've worked my way through the Coen Brothers' filmography), I consulted Google to find out what are actually considered feel-good films and came away with some suggestions, none of which are **Forrest Gump**, which all of the internet seems to think is a delightful romp. It is not that. At all. But I'll save my feelings about this issue for another time.

You know what is a delightful romp and also appears on many feel-good film lists? **Legally Blonde** and I have to say it's an opinion I wholeheartedly agree with. At the beginning of the film when Elle Woods (a perfectly cast Reese Witherspoon) is dumped by her full-of-himself boyfriend, and then forces her way into Harvard Law School in an effort to win him back, you think it's going to be a standard rom-com in which he realizes she was the one for him all along and she realizes she doesn't really need to be a lawyer to be smart—or something like that. But by the

time Elle says, "If I'm going to be a partner in a law firm by the time I'm 30, I'm going to need a boyfriend who's not such a bone-head," you'll want to stand up and cheer.

All right, I know it's early in the season, but hear me out: If you're looking for low-stakes, high-humor cinematic fun, I'm going to suggest you queue up **Elf**. Personally speaking, even though I plan to lean all the way into the holidays this year (just try and stop me), my suggestion doesn't arise from trying to make you join me in my surfeit of Christmas spirit. It's more that Will Farrell as Buddy, the man-sized elf unleashed upon the big city and looking for his father is just so dang wholesome while being hilarious at the same time. There's more to Farrell than Ron Burgundy and "more cowbell" after all.

If it's a crime caper you're after, you'd be hard-pressed to find one that fits the "feel-good" description. However, one that's on my personal pick-me-up list is **Ocean's Eleven**. High-quality cinema, it is not, but in terms of high-quality entertainment, it has definitely aged well. Among its strengths are a very easy-on-the-eyes cast, including George Clooney, Brad Pitt (eating something in every scene), Julia Roberts, Matt Damon, Casey Affleck, Don Cheadle, and more, the whip-smart direction of Steven Soderbergh, and a perfect setting for an over-the-top heist movie in Las Vegas. Throw in a plot line involving stealing from a smarmy rich guy (played by Andy Garcia) and you've got a low-stakes movie about a high-stakes heist.

Speaking of Soderbergh and casts that are as much fun to look at as they are to watch, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention **Magic Mike** in this category. I'm just going to say what anyone who has seen this film well knows: There is no way a movie about a bunch of male strippers should be this good. It should be the equivalent of **Glitter** but with a male-focused cast. But maybe because Soderbergh is such a nimble director or because Channing Tatum (whose life the script is loosely based on) is able to imbue his character with surprising depth without going too deep or because Matthew McConaughey is quite obviously the ideal person to play Dallas, the owner of the Xquisite Male Dance Revue, **Magic Mike** crackles with life—and is rife with eye candy. Will this movie make you smarter? No. Will it take your mind off the world while thoroughly entertaining you? I'm going to say hell yes. And right now, that's what movies are for.

## LET'S DISH CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

syrup started out as a purely honey-based glaze and, as with the ever-changing hand over of power (by war, conquest or otherwise), the syrup started to transform and use new formulas based on cultural and regional influences. The once plain and simple honey-syrup began to include the essence of rosewater and orange blossoms, for example – an Arabic influence.

And that's not all, dear readers, because we cannot forget the very crux of the dessert, for without the nuts, this dish would be little more than an ancient version of syrup on toast. What kind of nuts, you ask? Well, most commonly the pistachio is the nut of choice and what a good choice it is. There are however, the likes of almonds, walnuts and in the case of Armenian baklava, the nuts are foregone sometimes entirely, in favor solely of cinnamon and cloves. I prefer nuts, personally, but to be fair, I have never tried Armenian baklava, and maybe that's just what I'll do!

My dear readers, in these times we all seek comfort. I know for myself, food has always been an outlet for stress and anxiety – not just eating it, although that's nice too, but learning about the countless dishes and cuisines I know very little, if anything, about. In quarantine, it's a little food adventure from home. I'm including a recipe for nut-free baklava and I hope you'll try it with me. If you do, let me know how you like it! Please send any and all comments, questions, recipes and stories to letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com and we'll do just that and Dish!

### Nut-Free Baklava

- 1 package phyllo pastry sheets
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons orange zest
- 1 cup sesame seeds
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves

### Syrup

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup water



- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest

Butter/grease an 8x8 inch pan. Preheat oven to 325°F and in a medium bowl, mix together sesame seeds, sugar, orange zest and spices. Cut phyllo sheets to fit the pan and add one sheet of phyllo to the bottom. Brush with melted butter and add another 2 or 3 sheets brushing with butter after each. Next, add a thin layer of sesame spice mixture and add 2 or 3 more sheets, brushing with butter in between each. Repeat these layers until all of the filling mixture and phyllo has been used, making sure to finish with a layer of 2-3 sheets of phyllo brushed with a final topping of butter. Cut into squares or diamonds before baking and then bake for 1 hour. To make the syrup, combine syrup ingredients in a medium pot and bring to a boil, stirring, until sugar dissolves completely. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes or until a thin and syrupy consistency forms. When the baklava comes out of the oven, pour the syrup over it, allow to cool and enjoy!

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# It's holiday bazaar time, Whidbey!

By Alec Brown Whidbey Weekly

It has been a bizarre year, thanks to a worldwide pandemic. Hanging on to some normalcy may be a challenge, but it is possible, as evidenced by those organizations determined to press on with annual holiday bazaars. Some are in person, some are online, but all will hopefully satisfy that yearning for holiday shopping.

## ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH: CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The St. Augustine Catholic Church is holding a Christmas Bazaar Friday from 10 a.m. to noon and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. The church is located at 185 N. Oak Harbor St., Oak Harbor. The bazaar will be in the classroom wing, using four classrooms and part of the stage.

Bazaar chair Barbara Dumit said there will be a variety of items from which to choose.

"Handmade knitted, crocheted, and sewn items for babies and adults; decorative and holiday craft items made by our parishioners; Grannie's and Christmas items gently used or re-gifted; toys, books, puzzles, jewelry, household items and pictures; all items are donated by our parishioners," she said.

Although it's an in-person event, the church isn't taking any chances.

"We decided to have an actual event because of the great number of small items that were donated," said Dumit. "In order to comply with all state and county regulations regarding COVID, we are limiting the number of attendees to 25 percent of our capacity for the space being used. We also require masks and have marked the floors with lines six feet apart. We will have only one entrance with a sanitizing station, a designated path for visitors to follow, and a separate exit at the opposite end of the hall.

"We have arranged for easy tracking of purchases within the building to expedite safe checkout and are set up for credit card payments," she continued. "We have monitors in the rooms and hall, tracking the number of people in each area, assisting as needed, and sanitizing common touch points throughout the hours of operation."

The event is being put on by volunteers at the parish.

## OAK HARBOR LUTHERAN CHURCH: HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Oak Harbor Lutheran Church is putting on a holiday bazaar full of handmade gifts and silent auction items. The bazaar is Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and it's happening at 1253 NW 2nd Ave, Oak Harbor.

Mary Brock, an associate of the church, said they will have "Knitted items, crochet items, sewn items, wood crafted items and a granny's attic with gently used items."

When it comes to safety, Brock described how the church isn't guessing on anything.

"We called Island County Health and are following CDC guidelines," she said. "We will have a sanitization station, providing gloves for those who want to use them; anyone attending will need to wear a mask. Each individual will receive a paper sack to put their items in and we will have the floor marked for what way they will be walking and the floor will also be marked with 6 foot distancing in mind. An in-person event has always been done and we feel with the CDC guidelines we have planned...a safe environment.

"All funds raised are never used for ourselves," Brock continued. "We donate all funds to our church and in the past, when most of Oak Harbor was out of power/internet, we opened the church and used funds we raised to make a spaghetti dinner to anyone who needed a warm place and meal. Most importantly, we will have a staging area to keep them out of inclement weather and masks are required. We have masks/hand sanitizer and gloves."

## ST. AUGUSTINE'S IN-THE-WOODS: ONLINE HOLIDAY BAZAAR

An online holiday bazaar? The St. Augustine's In-the-Woods church isn't afraid of diving into this new format. This bazaar will be online from Nov. 10 to Dec. 10. You can pick up your orders at the church – located at 5217 S Honeymoon Bay Rd., Freeland.

You can access the bazaar at [staugustinesholidaymarket.org](http://staugustinesholidaymarket.org). There, you'll be greeted

with a website decorated with the colors of Christmas.

"Every November we have a Holiday Market full of handcraft goods and foodstuffs where proceeds go to local charities," according to the website. "With the onset of COVID-19, we are trying something new this year by having an online store for our handcraft goods. This way we can still raise money for local charities while keeping our church members and the community safe."

The church has partnered with two charities – Citizens Against Domestic and Sexual Abuse, which provides support to victims of abuse and helps get them on their feet and become self-sufficient. The second charity is Island Senior Resources, which supports seniors with information about aging and disabilities, medical transport, support groups, Meals on Wheels and more.

To purchase local gifts and support local charities, head to the website any time between Nov. 10 and Dec. 10.

## WHIDBEY ISLAND SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION: ONLINE HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Whidbey Island Small Business Association is also hosting an online holiday bazaar now through Jan. 1. You can access the bazaar at [facebook.com/groups/wisba](https://www.facebook.com/groups/wisba) holidayevent/.

Thanks to the online format, the group can reach far beyond just Whidbey Island with its market.

"We currently have more than 20 vendors actively participating and anticipate more will sign up," said Mallory Panchelli, WISBA operations manager. "The event is hosted on a Facebook events page attached to our primary business page. We have gotten a lot of feedback from other small business owners and have actually opened this Holiday Bazaar to small businesses around the country. We have vendors from Florida, North Carolina, Texas and even Oklahoma. Many of these small business owners are military families who have lived on Whidbey and joined as members. We are still accepting vendors – although we determined the maximum, most effective sales happen with fewer than 50 vendors."

This bazaar comes after a long line of quarterly events WISBA has held in the past.

"We have been holding quarterly events primarily at the Elks Lodge banquet room for the past five years," said Marketing Manager Selene Muldowney-Stratton. "This has been very successful; we typically host 20-30 vendors at one time and have 500-1,500 attendees per event. COVID-19 made a significant impact on our business model, much like many other businesses on the Island, but we were determined to continue serving our members and promoting micro and small businesses.

"In order to continue hosting these events we had to reinvent how we could effectively accomplish this," she continued. "While holding in-person events is traditionally more successful, the current mandates restrict the number of people who can participate. We



Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Lutheran Church  
A variety of items similar to these on display from the Oak Harbor Lutheran Church's previous holiday bazaar will be available during the church's annual Holiday Bazaar, happening from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. COVID-19 safety measures will be enforced.

also want to ensure the safety of everyone involved and instead, opted to pursue an online event. We have been hosting virtual shows since August, having drawn most of our regular members, new local businesses, and now the attention of businesses owners across the country."

Panchelli hopes hosting the sale online won't pose too large a barrier for people who aren't used to technology.

"We haven't had any technical challenges," she stated. "Knock on wood, but a challenge we do foresee is the ability to connect with some of the folks who do not use social media and may be uncomfortable with digital technology. We attract families and many older community members who want to support the smaller businesses while finding a place they can chat and meet up with people. It tends to become a social hour for our older guests."

"There is something for everyone," Panchelli concluded. "We host traditional hometown items such as Pampered Chef and Color Street as well as hand crafted items like tumblers, home décor, children and adult clothing, and so much more."

## WHIDBEY ISLAND FAIRGROUNDS: COUNTRY CHRISTMAS AT THE FAIR

Don't miss out on these fairground goodies at the end of the month!

The annual Country Christmas at the Fair this year is set to take place at the fairgrounds in the Coffman Building, 819 Camano Ave, Langley.

The sale will take place over two weekends: From noon to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27 and Dec. 4; and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 28-29 and Dec. 5-6.

There will be quite a selection of items, according to event facilitator Kari Austin.

"There will be locally handcrafted items, holiday and home décor, gift-type items," she described.

They, too, are prepared for COVID and have made sure the event is safe for everyone.

"We will be implementing social distancing and require masks for entry," Austin said. "There will be a directional floor plan so shoppers will be able to walk around in one direction and see everything."

The event is being put on by the Whidbey Island Fair Association as well as volunteers. Those volunteers include board members as well as crafters and vendors from the event.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Small Business Association  
Whidbey Island Small Business Association is moving its "normal" holiday bazaar to an online format this year, enabling the organization to offer items of all kinds from all over the country.

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"It is fantastic that the Washington State Department of Commerce awarded Island County funds to do this work because the supply side has severely dwindled since 10 years ago or so," she said. "To be able to do this assessment and then also dedicate resources to hearing from the families and hearing from the providers on this need and what can be expanded and how to improve it is going to not only localize the issue so we can recognize it here better and can find solutions, but it is going to elevate that need to the state level. Collectively we can provide recommendations, elevate stories and hopefully direct some policy change and statewide resources to address this issue."

Gunn said the team at WCF has been working since its inception to create a resilient community. The organization supports various groups through its work and in the wake of the pandemic, formed the COVID-19 Community Resilience Fund. She said the WCF awarded a grant to the Opportunity Council for the Northwest Center for Child Care Retention and Expansion in August, with approximately \$25,000 made

available for pass-through grants to all licensed child care providers on Whidbey Island.

"The cost of child care, driven by our inadequate supply, impedes the financial stability and resiliency of families with children in our community," Gunn said. "We are excited to partner with the Northwest Center at the Opportunity Council to help stabilize licensed child care providers on Whidbey Island challenged by the pandemic."

Gunn said she feels the attention being brought to the ongoing child care issue will bring about positive change for island residents.

"There is a lot of momentum right now," she said. "While this has been a perpetual issue, I think there is a lot that the pandemic has spotlighted in this particular challenge. There is a lot of good that could come out of it from a policy change."

For more information, visit [islandcountywa.gov](http://islandcountywa.gov) and [whidbey-foundation.org](http://whidbey-foundation.org).



Photo Courtesy of the Boys and Girls Club of Oak Harbor  
The Whidbey Community Foundation is focused on connecting donors to a number of organizations and local causes. WCF granted funds to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Coupeville and Oak Harbor earlier this year in an effort to support local childcare providers. Pictured here, children participate in an I-Spy activity during a day at the Oak Harbor center.



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# CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)



Is a joke just as funny when it's on you? If you can laugh at yourself, others are less likely to do it for you. In the words of Louise Hay, "Laugh at yourself and at life and nothing can touch you." See the wisdom? Who can make a fool of you, when you've already done that? At that point, there's nothing left to fear. It's called maturity, and it can come at any age. Lucky are those who reach that stage in time to fully enjoy it.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



Sleepless nights. Some lay the blame on too much pepperoni pizza. Others say it's a sign you're awake in someone else's dream. The more likely possibility? Something in this life needs your attention. It's astonishing how much laundry 3 a.m. sees getting done, how much living room furniture the spin cycle sees rearranged. And notice how pepperoni pizza is just as tasty cold.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



Triggering. Prodding. Pushing your buttons. Call it what you will, there's a lot of it going on. Have you noticed? No? You must be a saint. Or maybe you just haven't been paying attention. You do know it's an election year? When your friends say something that excites your anger, irritation or exasperation, how do you respond? And if you say, "My friends aren't like that," it's settled. You're definitely a saint.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)



"Physician, heal thyself." Can this hoary proverb, suitably primped and preened, find vogue appeal in the hearts of us moderns? And finding appeal, might those guilty of attending to others' defects before their own, mend their ways? Might "resistor, resist thyself," lead to universal cooperation? Might "protestor, protest thyself," become peace in the streets? Might "lover, love thyself," end in love for all? One can always hope.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



Feeling a spark of adventure? Ready to go, if only you knew where? Nurture that spark. Journeys of mind and emotion grow to eventually become journeys of body. The trick is to blow life into the spark and hold it long enough for the mental images to become physical reality. That's the simple truth behind the saying, "When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on." And you thought life was complicated.

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



Curiosity killed the cat. Allegedly. Exhibit A is Schrödinger's cat. In its owner's famous cat-in-a-box thought experiment, the poor cat's fate is known only upon opening the box. Until then, the cat is simultaneously alive and dead, said Schrödinger. And if we discover the worst? Ladies and gentlemen of the jury,

the fault is not the cat's. Place the blame where blame belongs. It's clearly Schrödinger's curiosity that killed the cat!

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



An old proverb says, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." The sure thing is the only safe bet. There's also a proverb for risk lovers: "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." Life is a gamble, and the choices are, go big or go home. Clint Eastwood said it well as Dirty Harry, pointing his .44 magnum at a bad guy: "You got to ask yourself one question: 'Do I feel lucky?' Well? Do you, punk?"

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



Pop lyrics from the 1970s paint the world as a hard place for innocents: "Oh, baby, baby it's a wild world. It's hard to get by just upon a smile." (Thank you, Cat Stevens.) The eternal question: How to learn the ways of a wild world, and having learned, still be at peace? To that end are churches founded. Doctrines written. Cults born. But the best way to be at peace with the world? Be at peace with yourself. Keep smiling.

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



When the journey begins to feel long and exhausting, when the merry is gone from your merry-go-round, that's when you need a break. Is that called shirking your duty? No. Every captain has a second in command. Who's yours? Who's the Spock to your Kirk? The Robin to your Batman? The better half that makes you whole? Be glad for them. They're the one to whom you turn now.

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



Notice the new attitude sweeping the world? It's everywhere. You see it in grandmas pushing shopping carts. In the pink-haired kid in the crosswalk. The new attitude? Shape up or ship out. Proper decorum is the rule of the day. Trouble is, grandma and the kid in the crosswalk wildly disagree on what's proper. You have your own ideas, of course. Ideally, as we begin to expect more of each other, we'll also expect more of ourselves.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



The Wall Street Bull has become the symbol of financial optimism and prosperity. Why? Simple. Money commands respect. The aroused and charging bull commands respect. Money backed by the bull thus commands double respect. The bull has another strong trait: the power to endure. That's where you come in. Endurance plus optimism leads always to prosperity. Can you find the power to endure?

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



Wouldn't life be grand if you could coax your opposition into working with you, instead of against you? But isn't your opposition thinking the same about you? So where's the way out of this gridlock? We learned it in kindergarten. Take turns. Take turns working whole-heartedly in support of each other, and see whose ideas produce best. A simple lesson, but some, apparently, still haven't mastered it.

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# Crossword Puzzle

Grid for a crossword puzzle with numbered squares from 1 to 69.

## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Cold War player
5. Flat-bottomed sailboat
10. Jamaican tangelo
14. Debauched man
15. Less covered
16. Require to live
17. Patrick and Aykroyd are two
18. Mixes
19. Insurance claim expenses
20. Tries to persuade
22. Equal (prefix)
23. Czech name for Prague
24. London soccer team
27. Greek letter
30. Small Eurasian deer
31. Swiss river
32. Miller beer
35. Less appealing
37. 8th month (abbr.)
38. \_\_\_ Alto, California city
39. Grandmothers
40. American time
41. NW Chinese people
42. "Westworld" actress \_\_\_ Rachel Wood
43. Northeastern US university
44. Poplar trees (Spanish)
45. Hip hop legend Kool Moe \_\_\_
46. Not or

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Language
2. Fly high in the air
3. Made musical sounds
4. Organized again
5. TV channel
6. Unable to fly
7. Get up
8. Air traveler
9. Married woman
10. Take weapons from
11. Sicilian city
12. Actress Remini
13. Thought
21. Infections
23. Golf score

- 25. Hill or rocky peak
26. Witch
27. Adjusted
28. Succulent plant
29. Forearm bones
32. Hot fluid in the earth's crust
33. Subatomic particle
34. Part of an organism
36. 007's creator
37. Burned material residue
38. Brain layer: \_\_\_ mater
40. Unable to partake
41. Lesion
43. Historic railroad company (abbr.)
44. Basics
46. Scottish port
47. Flower cluster
49. Instruct
50. Untamed
51. Moth genus
52. Utilizes
53. Foolish
54. Fall in small drops
57. A place to get clean
58. La \_\_\_ Tar Pits
59. Metrical foot
61. Semiliquid food
62. Small crow

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## YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecast table for North and South Islands from Thursday, Nov. 5 to Wednesday, Nov. 11, including temperature ranges and conditions like rain or clouds.



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## 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@bbbsislandcounty.org](mailto:admin@bbbsislandcounty.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 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)

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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)

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## 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 we pause on a week that seems fraught with uncertainty to give thanks. We thank you for your faithfulness. We thank you for your provision. We thank you for the love and forgiveness that you have shown us in your son Jesus. We also thank you for the community in which we live. We thank you for every man and woman who has served this country by putting our well being above their own. We thank you for all those who are actively laying down their lives in service. We ask for your protection and care over each family. In all things, we choose today to trust that your power and love is enough for us. Guide us into all truth and lead us to love and serve one another. Amen.

Drew Barnhart  
Lead Pastor, Living Word Church

*"For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God"*

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## Wallin Funeral Home & Cremation: A steadfast comfort in times of sorrow

In uncertain times, it is good to know there are people one can count on in the darkest hour of need. The staff of Wallin Funeral Home & Cremation LLC can help ease some of the burden of sorrow when it's time to say goodbye to a loved one.

For years, Wallin Funeral Home & Cremation has offered comforting, caring, professional service to the Whidbey Island community with a variety of end-of-life options available to meet the needs and desires of those mourning the loss of a loved one.

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As restrictions ease and families are once again able to hold services, Wallin Funeral Home & Cremation can help plan the perfect farewell. Whether you seek to honor a loved one with a conventional service or you choose to say goodbye with a more unique celebration of their life, the staff at Wallin Funeral Home will make sure the service is a perfect tribute to them. There are almost no limits to planning a service and those gatherings can also be recorded and live streamed so those far away can share these meaningful moments.

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