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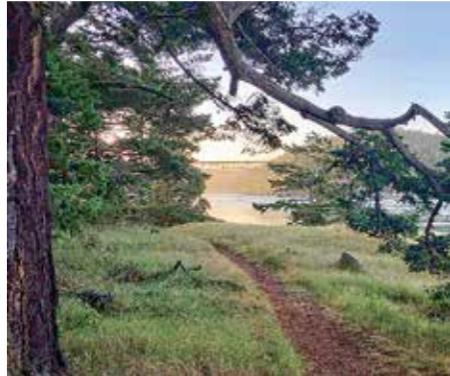


Photo Courtesy of Deception Pass State Park
Visitors to Deception Pass State Park Jan. 1 will have the option to explore throughout the park, with self-guided First Day Hike activities ranging from a scavenger hunt to Junior Ranger adventures.

Step into 2021 with the First Day Hike

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

Start the new year off on the right foot with the First Day Hike on New Year's Day, which is a free day at Washington's state parks. The Deception Pass Park Foundation will offer a number of self-guided hiking and other options throughout Deception Pass State Park, including a scavenger hunt and Junior Ranger activities.

Elizabeth Bentz, AmeriCorps interpretive naturalist at Deception Pass State Park, said while the event is usually a group hike, in light of safety concerns due to COVID-19, this year self-guided options focused on allowing hikers to social distance will be incorporated. To begin an adventure, park visitors can stop by the East Cranberry Lake parking area to pick up materials between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday.

"We chose things that would spread people out throughout the park but still give them something more than just the hikes we have at the park that they could do on their own," she said.

Bentz said the park will also be introducing the First Day Hike photo contest. To enter, participants can post a picture at the park on Facebook with the hashtag #HikingDeception2021. Bentz said the winners will be randomly selected for prizes provided by The Lake Store. She said the event's organizers wanted to include the photo sharing in an effort to allow people to connect, even without being able to gather for a large, in-person group hike.

"We love when people share their time that they spent at the park," she said.

Bentz said she felt it was important for the First Day Hike tradition to happen in 2021 because the event has been growing in popularity in recent years and will allow people a chance to get out of the house for a safe excursion.

"We wanted to continue it, that way people know that although it has been a crazy year,

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Local salon wins accolades and energy upgrades in PSE contest

By Melanie Hammons Whidbey Weekly

Robert Frost's poem, "Nothing Gold Can Stay," reflects upon the fleeting beauty of spring's first flowerings. It opens with the wistful observation, "Nature's first green is gold."

Those poetic lines just took on a slightly different shade of meaning for a local Coupeville business. Seaside Spa and Salon, a Green Circle Salon, recently learned it is in line to receive a \$45,000 energy efficiency upgrade from a Puget Sound Energy contest. Judges chose four winners from over 1,200 statewide entries, said PSE representative Leslie Myers.

PSE selected the winning entries for the Small Business Energy Makeover Contest based upon energy savings potential as well as geographic diversity and how they have been negatively impacted by the pandemic.

"This marks the first time we've offered such a contest," said Myers. "We wanted to do something specifically to help businesses that have been so hard-hit with lockdowns."

Each PSE award earmarks approximately \$30,000 toward energy upgrades. The remaining \$15,000 is allotted for cosmetic-type enhancements, said Myers. "The types of enhancements chosen vary depending on the nature of the business as well as individual needs. It's something that we work on together to achieve the best outcome for them," she said.

It seems fitting the term "makeover," frequently applied to the spa/salon experience, was also the descriptor of choice for the Small Business Energy Makeover Contest name. In late November, Seaside Spa and Salon owner Aaron Wiley learned they were one of the four winners, and for Wiley, the award's timing could not have been better, coming on the heels of an economic downturn that accompanied government-mandated restrictions or outright closures of businesses.

"We are so excited about this – it's an opportunity to enhance our operation, save money on energy bills, all while reducing our carbon footprint at the same time," she said.

Wiley, who opened her business in 2006, views the plans to increase their efficiency as right in line with what they have been passionate about all along: Helping people and the planet to be as beautiful as they can be.

It may come as a surprise to learn the beauty industry produces a lot of waste, says Wiley. The good news is that so much of it can be devoted to secondary uses, which is what the Green Circle Salon organization promotes. Her salon joined the group a year ago.

Wiley said it was her employees, all of whom she has managed to retain so far, who first approached her about joining Green Circle Salons.

"My team is a huge part of what makes us successful," she said. "I have always valued their ideas, so when they bring them to me, I make sure to listen. The chance to recycle up to 95 percent of our waste, including color chemicals and foil wraps, was just too valuable to pass up."



Photo Courtesy of Seaside Spa and Salon
Seaside Spa and Salon in Coupeville is one of four businesses across the region selected by Puget Sound Energy to receive a major energy upgrade, according to owner Aaron Wiley. The process will be featured on KING 5's Evening Magazine.



Photo Courtesy of Seaside Spa and Salon
Seaside Spa and Salon owner, Aaron Wiley, credits much of her success to her staff. The spa and salon has won a \$45,000 energy efficiency upgrade from a Puget Sound Energy contest.

Pandemic concerns have mandated the use of PPE for everyone and the very nature of the beauty industry induces them to be especially aware of that. But used PPE has to go somewhere, too. Wiley said the masks, gloves and hospital-grade disinfectant used each day are recycled.

"Even hair clippings don't just get thrown out. A couple of our waste bins are themselves made of hair fiber plastic," Wiley said.

It turns out there's another use for those hair clippings which happens to be very relevant to Puget Sound and other maritime settings. The left-over hair clippings also find new life as oil booms to help mitigate spills.

Nearly everyone makes up a wish list for Christmas and Wiley admits that thanks to the contest award, her business now has one as well.

"We are situated in a 160-year-old building (one of Coupeville's oldest), on Front Street," Wiley said. "Built in 1864; it's loaded with charm, we love it, but we could really use more efficient heating in winter and cooling in summer. It's our hope to upgrade to an energy efficient hot water heater, water-saving plumbing fixtures, and perhaps even LED-style lighting."

Cosmetic enhancements, another financial feature granted by the award, would ideally include remodeled flooring that is consistently uniform in appearance. Currently, six different types are in use throughout the building, said Wiley.

Wiley also believes that with some strategic reconfiguring of hair stations, they could go beyond the recommended six-foot distance requirements currently in place to give a greater level of assurance to their clientele.

In early 2021, the entire makeover will be captured and featured on KING 5's Evening Magazine show. The news crew will film the transformation, showcase the upgrades and share energy-saving tips everyone can benefit from.

And in the spirit of the holiday season, even those small businesses not chosen as winners in the contest this time won't go away empty-handed, according to PSE's Myers.

"The good news is that all the businesses that were nominated will be offered free energy assessments," she said. "So there is potential to help even more businesses save money on their monthly energy bills."

Wiley wants Seaside Spa and Salon to bring beauty to the world around them and to their clients as well. Both goals are equally important to them.

"When you are already doing good things, and I believe that as a Green Circle Salon we are, good things are going to come back to you. Winning this has been very affirming to us that we are doing something right at Seaside Spa," she said.



ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



After this year, which ends tonight at midnight, I am not really afraid of anything.

Sure, I do not want to get bitten by one of those hornets that got to cross the border without paperwork.

Sure, I do not want to get stuck on train tracks in a truck with a dead battery.

What I am saying is for a guy without guns and much of a credit history, I feel pretty comfortable going into this new year.

Instead of singing I Can See Clearly Now for a reflective 2020, I can sing Oh Happy Day or hum the tune when I am wearing my mask.

It sure seems like this new year, albeit odd at 2021, may even things out.

Let us hope so.

Let us think so.

Hopefully this whole thing from 2020 has just been one long episode of The Cisco Kid and everything will turn out bueno.

Laughter here

Due to recent polling, the following bits of humor will only look familiar if you frequent page three and have a better memory than I think you do.

Best of all, I got to review several years of humor.

Animal crackers

Whidbey Weekly reader Deborah's Christmas card added, "Here is a good joke for your column."

A teacher asked her class, "What do you want out of life?"

A little girl in the back row raised her hand and said, "All I want out of life is four little animals."

The teacher asked, "And what four little animals would that be, sugar?"

The little girl said, "A mink on my back, a Jaguar in the garage, a tiger in my bed, and a jackass to pay for it all."

The teacher fainted.

Intruder alert

Police are called to an apartment and find a woman holding a bloody 5-iron, standing over a lifeless man.

The detective asks, "Ma'am, is that your husband?"

"Yes," says the woman.

"Did you hit him with that golf club?"

"Yes, yes I did."

The woman begins to sob, drops the club and puts her hands on her face.

"How many times did you hit him?"

"I don't know, five, six, maybe seven times... just put me down for a five."

Bridal query

The bride came down the aisle. When she reached the altar, the groom was standing there with his golf bag and clubs at his side.

She said, whispering: "What are your golf clubs doing here?"

The groom looked his bride right in the eye and said, "This isn't going to take all day, is it?"

Teed off

A golfer teed up his ball on the first tee, took a mighty swing and hit his ball into a clump of trees.

He found his ball and saw an opening between two trees he thought he could hit through.

Taking out his 3-wood, he took another mighty swing.

The ball hit a tree, bounced back, hit him in the forehead and killed him.

As the golfer approached the gates of Heaven, St. Peter saw him coming and asked, "Sir, are you a good golfer?", to which the man replied, "Got here in two, didn't I?"

Lonely girl

Sandy began a job as an elementary school counselor and she was eager to help. One day during recess she noticed a girl standing by herself on one side of a playing field while the rest of the kids enjoyed a game of soccer at the other.

Sandy approached and asked if she was all right. The girl said she was.

A little while later, however, Sandy noticed the girl was in the same spot, still by herself.

Approaching again, Sandy offered, "Would you like me to be your friend?"

The girl hesitated, then said, "Okay," looking at the woman suspiciously. Feeling she was making progress, Sandy then asked, "Why are you standing here all alone?"

"Because," the little girl said with great exasperation, "I'm the goalie!"

The last political quotes of 2020

If God wanted us to vote, He would have given us candidates. ~Jay Leno

The problem with political jokes is they get elected. ~Henry Cate, VII

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office. ~Aesop

If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these State of the Union speeches, there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven. ~Will Rogers

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river. ~Nikita Khrushchev

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it. ~Clarence Darrow

Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you. ~Author unknown

Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel. ~John Quinton

Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other. ~Oscar Ameringer

I offer my opponents a bargain: if they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them. ~Adlai Stevenson, campaign speech, 1952

A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country. ~Tex Guinan

Shopping fun

Two nuns were shopping at a 7-11 store. As they passed the beer cooler one nun said to the other, "Wouldn't a nice, cool beer or two taste wonderful on a hot summer evening?"

The second nun replied, "Indeed, it would sister, but I would not feel comfortable buying beer since I am certain it would cause a scene at the checkout stand."

"I can handle that without a problem," the other nun replied as she picked up a six pack and headed for the checkout.

The cashier had a surprised look on his face when the two nuns arrived with a six pack of beer.

"We use the beer for washing our hair," the nun said. "Back at the convent we call it 'Catholic shampoo'."

Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter, pulled out a package of pretzel sticks, and placed them in the bag with the beer.

He then looked at the nuns straight in the eye, smiled and said, "The curlers are on the house."

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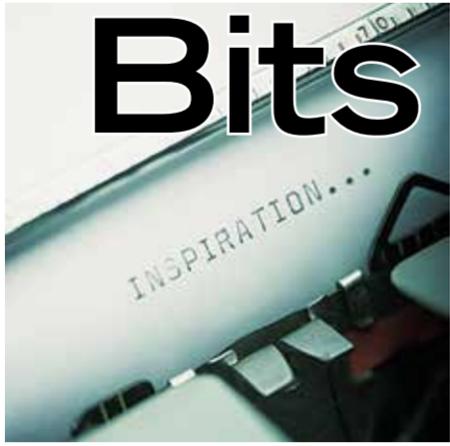
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Bits & Pieces

voted, a number of counties had more votes counted than they had registered voters, many non-citizens voted, many voted more than once. All were for Biden. The team will present numerous binders filled with affidavits from citizens that witnessed fraudulent activity.

In total the team will present a mountain of indisputable evidence proving that there was massive well-planned fraud in the 2020 election. Those that claim the election was fair and honest are liars.

In total there were over 10 million fraudulent votes counted. The proven fraudulent ballots would be several times greater than Trump needed for a landslide victory.

SCOTUS could overturn the election and declare Trump the winner. A better option is to order new elections in those battle ground states as there is more than the office of POTUS at stake, as several house seats and even a Senate seat can be determined by an honest election.

Joseph C. Coomer
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Ways of Whales Webinar, Jan. 9 Celebrating new Southern Resident calves J57 Phoenix and J58 Crescent

Orca Network's annual Ways of Whales Workshop will be a virtual Zoom event this year, held Saturday, Jan. 9 from 10:00AM until 4:00PM.

The webinar will feature presentations by the region's top ecosystem experts and advocates, including:

Howard Garrett and Susan Berta, Orca Network ~ Orca Network Programs and Update on Lolita/Tokitae

Alexandra Morton, Raincoast Research Society ~ B.C. Salmon Farms

Flip Nicklin, Whale Trust ~ Maui Humpback Whales

Ken Balcomb, Center for Whale Research ~ Elwha River Salmon

Plus: A panel about dam projects throughout the range of the Southern Resident orcas, including Ken Balcomb, Howard Garrett, Colleen Weiler and Shane Anderson

Cost of the workshop is \$35 (\$25 for students/seniors), and a limited number of scholarships or partial scholarships are available. Please contact Cindy Hansen at cindy@orcaneetwork.org. Visit www.orcaneetwork.org for more information and to register.

[Submitted by Cindy Hansen, Education and Events Coordinator, Orca Network]

Registration Open for Sound Waters University 2021

Have you heard about the invasive Asian murder hornets? Do you love the iconic whales of the Salish Sea, including Orcas? Do you

wonder about the tides? If you are curious about learning more, Sound Waters University, Feb. 6, will be the virtual place to be! Discounts are available for students, teachers, military, and AmeriCorps. Attendance is limited, register today at www.soundwatersuniversity.org.

Don't miss out on our early-bird special of \$45 until Jan. 15.

Sound Waters University will offer a wide variety of informative classes and presentations about the natural world and the fragile environment of the Salish Sea, including fascinating explorations of forest health, birds, river otters, earthquakes, groundwater science, ocean acidification, and more.

View the full schedule at www.soundwatersuniversity.org/classes/.

Keynote speaker: Dr. Peter S. Ross, an international authority in the area of ocean pollution, will present, "A Sea of Trouble - Taking Action On Plastics Pollution," and how to make a difference on this critical environmental concern.

Twelve virtual classes to choose from, opening remarks at 8:30AM. Attendees will have the wonderful opportunity to listen to all the exciting speakers and have full access to all class recordings post event except for Understanding Treaty Rights From a Tulalip Perspective, which will be live only. There will be breaks, and a chance to view the virtual exhibitors after each class session.

[Submitted by Anne Cushing Post]

New Short Film Features Scenic Whidbey Islands - Stream for Free until Jan. 17

Snuggle in and bring the scenic Northwest right into your living room this holiday season with a new short film set on beautiful Whidbey Island. Stream the film online for free (<https://vimeo.com/492609784/718dd1bce2>), now through Sunday, Jan. 17.

Filmed along the winding roads and dense forests of Whidbey Island, "The Hour After Westerly" features a thrilling story about the paths in life we might have taken. With family ties to Whidbey Island, filmmaker Nate Bell knew it was the perfect place to set this gorgeous, mysterious film.

The film was previously screened at festivals, but due to COVID the filmmaker decided to make it temporarily available free of charge for home viewers. Also worth noting is the filmmakers were awarded the Grand Jury Prize for best short film at last year's Whidbey Island Film Festival. This is one of a collection of prizes the film has scooped up in the last couple of years, as it tours the film festival circuit and navigates COVID-19 disruptions.

Get lost at several filming locations on Central Whidbey Island including Fort Casey

Inn, Coupeville Auto Repair, Greenbank Restaurant, Admiralty Head Lighthouse and more!

[Submitted by Kelly Gehringer, Osborne Northwest Public Relations]

Island Transit Welcomes New Marketing and Communications Officer

Island Transit, Island County's public transit agency, is pleased to announce Selene Muldowney-Stratton has joined the team as its new Marketing and Communications Officer. This newly established position will focus on the practical application and management of the organization's marketing and communications operations. This much needed position will have a critical role in shaping the future of Island Transit's adjustment to new realities, maintain branding and consistency, and redefine current marketing models in light of COVID-19, while planning for the future. The appointment marks the commitment to further the organization's growth and development within Island County.

Muldowney-Stratton, a long-term Island County resident, joins Island Transit with an extensive background in public relations, community outreach, and marketing. She will be responsible for coordinating the day-to-day marketing and communications activities, establishing short- and long-term strategies and goals, enhancing community communications, and developing and building the in-house marketing functions. Muldowney-Stratton will serve as the agency's media contact and focal point of communication, working as a team with Island Transit personnel, leadership, and Board of Directors.

"I look forward to being in a position where I can apply my skills in communication and marketing to something I am passionate about - building a sustainable community for all residents. No matter if you are a daily commuter or someone who enjoys the occasional ride, being able to provide this tenable transportation option is critical to a healthy community," states Muldowney-Stratton.

Learn more about Island Transit's commitments to passenger health and safety during the pandemic at www.islandtransit.org/commitments.

[Submitted by Selene Muldowney-Stratton, Island Transit]

Launching Soon: The Maritime Washington National Heritage Area

Starting in January, the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation will work with coastal communities throughout the state to chart a course for the new Maritime Washington National Heritage Area. Officially designated by Congress in 2019 as a nationally significant cultural landscape, the Maritime Washington National Heritage Area encompasses 3,000 miles of Washington State's saltwater coastline—from Grays Harbor County to the Canadian border—and includes 18 federally recognized tribes, 13 counties, 32 incorporated cities, and 30 port districts, as well as

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THURSDAY, NOV. 26

12:33 pm, Nubian Way

Advising subjects are going to shoot him. He says they are drug dealers and felons. Reporting party originally requested welfare check. Did not know address.

6:52 pm, Sills Rd.

Reporting party advising vehicle drove quickly up driveway; reporting party went and spoke to driver and he said "he was an officer of Jesus for the world, my house is supposed to be here."

FRIDAY, NOV. 27

7:55 am, Nubian Way

Talking about piracy and threats to kill. Subjects have threatened reporting party.

9:49 am, Libbey Rd.

Advising white male, 25 years old, walking around shooting his rifle.

2:30 pm, Cliffordsville Rd.

Advising male in vehicle was backing in and out of parking lot. Reporting party approached male and he told reporting party he was "just here to watch."

3:42 pm, Taylor Rd.

Reporting party advising three chickens on her property, unsure of who they belong to, possibly neighbor. Reporting party advising they are behind residence.

11:06 pm, Deer Lake Rd.

Male on the line, "I was hoping for an ambulance, maybe I don't need one;" not answering questions.

SATURDAY, NOV. 28

1:11 am, SR 525

Reporting party advising was approached 10-15 minutes ago by male who asked reporting party to pump his gas for him. Then pumped gas into a blue plastic bucket; also had a wad of paper in hand.

8:38 am, Nubian Way

Male on line states threats to kill, murder, fraud; requesting Sheriff, cussing at call-taker; states if no action, will leave state.

SUNDAY, NOV. 29

10:02 am, Lancaster Rd.

States Friday night reporting party discovered her shop was flooded; reporting party thinks it is strange because the sink was also wet.

11:07 am, Lyon Rd.

Reporting party is at police department. States think they found a brick of cocaine in junk car they're rebuilding. Requesting contact. Have the substance with them.

1:45 pm, SR 20

Caller states male parked his vehicle in driveway then ran away; now currently

on highway waving down traffic. White male, 6' 3", 220, gray T-shirt, blue jeans.

1:57 pm, Camano Ave.

Reporting party states is renting space at the fairgrounds and landlord is wanting reporting party to move out. Reporting party states she should be allowed to stay longer due to order from governor.

3:50 pm, SR 20

Male advising someone took his picture without reporting party's permission.

10:45 pm, Becker Rd.

Advising tenant is trying to move in before they're allowed to. Reporting party states got into an argument and is stating reporting party verbally abused her in front of her children.

MONDAY, NOV. 30

8:52 am, Forest Ln.

Caller states neighbor has crossed property line and is cutting down trees. States is common property but is owned by an association.

11:09 am, Engle Rd.

Heading toward the ferry, states vehicle is driving erratically, in and out of lane. Reporting party states appears to be younger male who is just happy and listening to music.

5:38 pm, Patriot Way

Advising there are two goats in reporting party's garage, unknown who the goats belong to. Reporting party having to go to work now but reporting party's boyfriend will be home.

TUESDAY, DEC. 1

3:47 am, Swantown Rd.

Reporting party states vehicle sitting at stop light with lights on. Hasn't moved in 35 minutes.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2

3:20 am, Sun Vista Cir.

Reporting party states had Bible at house

on bookshelf and roommates took it and burned it. Reporting party states was written by Jesus himself. Cover was made with human skin. Reporting party states subject burned the Bible.

6:01 am, Cedar View Dr.

Reporting party advising a larger group of people have been on his roof tonight, messing with skylight. Unknown if subjects are still there; five or six people.

6:35 am, Deer Lake Rd.

Reporting party is hearing his ex and her dad outside house right now. Hearing "Oh my God."

7 am, Madrona Way

Reporting party states half mile from SR 20 on Madrona Way. Reporting party had to leave vehicle partially in water of Kennedy Lagoon. "Slid" into water. Teal blue 55 VW Beetle.

7:51 am, E Sleeper Rd.

Third party report of loose black cow. States has been loose for months. Last seen last night walking in middle of road. Unknown address where cow belongs.

2:39 pm, Moran Beach Ln.

Advising white female with blonde hair is trespassing on reporting party's beach. Off and on past two or three years and won't stop. Says she walks all the way to Deception Pass and back.

6:49 pm, NE Center St.

Reporting party advising residence on corner of 4th Street has drapes open with large screen TV playing pornography. States has seen it several times now.

11:31 pm, Engle Rd.

Reporting party doesn't understand why cranes are being allowed to dredge the canal while reporting party is trying to camp at location. Is concerned about the noise. Requesting call.

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

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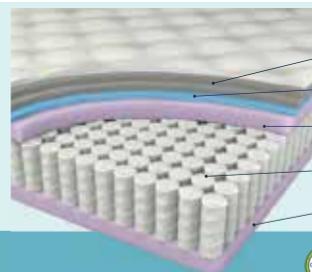
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Langley graduate is ordained in New Zealand

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

It's been a long journey from Whidbey Island to New Zealand, but one of faith and blessings for former island resident, Pixie Paris Rowe.

Rowe, who moved to Whidbey in 1970 and graduated from South Whidbey High School in 1974, was recently ordained as a priest in the Anglican Church of Aotearoa, a.k.a. New Zealand. In an email exchange with Whidbey Weekly, Rowe explained how her time on Whidbey helped shape her future.

"I loved living in a rural setting, and being part of a smaller school," she said. "Our class of 1974 was only 55 at graduation! We attended St. Augustine's-in-the-Woods [in Freeland] and then I joined a youth group at Christian and Missionary Alliance in Langley. I was influenced by the character and integrity of the lives of my classmates and [a coach] who were involved there."

A term spent as an exchange student in Mexico cemented Rowe's love of travel and deepened her faith, she said.

"My personal faith journey crossed denominations, and I followed on to Seattle Pacific University, which further nurtured my walk as a young Christian, whilst being rigorously academic," Rowe described. "During my time at SPU, I helped lead three summer school terms in England, and fell in love with the British people and their land. Choosing to work there and then study at Trinity Theological College, Bristol, helped me pursue that dream, as well as meeting my future husband, David!"

Rowe's husband was ordained in the Anglican Church in 1983. Pixie became a licensed lay minister and the couple has worked alongside each other at various parishes, schools and at home, with their four children.

While Rowe's mother and one brother still reside on Whidbey, she said the time spent apart has served to strengthen her faith.

"My faith as a Christian has been enriched and strengthened by living away from my homeland," she shared. "Christ has proven himself to be a faithful and utterly reliable

God, and the variety of His people in many different settings has caused me to look at the core of my faith, and not find it wanting. I am sincerely grateful to those who taught me and walked alongside during the formative years of my commitment to follow Jesus.

"Serving God in the church was a natural progression, and raising our four children, and now eight grandchildren, in the faith is the most fulfilling life I can imagine," Rowe continued.

Rowe said she and her husband took up leadership of an international Christian community and conference center in 2008, Lee Abbey in Devon, southwest England, where their eldest son met his wife, who is from New Zealand. They traveled there for their son's wedding in 2012.

"We loved the country and made new friends," she said. "When our son and his wife were to be ordained priests in 2016, we flew out from England again, this time being asked by their bishop if David would consider serving in Wellington Diocese. We prayed and explored what that might really look like, and by 2018, David accepted the calling as Dean of Wellington Cathedral of St Paul.

"My personal call to ordained leadership came soon after we arrived," Rowe continued. "I lead a team of volunteers who run our Cathedral Welcome Centre and Shop, greeting and sharing God's welcome in the heart of the capital of New Zealand, just across the street from the Parliament buildings."

Life in another new country has been good, according to Rowe. She and David are trying to learn Te Reo Māori, the second language of New Zealand, as they use many Māori words in their prayers and worship. And, like the rest of the world, navigating the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic brought many challenges.

"We learned new skills so we could prepare services online, and then Zoom services," said Rowe. "Now that we are basically COVID-free in the population of New Zealand, we have regular – and large – special services,



Photo Courtesy of Pixie Paris Rowe
Former Whidbey Island resident and South Whidbey High School graduate Pixie Paris Rowe has been ordained in the Anglican Church of New Zealand.

up to 800 people, all the time. We have had incredibly clear and yet kind guidance from our Prime Minister and her advisors, an easy border to control, and five million people who chose to do the best for everyone. It is an honour to be here at this very interesting time."

While Rowe may be half a world away these days, she recognizes the many ways in which life on Whidbey Island helped her chart her course.

"What moving to Whidbey did for the whole rest of my life is a huge, almost insatiable, love of islands!" she said. "The other abiding memories of life on Whidbey are: Playing in the band on the back of a truck for the Maxwelton 4th of July celebrations; hanging out in Langley, going to the movies every week at The Clyde; clam digging on Useless Bay; riding horseback through the woods; singing Christmas carols around Langley with an all-age group from the church; and of course, our own wedding at St. Augustine's-in-the-Woods."



Photo Courtesy of Pixie Paris Rowe
Fellow pastors and parishioners at the Wellington Cathedral of St. Paul, in New Zealand, gather to celebrate the ordination of Pixie Paris Rowe in November.

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we are still thinking of them," she said. "And we want them to be able to get out in nature and explore and have fun, just so long as they do it in a safe way."

The event will focus on safety, with reminders to social distance and other precautions taken, Bentz said. The hike will also spread people throughout the area, with activities for both the Fidalgo and Whidbey Island side of the park. Visitors can visit Cranberry Lake, West Beach, or explore interpretive hikes via the Sand Dunes Interpretive Trail or take a walk through the trees of the Upland Forest Trail.

"We were trying to do a little bit of everything for people," she said. "With that, we have the Junior Ranger Book, which can be for all ages but it is generally for ages 4 to 12, and then we have different options like our scavenger hunt, with easy, medium and hard versions so people of all ages can do that as well as any of the hikes."

For those unable to make it to the park on New Year's Day, Bentz said there will also be a virtual hike option offered on the Washington State Parks YouTube channel. The video will offer a deeper look into the Cranberry Lake area.

"This year, I chose to do a program on the history of Cranberry Lake and how it has really shaped our park today," she said. "I think it is a cool program because it is something that not a lot of people may have known about before."

Throughout 2020, Bentz said there have been efforts to continue outreach and allow people to learn more about the Deception Pass area.

"Our interpretive program was able to do some virtual field trips," she said. "When I first came in, [the interpretive program team] was working on virtual tide pool field trips which I know had a ton of interest from teachers. They were able

to show these tide pool field trips to people not only from Whidbey Island but show it to people from all over who had never seen a tide pool before as well."

Bentz said the Deception Pass Park Foundation looks forward to being able to welcome visitors to the park for the First Day Hike festivities.

"Everybody who has been working on the event has been really excited that we are able to offer something because it looks like people have really been wanting a way to get outdoors and find events happening near them," she said.

For more information on the First Day Hike, visit deception-passfoundation.org. Prior to visiting the park, it is recommended to refer to the updated COVID Safety Guidelines, which can be found at coronavirus.wa.gov/.

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innumerable harbors, inlets, peninsulas, island shores, and parks.

National Heritage Areas (NHAs) combine natural, cultural and historic places to tell a cohesive, nationally important story. NHAs are unique in that they are supported by the National Park Service but are locally managed, are entirely non-regulatory, and involve no change in land ownership. Instead, NHAs are built on public-private partnerships and collaboration to support communities in sharing their unique stories and maintaining resources that matter to them. By working with communities to determine how to make heritage relevant to local interests and needs, NHAs can support historic preservation, economic development, natural resource conservation, recreation, heritage tourism, and educational projects on the local level. Existing NHAs across the country have organized national tourism marketing campaigns, created region-wide visitor tours and experiences, run grant programs, provided workshops and trainings for local organizations, spearheaded preservation projects, implemented statewide curricula and much more.

In short, NHAs build partnerships and share stories that are important to America's identity, past and present. The Maritime Washington NHA is the first and, to date, only NHA in the country focused entirely on maritime heritage. It celebrates the water-based stories and cultures of our state's saltwater shores—boosting tourism, strengthening maritime organizations and finding new ways to collaborate and share resources. The Maritime Washington NHA is facilitated by the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, a statewide nonprofit organization.

Over the next year, the Washington Trust will collaborate with communities throughout the NHA to turn vision into an operational plan for the heritage area. This planning process will be built from the ground up, with local residents and maritime partners shaping the future of the Maritime Washington NHA. Throughout the first half of 2021, there

will be many opportunities for members of the public to share their views and ideas through virtual workshops, surveys, social media, focus groups and more. These collaborative efforts will culminate in a management plan which will serve as a roadmap for the heritage area, outlining the NHA's mission, partnership structure, programs, interpretive strategies, potential grantmaking roles and more. After robust public collaboration, the Washington Trust aims to present a draft of this plan for public review by late fall 2021.

For more information on the Maritime Washington NHA and to sign up for email updates about opportunities to get involved, visit www.preservewa.org/mwnha. The first public virtual information session about the heritage area will be held Tuesday, January 19 at 4:00PM. Sign up for this free virtual session at www.preservewa.org/mwnha-events.

[Submitted by Alexandra Gradwohl, Project Manager, Washington Trust for Historic Preservation]

Navy Begins Noise Monitoring Initiative at NAS Whidbey Island

The Navy completed its first week of real-time sound monitoring at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island as directed by the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20).

Flight activity was monitored at 11 sites in proximity to Ault Field and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville for seven consecutive days from Sunday, Dec. 13 through Saturday, Dec. 19. Data also continues to be collected in the Olympic National Park at a twelfth site.

The week of monitoring included a range of typical flight activity, including four days of high activity levels, a moderate-level day, and low-level flight activity on the weekends.

The information will be available to the public once the yearlong monitoring effort is complete and the Navy has submitted the final report.

[Submitted by Mike Welding, Public Affairs Officer, NAS Whidbey Island]

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Let's Dish!

with Kae Harris



A SIDE OF LUCK WITH YOUR NEW YEAR MEAL!

The end of 2020 is nigh, and I don't know about you dear reader, but I can't wait. To say this year has been challenging for everyone is an understatement; years from now, kids will be reading about life in the year 2020 in their history books and I hope they shed a tear of sympathy for us, because we deserve it! As with the end of any year, we reflect on the year and outline what we look forward to in the New Year; I think a return to normalcy and the end of the pandemic would be at the top of everyone's list! In order to ensure the New Year begins on the right foot, many cultures around the world practice age-old traditions, a lot of which revolve around food.

Speaking of starting on the right foot, the Scots take this very literally: the land of "Auld Lang Syne" traditionally welcomes the New Year with the practice of the "first foot," in which a dark-haired man is the first person to step into the house after midnight, laden with shortbread, salt and whiskey. Personally, I'd be more than happy with a box or 10 of shortbread cookies as a way to start the New Year, so this is a tradition I am more than happy to get on board with!

New Year traditions throughout the world have the common theme of ensuring wealth and prosperity. In Spain, it is common to partake in "12 grapes in 12 seconds," in which a grape is popped in one's mouth with every chime of the clock. Each grape

represents prosperity and luck for every month in the upcoming year and is so popular it has spread to other Latin cultures such as Portugal, where the grapes have been replaced with raisins and Peru, where a 13th grape is eaten for an extra dose of luck everyone needs in their life.

Italy takes the idea of wealth and prosperity to a symbolic level, eating lentils which have been chosen for their coin-like shape. In order to ensure as much good fortune going forward as possible, the humble lentil dish is often accompanied by a spicy pork sausage in a dish called *cotechino e lentischie* and is sometimes served with *zampone*, a deboned pig trotter stuffed with sausage meat; pigs root forward, and eating porky goodness as a New Year's meal is simply hedging your bets for the New Year!

If Italy gives a nod to coin-shaped food, the Philippines is the epicenter of head-banging. A typical Filipino table is laden with circular shaped foods, with particular attention given to fruit, and is often accompanied with *lechon*, roast pig. Whatever the significance behind these dishes, the most important commonality is large, family-style meals are at the core of ringing in the New Year and I can think of no better way to start the New Year than being surrounded by family and friends.

Even when moving away from savory to sweet, the humble piggy continues to feature prominently. At least in Germany and Austria. The German phrase *Schwein gehabt*, or "having a pig," refers to being

lucky and is represented by giving away marzipan shaped pigs. The sugar and almond paste swine are molded into shape before being painted and can be consumed raw or baked. While the marzipan *schwein* is a popular gift and dessert, the main star of a German New Year's dinner is suckling pig, thus bringing full circle the theme of good luck through the humble porker.

Many cultures welcome the New Year with cake; king cake to be specific. Known as the *Galette des Rois* in France, *Vasilopita* in Greece, *Rosca de Reyes* in Mexico and *Banitsa* in Bulgaria, the king cake is a rich, buttery cake often spiced with cinnamon and, continuing with the theme of good luck, often has a trinket or coin baked into it. The lucky winner who ends up with this trinket brings forth prosperity into the New Year and is often responsible for purchasing the cake for the following year. So, in reality, everyone is a winner! So popular is the king cake that it has also become a large part of Louisiana culture in celebrating the Epiphany and the beginning of Mardi Gras festivities. Whichever the country, having cake with the possibility of winning a prize is a tradition I definitely endorse!

With New Year's Day occurring during the height of winter in the northern hemisphere, it is easy to forget countries in the southern hemisphere begin the countdown to midnight while enjoying a cocktail on a warm summer's night. In Australia and New Zealand, the typical way of celebrating New Year's is with a barbecue, which is more like grilling in your backyard than the barbecue we are typically accustomed to in the United States. Meats commonly found in these cookouts include sausage, steak and lamb, which is fitting, considering sheep outnumber humans by three to one in Australia and seven to one in New Zealand. The cookout culture is also found in my native South Africa with a braai featuring large in many households, made up of a sausage called *Boerewors* ("farmer's sausage"), steak and lamb, with a variety of sides to give one the energy needed to take on the New Year.

A New Year meal exclusive to the United States is a dish commonly served in the South, and one I've mentioned before: "Hoppin' John." This dish of pork, rice, black-eyed peas (again, symbolizing coins) served with collard greens (green being the color of money) and cornbread (the color of gold, although this may be a stretch), originated in the Carolinas and is even sometimes cooked

with a coin in it, because there's no such thing as having enough good luck. I've included a recipe for Hoppin' John I plan on serving my family this New Year's; hopefully it brings us luck for 2021! I would like to take this moment to thank all of you for your support this year and to wish all of you a prosperous, safe and fruitful New Year! As always, I look forward to hearing from you, so please write me with any questions and comments at letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com. Happy New Year and I look forward to us continuing to Dish! well into the New Year!

Hoppin' John

- 1/3 pound bacon, cut into small pieces
- 1 celery stalk, diced
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 1 small green bell pepper, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 pound dried black-eyed peas, about 1 1/4 cups
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 1 heaping teaspoon Cajun seasoning
- Salt
- 2 cups long-grain rice

Crisp the bacon in a medium pot over medium low heat. Once the bacon is crispy, increase the heat to medium-high and add the celery, onion, and green pepper and sauté until they begin to brown, about 4-5 minutes. Add the garlic, stir well and cook for another 1-2 minutes.

Add the black-eyed peas, bay leaf, thyme and Cajun seasoning and cover with 4 cups of water. Cook for an hour to an hour and a half, until the peas are tender.

Cook the rice separately according to package instructions.

When the black-eyed peas are tender, strain out the remaining cooking water. Remove and discard the bay leaf. Taste the black-eyed peas for salt and add more if needed.

Mix the black-eyed peas and rice in a large bowl and serve with collard greens and corn bread.

www.simplyrecipes.com/recipes/hoppin_john/

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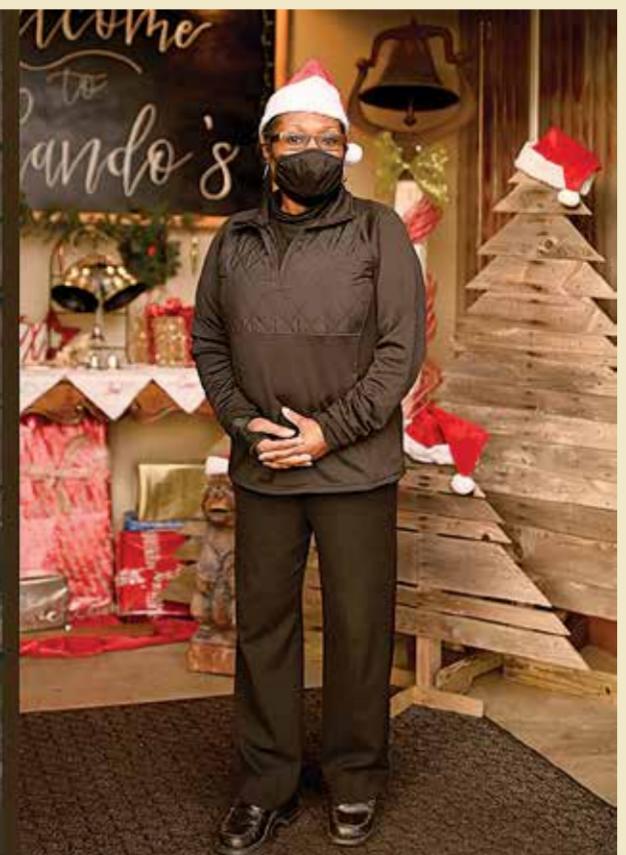
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CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

ARIES (March 21-April 19)



Your word is one of the few things you can give and keep at the same time. (Thank you, Carlos Wallace.) Your word is both a powerful gift and a precious inheritance to be guarded and treasured. So powerful is this gift, so precious, it was the start of all that is. Hear scripture: "In the beginning was the Word . . ." The word has but one enemy, and that is lie. If the Word was the beginning, will lies be the end?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



Ask any pilot. Straight and level flight is the result of constant small corrections of course and altitude. It's true. A pilot's brain and fingers are always moving. The more turbulent the sky, the busier a pilot must be. Where is the turbulence in your own life? Mom or dad, breadwinner or student, leader or follower, if you want to fly high, the same rules of flight apply. Keep the brain engaged. Keep the fingers moving.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



Networking. Circulating. Socializing. Hobnobbing. Mingling. Schmoozing. Whatever you prefer to call it, spreading yourself around is a sure fire way of gathering useful information. But let's think about it. While you're busily working the room, isn't it fair to say that someone there is just as busily working you? Is everything they're telling you true? Maybe. Maybe not. Consider that while you're rubbing elbows.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)



You go to the dreaded gathering. You hang out silently, looking, listening, smiling, but never speaking. You notice a fake smile here, a nervous laugh there, of the ones trying too hard to fit in. You see the hostess, so anxious to please. You notice the fellow wallflower, burdened with fears and doubts. And your heart reaches out to them. Each, in their own way, is like you. Good people in a strange place. Just like you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



Freedom. Independence. On a list of the important things in life, where do you rate them? Tied for first? Freedom and independence. Don't they just roll naturally off the tongue together? Is anything more important than freedom and independence? If you have those, you're set. If you have those, you can follow your heart. If you have those, you have the essentials by which you may acquire anything else you want. Anything.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



Ask a police officer. Ask a locksmith. Ask anyone whose job it is to know: Locks keep honest people honest. Hear the implication? Faced with a lock, those whose calling is to be dishonest will find a way around it. There are other ways of keeping honest people honest. One way is to not let them know things

they're better off not knowing. Don't be afraid to think of other ways. Honest people appreciate the help.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



Power is like a drug. Potent, intoxicating, addicting. Hence the old saying, "Power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely." Name a dictator. Hitler? Mao? Stalin?

Drunk on power, every one. Who has power over you? Are they wielding their power responsibly? The responsibly powerful teach power by vesting power in you. That can be done, you know. Gandhi and Jesus come to mind. Can you name others?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



Speed and the element of surprise often make the difference between winning and losing. An exception comes from the fabled race of the Tortoise and the Hare. You remember. The speedy hare thought he had time to nap, which allowed the slow but steady tortoise to win the race. What's your race? Are you sleeping when you should be running? Such overconfidence can work against you.

Habit. It's a two-edged sword. As the automatic response that frees your mind to tackle important things, habit lets you accomplish more. Habit can also walk you thoughtlessly into difficulties the more alert would have avoided. Which brings us to the habit of labeling everything as good or bad. Habit is clearly both and neither! Bottom line? Get in the habit of learning from your habits.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



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When you stand proud and independent, a predictable thing happens. People begin to stand with you. Just the appearance of knowing who you are and where you are going attracts the less sure. And if your words are consistent with your image? You're the person who gains a following. You're the person who always has a friend in the room, even if you entered as a stranger. Are you ready to stand?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



Even the tried and true can sometimes be made better. You see it in food. In fashions. In politics. The popular becomes less popular, and what was new and exciting becomes stale.

When that day comes, nothing can prevent change. The old guard will protest, dinosaurs defending their ways. Pay them no mind. When change breaks like a thunderclap, there's no stopping it. Are you ready?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



Out with the old, in with the new. And what will the new bring? Have you given it any thought? Or are you one who still thinks the future just happens? That's the old way of thinking. You have considerable influence over the unfolding future. Adding your voice to the way things will be makes it that much more likely to be so. Your vote is your vote. Don't let it be stolen by those who would think for you.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



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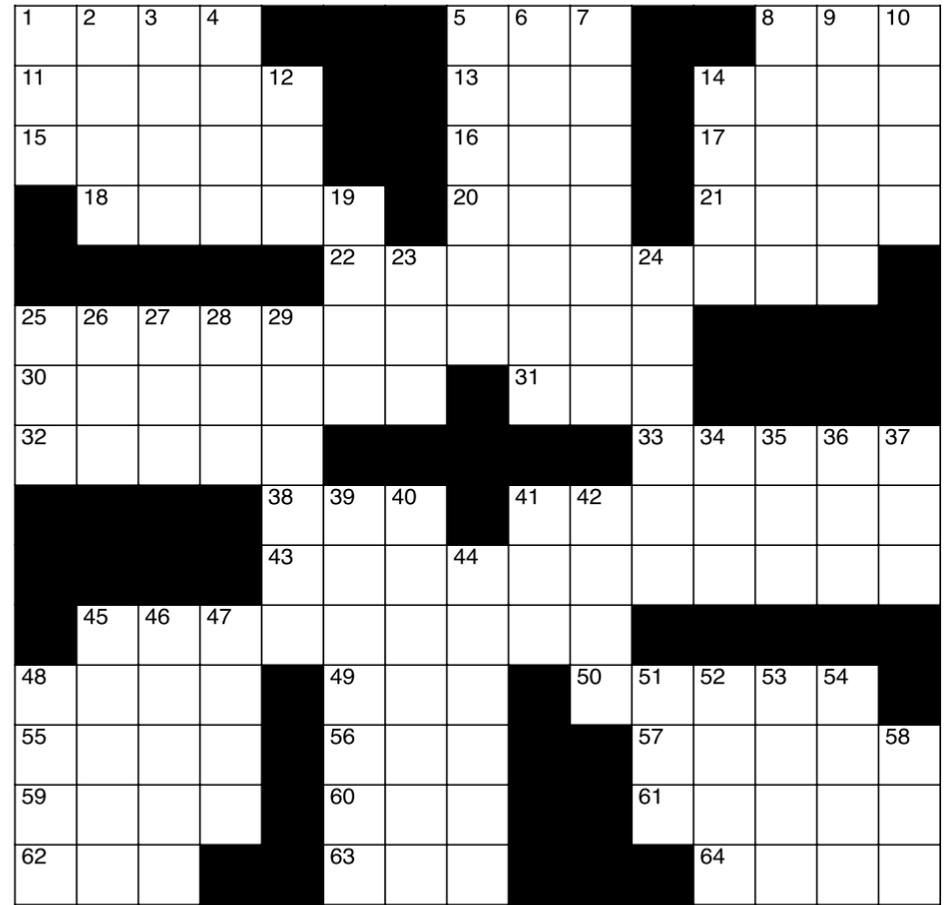
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Chicken Little's knock on the head meant to him that the sky was falling, silly bird. His horoscope showed other possibilities. Don't wait for a knock on the head to ask what's up in your life. Wesley Hallock, as Whidbey Weekly's professional astrologer 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. Opposite of west
- 5. __ Caesar, comedian
- 8. Helps little firms
- 11. A way to censor
- 13. Expresses atomic and molecular weights
- 14. Chalcedony
- 15. Type of sword
- 16. A corporation's first offer to sell stock to the public
- 17. Attired
- 18. A sequence of winding turns
- 20. Pal
- 21. Expresses pleasure
- 22. Amendable
- 25. Clear
- 30. A way to cut off
- 31. Indigenous Thai person
- 32. Pale brownish yellow color
- 33. Aquatic plants genus
- 38. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 41. Merchants
- 43. Fix a chair
- 45. Throws into disorganization
- 48. Famed German composer
- 49. Keyboard key
- 50. Oral polio vaccine

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One point south of due east
- 2. Wings
- 3. One point south of southeast
- 4. The shirts on our backs
- 5. One who works on the seas
- 6. Select jury
- 7. Small intestines parts
- 8. Plant of the heath family
- 9. Extrasolar planet
- 10. Creates more of
- 12. Before
- 14. Forms over a cut
- 19. Runs down
- 23. Exercise regimen __-bo

- 24. Unkeyed
- 25. Principle underlying the universe
- 26. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 27. Residue
- 28. Company that rings receipts
- 29. Rugged mountain range
- 34. Commercials
- 35. NY footballer
- 36. They __
- 37. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 39. Poked holes in the ground
- 40. Pitchers
- 41. Your
- 42. Diana __, singer
- 44. Important document for inventors
- 45. Bangladesh capital
- 46. Fluid that flows in the veins of Greek gods
- 47. Famed daguerreotype photographer
- 48. Where military personnel work
- 51. Play a role
- 52. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- 53. Unstressed-stressed
- 54. Type of palm tree
- 58. Judo garments

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Dec. 31	Fri, Jan. 1	Sat, Jan. 2	Sun, Jan. 3	Mon, Jan. 4	Tues, Jan. 5	Wed, Jan. 6
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Community Bulletin Board

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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@servalt-cfs.com

The Whidbey Island community is encouraged to try out the paddling sport of dragon boating with the Stayin' Alive team. Our team's mission is to promote the physical, social, and emotional benefits of dragon boating. It has been shown to be especially beneficial to cancer survivors. Practice with us for up to 3 times for free. Life-jackets and paddles provided. Saturdays at the Oak Harbor Marina, 8:45am. Contact njlish@gmail.com. More info at our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSound-DragonBoatClub?ref=hl

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@islandshake-spearefest.org.

Big Brothers 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 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

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 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: imaginepermacultureworld@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 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

JOB MARKET

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No Cheating!

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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 or call 360-682-2341 to share your prayer requests.

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we transition from one year to the next, may our hearts be open to hope, and the belief that struggle and turmoil do not define our life stories. Use the pain, confusion, fear, uncertainty and grief from 2020 to cement deep resolve within our minds and spirits that we will not be defeated by every life episode that is daunting to our souls. Strengthen our resolve to anchor our lives in the unchanging story of tenacious faith that refuses to let go of those twin titans of Your Kingdom: the Love of God and the Love of neighbor! Let nothing move us from engaged action in these most important and sustaining works of grace you bring into our lives and for our world. As we move forward, let us do so with Heaven's path of traveling faithfully: with Gratitude for the Past, and Hope for the Future!

In Jesus name we pray, Amen!

Pastor David Parker
Oak Harbor First United Methodist Church

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11



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2,873 GYMS
across the industry
provided data

NO EVIDENCE THAT
THE POSITIVE CASES
ORIGINATED IN GYMS

Sources: **MXM**



49.9 MILLION
MEMBER CHECK-INS
over three months



INFECTION RATE
.0023%

FITNESS IS ESSENTIAL TO KEEPING AMERICA HEALTHY

➔ **1 IN 5 AMERICANS**
experience mental health illness

Physical activity has long-term mental health benefits as well, including reducing the risk of stress and depression.

Yet, **ONLY** about
23% OF ADULTS
are hitting the federal physical
activity guidelines for adults
according to the CDC.



➔ **40% HIGHER RISK**
of developing cardiovascular and metabolic
diseases than the general population.

4.9 MILLION GYM
MEMBER CHECK-INS
& visits over 3 months

2,873 GYMS
across the industry
provided data
0.0002%
infection rate

0 EVIDENCE
that the positive
cases originated
in gyms



FITNESS IS PART OF THE SOLUTION

EXERCISE INCREASES IMMUNITY
especially for those with comorbidities and can
reduce the length of infections

**QUITE POSSIBLY THE SAFEST
PART OF HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**
Our industry is able to control their environment
and the actions of our members.

Sources: **MXM**



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THAT FITNESS STUDIOS
ARE THE CAUSE OF
FURTHER SPREAD

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➔ **MEMBERS MUST CHECK-IN**
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