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## Whidbey Playhouse lets Delany sisters have their say

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Two extraordinary women share their reflections on life from their 100-year-old perspectives in the latest production streaming Friday and Saturday by the Whidbey Playhouse in Oak Harbor.

"Having Our Say," a play by Emily Mann, based on the book by Sarah and A. Elizabeth Delany with Amy Hill Hearth, tells the story of Sadie and Bessie Delany, African American sisters born in North Carolina in 1889 and 1891, respectively. Their father, Rev. Henry B. Delany, was born into slavery, later becoming an Episcopal priest and the first Black Episcopal bishop elected in the U.S. Their mother, Nanny Logan, was a teacher and the daughter of a free African American woman and a white farmer. After growing up in North Carolina, the sisters eventually moved to Harlem in New York City and after retiring from their professions, moved to Mount Vernon, N.Y.

The Delany sisters achieved great professional success and were civil rights pioneers. Despite the racism and sexism of the time, both women earned advanced college degrees: Sadie earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in education

and was the first Black woman to teach domestic science in a New York City high school; Bessie became the second Black woman in New York state to become a dentist. Their book, "Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years," written with *The New York Times'* Amy Hill Hearth in 1993, made them best-selling authors. The pair never married and lived together their entire lives. Sadie passed away in 1999 at age 109; Bessie died in 1995 at 104 years of age.

Fast forward to 2020, a difficult year all the way around and particularly for community theater. The challenge, according to "Having Our Say" producer, Sue Riney, has been to find material suitable for livestream performances with small casts (due to COVID-19 restrictions) and a well-written, good story.

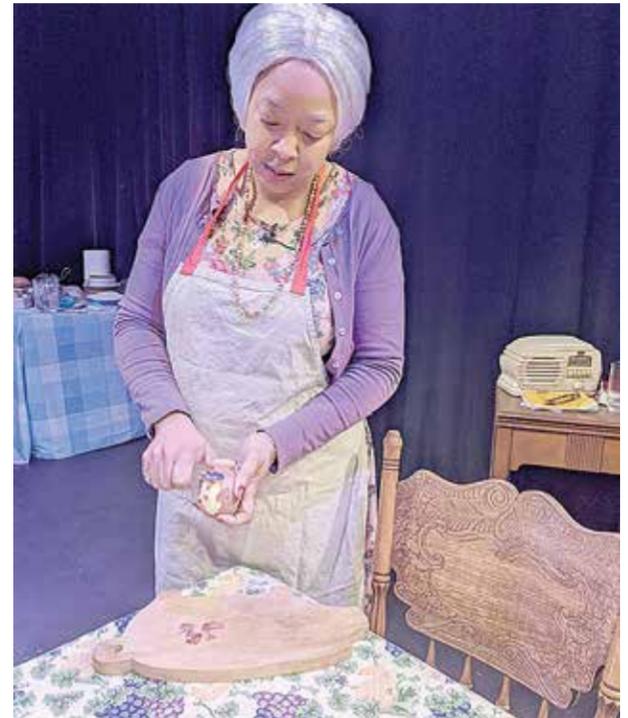
"As I was searching last year for possible plays, this one jumped out at me for all those reasons – as well as the fact that it's about two very strong, independent, and successful women (they both became the first in their fields to do what they were doing) and that it deals with many racial and gender equality issues that are still at the forefront today," Riney said. "I'm personally very much myself an advocate of women's rights and believe it's important we highlight stories that amplify women like Bessie and Sadie Delany. After sharing the concept with Allenda [Jenkins] and looking for a calendar time that would work for both her and Germaine [Kornegay] to take part, she suggested Black History Month – which, because the story shares so much of the sisters' own history as well as the history of this country, make it a perfect fit."

Jenkins and Kornegay have relied heavily on Zoom rehearsals, which Riney said has made the production experience even more interesting.

"Allenda and Germaine have been meeting separately, and we only got together in person at the Playhouse for the first time Feb 8." Riney explained. "We are preparing this for filming in a MUCH shorter timeframe than a typical show would have on stage, so in that regard Allenda and Germaine aren't having the same amount of time to get comfortable with the blocking."

Like many community theaters, the move into recording performances for streaming online is a far different experience from a live stage production. There are new challenges, but there are certain advantages as well, according to Riney.

"Because this is recorded rather than live, it gives us the opportunity to have Allenda and Germaine run the scene without us filming so they can warm up and we will then film it," she said. "That gives them time to regroup between each scene and check their scripts to confirm their lines – of which there are a HUGE amount!"



Sue Riney Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Playhouse  
Germaine Kornegay portrays Sadie Delany in the Whidbey Playhouse production of "Having Our Say," the story of the Delany sisters.

"We don't have to worry about the time needed for scene changes that happen in a live performance as we can simply stop filming, reset the stage as needed, and start up again – and our editing will make the transition appear seamless," Riney continued.

One unique aspect of this production is that the Playhouse is able to project genuine photos from the Delany sisters' lives, giving the audience an even more authentic experience.

"We were thrilled this production included the option to license use of an image package to be projected during the show, with pictures of the Delany family that Sadie and Bessie describe in their stories as they look through old family photos," described Riney. "Because of this option, and because we are including more close-up camera shots of the ladies rather than the full stage, we opted to have a very minimal set, with just the projection screens behind them, along with a couple of tables and chairs."

The play originally takes place as the Delany sisters prepare a full dinner in their kitchen. It has been simplified for this production since a working oven and functional sink are not part of the Playhouse's stage. Even so, audiences are invited to share in a home-spun, on-demand streaming experience with Sadie and Bessie anytime Friday or Saturday only.

"Rather than stretching out the number of days we make it available and increasing our expenses, we opted to focus

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Sue Riney Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Playhouse  
Allenda Jenkins plays Bessie Delany in the Whidbey Playhouse production of "Having Our Say," streaming on demand Friday and Saturday.

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# ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



After almost four decades of staring out the caboose window, I still never tire of looking at the deer. Yet, seeing the doe and her fawn on the lawn just now made me feel a pang of guilt.

As a wannabe Robin Hood in 1950s Columbus, Ohio, I fantasy-arrowed a lot of deer in our version of Sherwood Forest, located across from the Simmons Mattress Company.

I still feel bad about my violent fantasy attitude when a youth.

One minute I was swinging on a vine in pursuit of a cheetah. The next minute, I was in a gun duel with Machine Gun Kelly, Baby Face Nelson, or our school principal.

Thank goodness I did not grow up with video games. My mind would not have been able to handle the visuals, even in fantasy mode. All that color could have fried my Julius La Rosa.

### Pretending

Last night on the news, it was reported two young girls, after successfully getting their first vaccine shots, were caught by police while posing as grandmas to get round two.

Their failed attempt reminded me of a few of mine.

In high school we found a guy who would change the date on our driver's license for only 10 bucks. It was no problem sacrificing a month's worth of cherry Cokes and onion rings at the Log Cabin Steak House. We were too young to kiss back then. Onion rings for all.

I never used my fake ID. Why try to order a beer when I was still too young to shave?

When my best pal was cited for brandishing a weapon at a passing motorist, I went with him to his court appearance. Wearing my Sunday go-to-meeting finest, I tried to appear before the judge as "Ace for the Defense." After the judge asked me what year I was admitted to the state bar of Pennsylvania, he told me to sit down.

Pretending has never been my forte. My career in acting lasted about three commercials and a hot apple turnover. I always thought being one's self was tough enough. Why pretend?

I remember once when I pretended to be a husband.

### Observations

The ever reliable Phreeland Fantom cranked up his laptop to share these musings from www.bizwaremagic.com. Check out their incredible website for more.

*It's been a great blessing to be at home with the wife these last few months. We've caught up with everything I've done wrong the last 20 years.*

*How long is this social distancing thing supposed to last? My husband keeps trying to come into the house.*

*Day 7 of social distancing. Struck up a conversation with a spider today. Seems nice. He's a web designer.*

*If you believe all this will end and we will get back to normal once we reopen everything, raise your hand. Now slap yourself with it.*

*Another Saturday night in the house and I just realized, even the trash goes out more than me.*

Whoever decided a liquor store is more essential than a hair salon is obviously a bald headed alcoholic.

Day 27 at home and the dog is looking at me like "See, this is why I chew the furniture."

Remember when you were little and all your underwear had the days of the week on them? Those would be helpful right now.

I think I'm finally being grounded for everything I didn't get caught for when I was a teenager.

Remember all those times when you wished the weekend would last forever? Well, wish granted. Happy now?

It may take a village to raise a child, but I swear it's going to take a whole vineyard to home school one.

Did a big load of pajamas so I would have enough clean work clothes for this week.

Anyone else getting a tan from the light in the fridge?

### Rat on

The following anonymous submission made me laugh, but I laugh at insurance ads. Think about it. Geico with the gecko, Liberty Mutual with the ostrich, Progressive with Flo and Jamie, and Farmer's with their bump-bump-bump-bump.

A man walks into an antique store and starts looking around. Suddenly, he gazes upon the most stunning bronze statue of a large, somehow compelling rat. He asks the store owner how much he wants for the statue.

The store owner replies "It's \$200 for the statue and \$2000 for the story that goes with it."

The man replies, "I really don't care about the story, but I do want the statue."

As the man is paying for the statue, the shop owner says, "All right, but I guarantee you will be back for the story."

The man walks out of the shop and starts down the street carrying the rat statue. When he comes to the crosswalk, he happens to glance behind him and sees 3 or 4 rats sitting about 10 feet away, looking at him. He shrugs it off and crosses when the light changes. He goes several more blocks and, at another crosswalk, looks behind himself again. This time there are about 30 rats sitting there looking at him.

The man starts to get a little nervous and picks up his pace when the light changes. By the time the man reaches the pier at the end of the street, he has now been running for several blocks.

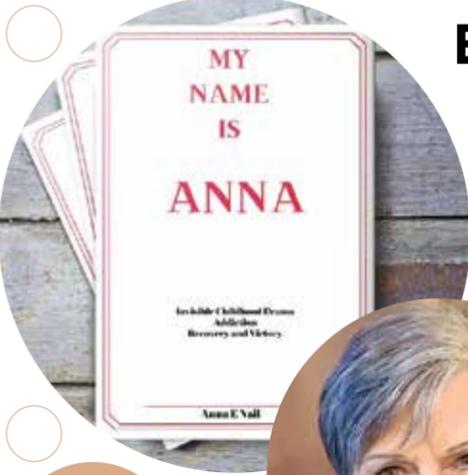
He was running because every time he turned around, there were more and more rats behind him. He looked like the Pied Piper. When he got to the end of the pier, he turned around once more and saw at least 2,000 rats sitting there looking at him. There were so many rats there was no way to get off the pier without going through them and he knew there was no way he was going to do that.

In a panic, he turned toward the water and heaved the statue as far as he could. Amazingly, all of the rats ran right past him and jumped in the water after the statue and never came out. The man, still shaking from his ordeal, immediately started running back to the shop.

As he burst through the door, the shop owner saw him and said, "I told you that you'd be back for the story!"

"To heck with the story," gasps the man, "do you have a statue of a politician?"

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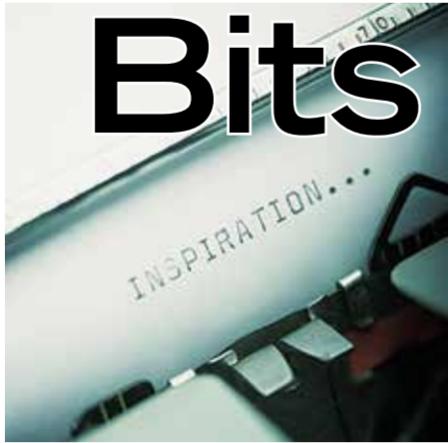
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# Bits & Pieces

## WVRC Scholarship

Our kind and dutiful Vets at Whidbey Veterans Resource Center have instituted a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2021 school year. High school seniors and other scholarship applicants who are interested in the qualifications and requirements may contact the WVRC via email, whidbeyvrc@gmail.com, or phone, 360-331-8081. Deadline for submission is April 1, and that's no joke.

[Submitted by Whidbey Veterans Resource Center]

## Cascadia Eye Opens Three "Excellence In Education" Scholarships to All Areas of Study

Cascadia Eye is pleased to announce it will offer its 19th annual \$1,000 scholarship to high school seniors in its service areas with a G.P.A. of 3.25 or better. This year, Cascadia Eye has changed its scholarship focus and will no longer require applicants to focus on pursuing a career in the medical field. Instead, the scholarships have been opened up to high school senior students who are planning to study any major who will attend full time programs at a trade school, college or university. It will be offered in three regions: 1) Skagit/North Snohomish County, 2) Whatcom County, and 3) Coupeville/Oak Harbor/Island County.

Applications must be received no later than April 15. The application consists of the application form, an essay, official transcripts and one letter of reference from either a teacher or employer. Applications may be printed from the Cascadia Eye website, www.ncascade.com/practicenews/2021-scholarship-application/ and may be duplicated as necessary. Applicants may also find applications at their high school counseling office, or they may be picked up in any of Cascadia Eye's five locations: Bellingham, Mount Vernon, Sedro-Woolley, Stanwood or Coupeville. Students should email completed applications (or are welcome to ask questions) at marketing@ncascade.com, or also may drop off completed applications in any of the five offices.

[Submitted by Hans Fritz, Marketing Assistant, Cascadia Eye]

## WhidbeyHealth Decides to Maintain Current Visitor Policy

In a decision made with an abundance of caution for the continued safety of its patients and staff, WhidbeyHealth is not making any

modifications to its current Visitor and Support Persons Policy.

WhidbeyHealth has made the decision to maintain its current policy until COVID-19 case counts drop below 50 per 100,000 in Island County for two consecutive weeks.

Governor Jay Inslee announced Feb. 11, five regions will move to Phase 2 of the state's reopening plan, Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery. Island County is part of a region that has moved into Phase 2 (North Region). However, with COVID-19 vaccine allocations to Island County low and our region's trend of limited flattening of case rates and an increased trend of new COVID-19 hospital admissions by more than 60 percent over the past two weeks, WhidbeyHealth has made the decision to maintain its current visitor policy until rates flatten or reduce.

WhidbeyHealth appreciates the extraordinary support of the Whidbey Island community with this decision, which was not made lightly. WhidbeyHealth believes this is the best course of action to continue to provide a safe and sustainable care environment for patients and staff through the pandemic.

For more information about the Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery, visit [www.coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/](http://www.coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/) county-status-and-safe-start-application-process or Island County Public Health: [www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/Pages/COVID-19.aspx](http://www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/Pages/COVID-19.aspx).

Stay connected with WhidbeyHealth on Facebook or at [www.whidbeyhealth.org](http://www.whidbeyhealth.org).

[Submitted by Conor O'Brien, Manager, Marketing, WhidbeyHealth]

## Skagit Valley College Graduate Honored by the Washington Association of College Trustees, Receives 2021 Transforming Lives Award

Skagit Valley College (SVC) is proud to announce SVC graduate, Jessica Lonergan, of Mount Vernon, was honored by the Washington Association of College Trustees (ACT) and received the 2021 Transforming Lives award.

The annual award recognizes students whose lives have been transformed by attending one of Washington's 34 community and technical colleges. Each college's board of trustees selects an individual from its current and former student body to be recognized. As SVC's honoree this year, Jessica received a \$250 scholarship from ACT, as did each of the winners from around the state.

Jessica Lonergan describes herself as a walking, talking miracle. When she was born with multiple disabilities, doctors told her family not to expect Jessica to ever walk or talk, read or write. Although she was born with Down syndrome, a heart defect, cerebral palsy, and scoliosis, Jessica didn't let those challenges create a barrier to her success.

When her oldest sister started college, Jessica decided she wanted to attend college, too. Most young adults with disabilities stay in a high school transition program until they are 21, but Jessica wanted to go to college, so she added it to her list of goals.

Jessica's family started looking for a program that would provide her with a college experience during her last three years. They were happy to find SVC's INVEST (Individualized Next Step Vocational Education Social Skills Training) program, a comprehensive Post-Secondary Transition Program for individuals with intellectual disabilities, currently enrolled in local high school until 21 years of age.

Jessica began her studies at SVC in 2017. "This was a big deal for me and helped me to become more confident," she said. "I was proud to be a Skagit Valley College student. It helped others to see me as more of an equal and as an adult. At SVC, I learned more about myself and how to apply my strengths and interests to work opportunities. I enjoyed meeting new people and making friends on the campus."

The future is a bright one for Jessica Lonergan. "I am glad Skagit Valley College has an INVEST program so students with disabilities can experience college, too. Proudly wearing my red cap and gown, I graduated from SVC via Zoom in June 2020, achieving an INVEST Two-Year Employment Readiness Certificate," she said. "Now that I have graduated from college, I really enjoy greeting guests and earning money as a restaurant hostess. Doctors said I would never walk or talk, but look at me now: I'm walking, talking, college graduate, and that's a miracle!"

For more information about SVC's INVEST program, visit [www.skagit.edu/invest](http://www.skagit.edu/invest).

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

## Temporary Closures for Peregrine Nesting

The established climbing management areas identified below are closed to all public use from March 1 through July 15 to protect peregrine falcon nesting aeries:

Newhalem Crag East  
Newhalem Crag West (Ryan's Wall)

Nest sites will be monitored to ensure reopening of these areas once the young falcons have fledged or if nesting did not occur on a specific wall during this period.

The peregrine falcon is a federally protected species under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and is a special status species in North Cascades National Park Service Complex due to its sensitivity to disturbance during the nesting season.

Sport climbing outside the four established climbing areas (Diablo Crag, Newhalem East

and West, and Town Crag) within North Cascades National Park Service Complex is prohibited.

As outlined in the Ross Lake National Recreation Area General Management Plan, sport climbing is only allowed in designated climbing management areas and park staff will review proposed new climbing management areas. Currently, NOCA staff are reviewing a proposal to include Space Wall, east of the town of Newhalem, Wash., as an established climbing management area.

[Submitted by Katy Hooper, North Cascades National Park Service Complex]

## Local Business News

### Penn Cove Gallery March Featured Artist: Richard Nash

Richard Nash is the Penn Cove Gallery's featured artist for the month of March. As a non-representational painter and sculptor, he focuses on the compositional elements to create an enduring form of visual poetry. The play of light and shadow on architectural and organic forms guide and inspire his work. He often uses a subdued "Northwest" palette to encourage a focus on the design components. His work has been described as complex, thoughtful, and well composed.

Richard holds a BFA and MFA from Washington State University, where he received a one year scholarship to study art at Nihon University in Tokyo, Japan. He also received a one-year sabbatical to study art and architecture in Western Europe, Israel, Russia and Turkey from the Oak Harbor School District, culminating in an art history program. After a 30-year career as an art educator at the secondary level, Richard has been working full time as an artist since 2006.

Richard will be present in the gallery March 11 and 12, if you would like to pay him a visit.

Penn Cove Gallery is located at 9 Front Street in Coupeville, Wash. and is open Thursday through Monday 11:00AM to 4:00PM. [www.penncovegallery.com](http://www.penncovegallery.com)

### Spring Mosaic

With Spring around the corner, the Rob Schouten Gallery will be filled with work reflecting the reawakening earth and fresh new growth all around us. The gallery artists have contributed new work in painting, sculpture, glass, jewelry, ceramics and woodwork.

Featured will be paintings by Bruce Morrow, Angèle Woolery, Anne Belov, Cary Loopuyt Jurriaans, Kathleen Frugé Brown and Rob Schouten. Participating sculptors include Georgia Gerber and Sharon Spencer. Glass by renowned glass artist Fritz Dreisbach, and new work by ceramic artist Joan Govedare and woodturner Don Wodjenski will also be on display.

Rob Schouten Gallery, a premier showcase for Whidbey Island and Northwest artists, is located at 101 Anthes Avenue in Langley, at the corner of First and Anthes. Winter gallery hours: Weekends 11:00AM to 5:00PM; Tuesdays & Wednesdays by appointment, and other Weekdays 11:00AM to 4:00PM.

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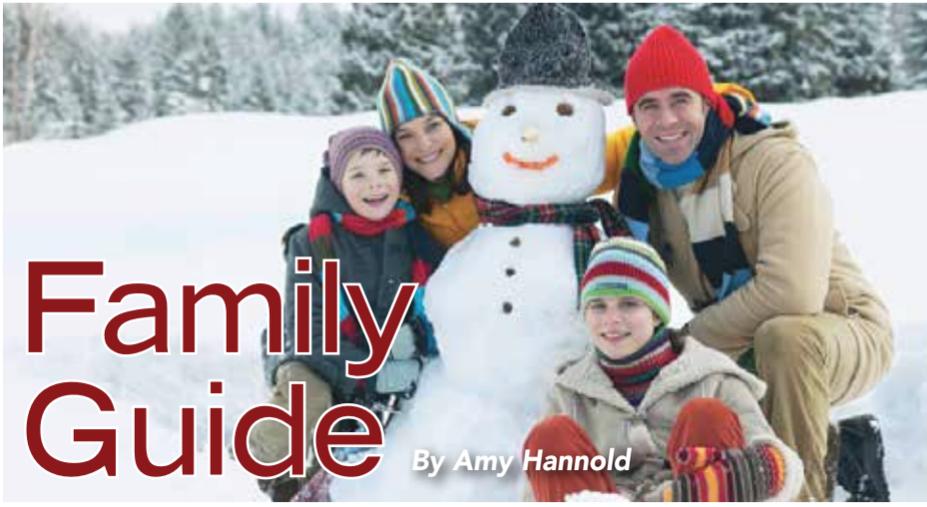


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# Family Guide

By Amy Hannold

March is nature's way of reminding us spring is coming, but we have a few more weeks of winter to enjoy. Here are a few special days in March to celebrate on otherwise ordinary days:

**March is National Craft Month:** Get creative and "Think Spring" with these spring-themed kids' crafts: [candystore.com/blog/diy/march-national-crafts-month](http://candystore.com/blog/diy/march-national-crafts-month).

**March 7 is National Cereal Day:** Learn the history of cereal and read some fascinating facts about some favorites: [nationalcerealday.com](http://nationalcerealday.com).

**March 12 is National Plant a Flower Day:** Large or small, a flowerpot is a bit of sunshine wherever you place it. Plant something to look forward to this spring – for yourself or get the kids involved in growing a flower from seed, and foster a love of gardening. [kidsgardening.org/garden-activities](http://kidsgardening.org/garden-activities)

**March 14 is Potato Chip Day:** Do we need a day for this? Yum! They've been around since 1853 and are America's number one snack food. Lay's potato chips are made in 200 flavors, sold in region-specific flavors throughout the U.S. and the world. Enjoy your favorite chips or expand your potato chip fandom to include a new variety.

**March 18 is Absolutely Incredible Kid Day:** Founded in 1997 by Camp Fire USA, this is the day to write or tell a kid in your life how much you appreciate them. Ideas for how to let the

young people in your life know how special they are in a meaningful way: [campfirefw.org/events/absolutely-incredible-kid-day](http://campfirefw.org/events/absolutely-incredible-kid-day).

**March 26 is Make Up Your Own Holiday Day:** Create a day you, your family, or group can look forward to every year that means something to you. It could be National Read a Family Scrapbook Day, National Decorate Your Dog Day, National Neighbor Appreciation Day – anything that would be fun and memorable, it's up to YOU! [homeschoolsuperfreak.com/national-days-make-up-your-own-holiday-day](http://homeschoolsuperfreak.com/national-days-make-up-your-own-holiday-day)

**Celebrate Seuss by reading:** In honor of author Dr. Seuss's birthday, March 2, Read Across America Day is a nationwide call-to-action day to get books into the hands of children and foster a love of reading. Our local Sno-Isle Libraries do an excellent job of this in our communities year-round. Sno-Isle offers online storytimes and book groups, entertaining events and at its website, there are dozens of free resources for all ages. Magazines, reference materials, comic and graphic novels, movies, music, eBooks, audio books and more are available free-of-charge to Sno-Isle Library card holders. [sno-isle.org](http://sno-isle.org)

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and lessons, explore careers and colleges, collaborate with a study group, life skills building and other learning-related needs.

**Parent Pantry:** Mother Mentors of Whidbey Island has opened a free Parent Pantry where you are welcome to visit the second and fourth Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., to choose from a variety of free items including baby, toddler and child gear, clothing and shoes sizes 0 to 5T, formula, diapers, and more. Donations of usable goods are welcome during these hours as well. [mothermentors.org](http://mothermentors.org)

**Exceptional Child Grant:** The North Whidbey Island Sunrise Rotary Club is accepting applications for its Exceptional Child Grant. This grant is for children with special needs whose families could use some additional funds to assist with those needs. To apply by March 31 and for more information, visit [whidbeyrotary.com](http://whidbeyrotary.com).

**Math Fun and Festival:** The annual National Math Festival brings together some of the most fascinating mathematicians of our time to inspire and challenge participants of all ages to see math in new and exciting ways. The 2021 Festival, April 16-18, will be online and feature juicy talks, hands-on demos, art, films, performances, puzzles, games, children's book readings and more for all ages. To register for the free, live, interactive online events and receive updates about online events for children and adults of all ages with links to playful and interesting math resources and stories, go to [nationalmathfestival.org](http://nationalmathfestival.org).

Additional special events will take place through March and recordings of previous events are available at the website. Wednesday, March 17, at 11 a.m. there will be a live event of two derring-do math performances, "Believe-It-Or-Not, It's Math (x2)." Join Rhys Thomas of *Science Circus* for juggling as you've never seen it before and Brady Haran of Numberphile for whatever he thinks up next. Tickets are free, register at [nationalmathfestival.org/2021-festival](http://nationalmathfestival.org/2021-festival) to receive the link to the events.

For those of you who can't wait until the National Math Festival, explore the wonder and beauty of math with puzzles, games, books, videos, and other mathy treats. Resources are categorized by age level and updated monthly: [nationalmathfestival.org/more-math](http://nationalmathfestival.org/more-math).

**MORE MATH FUN AND RESOURCES:**

Kids and teens are invited to sign up for the *NMF Weekly* puzzle newsletter, sent through the 2020-2021 school year: [globalmathproject.org/nmf-weekly](http://globalmathproject.org/nmf-weekly).

For family math inspiration and resources, join the Math Moms and Dads Facebook group: [Facebook.com/groups/mathmomsandmathdads](https://www.facebook.com/groups/mathmomsandmathdads).

Do you need homework help? Check out [artofproblemsolving.com/community](http://artofproblemsolving.com/community).

Join Math Monday live events with kids around the country for 30 minutes of fun math games. There's a different game each week, using things you have at home. This is a program for kids and parents to attend together. Youth as young as 8 can participate, and adults will find it thought-provoking as well. Math Monday is free. Register at [mathcommunities.org/web-events](http://mathcommunities.org/web-events).

**READINESS TO LEARN RESOURCES AND GROUPS:**

Readiness to Learn's programs and services range from resource and referral to basic need items, coordinated family support and school readiness. Currently, it offers a virtual resource center to connect you to a wide variety of information and links to meet many needs families may be experiencing. Its At Home With Kids page lists many online learning resources and activities. [readinesstolearn.org](http://readinesstolearn.org)

**AVAILABLE SUPPORT GROUPS:**

**Relatives as Parents Program:** Are you raising a relative's child? Join an informal group of relative caregivers who understand what you are going through. This group is currently meeting online the third Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. For more information, email [rtfiprograms@readinesstolearn.org](mailto:rtfiprograms@readinesstolearn.org) or call 360-221-6808 ext. 4321.

**Youth of Color Collective:** A group of youth and elders for sharing experiences, encouragement and support, meets online every other Wednesday. Visit [Readinesstolearn.org/race](http://Readinesstolearn.org/race) or email [klewin@readinesstolearn.org](mailto:klewin@readinesstolearn.org) to find out more.

**Spring is on the horizon!** WhidbeyIsland.MacaroniKid.com is the place to find all sorts of inspiration and information to spark some fun in your day. Check the online calendar for virtual, local and short-drive events and activities.

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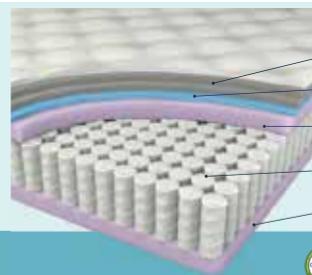
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Photo Courtesy of Historic Whidbey

The Haller House was lifted in September of 2020 with the help of roughly a dozen I-beams and nine hydraulic jacks. The house was lifted to allow the pouring of a new, more stable concrete foundation. The house was lowered back onto the foundation in January.

## A HOME FULL OF HISTORY:

# Haller House project preserves the past

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

After four months of suspension over the ground, the historic Haller House now rests on its newly poured concrete foundation. The Coupeville home, purchased by Historic Whidbey in October of 2018, is in the process of being restored in an effort to preserve the home for future visitors.

Lynn Hyde, executive director for the nonprofit Historic Whidbey, said the building is one of the oldest historical homes in the state and its preservation will provide a window into the checkered history of its former inhabitant, Granville Haller, who lived in the house from 1866 to 1879. Hyde said restoration plans for the front portion of the first floor of the two-story colonial section of the house will include exhibit space.

"The era of the Hallers is what we will be talking about, and that will include all of the treaties with the Native Americans, the hostilities that ensued and it will deal with the international boundary dispute with Great Britain and all of these things that Haller actually took part in," she said. "That is what will set the Haller House exhibits apart from the [Island County Historical Museum]. It is going to be a very specialized period in time that goes down deep, where the museum has a much broader purview of what it is interpreting."

Hyde said Historic Whidbey hopes to be able to open the doors of the house to the public in 2024 if all goes according to plan. She said the second floor will house offices and the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association plans to lease

space as well. Hyde said one area of the house in particular has drawn a great amount of interest.

"Probably the most exciting part is the back wing of the house – the older 1859 Brunn house – is going to be a mercantile/general store with a Victorian soda fountain and that should be what brings tourists in," she said.

Hyde said as part of the process, a new roof was installed and the original windows were rehabilitated. While progress is steadily being made, she said there is a great deal of work left to be done after the house's lowering onto its new founda-

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## Small Miracles: A huge help in troubled times

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Unexpected medical expenses can be a difficult financial burden in the best of times;

throw in a global pandemic and those unexpected costs could prove to be catastrophic for some.

That's where Small Miracles can help in a big way.

Small Miracles Coupeville Medical Support Fund has been helping Whidbey Island residents in the 98239 zip code with medical expenses since 2006. A small team of volunteers works to meet requests and fulfill needs year 'round. Yet this organization rarely solicits requests for community financial support.

"We only have one mailing, which we just sent out for the year," said Vern Olsen, who started Small Miracles with his wife, Martha. "People can mail a contribution back with the self-addressed, stamped envelope. Some people send it in at the end of the year, some do it every month. It's totally up to them.

"We never go back and ask for more. We just want people to know we're still here, meeting the needs of the community and if they're interested, to think of giving to Small Miracles."

Olsen said several community members have even offered to share some of their federal stimulus funds with the organization over the past year. He said he is constantly amazed at the Whidbey Island community.

"This island is known for its giving," he said. "I'm so proud to be a resident of Whidbey Island; people seem to have good hearts here, they really do."

Small Miracles helped 10 people with medical and dental bills in its first year. Since then there has been a steady increase in need for the kind of support the group can offer. Now the organization helps an average of

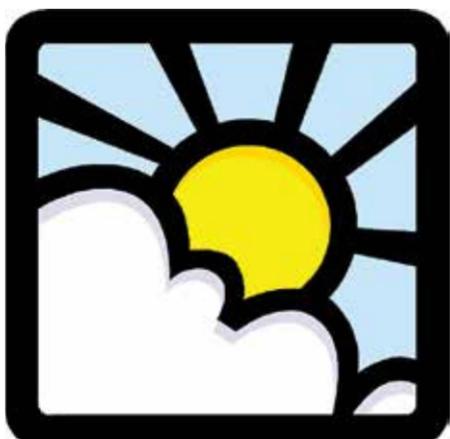
50 people a year with various amounts for a variety of needs.

As those needs rise, so does the need for support. Olsen encourages people to think about lending a hand during these extraordinary times.

"So many times people put medical expenses on the back burner," he said. "They have to have food, clothing, they have to pay for rent. All these things are immediate needs that must be paid before they get to the 'extras,' like medical bills; they go on the back burner."

Putting those bills off or being unable to pay them can have devastating consequences, such as being referred to a collection agency,

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# What's Going On

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

### Bras & Beauty Event

Saturday, February 27, 11:00AM-2:00PM  
Island Drug, Oak Harbor

Island Drug and I Support The Girls (ISTG) are sponsoring a Bras and Beauty event. All ISTG items are free to all women and girls on Whidbey who are struggling. Bras, panties, socks, menstrual hygiene products, toiletries and a special gift bag with beauty items inside. For more information, call 360-678-2090, email istg.whidbeyisland@gmail.com or visit <https://isupportthegirls.org>.

### Messages in the Walls

Thursday, March 12, 1:00-4:00PM

Friday, March 13, 1:00-4:00PM

1725 SE 10th Ave, Oak Harbor

Come by Habitat for Humanity of Island County's current build site to decorate a stud with a message to the family who will be purchasing the home. Your message will be incorporated into the building of the home so the family will always be surrounded by love and hope. <http://bit.ly/HabitatCWB2021>

### Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below

Cost: Free

### 3rd Tuesday Online Book Group - "Eruption"

Tuesday, March 2, 1:00-2:00PM

Online event

We will read and discuss *Eruption*, 2017

winner of the Washington State Book Award for history and nonfiction and the 2021 Whidbey Reads book. Discover the history and science behind the 1980 eruption in this page-turning account of an iconic Washington event.

Please note, even though this book group is called "3rd Tuesday," the meeting will occur the First Tuesday of March. "Radium Girls," by Kate Moore, will also be discussed. To register: <https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/events/>

### Eruption!

Wednesday, March 3, 6:30-7:30PM

Online event

Join Mount St. Helens Institute volunteer lecturer David Newcomb to discover the May 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens and its immediate aftermath. To join the webinar, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83319088314?pwd=dUdQM0ZCOGh6a-FUxvUdnRXZzZjZsdz09>.

### Classes, Seminars and Workshops

#### Women & Housing - A Community Conversation

Thursday, March 11, 3:00-4:00PM

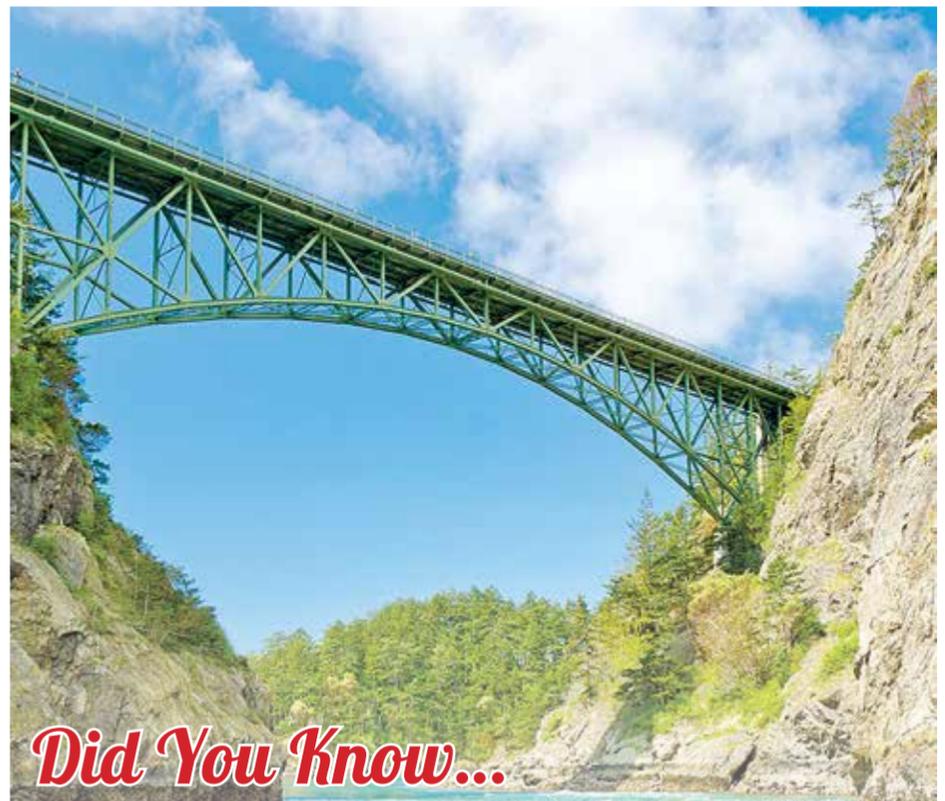
Zoom

Join Habitat for Humanity of Island County for a virtual discussion about affordable housing in Island County, particularly as it affects women. Panelists include local female leaders and Habitat homeowners who will speak on a variety of topics concerning housing. Free to attend but space is limited. Register at <https://bit.ly/womenandhousing>.



### A LESSON IN HISTORY

Operator Mike N. was born in Coupeville before the hospital was built. Mike is the son of a dairy farmer and has spent a lifetime on Whidbey Island exploring all of its historic places. As a bus operator, he makes a great tour guide. Mike likes to play Transit Trivia; he is known to chat with riders, asking questions like, "When was the Deception Pass Bridge built?" On some occasions he invites riders to play a game he calls Be the Driver. The rider sits near Mike and gives him directions to test how well they know the route. One mother called to say Mike was her son's favorite bus driver because he taught them all about historic Langley. Did you know there used to be a gas station on the corner of 2nd and Cascade Street? Mike is a wealth of knowledge, just ask him!



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# For Vets Only

By Dana Sawyer WVRC Program Coordinator



The Whidbey Veterans Resource Center (WVRC) is continuing to serve Whidbey Island communities providing support to Veterans and their families. The WVRC wants to thank the 2020 CARES grant through Island County, the Country Store, Sebos Hardware, and South Whidbey Boy Scout Troup 57 for cleanup help so we have a new ramp entry way and a COVID safe outdoor space ready for spring.



The WVRC is hosting weekly online public sessions for Veterans to make connections and get information for Veterans healthcare and service benefits. If you are interested in the sessions, call or email WVRC and we will email the meeting links. Call 360-331-8081 or email us at whidbeyVRC@gmail.com. Weekly Monday information sessions are on zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86153261493?pwd=R0RIUTdJZ2ZVbkxsU3lpQW8vTVpSdz09>

### Service-Connected Compensation; Do you Qualify? How to Apply?

Online information forum. Mondays, 3:30 p.m. Appointments for individual sessions available for follow-up.

### How to set up an e-benefits account, My Health eVet for VA health access and other Veterans Benefits online portals

Online forum Mondays, 3:30 p.m.

### VA End of Life Benefits for Veterans, Cemetery options, and Surviving Spouse Benefits

Mondays, 3:30 p.m. Online forum recognizing service and end of life benefits available, at no cost to Veterans.

### WEEKLY VETERAN SUPPORT GROUPS ONLINE:

Join anytime. Contact us for links to these recurring sessions.

#### Women Veterans and spouses

Mondays, 5 – 6 p.m.

#### Mixed group, Veterans

Tuesdays 5 – 6 p.m.

Professional Counseling services are confidential and available at no cost. Call 360-499-1473. The WVRC will re-start rides to the Seattle VA with weekly trips as soon as it is safe to do so.

When Veterans receive service-connected compensation funds it improves their economics through monthly direct deposits; when surviving spouses are eligible the resources also make a difference in monthly income. Eligibility for VA healthcare is a benefit to many Veterans.

If you have questions about the WVRC and services available, call 360-331-8081 or email at whidbeyVRC@gmail.com or send a request and get information from the website: [www.WhidbeyVRC.org](http://www.WhidbeyVRC.org).

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### SUNDAY, JAN. 24

#### 6:53 am, Deer Lake Rd.

Reporting party states can hear the neighbors yelling about the "Mexicans at the end of the road" are raping girlfriend. States called this in previously.

#### 12:14 pm, SW Swantown Ave.

Subject at address is 100 feet up a tree and has extension ladder into a Douglas Fir and is trimming branches. Reporting party concerned about his safety.

#### 1:20 pm, E Fakkema Rd.

Reporting party advising was on a drive with boyfriend, got into fight and male left reporting party at beach. Left on foot.

#### 1:27 pm, Shawn Ave.

Caller advising mother stole her cat and changed the microchip info. Is a companion animal. Wants to press charges.

#### 3:02 pm, Passage View Ln.

Requesting call. Advising neighbor clear cut hill on reporting party's property; now is worried about slide risk. Neighbor did this without asking reporting party.

#### 4:54 pm, NE Pennington Lp.

Reporting party advising heard and felt large explosion in area. Advising sounded like a propane tank or maybe a large gun. More than likely a large gas explosion.

### MONDAY, JAN. 25

#### 8:35 am, Stephen St.

Reporting party advising unknown where vehicle is, cannot remember where the last place was reporting party left car.

#### 8:45 am, North Bluff Rd.

Reporting party advising bird hunters shooting from shore; reporting party walking beach, states are killing the birds.

#### 1:54 pm, Carlton Way

Requesting call regarding purchased vehicle a while ago and did not get title.

#### 3:29 pm, Owl Ln.

Requesting call in reference to her dog eating chickens.

#### 5:14 pm, Ocean View Dr.

Advising vehicle in front of location throwing subjects and dragging them behind vehicle. Male was just hit by vehicle.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 26

#### 1:44 pm, Phillip St.

Requesting call, receiving incessant phone calls from robo call number based out of New York; subject keeps asking reporting party to sign over her power of attorney.

#### 2:17 pm, Sage Ln.

Requesting call. Location broken into earlier today. Reporting party has to leave for appointment and would like to know if law enforcement can standby at her location while she is away. Is nervous about leaving it unattended after break in.

#### 4:09 pm, Best Rd.

Advising some guy just hit reporting party's dog and reporting party punched a hole in window of the truck. Subject ran over reporting party's service dog.

#### 6:05 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising was passed recklessly by vehicle, other vehicle swerved trying to run reporting party off road. After incident, followed vehicle to Wendy's in town.

#### 10:11 pm, Hastings Rd.

Reporting party advising north of reporting party's location on beach, flashlights were waving around. States possibly a half-mile north of reporting party's location. Unknown what is happening; tide is out, still seeing flashlights waving

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27

#### 12:58 am, Hastings Rd.

Reporting party advising no one ever came out and checked on subjects. States just woke and decided to check again and flashlights are still out there. States now looking with binoculars thinks boat may be capsized. Tide is now coming in.

#### 3:56 am, SR 20

Advising subject is in the middle of the road again, bus driver almost hit him.

#### 8:45 am, French Rd.

Reporting party states rooster is possibly abandoned in area of location. Has been in area for several months. Wondering how to get animal removed.

#### 10:41 am, Fir Woods Pl.

Caller states stepson and "his gang" have been harassing her via internet. Hacking accounts. Stepson is not at residence now. Is "missing in action." Ongoing issue with stepson.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 28

#### 1:27 am, Deer Lake Rd.

Reporting party advising there are four people in his house he's never met; they are cussing and yelling for money. "You are hallucinating" in the background.

#### 12:25 pm, Bayview Rd.

Reporting party states subject entered common area of business complex and sold alcohol and other items. Occurred overnight. Reporting party has subject on camera. Unknown who male is.

#### 7:07 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising bus driver saw "Stewart" on highway near Welcher; last seen wearing a cape. Not being a problem, just notifying law enforcement.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 29

#### 12:50 am, Edgecliff Dr.

Requesting call; advising someone who lives at location towed her vehicle she had left on the property; reporting party wanting to know if that is legal.

#### 4:07 am, S Main St.

Male walking in middle of road on Main near Terry. States frequent flyer "Stuart."

#### 9:45 am, SE Barrington Dr.

States V37 has been working on finding stolen RV parked behind other buses at location. Suspects don't know that reporting party knows. States a female is there now and "tweaking." Reporting party states he left so law enforcement can handle and then there wouldn't be "bodies lying around."

#### 2:54 pm, Berg Rd.

Reporting party advising he is running a business and a customer is refusing to pay; 95-year-old, no weapons, no threat.

#### 6:33 pm, Stewart Rd.

Advising group of subjects lighting off lanterns that float in the sky; at Freeland Park.

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



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tion in January. Hyde said the organization will work on rebuilding the chimney, which had to be taken down to lift the house. Hyde said the porches will also get rebuilt, and plans include the installation of house systems such as plumbing.

"We are really excited about this next phase," she said. "The house is doing well, it came down with almost no bad effects."

Hyde said the effects of COVID-19 have also factored into the progress of the house.

"We had three different fundraisers planned for 2020 and they all had to be cancelled so we were kind of panic-stricken about that, and I know that we are not the only non-profit that has had this happen," she said. "But it seems like for some of us the donations have been more than usual and maybe some of that is because our community is afraid for us, that we really need extra help."

Hyde said Historic Whidbey is continually grateful for the ongoing donations and support as work on the house continues. She said now that the organization has bought the house, the project is eligible for more grants and funds and the group has applied for a Washington State Heritage Capital Project grant, along with federal programs.

"It has been a real community effort, we could not do it without everybody in the region that is supporting us and cheering us on," she said. "I just wish we could have more big parties where we got to celebrate with them in person - nobody has been able to come into the house for over a year and it is really different in there. It is completely gutted, but it is really fascinating to get a good look at the bones and how it was put together and see the history of where there have been fires and that kind of thing, but we are just going to have to keep waiting until this COVID stuff passes."

Hyde said there has been good feedback about the house and the progress made on the project. She said there was a sense of relief when the foundation was able to purchase the house in 2018, as opposed to the house meeting a different fate.

"Everybody is excited, because you know what, it is always good to see something that looks like it is about to be lost forever and find it gets a lifeline," she said. "I wish it did not take so long for the full gratification to hit but I think the community is pretty excited. I think it is really going to change Front Street. And now that you can see it, and it has visibility, people are really starting to be able to imagine how it is going to change Front Street and I think everybody is pretty happy with it."

For more information, visit [historicwhidbey.org](http://historicwhidbey.org).



Photo Courtesy of Historic Whidbey  
The next steps in the Haller House project include rebuilding the porches, installing hardwood gutters and siding inspection and replacement as needed. Lynn Hyde, executive director of Historic Whidbey, said the hope is to complete the project by 2024, provided there are adequate funds available to keep the project moving forward as planned.

**Correction:**

There was an error in the February 18 issue of *Whidbey Weekly* in the story regarding the "Penn Cove Brewing coming to Freeland" story.

The photographer credited with taking photos for the story was incorrect. Tyler Rowe took the photographs.

*Whidbey Weekly* apologizes for any confusion.

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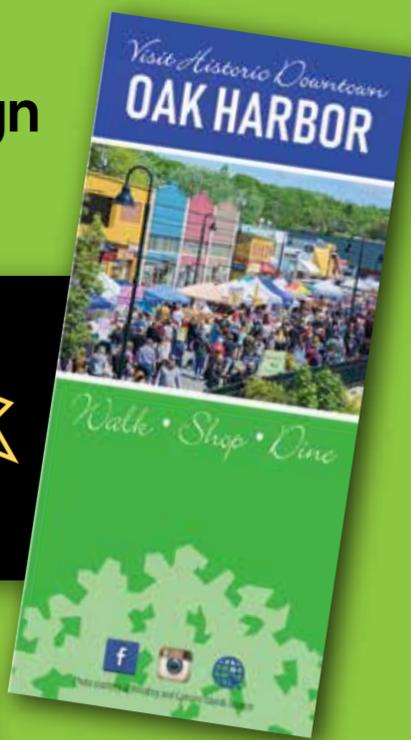


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# Life Tributes

## LINDA LEE CARTER



Feb. 15, 2021, at the age of 62, Linda passed away peacefully surrounded by family. Linda was predeceased by her husband, Dan, and is survived by her daughter, Christina, and son, Richard. Born to Allen and Rosa Bell Wagoner in Ranchester, Wyo., the youngest of five children, Linda grew up on a ranch with no indoor plumbing. She loved the natural beauty of her childhood home and was close with her brothers, Ron and Rick, and her sisters, Phyllis and Ann. Graduating high school at the age of 17, Linda went on to get a Bachelor's in accounting from the University of Wyoming and earned her CPA. She married Dan Carter in 1977.

In 1989, Linda and Dan moved to Whidbey Island and knew it would be their lifelong home. They became members of the First Reformed Church and were soon blessed with many loyal, lifelong friends.

Linda started a successful accounting practice in Oak Harbor, Linda L. Carter, CPA, and was proud to work with a wide range of small business owners and individuals. Linda later became the comptroller for Blue Mountain Electric, working there for 14 years, and loved her work family.

In her free time, Linda enjoyed gardening, walking around Oak Harbor with friends, hiking with Team Survivor Northwest and paddling with the local dragon boat club. She enjoyed traveling and meeting new people from Peru to Italy.

Instead of a service we invite you to remember Linda and the loving and joyous way she lived. Commit a random act of kindness, deliver yellow roses to brighten someone's day, take a walk outside with a loved one or friend, enjoy the beauty of the outdoors the way she did, and share some memories. In lieu of flowers donations to the Carter Friends and Family Scholarship at [www.skagitfoundation.org/givenow](http://www.skagitfoundation.org/givenow) would be appreciated. Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.wallinfuneralhome.com](http://www.wallinfuneralhome.com).

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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.*

Heavenly Father,

We ask you to watch over Jennifer as she embarks on her new journey in the United States Navy. Please walk with her through the process of basic training and lift her up when times get tough. Father please guide her thoughts, her words and her actions. Shine your divine light onto her path, casting all fears, doubts and worry aside. We thank you, Father, for her willingness to serve her country and for all the brave individuals who have made the same sacrifice - past, present, and future. We truly live in a great nation, Lord, because of individuals like her and because we are free to worship you openly. We give thanks and praise in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.

*"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."*

Galatians 5:13



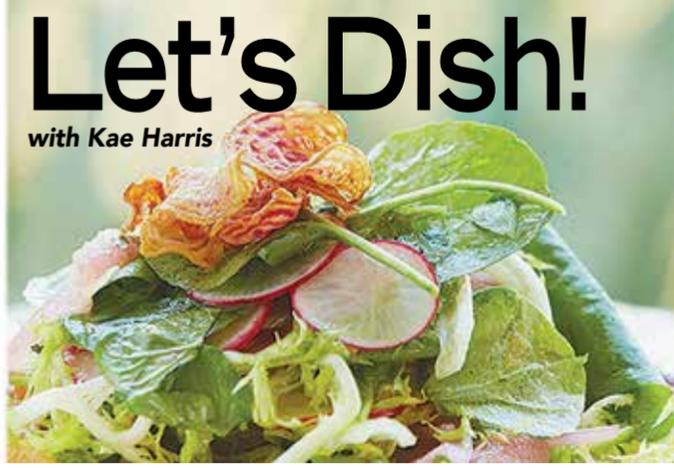
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# Let's Dish!

with Kae Harris



## PUT SOME CREATIVITY INTO YOUR CULINARY LIBRARY!

In Greek mythology, Prometheus stole fire from the Gods and gave it to humanity so we may thrive. I'm not the biggest fan of any kind of mythology, but I do know without fire, we would not be able to survive, especially when it comes to cooking and cuisine. At the heart of every cooking method, fire plays some role. This got me thinking about the different cooking techniques used around the world and if it is possible to incorporate some of these into our own lives. Our world is full of diversity and this is reflected in our culinary experiences and methods; from baking in giant clay ovens to burying food in a hot box using molten volcanic rock as a heat source, culinary innovations give us a glimpse into the culture of a particular locale and may spark our imagination into giving a certain twist to our daily culinary adventures!

I have loved Indian food since I was a child and had the good fortune of having an Indian friend and neighbor who loved to cook and feed us. Seeing I am not the best when it comes to fiery, chili-filled delights, it would seem rather odd I can't get enough of Indian food! However, I find the balance of spices in Indian cuisine irresistible, as there is more to it than just chilis and face-melting heat. One of my favorite dishes has always

been tandoori chicken. This is because it tends to be a dish which is not up there on the Scoville scale but has a wonderful flavor profile from the spice blend used, along with the way it is cooked. For the longest time, I did not know tandoori was derived from the word "tandoor," which is a traditional clay oven used to cook various meat dishes as well as an Indian flatbread called "naan" (another favorite of mine). Charcoal is the primary fuel used and temperatures in a tandoor can reach up to 900°F; this means food is cooked extremely quickly while being infused with a smoky flavor. Absolutely delicious! I was surprised to discover the tandoor can be found in one form or another from India to Armenia, showing what a reliable cooking method it is.

Kālua is a traditional Hawaiian cooking method involving volcanic rock, an underground oven and a great deal of elbow grease! A large pit is dug in the ground and stones are heated over open coals; these stones are then used as the heat source for the exterior of the protein being cooked (usually pork in the form of a whole pig) as well as the interior by being placed inside the cavity. Heat is trapped in the oven by layering vegetation, such as banana leaves (although this is progressively being replaced with alternatives such as wet burlap sacks), and soil over the pit to create a sealed

environment. After several hours of cooking, the tender pork is ready to be freed from its underground prison and is usually shredded, to be shared at a large gathering. A similar method of cooking exists in desert climates, where nomadic communities, such as the Berbers, dig a pit in the sand to create an oven of sorts. Sand has the ability to retain heat very well, so this has the added benefit of using less fuel in an environment with already scant resources, making this a very efficient cooking method indeed!

Environments that do not have readily available cooking fuels have led to some rather innovative cooking and food preparation styles. Hákarl is cured Greenland shark prepared in a rather unique way. There are several reasons Hákarl needs to be done. First, the Greenland shark is poisonous when fresh, as it has extremely high levels of urea and trimethylamine oxide, meaning it is not the best candidate for a Sunday dinner! Second, due to the harsh Icelandic environment, the scarcity of fuel meant a more innovative "cooking" method had to be devised. A shallow hole is dug and the shark is placed inside before being covered with sand, gravel and rocks to weigh down the shark and press out any fluids. The shark is then left to ferment for 6-12 weeks before being exhumed and hung to dry for several months, leading to an Icelandic delicacy that can be preserved for a long time. Similar methods exist in Alaska and Lapland (both similarly cold climates) proof of the ingenuity created out of necessity when faced with difficult situations.

Now, all of these cooking methods may seem impractical and inaccessible to the home cook, but the point is there are other exciting ways to prepare food apart from the traditional four-burner stove most of us have. An innovative cooking method that can be added to anyone's repertoire is salt baking. As its name implies, it involves baking and salt. Lots and lots of salt. Salt baking has been used in many cultures throughout the world but is most commonly used in preparing fish. A mixture of salt and egg whites (or water) are combined to create a paste used

to entomb the fish (usually whole), before it is placed in a traditional oven and baked. The salt case protects the delicate fish while ensuring even cooking, moisture retention and uniform seasoning throughout. This method is equally adaptable to root vegetables, chicken and beef (especially for cuts that are easily overcooked).

I hope you've enjoyed this culinary tour of weird and exotic cooking methods. Cooking is an adventure and is made all the more interesting by experimenting. I am including a recipe for salt-baked fish, because not only is it delicious, it is simple to prepare and pop into the oven while you go about your hectic day! If you have your own innovative cooking techniques you would like to share with me and the rest of the readers, write to me at [letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com](mailto:letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com), so we can keep on dishing together!

### Salt-baked Fish

Use any firm fish of your choice!

Prepare the fish by gutting it, then rinse and pat dry. Preheat oven to 350°F.

In a large bowl, combine salt with enough egg whites (or water) to create a wet-sand feeling. If you want, you can add herbs or spices, such as black pepper, coriander, star anise, oregano, bay leaves, sprigs of fresh rosemary, or fresh thyme.

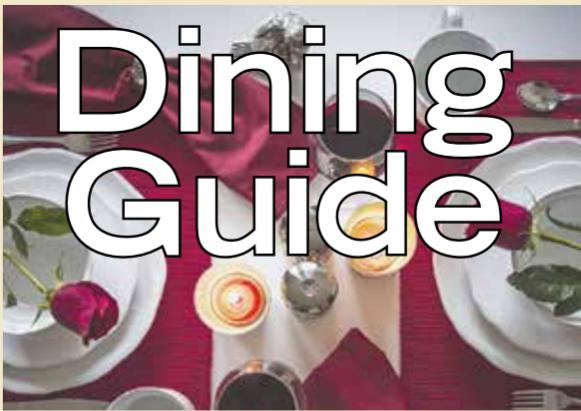
Line your baking dish with an even layer of salt about 1/3-inch thick.

Fill the cavity of the fish with thinly sliced citrus and sprigs of fresh herbs. Use the remaining salt mixture to completely cover the fish, ensuring no parts of the fish are left exposed.

Bake the fish until a thermometer inserted through the crust into the thickest part of the fish registers 125°F, about 20 minutes for a one-pound fish.

Carefully remove the salt crust before portioning and serving the fish.

To read past columns of *Let's Dish* in the *Whidbey Weekly*, see our Digital Library at [www.whidbeyweekly.com](http://www.whidbeyweekly.com).



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on the two days it would be available and encourage as many people as possible to view it on those dates," Riney said. "But instead of just airing it at a specific time each night, we are making it available 'on demand' throughout the full day of February 26 and 27 so viewers can watch it any time during those two days that is convenient for them."

Tickets for the streaming production are \$10. Go to [whidbeyplayhouse.com](http://whidbeyplayhouse.com) for details or to [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com) to purchase tickets.

Riney said she hopes the production will spark interesting family dialogues among audiences.



Sue Riney Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Playhouse  
Sadie and Bessie Delany share stories of their exceptional lives and experiences in "Having Our Say," the latest production at Whidbey Playhouse. The show is available to stream on demand Friday and Saturday.



Sue Riney Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Playhouse  
Historic photographs of the Delany sisters' lives are featured throughout the Whidbey Playhouse production of "Having Our Say," streaming on demand Friday and Saturday.

"I hope those watching this production realize, especially during our current challenging times, that these women provide a great example of how to live," Riney said. "They knew how to live and how to love. They celebrate life and they celebrate survival – which is so very needed today. So, my hope is the show will generate conversations between friends and family about their own histories and how events impacted them – conversations they may not have had before seeing this play. And that they too will celebrate!"



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A state appeals court has upheld an Island County Superior Court ruling preventing the City of Oak Harbor to allow an affordable housing complex to be built in the historic downtown.

# Appeals court upholds ruling stopping Oak Harbor affordable housing project

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Division One of the State Court of Appeals has dealt another blow to a proposed affordable housing project in historic downtown Oak Harbor.

In an unpublished opinion Feb. 8, the state court upheld the 2020 ruling in Island County Superior Court striking down the City of Oak Harbor's approval allowing Pioneer Way Housing (a division of the Low Income Housing Institute) to build a 50-unit housing complex on Pioneer Way.

The Low Income Housing Institute, which now owns the property on which the building was to be constructed, submitted applications for a site plan review and a boundary line

adjustment in Oct., 2018. A hearing examiner held a public hearing in June, 2019 and later recommended the application be approved. The Oak Harbor City Council approved the application and BLA in August, 2019.

However, the Oak Harbor Main Street Association, which had objected to the application from the beginning, appealed the City's decision and filed a Land Use Petition Act, successfully arguing the project did not meet city code because it was not a true "mixed use" building, but was primarily residential and therefore not allowed in the Central Business District. LIHI appealed the decision to the State Court of Appeals last July.

The three-judge panel affirmed the decision made in Island County Superior Court.

"The City Council's approval of the Project was based on an erroneous interpretation of [Oak Harbor Municipal Code] 19.20.305(45)," reads the decision. "We affirm the superior court's decision."

LIHI Director of Development, Robin Amadon, said the non-profit had no comment on the ruling at this time.

"We are still considering the matter," she wrote in an email to Whidbey Weekly.

LIHI specializes in building affordable housing and has developments in several locations across Western Washington, including Oak Harbor.

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forcing people to have to pay even more. This is where organizations such as Small Miracles can lend a hand. Olsen said the group has established connections with staff at WhidbeyHealth, for example, that can help people make arrangements to pay their bills.

"When we talk to a doctor, dentist or medical facility, they might lower the amount owed, knowing they're going to get that money through Small Miracles," he said. "So we've helped in two different ways: We've helped them financially and we've eased their minds, knowing they don't have this worry that's sitting there forever. Peace of mind is probably the key thing for people in need. It gives them a sense of control, knowing they have someone who will help."

The organization has established connections with other nonprofits on the island and is able to refer clients to other organizations if needed.

"We work with people to tell them about other agencies that may be able to help in specific situations," Olsen said. "For instance, the Lions Club can help with hearing issues, the Soroptimists can assist with mammograms. We can refer to other agencies when it's appropriate. There is a real camaraderie with other nonprofits on the island that deal with medical needs."

Small Miracles is available to all those in the 98239 zip code and can assist with doctor and hospital bills, dental bills, prescription costs, travel costs related to medical expenses and other unexpected medical expenses. Those in need of assistance can leave a request online or via voicemail at 360-672-5651. Visit [smallmiraclescpv.com](http://smallmiraclescpv.com) for information or to make a donation. All donations are tax deductible.



Unexpected medical or dental bills can be a huge burden for some. Small Miracles Coupeville Medical Support Fund is a nonprofit organization that steps in to meet some of those needs for Whidbey Island residents in the 98239 zip code.



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# OUR Community

## An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

How would you describe your experience as a COVID-19 volunteer for Island County?



### Vicky Reyes Coupeville

Being a volunteer for the COVID-19 vaccine clinic has been a very rewarding experience!

I have been involved with the Department of Emergency Management to recruit and train people to do the data entry of all vaccines given at WhidbeyHealth into the Washington State Immunization Information System. I have met many wonderful people who are gladly giving their time not only for data entry but also as vaccinators, ushers, waiting room attendants

and filling other needs at the clinic. I am very impressed with the volunteerism on Whidbey Island.

### Polly Primm Langley

Fantastic! And absolutely reinforcing of the notion we live in a charmed, passionate, unique community here on Whidbey Island.

None of this happens so successfully, however, without an excellent framework. The organizational talents of Erin Wooley, RN, Tasha Malone, and Magen Gregory of WhidbeyHealth, (along with a host of additional talented individuals) allow us volunteers to shine. It takes a village, and we are fortunate to live in such an exceptional one!



### John Anderson Oak Harbor

Volunteering at WhidbeyHealth has been very fulfilling. Not only because of the professional and caring staff at the hospital but also the joy I feel helping my community through this terrible pandemic. I wish everyone could see the happiness on the people who come to be vaccinated.

### Wendy Gilbert Freeland

It is so rewarding personally to know I am helping to end the pandemic. I'm a retired physical therapist, a volunteer to other WhidbeyHealth committees, and also on the Patient/Family Advisory Council. After nine months sheltering in place, I jumped at the chance to volunteer for the COVID vaccination clinic. As a greeter, most recipients I meet are excited to finally be getting the vaccine; it's a breath of hope for better days to come. I enjoy sharing their enthusiasm! (Wish I could see their smiles under their masks).



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# Crossword Puzzle

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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Nuclear near reach weapon
- 5. Of she
- 8. Hyperbolic function
- 12. Rice dish
- 14. A team's best pitcher
- 15. Strong and healthy
- 16. Induces
- 18. Popular manga series
- 19. From a distance
- 20. Split
- 21. Consumed
- 22. Cushions
- 23. All over
- 26. One who provides food
- 30. St. \_\_\_ Girl, brand of beer
- 31. Walking slowly
- 32. Wood
- 33. Semitic gods
- 34. Bugle
- 39. 60-minute periods (abbr.)
- 42. Congressman
- 44. Plant of the heath family
- 46. Subdivision of an army
- 47. Having many different forms

- 49. Shellfish
- 50. Latin for hail
- 51. Between sixth and seventh
- 56. Maori war dance
- 57. Precious or semiprecious stone
- 58. Teeter totter
- 59. Deity
- 60. A major division of geological time
- 61. Fishing net
- 62. Small Caribbean bird
- 63. Field force unit
- 64. Japanese beverage

- 17. Small integer
- 24. Unit of energy
- 25. Studies of culture
- 26. Taxi
- 27. Doctors' group
- 28. Don't know when yet
- 29. Former measure of length
- 35. Popular CBS series
- 36. Skin condition
- 37. Christian creator and ruler of the universe
- 38. They \_\_\_
- 40. Caused severe damage

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Prevents oil spills
- 2. Monetary unit
- 3. The color of the sky
- 4. Dough used to make tortillas
- 5. Popular comic strip character
- 6. Distinct form of a plant
- 7. Replenishment
- 8. Has its own altar
- 9. Expedition to see animals
- 10. Group of related organisms
- 11. His and \_\_\_
- 13. Frenetically

- 41. Work done under harsh conditions for no pay
- 42. One point east of due south
- 43. Sea eagles
- 44. Drenched
- 45. State capital
- 47. Italian city
- 48. Sweetheart (archaic)
- 49. Brief talk
- 52. Popular disco group: Bee \_\_\_
- 53. First Chinese dynasty
- 54. Military vehicle
- 55. Chinese Moslem

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### YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Feb. 25	Fri, Feb. 26	Sat, Feb. 27	Sun, Feb. 28	Mon, March 1	Tues, March 2	Wed, March 3
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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](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? 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: [imaginepermacultureworld@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:wamothermentors@gmail.com) or call 360-321-1484.

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

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experience directly related to the duties and responsibilities specified; Valid driver's license and good driving record; Ability to read, understand, and follow directions and safety procedures with precision and attention to detail. Desired Skills: Knowledge of local climate, area history, regional plant life, and local pests and controls; Knowledge of horticultural best practices and effective garden techniques; Basic fluency with computer and MS Office. To apply, email your resume, cover letter and three garden-related professional references to: [rmclung@meerkerkgardens.org](mailto:rmclung@meerkerkgardens.org) or mail your resume to: Meerkerk Gardens - Garden Manager PO Box 154 Greenbank, WA 98253 (2)

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