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State moves to Phase 2, but vaccine woes continue

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

All regions in Washington have now moved to Phase 2 of the state's Healthy Washington Roadmap to Recovery plan.

Gov. Jay Inslee announced last week five more regions would progress to Phase 2 beginning Sunday, citing an earlier-than-anticipated move to help small businesses and restaurants take advantage of Valentine's Day. Only the South Central region was to remain in Phase 1, but an error by a Walla Walla hospital in reporting its numbers was discovered, meaning the South Central region has now joined the rest of the state in Phase 2.

The move to Phase 2 doesn't change much, but restaurants, fitness centers and indoor entertainment venues are now allowed to operate at 25-percent capacity. That is welcome news to those in the artistic community.

"We are once again open and ready to entertain our community with high-quality programming," said Verna Everitt, executive director of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts. "We believe islanders are thirsty for art, hungry to gather and share an experience that will bring laughter and tears, joy, and for some, a cathartic moment that they've sorely missed."

"Programming starts [this] week," said WICA Artistic Director Deana Duncan. "I am mostly excited about putting our local artists back to work: Andre Ferianti, Judith Adams, Sue Frause with guests, The Whidbey Orchestra led by Cynthia Morrow, David Ossman, Robert Merry, Mark Findlay and actors who will be auditioning for our April Weill Cabaret and June production of Sam Shepard's masterpiece, "Curse of the Starving Class." This closure had a domino effect, leaving our artists without work."

Guitarist Andre Ferianti and poet Judith Adams have a performance at WICA Friday evening. Meanwhile, WICA has worked for more than a year to bring stage-to-screen productions to Whidbey Island. Its new programming with Broadway HD's "Kinky Boots" is set for Saturday and Sunday and "Frankenstein," starring Benedict Cumberbatch will be featured Feb. 27-28. Future screenings include

"42nd Street" and the award-winning "War Horse." Go to wica-online.org for information, performance schedules, ticketing and seating options.

Phase 2 means retail stores are still limited to 25 percent capacity and curbside pickup is strongly encouraged. Masks and social distancing are still required. A complete list of the Phase 2 requirements can be found online at www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/HealthyWashington.pdf.

In order to remain in Phase 2, regions are required to meet three of four metrics, which include decreasing trends in the 14-day rate of new COVID-19 cases and hospital admissions, a decreasing or steady occupancy of ICU beds and the percentage of positive COVID-19 tests.

The State Department of Health will assess the metrics for all regions every two weeks, with any adjustments announced Thursdays. The next announcement will be Feb. 25 and any changes would take effect March 1. Regions could slip back to Phase 1 should they fail to meet three out of the four metrics outlined above. At this point, no criteria for a potential Phase 3 has been announced.

Vaccine Challenges Continue

Even though the state has now moved to Phase 2, there are still plenty of hiccups when it comes to vaccine distribution.

A spokesperson from the Washington State Department of Health told *Whidbey Weekly* recently as much as 35 percent of the state's allotment of vaccine was being diverted to mass vaccination centers. As a result, Island County did not receive as much vaccine as expected, forcing Island Drug and WhidbeyHealth, the county's approved vaccination providers, to cancel pre-existing appointments and only reschedule as they receive vaccine.

However, Island County received no vaccine last week and is not expecting to receive any vaccine this week, either.

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Photo Courtesy of Tyler Mowery for Cold Pizza Creative
Marc and Mitch Aparicio share a laugh in their soon-to-be taproom. The brothers hope to open the Freeland location of Penn Cove Brewing Co. in March or April.

Penn Cove Brewing Company is coming to Freeland

By **Alec Brown** Whidbey Weekly

Although COVID-19 stunted its plans, Penn Cove Brewing Co. is still opening a new location in Freeland sometime this spring. The new facility will be a renovation of the old barn on 5844 Freeland Avenue behind Island Athletic, and will feature a taproom, outdoor patio, yeast lab and a one barrel brewing system.

"It sits on five acres, so we'll have a bunch of outdoor patios and different seatings," said Mitch Aparicio, who owns Penn Cove Brewing Co. along with his brother, Marc Aparicio. "And one of the big differences there is that we'll have a food truck instead of our own food. We're working with a food truck vendor to spin something totally different down there."

The food truck will be named Reasonably Gordon's, as a part of the brewing company's collaboration with Gordon's on Blueberry Hill. The food truck will offer "homemade pupusas and Cuban sandwiches, homemade bratwurst with homemade sauerkraut, weekly specials like gumbo and red beans and rice, and jambalaya," said Mitch.

Erick Adam, one of Penn Cove Brewing's three brewers, along with Marc Aparicio and Kyle Magnuson, expressed his excitement with the new facility and the new opportunities it will provide.

"The physical location itself will be really cool," Adam said. "The whole place will have a rustic farmhouse kind of theme to it. I'm getting tantalizing little details of decorations, bar tops, lots of finished woods, and rusted and repurposed farm gear to make fixtures—it's gonna look like a really cool spot. We'll have a great big taproom—the number of taps is still in question but it's going to be a lot, 15 to 20 was the last number I heard—and we're going to have a lot of good beer

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Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery

Activities	Phase 1	Phase 2
Social and At-Home Gathering Size — Indoor	Prohibited	Max of 5 people from outside your household, limit 2 households
Social and At-Home Gathering Size — Outdoor	Max of 10 people from outside your household, limit 2 households	Max of 15 people from outside your household, limit 2 households
Worship Services	Indoor maximum 25% capacity	Indoor maximum 25% capacity
Retail Stores (includes farmers' markets, grocery and convenience stores, pharmacies)	Maximum 25% of capacity, encourage curbside pick-up	Maximum 25% of capacity, encourage curbside pick-up
Professional Services	Remote work strongly encouraged, 25% capacity otherwise.	Remote work strongly encouraged, 25% capacity otherwise.
Personal Services	Indoor maximum 25% capacity.	Indoor maximum 25% capacity.
Eating and Drinking Establishments (establishments only serving individuals 21+ and no food remain closed)	Indoor dining prohibited. Outdoor or open-air dining, end alcohol service/delivery at 11PM, max 6 per table, limit 2 households per table	Indoor dining available 25% capacity, end alcohol service/delivery at 11PM. Outdoor or open-air dining available, max 6 per table, limit 2 households per table
Weddings and Funerals	Ceremonies are limited to a total of no more than 30 people. Indoor receptions, wakes, or similar gatherings in conjunction with such ceremonies are prohibited.	Ceremonies and indoor receptions, wakes, or similar gatherings in conjunction with such ceremonies are permitted and must follow the appropriate venue requirements. If food or drinks are served, eating and drinking requirements apply. Dancing is prohibited.
Indoor Recreation and Fitness Establishments (includes gyms, fitness organizations, indoor recreational sports, outdoor pools, indoor K-12 sports, indoor sports, indoor personal training, indoor dance, no-contact martial arts, gymnastics, climbing)	Low risk and moderate risk sports permitted for practice and training only in stable groups of no more than 5 athletes. Appointment based fitness/training: less than 1 hour sessions, no more than 1 customer/athlete per room or per 500/sq. ft. for large facilities.	Low and moderate risk sports competitions permitted (no tournaments). High risk sports permitted for practice and training. Fitness and training and indoor sports maximum 25% capacity.
Outdoor Sports and Fitness Establishments (outdoor fitness organizations, outdoor recreational sports, outdoor pools, outdoor parks and hiking trails, outdoor campfires, outdoor K-12 sports, outdoor sports, outdoor personal training, outdoor dance, outdoor motorsports)	Low and moderate risk sports permitted for practice and training only (no tournaments). Outdoor guided activities, hunting, fishing, motorsports, parks, camping, hiking, biking, running, snow sports, permitted.	Low, moderate, and high-risk sports competitions allowed (no tournaments), maximum 200 including spectators.
Indoor Entertainment Establishments (includes aquariums, indoor theaters, indoor arenas, indoor concert halls, indoor gardens, indoor museums, indoor bowling, indoor trampoline facilities, indoor classrooms, indoor entertainment activities of any kind, indoor event spaces)	Private rentals/tours for individual households of no more than 6 people permitted. General admission prohibited.	Maximum 25% capacity or 200 people, whichever is less. If food or drinks are served, eating and drinking requirements apply.
Outdoor Entertainment Establishments (includes zoos, outdoor gardens, outdoor aquariums, outdoor theaters, outdoor stadiums, outdoor event spaces, outdoor arenas, outdoor concert venues, rodeos)	Ticketed events only: Groups of 10, limit 2 households, timed ticketing required.	Groups of 15, limit 2 households per group, maximum 200 including spectators for events.

NOTE: Live entertainment is no longer prohibited but must follow guidance above for the appropriate venue. Long-term Care facilities, professional and collegiate sports remain governed by their current guidance/proclamations separate from this plan. Not every business activity is listed. For a complete list of guidance for business activities, click here.



ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



Did you feel the hypnotic siege of floating peace and quiet last Saturday? Did you stare out the window to see the dance of the snowflakes?

Did you get your tongue wet with a big 'ol floater?

Second to catching fireflies, landing a nice size snowflake on one's tongue can make the afternoon. Another benefit to having a big mouth.

For me, our first snowfall of the season is always quiet and calming. At least until our first shovel of the season.

Snow caps

After a morning of staring out the window while half-binge watching the 1952-53 first TV season of *The Adventures of Superman*, my eyes were shot from the bright snow. The black and white Superman was not enough of a contrast. I switched to PGA golf.

There is no whisper button on my remote so I hit mute instead.

Watching golf on mute is better than enjoying the *Yule Log* video Christmas day. Had I the investment capital, I'd consider producing a 24 hour reality show called *Sky Flake*, with video from around the world of fresh snow falling.

These are the kind of ideas one gets staring out a caboose window while snow is falling.

Snow drifts

The propane truck could not get up my driveway today so I did not feel so bad about not going down.

Spinning out of control is no fun. I know. I was married once.

Losing traction on black ice as a high school driver in Venango County Pennsylvania is a great teaching tool for fear.

Mom and Dad taught us defensive driving. They also took us to the grocery store parking lot after church if we needed another lesson in driving in the snow. We weren't there long. Dad's heart could not handle the stress since we were using his company car. No insurance for us and no expense account for him.

In the 80s, before I gave my tired 1970 Volvo (18 years, 235,000 miles) to the National Kidney Foundation for tax purposes, I was one of the few dental patients to make my cleaning appointment at Dr. Ric Prael's.

It was a mere four miles of pristine snow driving from my place to Ric's office in Langley. I think we talked more that morning than my appointment lasted. Nobody was waiting.

Now that my eyes are adjusting to the pastoral views of PGA golf, I am looking forward to the snow melting so our Evergreen State will be green again.

Shoe horn

For the first time since new loafers in high school, the other day I needed a shoe horn. Where did I put it? Maybe in with the little used ice scrapers?

Instead of looking, I decided to find out who invented the shoe horn and why?

The Wikipedia envelope please.

"A shoehorn or shoe horn (sometimes called a shoespooner, shoe spoon, shoe schlipp, or shoe tongue) is a tool with a short handle that flares into a longer spoon-like head meant to be held against the inside back of a snug-fitting shoe so that a person can slide the heel easily along its basin to the inner sole. Shoehorns have the same basic shape but the length or strength of the handle varies. Long-handled shoe horns are necessary for longer boots, while shoe horns with sturdy handles are useful for putting on boots or heavy iron shoes.

"Originally, shoehorns were made from animal horns, hooves, or glass; luxury shoehorns were made of ivory, shell, silver, or bone. Nowadays, however, although shoehorns made of bulls' hooves are still available, metal, plastic, and wood are most often used."

This information may be valuable at your next shoe party. If not, start the fun with this conversational inquiry: "Did you know that 178 million Americans have lost at least one tooth?"

Some tooth fairy necklace, eh?

The Planets

According to *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, a good way to remember the order of the planets is to remember the phrase *My Very Excellent Mother Just Served Us Nine Pizzas*.

The first letter of each word is the same as the first letter of each planet in order from closest to the Sun to farthest.

In case your telescope is covered with snow, those planets are Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

I look forward to teaching our granddaughters this planetary trick when they start asking questions about the universe instead of Winnie the Pooh.

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.

Richard Evans collection

Being a longtime fan of Richard Evans, star of stage, screen, and television, I have enjoyed his poetry and books for years. Mr. Evans has made his collection available at Moonraker Books in Langley, Fisher King Books in Coupeville, The Bard's Boutique in The Bayview Cash Store, and Jupiter Coffee in Freeland as well as in print and eBooks via Amazon.

If you like to read and laugh, check out the musings of Mr. Evans. You will be amused.

Cheese wiz

In 1903, Charles Herbert Kraft and his four brothers started the J.L. Kraft Co. in Chicago. The brothers' original business was cheese. They focused their attention on shelf life, consistency, and convenience. Thus was born the processed cheese trifecta – the Kraft Processed Cheese Slices, Velveeta, and Cheez Whiz.

I asked a Utah cheese worker once how they made Velveeta.

"We sweep up everything that falls on the floor at the end of a shift and make Velveeta."

Oh well. I still like Velveeta. It makes me remember my childhood in a good way, the Velveeta way.

Here are some other thoughts on cheese.

Age is of no importance unless you are a cheese. ~Billie Burke, 1886-1970

How can anyone govern a nation that has 246 different kinds of cheese? ~Charles de Gaulle, 1899-1970

Poets have been mysteriously silent on the subject of cheese. ~G. K. Chesterton, 1874-1936

A cheese may disappoint. It may be dull, it may be naive, it may be over sophisticated. Yet it remains cheese, milk's leap toward immortality.

~Clifton Fadiman, *Any Number Can Play* (1957)

Despite Van's negative feelings toward processed cheese, my sincere thanks to Van Van Horn for the above research.

Van heartily prefers Tillamook.

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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

I thank Valetta Faye for her response to my Jan. 28 letter regarding the attack on the U.S. Capitol. No single person can yet know with certainty what took place, when, how, or why. That is why it is essential that we not rush to judgment until the proper authorities are able to conduct a thorough and unbiased investigation.

Regarding BLM protesters, yes, BLM did use George Floyd's death as an excuse to riot, vandalize, and destroy. Very little effort is required to research and document that behavior. Even by Ms. Faye's own statistics, 30 percent of the protests were NOT peaceful, yet very little attention has been paid to the cooperative relationship between the BLM and Antifa. By their own words, BLM's leaders are avowed Marxists. And Marxism's published goals are to destroy capitalism, the middle class, Christianity, and freedom.

And if black lives matter—and they do, just as all lives matter—why has so little been made of the deaths of black people who were murdered by rioters, including retired St. Louis Police Capt. David Dorn, who was killed helping a friend protect his business and whose death was recorded by jeering protesters who did nothing to aid him or call for help? Hundreds of other Americans of all backgrounds were also injured, sometimes grievously, but this cost to human life has been ignored. Why?

Several eye witnesses at the Capitol Jan. 6 reported experiences and observations that differ from the collage repeatedly broadcast by the popular media. (Unfortunately, most of these reports have been removed from the internet.) However, an account from Moms for America (MFA) founder Kimberly Fletcher remains. She says the media grossly exaggerated the violence and looting. She also says Capitol Police warned MFA that protests were planned by Antifa and the BLM, who had been communicating by email and social media to dress like Trump supporters and infiltrate the rally to cause trouble. True? Not true? Without a responsible press, we cannot know.

We have all seen interviews with Antifa/BLM supporter John Earle Sullivan during which he claims he went inside the Capitol building only to understand "the other side" and report about the event. Really? Dec. 28 he tweeted that "an armed revolution is the only way to bring about change effectively."

It seems there is enough contrary evidence regarding what happened Jan. 6 (and earlier this year) to require us to keep an open mind and go back to original sources as much as we can to preclude press bias, before we jump to conclusions that denigrate our fellow Americans. To do less is to empower extremely biased, self-serving, smug, and elitist partisans and the institutions they control...whose plans do not necessarily reflect the best interests of the rest of us.

Peggy Shekem
Coupeville, Wash.

Editor,

Competition

Competition, a term normally associated with sports. In commerce, product A competes against products B, C, D, E, and the rest, like

breakfast cereals, or Ford competing against the rest of the automakers.

What the reader may not understand is the huge importance competition plays. Without competition there are little or no improvements. An example, in the former Soviet Union they produced a motorcycle that was based on a German design developed prior to World War II and produced it for over 80 years. Another example is their tiny car, the smoking, two-cycle engine Trabant. They had no competition, resulting in no improvements. When exposed to competition, they were totally rejected.

Even in politics, competition is critical. The Democrats competing against the Republicans is critical. It is no different than Ford competing against the other automakers with the consumer always the winner as he chooses the best value for his money. In politics, the voter chooses the best candidates representing the best values for his taxes. The Democrats need the Republicans to keep their liberalism in check and vice-versa for the Republicans. This competition has contributed to the huge success of our nation, keeping its ideology near neutral.

Imagine if one party has a super majority where elections are meaningless and there is no competition. It is bad for our nation.

Currently, the Democrats are supporting socialism and are making every effort to create a super majority. They already have the powerful main stream media, who for many years now are not reporters but propaganda agents working for the Democrats. They plan to make Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico new states, creating four more critical Democratic Senators. They plan to pack the Supreme Court with four more liberal justices.

Consider communism, the optimum socialist system, the government gives one everything a person needs, but takes everything one has to pay for it. The result is a skewed, upside-down bell curve that has five percent affluent, namely the Party elite, five percent the middle class, and 90 percent are impoverished. (This was explained to me by a Russian visitor.)

One may believe being equal is positive, but it is negative. Forcing all to be equal kills competition, including innovation and invention! Just look how the western countries thrived as the communist ones stayed stagnant for over 70 years.

Our nation is in peril as socialism will be crammed down the citizens' throats, and it may happen with their control of Congress and the Executive Branch, leaving only public opinion that has the power to stop them.

History has numerous examples where socialism failed, but some will never learn the lessons it teaches! The economics of socialism does not change.

Joseph C. Coomer
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Editor,

The Coupeville Lions Club would like to take this opportunity to thank our community members who have so graciously donated money for our annual scholarship fund drive. This past year has been extremely challenging for both students and their parents due to the pandemic. However, we are reaching out to those who have supported the students in the past and asking for your help in providing well deserved scholarships to those graduating seniors who plan to attend a college/university or technical school. These students represent our future and there is not a better time than now to support them. Donations can be made through the Coupeville Lions Club website, www.coupevillelions.org or by mail at P.O. Box 473, Coupeville, WA 98239. Please note all donations go directly into the Scholarship Fund for distribution.

Thank you,
Rick Walti
President, Coupeville Lions Club

Editor,

Since 2006 Small Miracles has quietly been helping Coupeville neighbors with medical payments. Someone who benefited from your giving wrote: "Small Miracles is exactly the type of community volunteer organization that should be celebrated. Volunteers like these folks are the unsung heroes of our island."

The "volunteers" mentioned by this person are not just the board members. It consists of all the many donors who make Small Miracles succeed.

Another recipient wrote: "I can't begin to tell you how grateful I am for your kindness. I just didn't know there was help for me."

We all can inform our neighbors, friends and relatives with medical needs about Small Miracles.

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You might also consider becoming a regular donor. Just \$10 a month will go a long way in helping those with medical needs in our community.

On behalf of those who will be touched by your generosity, and from all of us on the Small Miracles Board, we say "thank you!"

Shirley Bennett, Vern Olsen, Martha Olsen, Patty Steele, Judy Lynn, Debbie Armstrong, Linda Boling, Pat Marks and Janice Raymond

Skagit Valley College Basic Education for Adults Program Offering Spring Quarter Classes for High School Completion, GED Prep, and English Language Acquisition

Skagit Valley College's Basic Education for Adults office (www.skagit.edu/beda) is continuing to offer services via remote delivery, as well as some in-person support offered by SVC BeDA faculty.

Spring Quarter classes begin Monday, April 5 for High School Completion, GED Prep, and English Language Acquisition. It's not too late to apply.

Appointments are being offered by phone or online Zoom appointment. To schedule an appointment to get registered, email hscmpletion@skagit.edu or call 360-416-7640.

There are a number of resources available, such as laptop loans, funding, and advising support to help you navigate these challenging times. The SVC Libraries at the Mount Vernon and Whidbey Island campuses are loaning technology to help students succeed. For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/zp60pnpr>.

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

Environmental Studies Scholarships Offered by Whidbey Audubon

With generous donor support, the Whidbey Audubon Society is offering two environmental study scholarships, valued at \$2,000 each, to 2021 graduating Whidbey high school seniors. Applications for the scholarships can be found on the society's website, www.whidbeyaudubonsociety.org/scholarship-program, or at a Whidbey high school's counseling office. Students intending to major in environmental studies or a related field (marine biology, environmental engineering, oceanography, natural resource policy, etc.) at a college or university level, are encouraged to apply. Completed scholarship applications are due at the South Whidbey or Coupeville High School counselors' office by March 5 and March 8 for Oak Harbor High School.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the scholarship fund can download a brochure on the website listed above.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]

Estate Planning for Blended Families

If you're in a blended family, you're already aware of the emotional and financial issues involved in your daily life. But what about the future? When it's time to do your estate planning – and it's never too soon for that – you'll need to be aware of the entanglements and complexities that can get in the way of your vision for leaving the legacy you desire.

You can take comfort in knowing that you're far from alone. More than half of married or cohabiting couples with at least one living parent, or parent-in-law, and at least one adult child, have a "step-kin" relationship, according to a study from researchers at the University of Massachusetts and other schools. That's a lot of estate-planning issues.

Nonetheless, the task does not have to be overwhelming – as long as you put sufficient time and thought into it. Here are some ideas that may help:

- *Seek fairness* – but be flexible. Even in a nonblended family, it's not always easy to be as equitable as you'd like in your estate plans – too often, someone feels they have been treated unfairly. In a blended family, these problems can be exacerbated: Will biological children feel cheated? Will stepchildren? Keep this in mind: Fair is not always equal – and equal is not always fair. When deciding how to divide your assets, you'll need to make some judgment calls after carefully evaluating the needs of all your family members. There's no guarantee that everyone will be satisfied, but you'll have done your best.

- *Communicate your wishes clearly.* When it comes to estate planning, the best surprise is no surprise – and that's especially true in a blended family. Even if you're the one creating your estate plans, try to involve other family members – and make your wishes and goals clear. You don't have to be specific down to the last dollar, but you should provide a pretty good overall outline.

- *Consider establishing a revocable living trust.* Everyone's situation is different, but many blended families find that, when making estate plans, a simple will is not enough. Consequently, you may want to establish a revocable living trust, which gives you much more control than a will when it comes to carrying out your wishes. Plus, because you have transferred your assets to the trust, you are no longer technically the owner of these assets, so there's no reason for a court to get involved, which means your estate can likely avoid the time-consuming, expensive and very public process of probate.

- *Choose the right trustee.* If you do set up a living trust, you'll also need to name a trustee – someone who manages the assets in the trust. Married couples often serve as co-trustees, but this can result in tensions and disagreements. As an alternative, you can hire a professional trustee – someone with the time, experience and neutrality to make appropriate decisions and who can bring new ideas to the process.

Above all else, make sure you have the right estate-planning team in place. You'll certainly need to work with an attorney, and you may also want to bring in your tax advisor and financial professional. Estate planning can be complex – especially with a blended family – and you'll want to make the right moves, right from the start.

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Whidbey SAR Transports Patient From Orcas Island

A Search and Rescue (SAR) team from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island conducted a medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) from Orcas Island in the early morning hours of Tuesday, Feb. 16.

The SAR team launched from NAS Whidbey Island at 5:30AM to pick up a 77-year-old female patient with congestive heart failure at Orcas Island Airport. The SAR crew landed at Orcas Island approximately 20 minutes later, picked up the patient, then flew her to St. Joseph Medical Center in Bellingham, Wash.

This is the fifth mission NAS Whidbey Island SAR has conducted this calendar year, which includes three MEDEVACs, one rescue and one search.

The Navy SAR unit operates three MH-60S helicopters from NAS Whidbey Island as search and rescue/medical evacuation (SAR/MEDEVAC) platforms for the EA-18G aircraft as well as other squadrons and personnel assigned to the installation. Pursuant to the National SAR Plan of the United States, the unit may also be used for civil SAR/MEDEVAC needs to the fullest extent practicable on a non-interference basis with primary military duties according to applicable national directives, plans, guidelines and agreements; specifically, the unit may launch in response to tasking by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (based on a Washington State Memorandum of Understanding) for inland missions, and/or tasking by the United States Coast Guard for all other aeronautical and maritime regions, when other assets are unavailable.

[Submitted by Thomas Mills, Public Affairs Deputy, NAS Whidbey Island]

Oak Harbor Chamber Highlights "Diamonds" In the Wake of A "Rough" 2020 Season During Annual Awards Presentation

An economic shutdown, a global health crisis, and even the smoke-filled skies of one of the most devastating wildfire seasons yet gave

people much to worry about throughout the year.

Beginning approximately one year ago, the COVID-19 pandemic was just starting to reveal itself in Washington State, and soon the whole world would be at a complete halt. Despite the perpetual unknown to the extent of the crisis, the strength, prosperity, and resiliency of the people in the greater Oak Harbor community shined brightly. Individuals and groups throughout the area showed quick and caring reactions by immediately rallying to sew masks, run food drives, and collect donations for those in need. For some small businesses, they were completely placed on shutdown by the pandemic but were shown massive affection by their neighbors in the community through fundraising efforts.

The Chamber of Commerce was forced to quickly pivot its focus from a usually demanding event season to a more member-focused approach. The Chamber rallied its staff, ambassadors, and board members to reach out to every single business member to see how the Chamber could assist them while subsequently offering daily updates to community members on who was open and how community members could show their support through gift card purchases, donations, delivery, and take-out services. The Chamber also kept in constant contact and virtual meetings on every local city, county, state, and federal resource to be sure that the most accurate and important information on grants, loans, and other emergency funding programs were available and shared to local businesses and individuals to stay safe and keep their business afloat.

New events and partnerships were formed throughout the year, such as the "Shop Local Bingo" and "Open Air Thursdays" with the Oak Harbor Main Street Association and City of Oak Harbor. Some events, such as the annual Chamber of Secrets, were able to be adjusted to a drive-through style to help heighten moods during an otherwise dire year.

Saturday, Feb. 27, the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce is excited to host its Annual

Awards Banquet – virtually. The fitting theme "Diamond in the Rough" aims to highlight exceptional members in the community who truly shined bright despite the "rough" year during 2020. The program will include an announcement from the newly motivated 2021 Board of Directors along with the announcement of winners for the nine categories of awards. Nominees and winners for annual awards were identified through a membership vote. Although all nominees recognized showed superior support and affluence to their neighbors in the community, the Chamber will announce one winner in each of the categories. The Chamber would like to send out a great congratulations to all nominees:

Small Business of the Year Award

- 3 Sisters Market
Ashley's Design
Orlando's Bar & Southern BBQ
Whidbey Tech Solutions
Zanini's Deli & Catering

Large Business of the Year Award

- Home Depot
Oak Harbor Police Department
Oak Harbor School District
Pacific Grace Tax & Accounting
Regency on Whidbey

Community Service Award

- Habitat for Humanity of Island County
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Non-Profit Organization Award

- Boys and Girls Club of Island County
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Quality Award

- 3 Sisters Market
Ace Hardware

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WhidbeyHealth COMMISSIONER'S RECOGNITION AWARD



Dr. Tony Triplett, Erin Wooley, RN, Tim Waldner

For the first time, the WhidbeyHealth Board of Commissioners have chosen and awarded three individuals as the first ever recipients of the Commissioner's Recognition Award. Congratulations to Dr. Tony Triplett, Erin Wooley, RN and Tim Waldner.

Tony and Erin have been instrumental and have shown amazing leadership in assuring our community is safe from this COVID-19 pandemic. They had to endure the constant change in vaccine resources but have continually shown distinguished professionalism.

Tim continues to be our leader who has transformed our facilities to improved patient care and staff safety. He has worked magic, transforming our Clinton and Oak Harbor clinics into Walk-In clinics and is transforming the Coupeville previous Wells Fargo Bank into our new Community Pharmacy.

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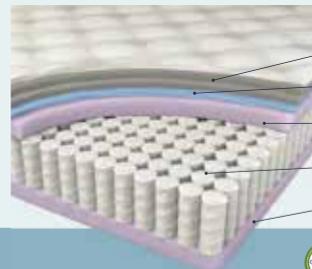
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Make a Difference

By Kristina Holley
 Guest Writer

I was first introduced to Sound Water Stewards (SWS) in a time of profound change in my life. I had recently stepped down from a high-powered career as a clinical pharmacist in order to find a new calling. I had been introduced to goat farming and had found solace in the rhythms that governed nature. This is something I felt I had lost throughout my adulthood and something that was unbelievably important to my soul. Along with my husband, we decided to uproot our lives after a short stint in North Carolina to chase a life that more reflected those principles back in the Pacific Northwest.



2020 Social Distanced Field Trip

We ended up pursuing our new dream on beautiful Whidbey Island. Despite having spent almost five years in Seattle prior to our departure to North Carolina, we had no contacts on the island. We soon learned we had entered a different way of life here than the fast paced city. The idea of learning more about this unique ecosystem and community through SWS training was very intriguing. I had hopes of utilizing this information to better enlighten myself on how to become a more eco friendly homesteader. This would also be an attempt to reconnect with the humming of nature I felt had fallen by the wayside in my busy career. Little did I know that this training would be the beginning of a new vision for my life and my place in protecting this piece of the planet.

the changes he saw in me, he decided to become a full fledged member as well and joined the Class of 2020.

I took on the lead facilitator role for the 2020 classes on Whidbey Island. I knew it would be a big job full of responsibility in the continuation of the same environment that had created such magic in my life the previous year. Little did I know what a task this would become with the entrance of a global pandemic put into the mix. The day before classes were to begin on Whidbey, we received word that our primary site for hosting classes would be no longer offering their shared space for fear of spreading the virus. I spent the whole day on the phone weighing options with other members of the 2020 Volunteer, Education and Training Committee (VETC). Ultimately, we came together socially distanced and remotely met with the Camano VETC group to come up with scaffolding for a virtual platform for the training. It took many hours of work of all involved but we began virtual training with socially distanced field trip opportunities in June. All the while, the guiding principle has remained for me was to ensure that this training continued to foster that unspoken magic that had captured my imagination a year ago. The platform has had it's challenges, no doubt, but the creative imagination of such an incredible team made it all possible. Throughout this challenging time in everyone's life, we brought some comfort, routine and connection into people's lives. It has been one of the greatest honors of my life to be part of this community.

Walking into that room on the first day of training in 2019, I could feel the electricity in the air. I knew I had never been in a space quite like the one I was in now. This group housed so many people with varying backgrounds and experiences. The one true tie that bonded us all was our love and respect for the majesty of nature around us. I had found my people and I fell instantly in love. I fell not only for the amazing information that was being presented but for the community this organization fostered. I gained fast friends in this group. I began to find a path I had never imagined for myself but it has felt so right. Immediately after graduating in 2019 and becoming a full fledged member of the group, I forged a path to begin sharing this message with others. Right around that time, there was an APB put out to the SWS community for help in IT matters. Knowing my husband, an accomplished IT professional, would be willing to lend a hand, I introduced him to the SWS IT group. He quickly took on a leadership role within that committee and forged great friendships as well. His involvement couldn't have come at a better time as COVID and the changes it would bring were, unbeknownst to us, on the horizon. Along with his involvement with the IT team, he became very intrigued in all of the new knowledge I had acquired and saw a change in me that made me a more well rounded individual. Intrigued by

From a lost newbie to Island County in 2018 to now taking a leadership role in one of the most challenging times of this organization's history, the impact SWS has had on my life has been profound. As we look to what our future holds, it most certainly will include so many of the lessons learned and relationships forged in this organization. We now feel as if we can have a lasting impact on the community we call home. Ultimately SWS has led us to flip the lens on our lives and to be able to find like-minded individuals who truly care about our unique cultural and geographical position in the Salish Sea. We will continue to stay educated and most importantly, share that knowledge with others in order to protect one of the most unique and special places on the planet, Whidbey and Camano Islands.

The magic of this place cannot be described, it has to be experienced. One of the goals of my life is to open doors that allow others to experience this magic. This goal would never have been part of my life had it not been for the amazing organization that is Sound Water Stewards.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 16

4:29 pm, Maxwellton Rd.

Reporting party advising a white pickup truck in water at location; looks like it was parked at the beach at location, and now tide has come in and truck is in water.

5:43 pm, Longwood Ln.

Male subject at location sent caller two texts alleging theft and telling caller not to cross him. Threatened to go to caller's property and cut locks. Says subject is outside shooting AK-47. Caller thinks he is shooting towards hill side. Says there are motion sensors in the ground.

11:33 pm, 2nd St.

Reporting party on line talking about his father being a federal agent in the Oak Harbor language; advising his father trained him and gave him handcuffs as a child that were stolen by a friend; male speaking with stunted sentences.

SUNDAY, JAN. 17

12:05 pm, East Harbor Rd.

Information only: reporting party wanting to report younger male subject taking pictures of transfer station near Greenbank; advising he was informed people target electricity structures and wanted to advise law enforcement of what he saw.

11:28 am, Sidney St.

Reporting party is real estate agent showing property; states male subject seen in area walking around, just standing around watching reporting party.

MONDAY, JAN. 18

10:13 am, NW Coveland St.

Advising male came up to his family and asked for phone, when reporting party said no, male returned to van and parked closer to reporting party.

12:04 pm, Oak Harbor Rd.

Reporting party states male transient is living in woods. Came out of woods and is yelling and swearing at someone in red Mini Cooper.

7:34 pm, Heller Rd.

Reporting party advising just moved into location and found something in bathroom; thinks law enforcement needs to look at. Reporting party states is bones and meaty, covered in worms.

8:16 pm, Ships Haven Dr.

Caller has been renting same property for two years. Believes someone is squatting or living in chicken coop on property. States has talked to landlord regarding this and landlord denied it.

9:11 pm, Pinewood Cir.

Reporting party advising cameras have been installed in home. One of them is directed towards reporting party's bedroom. States shares home with roommate who installed cameras.

TUESDAY, JAN. 19

12:11 pm, Roxlin Dr.

Reporting party wondering if someone is talking over a loud speaker in town. Reporting party now requesting to meet law enforcement at fire station in Free-land. Reporting party disconnected. Did not provide information.

4:54 pm, Swantown Rd.

Advising ex-employee came to location, tore some things up, argued with reporting party and her husband, then left.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20

10:28 am, NW 4th St.

Caller advising six years ago was harassed by police officer.

4:09 pm, Park Acres Dr.

Reporting party advising neighbor is setting off explosives or shooting huge gun. Is still shooting at the moment. Reporting party is concerned because he believes he only has 2.5 acres.

5:14 pm, Haven Way

Caller says neighbor is recording his children. Says neighbor carries a gun on his person.

FRIDAY, JAN. 22

7:29 am, Camano Ave.

Male caller requesting Langley Police Department; advising he didn't want to speak with dispatch. When asked what assistance was needed and to get male in touch with LPD, caller became upset, yelled at call-taker and hung up phone.

8:14 am, SR 525

Male in front of Bagel Factory threatening murder. Yelling at everyone in line. Reporting party feels needs mental health check. Seems agitated.

9:42 am, Cultus Bay Rd.

Advising occurred overnight; window pushed open and car keys are gone.

10:03 am, Race Rd.

Reporting party states dogs attacked reporting party and his wife yesterday afternoon. States he is afraid to go out and check his mail. Wife made a report yesterday. Requesting call.

2:19 pm, Myres Ln.

Requesting call; reporting party advising had trespasser who got away from him in the woods. White male, 24, blonde hair, blue jacket, had a bike, but reporting party has possession of his bike now.

SATURDAY, JAN. 23

5:24 am, Jaydee Way

Caller yelling and difficult to understand; now advising can disregard. States his license plates are gone but are back now. States thinks someone stole them, when asked if he knew who, he stated no.

3:08 pm, Shawn Ave.

Reporting party advising ongoing issue with subjects on reporting party's property peeping in windows. Were just there five minutes ago.

3:19 pm, Pinewood Cir.

Requesting call. States just got home and deadbolt is broken with a note saying "Sorry, smoke detector was going off;" no recent call history for fire or fire alarm.

10:13 pm, SR 525

Reporting party advising in area of location, a male was laying in middle of the road, seemed on drugs. Reporting party turning around to see if male is still there.

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

Why I Ride

Stories from
Island Transit Riders

Building a Community, Making Friends, and Meeting New People

"Riding the bus – it's like a community. I love people – I have always enjoyed meeting new people."

Kevin Jorgenson appreciates the value of the Whidbey Island community and his role in it. He lives in Greenbank and finds that taking the bus to work at Walmart in Oak Harbor, keeps him in touch with the community. Jorgenson is easy to spot as he sits on the back of the bus; colorful neckties, jeans, tennis shoes, and a friendly smile are his daily attire.

Jorgenson not only takes the bus to work but he also catches it on Saturdays to go play tennis with his friends. "I am thrilled it's back!" he said. Island Transit had to cut back services from March to July in 2020 due to the pandemic as the Governor urged citizens to Stay Home and Stay Healthy. Unfortunately, when service was cut back, Jorgenson had to cut back his hours at work. He was eager for Island Transit to increase its runs.

When Island county entered Phase 2, Island Transit modified services including additional runs to its most popular routes and reinstating Saturday services. This reinstatement of service was readily utilized by Jorgensen and other commuters.

When asked how he feels about riding the bus during the pandemic, he responded without hesitation, "I feel really safe on the



bus." Island Transit offers free masks, hand sanitizer, and every other seat is taped off to allow space between riders. The larger buses allow for 11 riders, while the smaller buses can accommodate up to eight. "On one instance the bus had reached capacity so I had to wait for the next bus, but it was only half an hour."

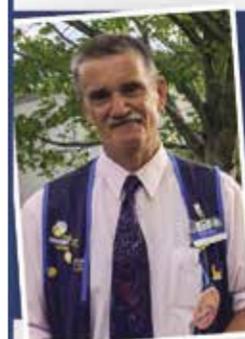
Jorgenson claims he is Island Transit's biggest fan. When asked what he likes best about the services, he began to rattle off a list. "Of course, I have lots of favorites - I like free," he said smiling. "I get to meet a lot of people on the bus and the drivers are awesome - really friendly. I've never had a bad experience on the bus."

After a number of years commuting to work with his car, Jorgenson found it too costly with the price of gas, car maintenance, and insurance. In 2017 he opted instead to ride the bus and hasn't owned a car since.

"Even if I had a car I'd keep using the bus. It's so convenient!" Jorgenson lives about a mile from the bus stop, citing how walking is good for him. "It's healthy for me and healthy for the planet." When he worked in Seattle and Everett he also took the bus. "I'd take Island Transit to the ferry and then hop on Community Transit or Everett Transit on the other side. Piece of cake." Before returning to work, Jorgenson added, "I recommend Island Transit to everybody. I'm probably the happiest customer you guys have!"



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"Riding the bus—it's like a community."

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Insurance and You

By Mary Elizabeth Himes

How Much Can You Afford to Lose?

Welcome to our first article of 2021 and we hope our content continues to improve and provide you with information and guidance.

Insurance is an agreement between parties to transfer risk. That means one party pays another party to provide financial compensation in the event of loss of assets, property or life. Most Americans are familiar with personal insurance that protects their homes and cars. The problem is most Americans do not understand what they are paying for.

Life in 2020 has changed us and will require a lot more change in 2021 as we readjust, rethink and acclimate to our new environments. Work is different, home life is different, social behaviors are different, but we continue to make our way as creatively and thoughtfully as possible. We have seen the resurgence of community, faith and family. Financially, however, we are worried about losing savings, investments, property and money while trying to figure out how to stop the constant outflow of money, especially to items generally felt to have no value.

Many feel insurance provides them with absolutely no value, especially when they have never filed a claim. A person or business may assume the burden of risk themselves and accept full responsibility to pay for liabilities and/or damages out of their own pocket. This is called self-insuring. Others may choose to underinsure to save money or meet minimum regulatory financial requirements. Insurance is seemingly unnecessary until you need it and so the rest of this article will provide real life examples of instances when personal insurance coverage was previously declined, or underwriting rules circumvented by an insured due to cost.

1. A single working mother is driving on a freeway in the left lane. The freeway is crowded but the speed is over 60 miles per hour. She is driving uninsured, having made the decision to pay for tires on the car instead of car insurance. As she's driving, she sees the car in front of her stop and slams on her brakes. She is unable to avoid the collision and rear ends the other car. The hood of her car is damaged, as well as the front bumper. The other vehicle has a scratch on the rear bumper but all four people in the car exit the vehi-

cle holding their necks. The outcome was that the rear-ended vehicle had uninsured motorist coverage and any medical was paid for by their insurance company. The single mother ended up with a suspended license and a lawsuit from the insurance company and ended up paying a court-ordered \$20,000 judgement through a collection agency over a period of 15 years. If she had chosen to have insurance or discussed it with an agent, the cost of liability insurance would have been \$40 per month.

2. Homeowners in their early 60s pay off their home and decide they want to reduce the amount of insurance on the home. The home is 50 years old but well maintained and remodeled over 20 years previous. They find that no insurance company will reduce the level of coverage to the limits they want at the price they want. So, they decide to self-insure and accept any risk of fire and theft. They have savings and investments, so they feel secure in being able to pay in the event of any loss. A few years pass and there is a fire which damages the upstairs of the home. The damage is not only from fire but also water from the fire department and then electrical damage. The home is unlivable, and the insured must now use savings if they wish to rebuild. Many of their personal possessions have been destroyed or damaged. The outcome is the homeowners decide not to rebuild because of cost and spend the next few years in a trailer on their property, eventually selling the vacant land and moving away to another part of the country. If they had chosen to keep insurance, the financial and emotional burden of the fire would have never impacted their savings and quality of life. Though they may have eventually sold the property anyway, they lost hundreds of thousands of dollars on a lifetime investment. The annual cost of their insurance was less than \$1,000 - significantly less than what they ultimately lost.

Have real discussions with your family about insurance the same way you do about other financial exposures in your home. It is a worthwhile exercise in thinking about what your family can afford to lose. These are only two examples of how lack of personal insurance impacted the lives of these people and their families' future and financial stability.

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PUGET SOUND MARINE AREAS 6 THROUGH 9

Part-1: Marine Area 6

With spring just around the corner this is the perfect time to start a four-part series about salmon hot spots, tackle, and tactics we salmon fishermen can use when spring and summer Chinook salmon start to arrive in the Puget Sound around mid to late March. Washington State consists of 13 saltwater Marine Areas. Areas 1 through 3 are located along the Pacific Coast, beginning south at Ilwaco and ending at the North Pacific part of Area 4 – Neah Bay. From there, Area 4 wraps slightly around Neah Bay and ends at the mouth of the Sekiu River. The remaining Marine Areas, 5 through 13, make up the remainder of the U.S. fishable marine areas completely within the Puget Sound.

Over the next couple of months, the series will focus on the productive salmon feeding grounds in Marine Areas 6 through 9. I chose these four areas of water because of their close proximity to us Island Anglers and the general ease of getting to the fishing grounds before or after work and on week-ends. I would like to touch on a few things that will hold true for each Marine Area as we progress through the four-part series.

FIRST – BAIT and TACKLE

Recreational salmon fishermen primarily use two types of offerings to get the salmon to strike – Herring or artificial lures, which do their best to mimic herring or other forage fish. Many Chinook salmon fishermen swear by herring as their only bait, fished whole or cut-plug; herring can be very productive when slowly trolled between 1.5 to 3.0 mph and at different depths behind a flasher or pulled along by itself. The key factor to the successful use of herring is the roll or spin rate of the bait; a 1-roll-per-second is a good starting point. Then, if needed, adjust for a faster or slower spin by changing the cut angle on a cut-plug or repositioning the hooks or stiffeners on a whole herring to change the spin. There are different ways to keep a whole herring in the banana shape needed to cause the bait to spin; some experienced salmon fishermen can get the desired roll by simply positioning the two legal hooks along the herring's lateral line that holds the correct bend. Other fishermen use a thin bamboo skewer or piano-style wire threaded along the spine to achieve the slight bend in the bait. No matter how you get the fish to roll, this is the number one rule with herring.

Artificial lures – there are enough colors, styles, shapes, and sizes of man-made lures on the market to fill a dump truck. If the salmon are in a snappy mood the fish seem as if they will strike at anything that is selected from the dump truck of lures. I've fished around the Island since 1995 and

unfortunately, I've only seen this type of bite once, in the early summer of 2013. Most salmon fishermen have a half dozen lures they fish 90 percent of the time; they are fishing with the lures they have confidence in and have proven to have fairly consistent catch numbers.

SECOND – TIDE FLOW

To keep it short, incoming or outgoing tidal water movements push bait fish around and cause the bait to be concentrated in certain areas; like the trailing edge of an underwater bank (sea mount) or on the slow/back eddy water side of an island. The bait fishes are trying to hold their ground and stay away from predators. This is where you need to be fishing.

Marine Area 6

Known as the "East Juan de Fuca Strait," it's one of the biggest areas of water we get to fish and one of the first Puget Sound areas we can encounter the migrating salmon. Area 6 offers some great offshore underwater bank fishing when the winds cooperate. The southern part of Eastern Bank, the southern part of Smith Island, all of Dallas Bank, and all of Partridge Bank, each one provides salmon migration paths and navigation points and are perfect places for king salmon to ambush prey. These four banks alone would keep us fishing for weeks; but other Area 6 productive spots are Ediz Hook, Green Point, Dungeness Spit and the north facing bluff of Point Wilson. This whole length of shoreline can be hot, consisting of small bays bait-holding kelp beds, and contoured shoreline. Trolling greens or blues are the normal offshore go-to colors but some of the most exciting bites I've had were on the color pink; shrimp and krill can be concentrated in many parts of the Sound and Chinook devour these natural pink food sources.

No matter which offshore bank or shoreline area you choose to fish, if your plan is to troll, establish the current direction first and do your best to fish with the current, even if it means pulling your trolling gear out of the water and running the boat back up-current. The fish will be facing into the current waiting for food to come to them, and that is the goal – to drag your tackle with the current past and through the hungry fish. Most boat anglers access Area 6 from Coronet Bay and out under Deception Pass, or just south of Coupeville at the Keystone Ferry recreational boat launch.

As the four-part series continues, please remember to brush up on the state regulations for area restrictions and feel free to contact me with questions or a good fish story. Here is my email: tlfishmonger@gmail.com.



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Life Tributes

D'LEE M. KINSER



D'Lee Martina Kinser, 49, passed away in her sleep Feb. 1, 2021 after battling a life-long and debilitating medical condition.

D'Lee was born March 21, 1971 to Diana (Flint) Brinkley and Robert L. Kinser, Jr. in Elwood, Ind. She graduated from Frankton High School in 1989 and attended Tidewater Community College in Virginia.

In 1998, she moved to her permanent home in Oak Harbor, Wash., where she has lived on her own with help from the Oak Harbor Jehovah Witness' Kingdom Hall and her deeply devoted mother, who was with her to the end. D'Lee was strong of will and lived the best life she could. She devoutly celebrated her faith and loved to spend her time watching the Home Shopping Network.

D'Lee is survived by her mother, Diana Brinkley, of Oak Harbor, and father Robert Kinser, Jr. of Hot Springs, Ariz.; brother Robert Peddie and wife Beth, their children Chelsea, Kylee, Shelby and Haley of Oak Harbor; brother Michael Kinser, and his children Zachary and Emma of Elwood and Frankton, Ind.

In person services will not be held. A Zoom memorial will be conducted by the Oak Harbor Kingdom Hall at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Wallin Funeral Home, Oak Harbor.

BRIAN T. CHRETIEN



Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021, Brian Thomas Chretien, husband, veteran, passed away at age 62.

Brian was born Jan. 6, 1959 in Pittsfield, Mass., to Edward Joseph Chretien and Jean Mary Boyer. He had a 20-year career in the U.S. Navy. Feb. 3, 1990 he married Lydia Boniol Gabornes.

He loved baseball, football and bowling and liked to watch sports. Brian's favorite was billiards; he would always come home from a tournament with a trophy. Spending time with his grandkids playing videos games and taking them to the beach and the parks was very precious to him. He was always making sure our birthdays and holidays were so full of love and joy.

Brian was preceded in death by his father, Edward, and his mother, Jean. He is survived by his wife, Lydia; two stepchildren, Margie, and Brad; three grandchildren, Tia (Richard), Brandon, and Jayden; great-grandchildren, Samara and Aaliyah; three sisters, Margaret, Darlene, Janet; and one brother, Steven.



A private family viewing took place Feb. 5, 2021 at Wallin Funeral Home.

Arrangements entrusted to Wallin Funeral Home, Oak Harbor, Wash.

MATT B. BURNS, JR.

Matt B. Burns, Jr. died Feb. 3, 2021 at the age of 94, a resident of Oak Harbor, Wash. He was born in Seattle, Wash., Jan. 7, 1927 and was raised in Spokane during the Great Depression. He spent a good part of his youth with his grandparents outside of Moscow, Idaho.



As most farming families, he was poor when it came to cash but rich in ethics and imagination. He was proud of being able to harness a team of horses at the age of 12 and working long hours in the fields helping provide for the family. He dropped out of high school in 10th grade and worked as a milk man, delivering milk door to door in his early years. When he turned 17, Matt joined the U.S. Marine Corps. He graduated from Boot Camp in San Diego in 1944, was assigned to fighter plane maintenance at MCAS El Toro, earned his GED and eventually became an FAA Certified Air Traffic Controller. When World War II ended, he came home to Spokane as an Air Traffic Controller at Fairchild Air Force base. He joined the U.S. Navy Reserves at Geiger Field but always considered himself a Marine. He was stationed in Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, Atsugi, Japan, Olathe, Kan., and Brunswick, Ga., where he taught ATC school. He qualified for the U.S. Navy Rifle and Pistol Team, where he was among the small number of Navy Shooters who earned the Distinguished Shooter medal. This earned him billets as Small Arms Instructor at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and NAS Sand Point Seattle, Wash., where he retired from the Navy, serving 24 years.

Upon leaving the Navy, he tried logging, then went to school to earn his FAA certification as both a commercial pilot and airframe power plant licenses. He used those skills to work for the Issaquah School District, where he met his wife, Joan. He and Joan married in 1976 and moved to the island of Kaua'i, Hawaii, where they built their home at Ha'ena on the North Shore, living there until 1996. Matt was a sales representative for Cedar Mark Homes, the North Shore "Mr. Fix-It Man!" He also served as a search and rescue pilot with the Civil Air Patrol on Kaua'i, advancing to the rank of major.

Joan and Matt traveled to safari in Africa, visited Japan and New York and had a long and loving life together celebrating family and friends. Matt and Joan came home to Washington state and resided in Oak Harbor, where he joined the Aircraft Owners Pilot Association. At 75 years of age, he built a two place all metal aircraft from scratch, which he said was a lifelong goal. He later sold the aircraft, which flies to this day in Australia.

Matt leaves behind the love of his life of 45 years, wife Joan Lydgate Burns. He is survived by three children from a previous marriage, Danne Burns, Casey Burns and Becky Burns Quigley; two step-children, Laurie Haack Petroske and Steve Haack; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by daughter, Christine Burns.

Matt's humor, kindness, art, writings and letters to the editor will be missed by all who knew him.

The family appreciates the guidance of Wallin Funeral Home in Oak Harbor during this time. This obituary will be shared on their website www.wallinfuneralhome.com/memorials/matt-burns/4527997/.

DOLORES ENGLE



Dolores Leilani (Harper) Engle of Coupeville passed away in Bothell, Wash., Feb. 5, 2021 surrounded by her family.

Dolores was born Dec. 18, 1938 in Honolulu, Hawaii. As the oldest child of a Navy family, she moved many times in her early life – including Texas, Virginia, Rhode Island, Florida, and California – before moving to Coupeville in 1951. She was part of the high school drill team, as well as many other clubs. She graduated from Coupeville High School in 1956 and moved to help on her parents' farm in Eltopia, Wash., where she also attended business college and worked at the Water District Farm Bureau Office.

Dolores and David Engle were married in Coupeville June 20, 1959. They began married life in Puyallup, Wash. In Puyallup, Dolores worked for a car dealership and school district, the first of many book-keeping and office manager jobs throughout her career.

In 1968, Dolores and Dave moved back to Coupeville, where she worked at Dean's Chevrolet, right across from Prairie Center. In 1976, they moved to Anaheim, Calif., where she entered full-time ministry as a pastor's wife and church secretary at Plaza Bible Church. In 1992, they moved back to Coupeville, where they have lived ever since.

Wherever she lived, Dolores was always very involved with the church – teaching Sunday school and Bible study, organizing children's church and church bulletin boards, running the snack distribution at Vacation Bible School, as well as singing in various choirs, including the Billy Graham crusade choirs. Dolores was known for her gentleness and big hugs and her signature greeting, "Good Morning," regardless of the time of day.

She was an accomplished and creative seamstress who was able to create made-to-order wedding, prom, homecoming and other formal dresses. Not only could she sew, she also crocheted intricate patterns into doilies, cross-stitched tapestries, knitted baby blankets and sweaters, and could make any costume requested out of home goods on hand.

Dolores was a voting poll site coordinator/registrar and loved volunteering her time to help secure voting booths. She made family dinners and church potlucks festive with pies, banana and zucchini breads, snickerdoodles, casseroles, and her signature blackberry jam for rolls along with her gigantic, yummy salads.

She loved reading, puzzles, crosswords, and word searches. Dolores was quite mechanically minded and able to fix or build most projects. The kids all knew to ask Mom, not Dad, for help when building all things!

Dolores enjoyed traveling to see family each summer – to take care of newborn grandchildren, see the Holy Lands in Israel, explore the state of Alaska, have tea in London and see the Crown Jewels; and to Disneyland (countless times) with all of her grandkids, where she patiently volunteered to take the youngest (whomever it was at the time) on their favorite ride over and over while the older children raced around.

Retirement was not in her vocabulary as she kept busy making breakfast for the worship team (French toast casserole, anyone?), last-minute alterations for anyone in sewing distress, caring for grandchildren by babysitting or driving them to and from activities, taking lead on Dave's recoveries from various surgeries, maintaining household chores, attending Coupeville and Orange Lutheran high school

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.

Our God on High,

May Your love and compassion flow through us and to those around us. Give us concern for their misfortunes and suffering. Give us the compassion and empathy we need to understand what those in our community are going through. Help us to love them well. Help us not to judge or condemn, but rather come alongside them to offer support and to be Your hands and feet. Amen.

Matthew Erikson
Pastor, Hope Church Oak Harbor

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had."

Romans 15:5



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New farmers market to launch following closure of Oak Harbor Public Market

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

After more than 20 years as a staple of the northern Whidbey Island community, the Oak Harbor Public Market will not reopen in 2021. However, a new group is launching another venture in Oak Harbor: The Whidbey Island Farmers Market.

Sheila Case-Smith, president of the board for the Oak Harbor Public Market, said the farmers market has been a large part of the community, but a number of factors have made it no longer feasible to continue hosting the market, from rising insurance fees, increased restrictions, and a decline in vendor participation.

"Everybody (vendors) would chip in a membership for the season and whatnot and that became higher and higher to cover all these costs," she said. "And somebody had to be really kind of serious – you could not just be a casual kind of vendor, you had to be a really dedicated producer. And all of the paperwork and bookkeeping kind of things just takes some of the fun out of it for people who just like to grow vegetables."

Case-Smith, a fourth-generation farmer from Case Farms, said COVID-19 and its effects had a detrimental effect on the market. In addition to rising costs, a lower number of vendors and increased regulation, the restrictions caused by the pandemic factored into the decision to close the market.

"That absolutely was the last straw," she said. "We could not overcome that (COVID-19). As time passed for the Oak Harbor Public Market, we were losing vendors."

However, Case-Smith said a new group, including Elizabeth Agin of Maya Farms, has banded together to launch a new farmers market in the coming year.

"At this point there is a new group getting going and they have new ideas, they have a new location, they are going to do a different time, so we will see how they do," she said.

Case-Smith said while she is not part of the group launching the market, she plans to continue to sell wares from Case Farms as a vendor at the new market and has hope for the new venture, which currently plans to take place at a new location – Windjammer Park.

"It is an exciting new place to be and it is a new group, a younger group," she said. "I hope we do well down there."

As technology has evolved and more farmers are able to advertise using social media and other online platforms to sell directly from their farms, Case-Smith said there has been a vast increase in the options for people to obtain fresh products. However, she said, farmers markets continue to be a viable option.

"There is definitely an interest in the community for this to continue," she said. "Despite all the other options that people have as far as how to get fresh food and stuff, there is still something very nice about coming together at a community event, no matter how you have to work it out so there is distance and safety with this pandemic going."

Case-Smith said she has hope for the future of a farmers market in Oak Harbor and spoke of the resilience of the vendors and community. Case-Smith looks back on her time with the old market fondly and recalls many instances of introducing visitors and community members of all ages to fresh and delicious food grown with care.

"All these different people, you make a positive impact into their life," she said. "That is important, that is why I am optimistic. That is why I know even though the Oak Harbor Public Market might be done, there will be new opportunities and people. We need food for our bodies and food for our souls."

Elizabeth Agin, president and market organizer for the new venture, The Whidbey Island Farmers Market, said the hope

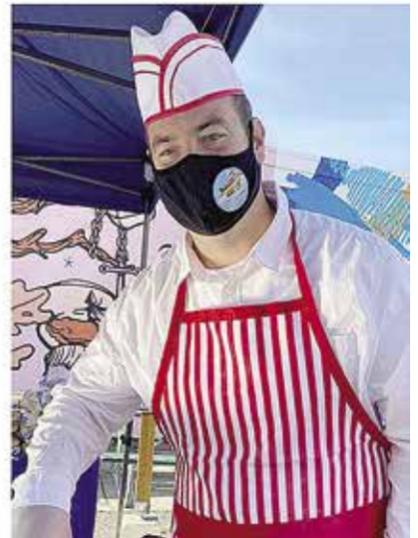


Photo Courtesy of The Whidbey Island Farmers Market

Clockwise from top left, the board of The Whidbey Island Farmers Market includes Elizabeth Agin of Maya Farm as the current president and market organizer, Elizabeth Case-Smith of Case Farms, Doug Blynn of Flightline Franks as hot food representative, Maria McGee, who has helped develop events such as PigFest acting as secretary, and Mandy Koebel as a representative for local artisans.

is to have the market run Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. between June and September. Agin said the plans are tentative based on potential changes and the impacts of COVID-19.

"We are definitely very optimistic," she said.

Agin, who was a board member of the now-closed Oak Harbor farmers market, said she felt the old market had run its course and decided to step down from her position prior to its closure. Agin is the only member from the prior market who is now working on the board of The Whidbey Island Farmers Market. She said the new board includes both farmers and other community members and hopes to draw from a variety of experiences, such as that of Maria McGee, the board's secretary. McGee has helped to develop popular events such as PigFest and other community outreach programs.

"We wanted to create a solid board that was not necessarily just agricultural voices," she said.

Agin said the hope is to collaborate with a number of entities in the community and make the market vibrant and sustainable as time goes on.

"So, (we are) really making it much more of a community space," she said. "That is our vision while still focusing on quality nutrition, locally grown food and supporting the local

economy and the local ecosystem of the city."

Agin said the current plan is to hold the new market at the recently updated Windjammer Park. Agin said the board is working closely with the City of Oak Harbor to work out logistics.

"Because Windjammer Park has never been used for anything like this yet, we are kind of breaking ground in a lot of parameters," she said. "Even though the park is designed to have events, with COVID and the fact that nobody has used it yet, there are lots of things that have yet to be discussed."

Agin said she is happy to see the community excited about the new market, but also asks for patience as the market starts out. She said there are many steps the group must go through to start a successful and safety-conscious market and will involve a great amount of time, effort and collaboration with entities like the City of Oak Harbor.

"We are getting there," she said. "I am actually really pleased with where we are going, every month we meet and have our board meeting and we delegate our tasks to launch the next phase," she said.

For more information and updates, follow The Whidbey Island Farmers Market on Facebook www.facebook.com/The-Whidbey-Island-Farmers-Market-100710875278403.

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"We have not received vaccine doses for more than a week and it is looking like it will be longer. This means that new prime (first dose) and booster (second dose) appointments will not be available until we receive vaccine," Conor O'Brien, WhidbeyHealth marketing manager, told *Whidbey Weekly* via email. "We were hopeful that due to our storage capacity for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine (we have two ultra-cold freezers that can hold thousands of doses) that we would receive a consistent supply of the vaccine, but that has not been the case thus far."

While state DOH personnel were unavailable to answer questions from *Whidbey Weekly* due to the President's Day holiday, a spokesperson did say the state has had difficulty procuring shipments of vaccine from the federal government because of recent bad weather.

"Regarding next week's vaccinations, I can tell you that there

is a delay at the national level due to bad weather throughout the nation," said WADOH public information officer Teresa McCallion. "The Centers for Disease and Prevention informed us to expect delivery delays due to difficulties in getting the vaccine to Washington state. They say the weather is impacting operations at both airports and the point of origin for the vaccines. With predictions of adverse weather next week, there could be additional delays."

One of the big challenges now, besides actually getting vaccine, is the ability to provide the important second dose to those who have been able to procure their first shot of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines.

"We are working hard to ensure that those who have received their prime (first) dose with us and scheduled their booster dose appointment while at their first appointment, will receive their booster doses as planned," said O'Brien.

"The same State platform (WA Immunization Information System) we enter our vaccination records into is the same platform we request our allocations through – and we're doing all we can to ensure those who have a prime dose administered by WhidbeyHealth's Vaccine Clinic can come back to us to receive their booster dose. Eligible members of the community can watch our website: whidbeyhealth.org/covid-19/#appointments, whidbeyhealth.org/news/, or our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/WhidbeyHealth for any updates about Vaccine Clinic appointment availability."

Island Drug posted on its web page Sunday it is expecting a shipment this week of some of its requested booster doses that did not arrive last week. Those interested may go to islanddrug.com/pages/covidvaccine/ for more detailed information. To find out whether you are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, go to FindYourPhaseWa.org.

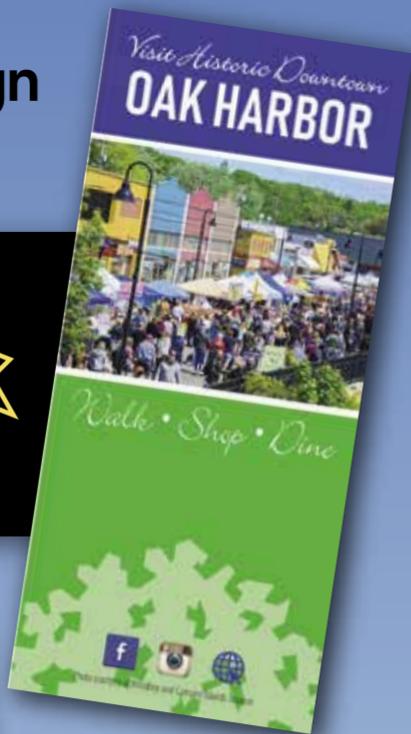


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The barn right behind Island Athletic Club in Freeland is a scenic and open location—just right for a new brewery. It will house Penn Cove Brewing Co.'s new location.

options for people to come in and try things out. I'm personally looking forward to having a really cool bar right there in Freeland."

Perhaps one of the most exciting features is how the new locations' one barrel brewing system will allow them to try out new, experimental flavors without committing to inventory.

"The intent is we can use that as a pilot system," Adam said. "So if we have an idea for a new recipe or if we want to modify an existing thing, rather than having to brew 10 barrels of it, we can make a couple kegs at a time, and put it on tap at Freeland as an experimental brew and let the public decide and see what people like. The successes we can scale up at the bigger facility, and the ones that don't pan out as well we can just let fall by the wayside."

Adam is already cooking up devious plans for new flavors.

"There's a lot of stuff we want to do here," he continued. "I'm kind of notorious for wanting to come up with off-the-wall ideas and seasonal things...not sure how much I want to give away now. We are in the middle of brewing 20 barrels of a hop lager that will be our launch beer for Freeland. That's going to be a cool specialty thing that will smell like a hazy IPA, taste like a west coast IPA, and finish clean like a lager."

"I'm a big fan of brewing with spices and vegetables and whatever crazy things you can do to make it interesting," Adam stated. "Whenever I'm designing a recipe or making a beer, the thing I'm always going for is when someone puts it up to their nose and they go 'man, I have never smelled anything like that before,' and ideally when they take a taste, they should go 'wow that's amazing and unusual!' Freeland will let us do more of that. That's the great thing about craft versus some of the big huge commercial operations. We can do things that are unusual."

This new location marks an important step forward for the company. They don't plan on changing how the Coupeville and Oak Harbor locations operate, but they certainly have more plans for the future.

"We laid out a five-year plan, and of course we want to self-distribute on Whidbey,"

Mitch said. "We have over 30 restaurants we're selling our beer to already. Beyond that, we'd like to get on the mainland eventually. Whether that be by buying another facility or merging with another brewery, that could be in the cards down the line, but nothing official. The grander scheme of things would be to have a production on the mainland so we could service the I-5 corridor."

That doesn't mean it's been easy going, though. Constructing a new facility in the middle of a lockdown created its own set of obstacles—which Mitch and the team at Penn Cove Brewing Co. are still pushing through.

"It's been a challenge. We were hoping to be open this last summer, but a lot of things got put on hold and delayed with the county reviews. The uncertainty made us push it," Mitch acknowledged. "There's no guarantees that we'll be open in the summer, and that's a little scary. Even though things closed down, we still had the money to do it. We did at least 25 percent of the brewery buildout in Coupeville on our own because the contractors weren't available."

"The inside, commissioning, putting boards together, installing the gris case, all the piping, the painting, the stuff that isn't the plumbing and electrical, but a lot of the install," he described. "We used the internet, put our heads together and were able to keep on schedule."

The new facility, which Mitch said they hope to open in March or April, is not only providing work to construction contractors, but it will need its own staff as well—for which they are currently hiring. Those interested should reach out to them at info@penncovebrewing.com.

"Wine people and beer people can rejoice," said Adam. "We've got a little beverage nexus. It's going to be gorgeous. You can stand out in the fields and look to the left and see the mountains and look to the right and see the bay. It's going to be a beautiful spot to hang out and enjoy a pint."

"We're excited for the future despite COVID shutdowns," Mitch concluded. "Like we say, failure is not an option, and we're going to keep doing what we love."



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Randy and Lauren Urquhart survey the surroundings at the Freeland barn being refurbished to home Penn Cove Brewing Co.



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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

If you could invent something, what would it be?



Abigail Riordon

Age 14, Oak Harbor

My family and I love to grill outside together making yummy burgers! If I were to invent something it would be a hamburger bun with a back. So your yummy middle does not fall out!

Aleera Kent

Age 13, Oak Harbor

A time machine, so I could go back in time and learn more about history. I love everything about history.



Zack Craven

Age 13, Langley

A perpetual motion machine that requires no maintenance, because it could be used to make all energy that people use- green.

Izaak Graham

Age 13, Oak Harbor

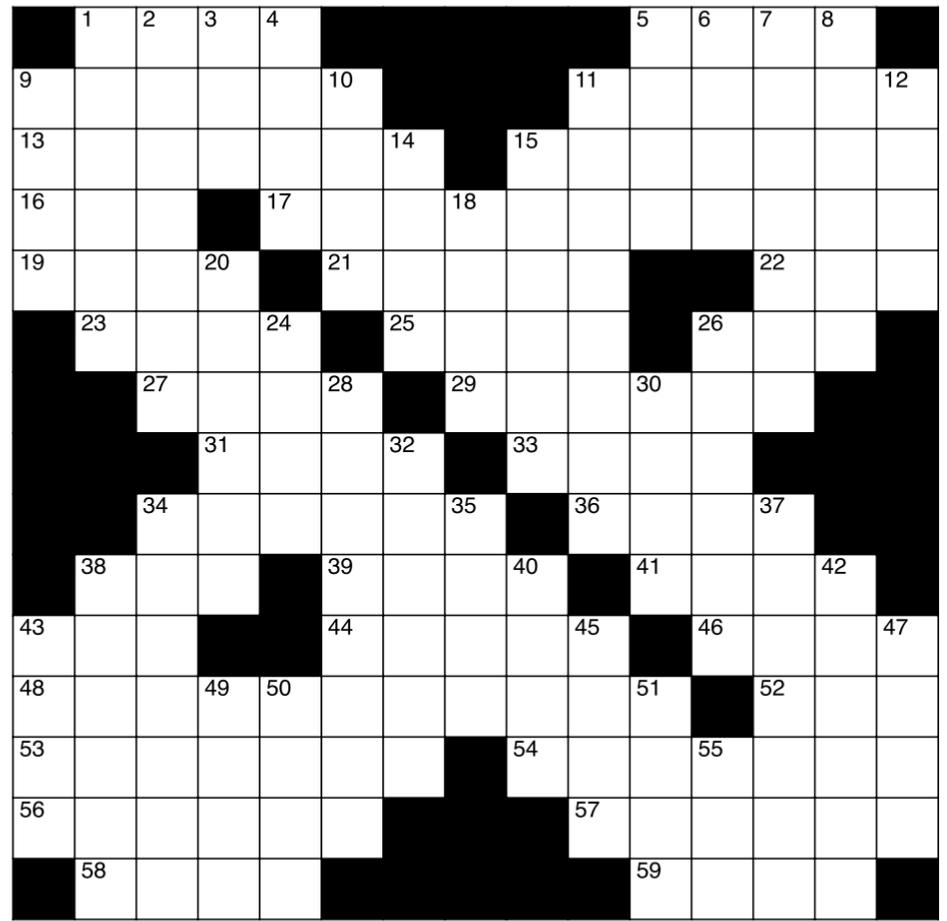
I'd invent an instasleep machine. It would put anybody to sleep in under 30 seconds. It would most likely play any selected song while a scented gas comes out of the top to put you to sleep for 8 hours.

The device would be small enough to fit on a small night stand. To activate the device you would push a green button and the gas will last for 10 seconds, giving the user 8 hours of uninterrupted sleep. The Instasleep would cost around \$20-\$40. It would weigh 2 to 3 pounds and also be battery powered. You would also need to refill the Instasleep after it runs out of liquid.

The Instasleep would be for the people that have a hard time sleeping and could also be used as an alarm clock that would be built in.



Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Composed
- 5. Lesotho currency
- 9. Ethnic group associated with Hungarians
- 11. Gains knowledge of
- 13. Gradual destruction
- 15. Purchase
- 16. Pharaoh of lower Egypt
- 17. Where you're going
- 19. The 6th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 21. Fishing net
- 22. Midway between south and southeast
- 23. A way to sort
- 25. C C C
- 26. Popular sports podcast (abbr.)
- 27. Discount
- 29. Consumes tobacco
- 31. A way to run
- 33. Popular musical awards show
- 34. Pertains to the male sexual organ
- 36. Supplements with difficulty
- 38. Green veggie
- 39. Deep-bodied freshwater fish

41. Holy fire

- 43. Usually has a lid
- 44. Being of use or service
- 46. Have a yen for
- 48. Unknowingness
- 52. Dry white wine drink
- 53. Unwinds
- 54. Traveling by sea
- 56. Outdoor entertaining areas
- 57. Stringed instruments
- 58. ___ Redgrave, actress
- 59. Moves earth

14. Nanosecond

- 15. Film
- 18. Men's fashion accessories
- 20. Flowering shrub
- 24. North Carolina university
- 26. Former monetary unit of Spain
- 28. Foodies
- 30. New Zealand parrot
- 32. Makes very happy
- 34. A payment required for not fulfilling a contract
- 35. Emerald Isle
- 37. The act of terminating someone's employment
- 38. Gland in some mammals
- 40. Commoner
- 42. Large animals
- 43. Belch
- 45. Employee stock ownership plan
- 47. Work units
- 49. Wagon
- 50. Nerve fiber
- 51. Proclaimed
- 55. Japanese delicacy

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Progressive decay of a bone or tooth
- 2. Burrowing rodents
- 3. French/Belgian river
- 4. A professional cleaner
- 5. A Russian river
- 6. Kiln
- 7. True statements
- 8. Most private
- 9. French city
- 10. Masses of fish eggs
- 11. Apart from others
- 12. Monetary unit of Samoa

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CAN DO SUDOKU!

On a scale from 1 to 10...7.6

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Thurs, Feb. 18	Fri, Feb. 19	Sat, Feb. 20	Sun, Feb. 21	Mon, Feb. 22	Tues, Feb. 23	Wed, Feb. 24
North Isle H-46°/L-41° Breezy with Rain and Drizzle	North Isle H-46°/L-41° Cloudy	North Isle H-47°/L-43° Showers	North Isle H-51°/L-48° Rain and Breezy	North Isle H-52°/L-44° Breezy with Showers Possible	North Isle H-48°/L-37° Chance of Rain	North Isle H-44°/L-34° Rain Possible
South Isle H-42°/L-39° AM Showers	South Isle H-45°/L-39° Rain	South Isle H-46°/L-42° Showers	South Isle H-50°/L-47° Rain and PM Wind	South Isle H-48°/L-44° Breezy with Showers Possible	South Isle H-49°/L-37° Chance of Rain	South Isle H-45°/L-33° Chance of Rain

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events, cheering on grandkids at little league games in Bothell, donating/volunteering/supporting at local theater events, and also keeping up with friends from near and far through phone calls, letters, or notes.

Even as dementia progressed, and Alzheimer's took hold, Dolores' delight in being around her family and interacting with her grandchildren created bright and lasting memories in her final days.

Dolores' life was defined by a deep faith in her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and she shared His love with everyone she met.

Dolores was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Jewel (Johnston) Harper and her brothers, Curtis and Charles.

Dolores is survived by her husband, David Engle; daughters, Sylvia (Engle) Arnold, Shannon (Engle) Arnold, Stephanie (Engle) Penrod and Sarah (Engle) Viers; sons-in-law, Garrett Arnold, Lance Arnold, Isaiah Penrod and Tim Viers; 10 grandchildren, Scott Arnold, Courtney (Arnold) Sleister, Brett Arnold, Luke Arnold, Jacob Arnold, Victoria Penrod, Andrew Penrod, Noelle Viers, Lyl Viers and Reagan Viers; two great-grandchildren, Maddison Arnold and Maximus Sleister (and another baby girl expected in April); sister, Pamela Blevins; and sister-in-law, Charlotte Harper; and numerous nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be held privately due to pandemic restrictions. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project (woundedwarriorproject.org) or The Gideons International (gideons.org).

DAISY LOUISE BLACKBURN



Daisy Louise Floyd, the youngest of 13 brothers and sisters, was born to Hazel and Elmer Floyd July 28, 1932 in Osawatimie, Kan. She married James Robert Blackburn, Sr., Aug. 23, 1953. They were united for 67 years. From their union they had three children, Linda Louise Jenkins, Sharon Kay Wheeler, and James Robert Blackburn, Jr., 11 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Daisy was a very hard worker. She worked for Carolyn Bancroft, an author who wrote books about Colorado. She spent several years as a leader in the Greater Parkhill area Youth Program which tutored struggling youth.

She spent many years as the youth director for Campbell Chapel A.M.E. Church. She was the business partner for Jim Blackburn and Son's Carpet and Tile Business. For 15 years she worked as a greeter at Walmart and received the honor of being the Employee of the Month. Not only was she a great employee, she was a beacon of light that touched each soul in a special way.

Daisy was a blessing to many children. DeCarlos Qualls, Andre Shinault and Sonny Daniels were very close to her heart. She claimed them as her own. She saved many children's lives by making sure they knew Jesus Christ as their Savior. Not only did Daisy have a heart for children, but she never met a stranger in need she would not help. She was not ashamed of the gospel and shared it with everyone she met.

Though we know she's home rejoicing with Jesus now, she will be deeply missed by the many she loved and who loved her.

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and condolences at www.whidbeymemorial.com.

CESAR DANGARAN SIBONGA



Cesar Dangaran Sibonga was born Oct. 16, 1957 and died Feb. 7, 2021.

Cesar is survived by his wife of 34 years, Rebecca; his two sons, Marvin and Kevin; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, brothers/sisters-in-law, and friends.

Cesar was known for his many interests and hobbies, including fishing, hiking, gardening, and artwork. His most favorite activities were taking his wife out on dates and spending time with his family.

Cesar had a big and generous heart. He was always willing to help those who were in need and never second guessed it.

Cesar will be missed by all those who love him and those fortunate enough to have met him. He is now resting peacefully in God's hands.

A public visitation will be held at Wallin Funeral Home Friday, Feb. 19, from 1-5 p.m. Masks will be required for entry; social distancing will be enforced by limiting the number of mourners in the building at one time. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. Messages of condolence may be left for the family on Cesar's online obituary at wallinfuneralhome.com.

SHERRY LYNN RUNNING



Sherry Lynn Running was born Feb. 10, 1952 in Hattiesburg, Miss., to Hubert and Geraldine Folks. She passed away Jan. 18, 2021 at Providence Hospital in Everett due to respiratory and kidney failure.

Sherry worked in banking as a mortgage loan officer and customer service associate at Alaska USA, Interwest Savings Bank and Pacific Northwest Bank. She retired after 30 years.

She met her husband, Michael, in 1983, when he came to Meridian, Miss., to visit a friend while on vacation. Since he was stationed on Whidbey Island at the time, they corresponded until their marriage June 30, 1984, in Meridian. She and Michael enjoyed living on Whidbey Island together for 36 years. Her favorite past-time was to search for bald eagles on the Skagit River.

She is survived by her husband, Michael Running of Oak Harbor Wash.; sister, Terry Kassahn, of Soap Lake, Wash.; brothers-in-law, Lee and Jeff Running; and sister-in-law, Patty Jacobson.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in her memory to the American Cancer Society.

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and condolences at www.whidbeymemorial.com.

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

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Employer of the Year Award

Oak Harbor School District
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Whidbey SeaTac Shuttle & Charter
Windermere Property Management

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Whidbey SeaTac Shuttle & Charter
Whidbey Island Bank

Diamond in the Rough Award

Annie Cash
Ashley's Design
Humphrey Signs
Kau Kau Corner
Keller Williams Hanson Home Team

The Chamber would also like to announce and congratulate the newly initiated 2021 Board of Directors:

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The Diamond in the Rough Awards Banquet will feature an online auction that began Monday, Feb. 15 and will end the day before the awards ceremony, Saturday, Feb. 27.

The Awards Presentation will take place over Zoom Saturday Feb. 27 at 6:00PM. Attendees can participate in the Zoom event for free, with the option of purchasing their very own "Banquet Box" for \$50. The Banquet Box features everything one needs to setup their very own awards banquet table while watching from the comfort of their own home or office. The Box features a choice of red, white, or non-alcoholic wine, two custom-engraved tumbler wine glasses, two napkins with blingy napkin rings, a table runner, and some other flashy décor all placed in a collectible Whidbey Island themed wooden crate. Banquet Boxes are extremely limited and are expected to sell out. People wishing to purchase a box should contact the Chamber at 360-675-3755.

Event details and registration can be found on the event calendar online at OakHarbor-Chamber.com. The online auction items can be found at www.32auctions.com/OHChamber.

Washington's Accountable Communities of Health Will Bolster Behavioral Health in Rural Communities Through \$2 Million Investment from Cambia Health Solutions

Washington's nine Accountable Communities of Health (ACHs) have received \$2 million from Cambia Health Solutions to address urgent mental and behavioral health needs intensified

by COVID-19 in rural communities. The funds will be distributed across the ACHs, and each organization will disperse the dollars based on needs in their region.

"We're honored to support the ACHs as they tackle the rising need for mental and behavioral health services across our communities," said Peggy Maguire, Senior Vice President, Corporate Social Responsibility at Cambia Health Solutions. "ACHs are trusted community-driven organizations and Cambia sees them as key partners to promote equity, foster resiliency and lift up community voice. We're confident these investments will help break down the stigma surrounding mental health, improve access to behavioral support services, and support people in crisis or emotional distress."

Each ACH will use the funding for initiatives tailored to address needs in their rural communities. North Sound ACH will put the funds toward improving broadband coverage, training to improve telehealth, and bolstering the behavioral health workforce in rural areas.

"Cambia's support provides an opportunity to advance equity in rural communities across our region," said Liz Baxter, CEO of North Sound ACH, which includes Island, San Juan, Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom counties. "We will use targeted approaches to address behavioral health challenges in rural areas. These funds provide critical resources necessary to implement these strategies."

Cambia's investment is part of a larger \$11.5 million commitment to address rural mental health needs across Idaho, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

About Washington's Accountable Communities of Health

Accountable Communities of Health are local partnerships that bring together health care payers and providers, public health, social services, community-based organizations, the justice system, schools, tribal partners, community members, and local government leaders to address health. ACHs seek to improve care, lower costs and strengthen communities.

ACHs are an integral part of the Washington's Medicaid transformation efforts. There are nine ACHs covering the state, each serving a distinct region. Over the past four years, ACHs have led efforts to transform local health care systems connecting health care and social services, developing plans to support health across sectors, and investing millions of dollars with providers and community partners. For more information, please visit www.washingtonach.org.

[Submitted by Hillary Thomsen, Communications Coordinator, North Sound ACH]

Local Business News

Introducing CAM Ballroom Dance Studio

CAM Ballroom Dance Studio (CBDS) is thrilled to welcome you to Island County's only center for partner dance education, dancing, teacher and competitive training. Dancers of every age and ability will enjoy dancing all styles of ballroom, Latin, swing, country, and some nightclub dances. CBDS offers group and private lessons, instructor training, youth classes and wedding dances. When the time is right, it will have one dance party a month and one "field trip" to dance venues between Shoreline and Bellingham.

All classes are taught by the only nationally certified instructor between Everett and Bellingham. What this means for you is you get a highly qualified instructor with knowledge in both lead and follow positions and teaching methodology.

Benefits of couples dancing include: social activity; exercise in a fun, supportive environment; intimacy with your partner; social skills for all ages; a sense of accomplishment.

For more information, contact Colleen at 360-202-2659, email camballroomdancestudio@gmail.com or visit camballroomdancestudio.com



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of homicide, burglary, robbery, assault, identity theft, fraud, human trafficking, home invasion and other crimes not listed, Victim Support Services has advocates ready to help. Please call the 24-hr Crisis Line 888-388-9221. Free service. Visit our web site at <http://victimsupportservices.org>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Accounting, math students and others interested: Begin your career working with numbers and making a difference as a part-time volunteer Treasurer for a local nonprofit. You can build experience working with a dedicated team as well as earn a glowing job reference when you are ready! Contact Michele C. at 360-929-0281 (3)

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

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

Assistant Gardener—Meerkerk Gardens: We are seeking a reliable and capable Assistant Gardener to perform, under general supervision, gardening and grounds keeping functions for a private garden open to the public in Greenbank, Wash. An ideal candidate will be physically fit, friendly, possess excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work as part of a team, professional, and have a passion for gardening and working outdoors. This position reports to the Garden Manager. Job to begin March 1.

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High school degree or GED; at least 1 year 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.

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