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New campaign promotes discovery on Whidbey and Camano Islands



By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Spring has sprung and with it comes blossoming opportunities to discover all Whidbey and Camano Islands have to offer.

Discovery is the gist of the new digital and print guide, "Discover Your Islands," put together by Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism. Print issues of the guide are arriving at select zip codes now and is currently available online at whidbeycamanoislands.com.

The guide urges local residents to find the abundance available while staying close to home.

"There are so many things to love about living in Island County," said Sherrye Wyatt, public relations, marketing manager and film liaison with Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism. "With visitor numbers down, we hope locals continue to pick up the slack and help struggling lodgings, restaurants and shops who historically depend on tourism to thrive.

"When you explore our island communities instead of leaving Island County, you help lessen the spread of COVID-19," she continued. "You're also investing in a business owner who, just like you, is contributing to our local economy."

The "Discover Your Islands" guide is the follow up publication to Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism's successful "Home for the Holidays" guide.

"The campaign was very successful, in part because we tapped into a worldwide sentiment to shop local and stay close to home," Wyatt said. "We found residents understood now more than ever, just how much we depend on each other.

"The response from business owners and local shoppers was really positive. Even some of those owners who were not actually listed in the first printed piece told us they benefited enormously from the campaign and saw a boost in sales," noted Wyatt. "Remember, this guide represents only a fraction of what Island County offers. We could not mention every business or activity. We will continue to populate our website. We have a very robust and vibrant website, so businesses are getting increased exposure in a unique way. Our Instagram and Facebook are both very active, too."

The promotional effort has received the support of the Economic Development Council of Island County, which sees the value in keeping it local.



Jack Penland Photo Courtesy of Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism
Island County's abundant farms, like Kristoferson Farm on Camano Island, offer ample opportunities to plan a visit and shop for locally made items.

"Shopping locally directly benefits our businesses and strengthens our community," said Sharon Sappington, executive director, EDCIC. "I am impressed with the strong partnership and collaboration demonstrated throughout [the guide's] creation and the talents of all of those involved. The result is a reminder of the importance of shopping locally and a beautiful guide to the wide array of products, makers and businesses in our county."

The campaign has gotten a boost from Island Transit as well, whose buses are sporting "Discover Your Islands" decals to help promote the project.

"During the pandemic it has become clear how interdependent we are on one another," said Todd Morrow, Island Transit executive director. "Essential workers relied on Island Transit to get to their jobs, and we relied on them to keep area businesses, hospitals and essential services running. Participating in this shop local campaign is another way Island Transit can support our community."

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Above: Sherrye Wyatt Photo Courtesy Whidbey and Camano Islands tourism
At Left: Michael Stadler Photo Courtesy of Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism
"Discover Your Islands," a new promotional shopping guide by Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism, highlights not only area farms that grow and sell fresh produce, like Deep Harvest Farm, left, but also the local restaurants which feature some of that island-grown fare.

Pandemic costs force job cuts at WhidbeyHealth

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

More than 40 positions will be eliminated at WhidbeyHealth as a result of lost revenue brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a statement released by WhidbeyHealth last week and published in the last issue of *Whidbey Weekly*, CEO Ron Telles said unexpected costs of the pandemic totaled more than \$3 million, while temporary lockdowns and closures have cost the organization more than \$12 million. The health system has been able to sustain medical services and operations, but the heavy financial losses mean the board has had to consider all options to remain financially healthy.

"We are striving to strengthen WhidbeyHealth's financial position so that we are more resilient in these and future extraordinary times," Telles said in the press release. "Unfortunately, we have faced the difficult decision to reduce our workforce in some areas, which I can assure you was not taken lightly."

A total of 41 staff positions will be cut. Of those, 11 positions were vacated by ordinary attrition and will not be filled and 15 staff

members volunteered to leave WhidbeyHealth for a variety of personal reasons, explained Conor O'Brien, marketing and communications manager for WhidbeyHealth.

"We focused first on non-clinical and overhead positions," he said. "One example is the concierge program we created to help the community acclimate to new screening procedures when entering our facilities. Today, temperature checks are familiar to nearly everyone."

Another avenue being pursued to help the bottom line is negotiating with insurance companies to increase reimbursement rates and accelerate payment for services while reducing the number of denials for patient benefits.

Tricare, which provides healthcare coverage for a majority of active duty and retired military personnel, was singled out (although not by name) in Telles' statement, saying it represents the lowest rate of reimbursement among insurers. While it is unknown exactly how many WhidbeyHealth patients are



served by Tricare, O'Brien said patients are not in danger of losing any services.

"Tricare represents approximately 10 percent of our revenue for patient

services, the fourth largest source of insurance payments," he said. "Increasing Tricare rates and benefits will go a long way to helping WhidbeyHealth meet our financial goals.

"Active duty and retired service members are important to our community and we remain committed to caring for them," O'Brien continued. "We have no plans to end our agreements with Tricare, however we are advocating for rate increases for patients covered by Tricare programs."

Another possible way to increase revenues, according to the release, is to concentrate on offering specialty services that are covered by insurance, such as joint replacement.

"We are expanding services to meet the changing need of our population. Joint replacement surgeries are a good example of a treatment that delivers outstanding

outcomes for patients whose lives are often severely limited by painful arthritic joint disease," explained O'Brien.

These changes, O'Brien was quick to point out, will in no way keep Whidbey residents from getting the care they need.

"It is our mission to help everyone who needs healthcare," he said. "In no way will WhidbeyHealth prohibit access to needed services based on insurance or ability to pay."

O'Brien also wants to reassure island residents WhidbeyHealth is NOT in danger of disappearing.

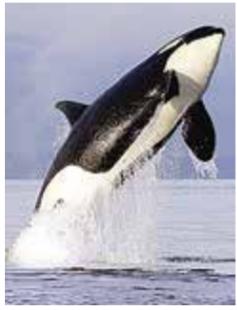
"WhidbeyHealth is not going to collapse," he said. "We were on track to see an operating surplus of 2.3 percent in 2020, all of which was obliterated by the pandemic. It is important for everyone to understand that improving revenue is essential to WhidbeyHealth's long-term financial resiliency. One of the biggest efforts underway is to improve insurance payments for our patients. Rates must be improved, denials of claims must be reduced and timely payments are crucial to cash flow."

Find more information at whidbeyhealth.org.



ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



Ever hit the panic button? Ever sit on the panic button?

Yesterday at the post office, I did both.

Sitting on my truck keys without knowing I had done so, the panicky beep, beep, beep tone

came on, filling the post office parking lot with Freeland fright.

Being at the age of "where did I put my keys?" it took me way too long to find the source of the problem, ME!

When Rocky Knickerbocker drove by to ask me if I was stealing the truck, I felt as if I was.

I did not even know how to use the automatic window button. Of course, during all this I dropped my stamp purchases as well as my mail.

Nothing like praying in the parking lot. Maybe I'll write a country song.

So, I am now back to talking to myself as I do things.

"You just put your truck keys in your back pocket."

"You just dropped your mail and stamps all over the floor."

"You need to go home and take a nap."

This self-control thing is getting out of hand and out of mind.

Don't forget

If you are a property tax payer, we only have three weeks to get our payments in to P.O. Box 5000 in Coupeville. I equate paying my property tax on time with the right to vote. Do not be late.

If you are a Willie Nelson fan, and who isn't, our first payment of property tax is always due on Willie's second birthday, April 30.

Although Willie was born April 29, 1933, he celebrates two birthdays. The reason—Willie was born right before midnight but his birth was not officially registered until after midnight, the morning of April 30. The official delay resulted in two birth dates for Willie.

Happy birthdays, Willie.

Jury duty

Despite years of attempts, my ability to serve on a jury has yet to be realized. Several years of possibility were squashed during voir dire. It is what I get for answering those lawyers' questions honestly.

A few weeks ago I received my jury summons to report April 1 to the District Court in Oak Harbor. Notice the date of service. I thought the same thing.

As it turned out, getting a jury summons during a pandemic did not reveal any social distancing violations. When I called the 800 line after 5:30pm the night before to get the official report about showtime, the recording was music to my April Fools concerns.

All trials had been settled or continued.

Instead of no shoes, no shirt, no service, we had no masks, no jurors, and no need for service.

My sincere thanks to Christine, the jury manager, as well as the judges, the lawyers, and the excellent teams at our District and Superior Courts in Island County for supervising all that needs to be supervised.

By the way, do I still get mileage if I thought about going?

Easter

Last Sunday, I Zoomed my first Easter church service. It worked out pretty good. I could wear as much cologne as I wanted without worrying about where to park.

Unneeded info

In 1959, during their American League championship season, out of 94 victories, the Chicago White Sox won 35 games by one run.

According to the wisdom of Wikipedia, Buster Keaton "acquired the nickname Buster at the age of about 18 months. An actor friend named George Pardey was present one day when the young Keaton took a tumble down a long flight of stairs without injury. After the infant sat up and shook off his experience, Pardey remarked, 'He's a regular buster!'"

"After this, Keaton's father began to use the nickname to refer to the youngster. Keaton retold the anecdote over the years, including in a 1964 interview with the CBC's *Telescope*. In Keaton's retelling, he was six months old when the incident occurred, and Harry Houdini gave him the nickname."

Another version of the nickname origin is that Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle gave Keaton the nickname when they began working together in their early films.

No matter which version of the nickname origin you prefer, we can all probably agree Joseph Frank Keaton does not sound quite as funny.

According to a recent Bing search, "The origins of the phrase godspeed meant to wish someone success, or a wish that God would prosper someone. It comes from the Middle English 'God speid,' or 'God spede you' from the 15th century. It was used to bless someone starting a journey or some special endeavor."

Virtual Whale Parade

Saturday, April 17, from 2pm until 5pm, there will be a fun online event sponsored by the Orca Network. Their web site, www.orcanetwork.org, will get you in the right direction.

Each year, we parade up and down the streets of Langley to welcome the gray whales to the Puget Sound. Last year and this year, we go virtual.

The day will include a virtual parade, virtual whale watch, educational videos about gray whales, and a research webinar, featuring John Calambokidis of Cascadia Research Collective and John Durban of Southall Environmental Associates and Holly Fearnbach of SR3.

Hope to Zoom with you then.

The week ahead

Saturday, April 10 is the anniversary of the birth of Joseph Pulitzer, the founder of the Pulitzer Prizes awarded annually for excellence in journalism since 1917.

Sunday, April 11 is the anniversary of the birth of Edward Everett (1794-1865).

Remember Ed? Me neither. Mr. Everett, no relation to the nearby mainland city named after Everett Colby, was the American orator who spoke for two hours before President Lincoln spent less than two minutes delivering the *Gettysburg Address*.

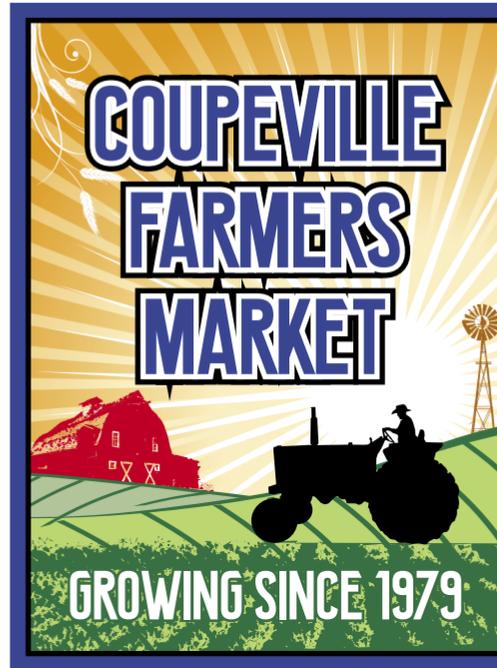
April 12, 1981, celebrated this coming Monday, is a day I shall not forget.

My buddy Gene and I were at Edwards Air Force Base in California to watch the landing of the Columbia, the first space shuttle. Astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen had spent 54 hours in space, making 36 orbits before landing. It was also the first time I ever cried during a landing.

Break out your dictionary Wednesday to look up your favorite word. The first dictionary of American-style English was published April 14, 1828, by Noah Webster as the *American Dictionary of the English Language*.

That was 130 years before I stopped in the eighth grade hallways of Jones Junior High to buy a two page list of dirty Spanish words for two bucks.

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of the state during that entire time, as well as studying and photographing them all over the world. He wrote the definitive field guide for western Odonata as well as a recent illustrated book about the natural history of the group, *Dragonflies & Damselflies: A Natural History*. Princeton University Press, Princeton; 2019.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]

Opening Day of Coupeville Farmers Market

The Coupeville Farmers Market vendors and board of directors are excited to welcome the community in 2021 for the 43rd consecutive season, starting Saturday. Mask up and join them for a great time. Don't forget to stop at the market table to check out what's going on this year and to say hello to the new market manager. Find them on the community green behind the Coupeville library from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. If you're interested in vending, please email coupevillefarmersmarketwa@gmail.com or call 360-320-2179. They would love to hear from you.

[Submitted by Maureen Rice, Market Manager, Coupeville Farmers Market]

23rd Annual Chum Run 5k

The 23rd annual Chum Run 5k will be held Saturday, May 15, 10:00AM at South Whidbey Community Park's forested trails off Maxwellton Road. Runners and walkers are all encouraged to participate. There will also be a free kids' "Fry Run" for ages 1-10, in addition to the main event. Youth must be accompanied by an adult for the Fry Run.

Proceeds from the event will support the Healthy Island Youth Initiative (HIYI) Scholarship Program and South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District. The scholarship program provides Island County youth, whose families may find the cost of organized physical activities a barrier to participation, with funds to participate in healthy and active organized programs such as sports, dance classes, karate, swim lessons and other programs.

The race is an all-inclusive family event. Prizes will be handed out to the first three finishers in the male, female, high school and middle school categories. All participants get a 23rd annual Chum Run shirt (sizes guaranteed if registered by April 15).

Day-of race registration is 8:00 to 9:30AM, with the Chum Run slated to begin at 10:00AM, and the Fry Run at 10:45AM. Registration is \$25 by April 15, \$30 by May 11 and day-of registration is \$35.

Your safety is the priority. The Chum Run 5K will follow CDC COVID-19 safety requirements and Washington State guidelines for racing. Please visit www.swparks.org for info about COVID-19 safety procedures.

Volunteers are still being sought for the event. Those interested in volunteering can contact

parks program coordinator Carrie Monforte at programs@whidbey.com or 360-221-6788 for more information.

[Submitted by Nicole Marley, Island County Public Health]

Celebrate the Return of the Gray Whales and Learn How to Protect Them During Two Events in April

Join Orca Network for the annual Welcome the Whales Event on Zoom

Each year, beginning in February and March, a small population of gray whales returns to North Puget Sound to feed on ghost shrimp for several months before continuing their migration north to the Arctic. Some of these individuals have been visiting our waters for over 30 years. The ghost shrimp, buried in the tidal flats around Whidbey, Camano, and Hat/Gedney Islands, and nearby beaches, are a significant source of food for these whales. This has become even more apparent in recent years, during an ongoing Unusual Mortality Event (UME) which has already claimed almost 25 percent of the gray whale population. As of last spring, all of the Sounders had survived the UME and returned to Puget Sound, along with some new individuals who discovered the area in recent years. A few individuals even stayed year-round instead of migrating to their breeding grounds in Baja, Mexico. To date in 2021, 10 of the Sounders have arrived and are actively feeding on ghost shrimp. Orca Network's Whale Sighting Network assists in the research of these gray whales by collecting and sharing sightings with Cascadia Research. If you see a whale (of any kind) please report it to info@orcaneetwork.org, 1-866-ORCANET, or through the Orca Network Facebook page.

Orca Network asks everyone to come together virtually, and celebrate the return of these beloved whales at the annual Welcome the Whales Festival.

Festival Schedule:

Friday, April 16, 6:00 to 8:00PM: Art Night Fundraiser for Orca Network on Zoom – Learn how to make a Zentangle® gray whale with instructor Jeanne Hamilton. Zentangle® is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful patterns using a series of repetitive and mindfully placed pen strokes. Cost is \$25.

Saturday, April 17, 3:00 to 5:00PM: The Zoom festival will begin with a Wishing Whale dedication, followed by a virtual parade, virtual whale watch, educational videos about gray whales, and a research webinar with special guest speakers John Calambokidis, of Cascadia Research Collective, Holly Fearnbach, of SR3, and John Durban, of Southall Environmental Associates. The day will close with a hosted Spynoppy Hour to visit and share stories. This event is free.

Pre-registration is required for both events at <https://conta.cc/3s7asaE>.

Participate in the virtual parade by taking a picture of yourself and family (including your pets) dressed as your favorite animal. Or, make a sign to welcome the gray whales. Look for online costume-making ideas on Orca Network's Facebook pages. Photos can be sent to Susan Berta at susan@orcaneetwork.org.

You can learn more about the Sounders and other Salish Sea whales by visiting the Langley Whale Center at 105 Anthes Ave. Visit [Facebook.com/LangleyWhaleCenter](https://www.facebook.com/LangleyWhaleCenter) for current hours, or call 360-221-7505 to schedule a private tour.

More details and registration information for Welcome the Whales can be found on Orca Network's website at www.orcaneetwork.org. For questions, please contact Cindy Hansen at cindy@orcaneetwork.org.

[Submitted by Cindy Hansen, Orca Network]

Celebrate America - July 3 - Freeland, WA - Canceled

The Celebrate America organizing team from South Whidbey Assembly of God has been watching and hoping that by March 31 there would be clarity about what July 2021 and COVID restrictions might look like.

Unfortunately, the state has provided no guidelines, or even a hint of what July might look like. The organizing team set March 31 as the day to decide "Go" or "No." It takes months to plan, assemble details, recruit, align participants and raise the needed funds. The uncertainty leaves the team short of time to pull off the event. Unfortunately, the team decided it will not be possible to host Celebrate America in 2021.

Many in the community will be sorely disappointed.

Looking forward to Celebrate America 2022.

[Submitted by Matt Chambers, Senior Pastor - South Whidbey Assembly]

Central Whidbey Hearts & Hammers Community Update

The past year has been strange and difficult with COVID-19 disrupting just about everyone's lives. The operations of nonprofit organizations, including Central Whidbey Hearts & Hammers (CWH&H), were not spared. CWH&H regretted having to cancel its annual 2020 Community Work Day and its annual Community Dinner in January.

Now, at the point in the year where the CWH&H board and volunteers normally are intensely planning for the 2021 Work Day (normally held the first Saturday in May) CWH&H will, again, need to postpone the Work Day in the best interests of the health of our community.

The CWH&H board has continued to meet (virtually) and plan for the future. CWH&H is hoping public health guidelines will allow the 2021 Work Day to be held in late September. As soon as it looks possible, CWH&H will send out a notice to "save the date." The group looks forward to again gathering together on a single day and building the community through "neighbors helping neighbors."

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

The "Angel de la Creatividad" sculpted by a world-renowned artist deserves to be and belongs where it will get the most exposure and appreciation....that would not be in a military town on the far north end of an island in the Pacific Northwest.

CARES Act money paid for the \$15,000 Zencity public opinion report that showed the public overwhelmingly opposed the sculpture 737 to 109. Oak Harbor City Council, please listen the majority of The People and act accordingly.

The most appropriate setting for the "Angel de la Creatividad" is the City of Angels - Los Angeles - where it would be seen and appreciated by thousands of people every day.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth Evans
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Dragonflies and Damselflies of Western Washington

Dragonflies are often called "birdwatchers' insects," as they are large, colorful and active during the day, unlike so many other insects, and they exhibit complex behaviors, some of which are comparable to those of birds. Whidbey Audubon Society welcomes Dennis Paulson for a lecture on the more common species of this group in western Washington. Where do they live? When might you see them? What is especially interesting about them?

The online program is Thursday beginning at 7:00PM. Monthly programs are free and open to all. If you are not a Whidbey Audubon Society member and would like to attend, please go to the website, whidbeyaudubonsociety.org/events to register. Look for a link to the program via Zoom. If you don't see it, please check your spam folder. If you still do not find it, contact admin@whidbeyaudubonsociety.org.

Paulson has been studying dragonflies and damselflies (Odonata) since he chose them as a subject for his Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Miami in 1966. He has lived in Washington for 53 years and has studied the Odonata

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Regardless of exactly when the next Work Day is scheduled, CWH&H is always looking for projects. Anyone who owns their own home, is physically or financially challenged, and has maintenance or repair projects that could affect their health or safety, qualifies. Please let your friends and neighbors in the Central Whidbey area know CWH&H offers assistance to homeowners in need.

In the meantime, CWH&H has been taking on the most urgent projects of our neighbors in need with its Home Emergency Action Response Team (HEART) program. Homeowners with a repair issue that immediately affects their health or safety, who are not able to make the repair themselves or hire someone to do it, qualify for assistance through HEART. If you or someone you know needs immediate assistance with home repairs, please contact CWH&H by clicking the Homeowners tab at www.cwheartsandhammers.org, emailing cwheartsandhammers@gmail.com, or calling 360-720-2114.

If you have the time, the skills and the "heart" to volunteer with the HEART program team, please go to the volunteers tab of the CWH&H website and sign up, specifically checking "YES" when asked "ARE YOU SIGNING UP FOR OUR EMERGENCY HEART PROGRAM."

CWH&H will keep the community informed about its plans for a Work Day as they develop.

Visit www.cwheartsandhammers.org, call 360-720-2114, or email cwheartsandhammers@gmail.com for any questions you may have about getting help, becoming a volunteer or making a donation.

[Submitted by Kelly Keilwitz, President, CWH&H Board of Directors]

Whidbey Community Foundation - \$60,000 in Grants to Whidbey Island Schools

Whidbey Community Foundation is pleased to announce its next phase of funding from the COVID-19 Community Resilience Fund. WCF

awarded grants to all three school districts on Whidbey Island totaling \$60,000 to support students, educators, and their families with mental health needs.

"Stress and anxiety are at a high in our society due to the pandemic. The mental health of our youth is very fragile right now. Kids of all ages have been affected by COVID. Our community partners, such as the Sno-Isle Libraries' Issues that Matter series, have highlighted how remote schooling, isolation from friends and family, and fears of illness are all contributing to our students' collective anxiety," stated program director, Jessie Gunn.

School district leaders on our island have emphasized that mental health has been a crisis for years, and the pandemic has exacerbated existing issues. School is often the only consistent place for students to receive much-needed care, including mental health services.

Funds to Oak Harbor School District will be used to provide free summer activities for all students, including programs in physical activity, social-emotional wellness, and arts and academics. The purpose of the services will be to help students begin to heal from the trauma of the pandemic and begin to rebuild relationships and restore their emotional well-being.

Coupeville School District will use the funds to help hire a social worker for the district. This position will help with enrichment, re-engagement and mental health needs for all students in the district, and fill the gap from having recently lost its funded Mental Health Therapist.

South Whidbey School District is working closely with Readiness to Learn to employ a Youth Engagement Specialist. This position is designed to connect students to opportunities that promote re-engagement within the community and at school as an antidote to the impacts of the pandemic.

About Whidbey Community Foundation

Whidbey Community Foundation was founded in 2016 by long-time community

members. Its mission is to improve the quality of life on Whidbey by: providing support for the nonprofit sector, assisting donors to build and preserve enduring assets for charitable purposes, and meeting community needs through financial awards. Visit WCF's website www.whidbeyfoundation.org and follow on Facebook and Instagram for more information.

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

Fire Department Announces Upcoming Commissioner Elections

South Whidbey Fire/EMS seeks a new fire commissioner to fill Position 3, to be vacated by Frank Mestemacher at the end of the year. Mestemacher recently announced he is not seeking re-election after completion of his six-year term, which ends Dec. 31.

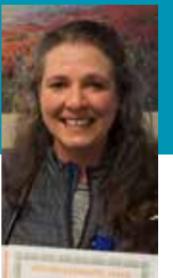
Position 1 is also up for election. The seat is currently held by incumbent Larry Metz, who intends to seek re-election. Metz was appointed in 2020 to fill a vacancy. Position 2 is currently held by Mike Noblet, whose term does not end until 2026.

To run for office, anyone interested must officially declare their candidacy and file with Island County during the days of May 17-21. Their name will be placed on the Aug. 3 primary election ballot. The fire commissioners will be elected during the Nov. 2 general elections.

Individuals must be a U.S. citizen 18 years or older, and be a registered voter residing in the South Whidbey Fire/EMS district for at least 30 days. A candidate handbook may be found at www.islandcountywa.gov/Auditor/Elections/Documents/Candidate%20Filing%20Book.pdf.

To learn more about serving as a South Whidbey Fire/EMS commissioner, contact Fire Chief H.L. "Rusty" Palmer at 360-321-1533 or chief@swfe.org.

[Submitted by Sherrye Wyatt]



Myla Becker
Registered Nurse
(Hospice Care)

SOME HEROES GIVE GENTLE COMFORT

"Myla has fearlessly stepped up to provide exceptional care and advocacy for our patients at a local assisted-living facility that had experienced a COVID-19 outbreak. She made extra visits to comfort our Hospice patients and helped connect family members with loved ones.

Myla's extra care has been instrumental in ensuring these patients remain comfortable. It also gave the family members one-on-one support to update them on their loved one's conditions and help them prepare."

Myla Becker is a **real healthcare hero.**

End of life in a facility with positive COVID-19 cases can be lonely and distressing. Myla has ensured that our patients have a dignified, comfortable and supported passing despite the pandemic and limited restrictions.

Myla provides this care with a compassionate spirit. Her presence exudes gentleness, and her smiles reflect her warm and caring heart!

You are a superstar to our patients, community and WhidbeyHealth. Thank you, Myla!

Ron Telles

Ron Telles, CEO
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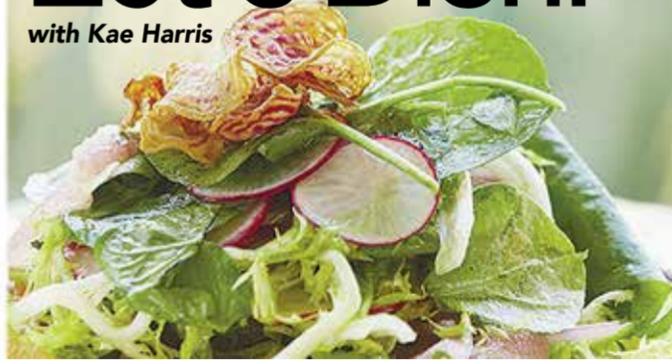
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Let's Dish!

with Kae Harris



DO SOMETHING EGGSTRA AFTER EASTER!

Easter is a time of renewal and rebirth. It's a time for enjoying and truly appreciating the blessings we have in our lives. It's also, of course, a time for chocolate and candy. Yes, this time of year also sees an age-old tradition excite and delight children the world over; even those people enjoying their 'second childhood' – albeit perhaps vicariously through grandkids. The thing is, we can't eat all those Easter chocolates in one sitting. I mean, perhaps we can – although it's not an invitation to attempt this, or a challenge. So, what's a person to do with all the left over candy?

I suppose you could put it into lunch boxes – for those people who are not working from home, or as a treat for the kids who are attending in-person lessons at school. But, that's easy, dare I say a little boring. Let's get a little adventurous with our candy-reusing skills. Let's reinvent the wheel in a way. I know sometimes, in my house, when things get gastronomically boring, I look to the people who are going to be consuming whatever I make for inspiration – the kids.

Listen, it's spring and summer is fast approaching and if the Easter bunny was as generous with your family this year as he was with mine, you might have candy for a while, so let's think along the lines of hot weather's approaching. My family – myself included – loves a good old-fashioned milkshake. I thought perhaps this year, we might revamp our usual milkshakes and use the leftover Easter yummys in these. From blitzing peanut butter chocolate up or even caramel eggs, into the milkshake, to chopping and topping the tops of the shakes with bits and bobs leftover from plastic Easter eggs, the options for upping the ante of your leftover skills and culinary prowess are endless. Get creative!

Then, folks, we have cookies. I know it seems a little "run of the mill," but think of all the many cookie flavor concoctions you could come up with. M&Ms, milk chocolate bars, dark chocolate, kisses; all of these can form the base from which an Easter leftover cooking, making and baking bonanza can spring! Sugar cookie thumb prints, with a little "kiss" in the center, then baked to sweet and gooey perfection, sounds amazing right about now – with a glass of cold milk too, please!

Sticking with the theme of treats appropriate for summer, this would be the perfect time to try and sneak in a healthy treat with all the candy! I know this seems impossible, but I have yet to find a kid who does not love my frozen candy banana pops! Simply melt any chocolate you have (chocolate eggs or bunnies are particularly useful for this) over a water bath to prevent the chocolate from getting burned, skewer a banana with a popsicle stick and dip it into the chocolate bath before adorning with your choice of chopped up candy (this would be a great time to get the kids involved and have them customize their popsicle to their taste). Leave on a wire

rack to set before placing in the freezer to become a refreshing guilty pleasure with a slightly healthy twist!

While chocolate eggs and rabbits are the go-to candies for Easter today, there is another candy that was traditionally linked to this holiday: jelly beans. Jelly beans became a part of Easter traditions in the 1930s, due to their egg-like shape and the fact they could be packed into newly invented and mass-produced hollowed out plastic Easter eggs. As candies go, jelly beans are a very light candy and this pairs very well with another light, baked favorite: meringue. Simply chop the jelly beans into small pieces before adding to a mixture of well beaten egg whites and sugar (the basis of any meringue); place the mixture on a baking sheet in mounds and bake for 75 to 90 minutes at 225°F before letting cool completely. For an extra decadent treat, make meringue sandwiches by sandwiching a mixture of whipped heavy cream and sugar between two meringues; everyone will thank you for this light, airy unique sweet treat that doesn't make one feel as guilty for indulging in it!

Sweet and savory combinations are always a crowd pleaser. By combining the savory aspect of popcorn with the sweetness of your favorite candy (I'm partial to M&Ms for this particular recipe), we are able to create a fun snack that is sure to be a hit at any movie night. Candy popcorn balls require three main ingredients: popcorn, candy and marshmallows. Melt a 10-ounce bag of marshmallows in 4 tablespoons of butter, add popcorn to the mixture before cooling in a baking tray to about 80°F; add your bite sized candy to the mixture and fold well to evenly disperse the candy throughout the mixture before forming into balls (handy tip: grease up your hands very well before attempting to form the popcorn balls!). Let the balls cool completely before serving and to be extra decadent, drizzle chocolate over them to get the perfect sweet and savory treat!

I have always had fond memories of Easter from the time I was a child. I can remember Easter egg hunts in the garden where I was made to work to get my candy rewards, family dinners and the feeling of closeness and community that came from spending this holiday with family and friends. By re-using and re-purposing Easter candy, I hope that you will be able to create memories with your kids and friends will stay with them throughout their lives! Hopefully, these culinary creations will inspire you to come up with your own recipes; feel free to share them along with any comments or questions by writing to me at letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com, where we will continue to Dish! as we transition from spring into summer!

To read past columns of *Let's Dish* in the *Whidbey Weekly*, see our Digital Library at www.whidbeyweekly.com.



FRIDAY, FEB. 26

3:0 pm, SR 20

Blue F-150 truck drove straight over round-about at Northgate and is now brake checking. Vehicle speeding as well; currently stuck in traffic behind a truck.

3:55 pm, SR 20

Advising male in store was yelling at reporting party.; was being discriminating. Male is inside Safeway gas station store.

4:08 pm, Sunlight Shores Ln.

Requesting call. States needs to speak with law enforcement about community member who wants to move water meter the association owns. Community member has already started to dig a hole.

SATURDAY, FEB. 27

10:45 am, Moran Beach Ln.

Requesting call regarding neighbors having camera pointed at her house.

2:08 pm, Banta Rd.

Caller says male with shaved head, last seen wearing black peacoat playing with tree limbs in front of residence. Doing yoga, humping the ground. Last seen in bus stop at SR 20 and Northgate Dr.

MONDAY, MARCH 1

4:10 am, W Green Valley Rd.

Reporting party advising three subjects walking on Green Valley near reporting party's residence were yelling and screaming; reporting party yelled back at them to stop and they said vulgar things to her. Reporting party concerned they may head to her barn and hide in it.

2:40 pm, Monroe Landing Rd.

Advising human skull found a quarter mile from boat launch on bluff; reporting party left it there, requesting phone call.

4:04 pm, Pines Moon Way

Requesting call regarding finding fingerprints on her windows past two months. Did not want to give personal information, does not want law enforcement to respond to her residence.

6:00 pm, Lyle Ridge Cir.

Requesting phone call. Received mail from Charles Schwab; when reporting party opened mail, noticed a white powder substance. Reporting party has mail sealed in plastic bag now. Not feeling any ill effects.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

8:22 am, Fort Casey Rd.

Advising young calf in roadway in area. Black and white calf.

10:57 am, SR 20

Advising mattress flew out of truck, not sure where it landed; caller continued on.

8:02 pm, Bonito Way

Reporting party advising subject is cutting reporting party's tree. Ongoing issue.

9:46 pm, SR 525

Reporting party advising something is in middle of the road wrapped in a sheet; in southbound lane.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

6:39 am, Bonito Way

Requesting call regarding tree-cutting incident that was reported last night. States this morning has noted other trees are cut as well.

Thursday, March 4

1:24 am, Amble Rd.

Reporting party advising subject at end of driveway in white Volvo refusing to leave; unknown if subject is in vehicle. Advising subject has history of coming in middle of the night and breaking in and stealing his stuff.

5:25 am, Bayview Rd.

Reporting party advising female is on front porch of location; advising female seems out of it, wouldn't move; was asking for a cup of coffee. Advising she was there last night at as well.

7:14 am, Cedar View Dr.

Reporting party states subject and many other individuals are around his property and on his roof all night. Have been there since 9 pm. Not sure if anyone is on roof now, as he has boarded up all his windows.

4:52 pm, Imperial Ln.

For past two nights in a row around 10:30 pm, caller hears someone try her front door then try neighbor's, which is vacant. Sounds like they access through neighbor's gate. Did hear someone say "Oh shit, run;" probably after they saw reporting party's flashlight.

5:01 pm, Bonito Way

Neighbor has taken tree down onto reporting party's property. Fourth tree they have taken down. Requesting they be told to stop falling trees and stop coming into reporting party's ravine.

5:12 pm, S Main St.

Reporting party advising someone got into her open window and stole a \$1,500 gold bracelet. Just got home and is unsure what else was taken.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

9:43 am, Bonito Way

Ongoing issue with trespassers; reporting party says already reported, but needs cooperation from the Sheriff's office.

10:20 am, Bayview Rd.

Caller advising members gather at location without masks on.

1:10 pm, W Welcher Rd.

Caller advising tree fell on her vehicle. Not able to move it. Not injured. Vehicle won't shut off. Lines down in roadway.

1:49 pm, Bonito Way

Advising two males with chainsaws are cutting trees in reporting party's woods through reporting party's ravine.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

12 pm, Northgate Dr.

Advising just found out brother was using caller's personal information when getting pulled over for traffic violations.

12:38 pm, Heller Rd.

Advising cell phone stolen while in area of location walking; female took it from his pocket and refused to return it.

10:18 pm, Burma Rd.

Reporting party advising she was kidnapped in someone's backpack; female not making sense; male in background heard saying "f***ing leave."

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



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WE ALL HAVE A RESERVE TO PUSH THROUGH LIFE'S HARDSHIPS

John Anderson believes we all have a reserve we can tap into that will push us beyond our expectations.

"We can tap into this reserve if we are running a marathon, going through a loss of life, loss of a dream, or divorce.

Anderson volunteers day full time every in a non-medical capacity since COVID vaccines began to be administered at WhidbeyHealth.

Volunteers like 29-year-old Rebecca Holmes. She signed up to help with WhidbeyHealth for a non-medical spot.

Anderson uses an example when he was in the Vietnam war. He was wounded so badly the medical team did not think he would live.

His dream when he got out of the Army was to become a California Highway Patrol officer.

He gave it his all to use his reserve and get out on the other side. However, the doctors could not release him back to work as his physical injuries were permanent.

This was quite devastating to Anderson. He couldn't think of anything else he wanted to do.



He was depressed for a time, he remembers. He wanted to find another career that he felt was helping others.

"Life is difficult, darkness comes upon us all, but the sun will shine again. We will laugh again, the flowers will bloom, the birds will sing."

"There are many things in life we would not choose. This week I met with a man who was distraught about losing his job, and a relationship.

"I have lost loved ones, had disappointments, relationship failures too. But I know from experiencing dark times that I will get through.

"Two years ago I lost my best friend Lu Lu. I adopted her 10 years before at a dog shelter. I sure miss Lu Lu, but I am not ready to adopt another dog yet.

Parenting was a huge joy for him. He says, it's the most important job he had.

"Apart from helping to raise my daughter, other circumstances that cause me to feel good about myself is helping another person or the community.

Vicki Hand is one of Anderson's neighbors. Hand says "John is a true gem, thoughtful, kind, and always the perfect gentleman.

Roger Davis learned about the word reserve from Anderson. "I doubt if John will even remember having this conversation with me back in February.

Sometimes we need to help one another and be the reminder that we can push ourselves just a little harder, and tap into our reserves.

Words from others about John:

My dad John stepped into my life when I was 3 years old. He is my step-dad, but I consider him my dad. He has always been there for me, and now he is for his grandchildren too.

-Kristen McKiernan, John's daughter

John and I have been volunteering frequently together since January this year at WhidbeyHealth's vaccination clinic.

-Wendy Gilbert, volunteers for COVID vaccination clinic

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

"At 19, I went skydiving. My chute opened incorrectly, which is called a streamer. So, I was free falling quickly to the ground.



John David Anderson

Born: Bakersfield, Calif., 1947

Marital Status: Divorced

Family: Daughter, Kristen, son-in-law, Chris; two grandchildren, Hunter (11) and Hazel (6)

Traits you try to emulate: My parents taught me by example to always be honest, and a strong work ethic.

Careers: So. Calif. Highway Patrol, Boat Captain-Channel Islands National park, Owner of Bon Voyage Travel, Director of Princess Cruises

Hobbies: Cooking, volunteering, and entertaining at my home, traveling. I used to love flying, but gave it up when my eyesight became less than perfect.

What are you most proud of?: My daughter, and helping to raise her, there is nothing more important. I love her so very much, and now her family too.

What are you glad is over in your life?: Being in the war. The carnage is horrific. I had just turned 18 when I was drafted. I lost two of my best friends in the war.

Who do you admire?: All deployed military and their family for the sacrifices they make. All the people in the WhidbeyHealth COVID vaccine clinics.

Advertisement for Jones Accounting Associates. Features a photo of a house and the text: 'JONES ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATES Celebrating Over 34 Years Of Business In Oak Harbor \$495 TAX PREPARATION For your 2020 individual income tax return! What's included? All standard forms and schedules to complete your form 1040.'

Advertisement for Blue Fox Drive-In Theater. Features the text: 'This Weekend! Friday, April 9 thru Sunday, April 11 TOM AND JERRY (PG) GODZILLA VS KONG (PG-13) BOX OFFICE OPENS AT 4PM, FIRST MOVIE BEGINS AT DUSK, APPROX. 7:40PM 11 & OVER \$6.50*; KIDS 5-10 \$1.00*; 4 & UNDER FREE *CASH PRICES GO KARTS OPEN AT 4PM FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1403 N MONROE LANDING RD • OAK HARBOR 360-675-5667 • www.bluefoxdrivein.com'



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Life Tributes

DOROTHY G. LUCE



Dorothy "Dotty" Gertrude Luce, age 92, passed away peacefully March 21, 2021 at Homeplace Special Care in Oak Harbor, Wash., after meeting the challenges of Parkinson's Disease for many years.

Dotty was born Jan. 10, 1929, in Lewellen, Neb., to Miles Howard and Mabel Gertrude (Lott) Beavins. She was the eldest of three children, having arrived 10 minutes before her twin sister, Doris. She was raised on a farm until the family "moved into town" when she was in her teens. She graduated from Lewellen Rural High School in 1947 and proceeded to University of Nebraska at Kearney and Lincoln. She was a member of the Sigma Theta Phi Sorority.

Due to a shortage of teachers post World War II, she was able to teach at a rural school near Lodgepole, Neb., while still attending college.

Always up for an adventure, Dotty and her friend, Gwen Chase, left Nebraska in 1952 for sunny California. It was at a dance in Oakland that she met a handsome Navy sailor, "Irv" Luce, from Perryopolis, Pa. After a whirlwind year of courtship, they were married March 8, 1954 in Anacortes, Wash.

After Irv's discharge from the Navy, they remained in Mount Vernon, Wash., and Dotty worked for the Carnation Milk company. They both attended Western Washington College of Education and she received her Bachelor of Arts (and 5th year) in Education in 1961. It was also during this time their two daughters were born - Vicki Jayne in 1955 and Tammara Jean in 1959.

In 1961, they moved to Oak Harbor due to teaching offers. Dotty first taught second grade in an Olympic View Elementary School Quonset hut, where her day started with lighting the oil stove that heated each hut. She later moved to Crescent Harbor Elementary school where in 1965, she became the school librarian. She remained there until she retired in June 1990. When reminiscing, she fondly remembered

friendships with fellow educators, making library window displays, and playground duty – all while wearing a well coordinated outfit and heels.

She loved her library job but appreciated summers and holidays with the family, which included car trips to visit relatives in Nebraska and Pennsylvania, boating trips on the "Soul Catcher" in the San Juan Islands and entertaining friends with salmon and garden corn barbecues. After retirement, she and Irv continued their love of adventure by enjoying many trips to Europe, touring the United States in a 36-foot RV and wintering in Palm Springs. She also enjoyed morning walks with the "Walkie Talkers," dancing, shopping at Casual House, collecting Murano clown figurines, reading for her book club, playing bridge and spending time with her daughters and their families.

Dotty was active in a number of community organizations. She was a member of Washington Alpha Delta Kappa (ADK), Beta Epsilon Chapter, an international honorary sorority for women educators, of which she was president, president-elect, treasurer, historian and attained the "Silver Sister" honor in 1998. She was active in the American Association of University Women (AAUW) since 1966 and an honorary life member for 50 years of service including working on the Showcase of Arts, a juried competition for high school students. She attended the Oak Harbor First United Methodist Church for many years.

Dotty will be remembered by her family and friends as an energetic, sophisticated, adventurer with a subtle sense of humor. Her daughters feel fortunate to have had a wonderful mother who blessed them with values of hard work, integrity, independence and the importance of education. She was cherished by her daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren, past students and the many forever friends in the Oak Harbor community and beyond.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mherling Irwin "Irv" Luce, in March 2018. She is survived by her daughters, Vicki Barton (Doug) of Cle Elum and Tammara Leighton (Brian) of Seattle; grandchildren, Chandra Turner (Chris) and Stuart Barton (Kaela) of Spokane; and great-grandchildren, Jack and Tyler Turner. She is also survived by her sisters, Doris Wells of North Platte, Neb., and Fern Burdick of Richland, Mo.; sisters-in-law, Judy Pawlowski and Ethel Luce of Belle Vernon, Pa.; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial service arrangements are being planned for a later, undetermined date. A private interment of her ashes next to her husband will be at Maple Leaf Cemetery, Oak Harbor. The family wishes to thank the staff and caregivers at Homeplace Special Care for their compassionate care of Dotty over the past six years. The family suggests memorials to the Oak Harbor Educational Foundation.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Wallin-Stucky Funeral Home. To leave messages or condolences to the family, please visit Dotty's Book of Memories page on the funeral home website at wallinfuneral-home.com.

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

Pam's Prayer Corner

In honor of my late mother-in-law, Pamela Kaye Young, this column is a place where believers can share their prayer requests for others to help lift them up in faith. The prayers can be for you, a family member, or anything weighing on your soul. Email info@whidbeyweekly.com or call 360-682-2341 to share your prayer requests.

LAUGHTER

Laughter, it turns out, is one of the most healthy things we can do. Multiple scientific studies have confirmed that laughter will...relax the whole body, boost the immune system, trigger the release of endorphins, protect the heart, and burn unwanted calories. Laughter is like a wonder drug. It even helps to lighten anger's heavy load. It is not surprising, then, that many scientists believe that laughter helps us to live longer and remain more healthy. Maybe this is why, the ancient King of Israel, Solomon, suggested in his wisdom writings, that "A joyful heart is good medicine." (Proverbs 17:22 NASB)

2020 was, for almost everyone, a dreaded year of heavy-hearted challenges, sorrows, griefs and fears. With so much weighing upon our lives, we need to seek — comic relief (in the midst of seeking spiritual direction and holy hope). Know God is the author of both physical, emotional and spiritual medicine!

And so we pray:

Dear Lord, would you please come and leverage our lives with the power of your love and with the gift of laughing, joyful hearts. Give us delight even in our difficult days. Help us to laugh at ourselves, our circumstances and the struggles that often seek to hold us hostage to defeated perspectives. Make us ever confident that our God wants to infuse us with joy, brightness, hope, resiliency and the knowledge that we are an "Easter People." Death has been defeated. This mortal life still hurts, but draw us ever forward with faith, hope, love and laughter! Smile upon us, that we might smile upon you and others!

In Jesus name we pray, Amen!

Pastor David Parker
First United Methodist Church

"A joyful heart is good medicine, But a broken spirit dries up the bones."

Proverbs 17:22 NASB



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Michael Stadler Photo Courtesy of Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism

No matter how you choose to explore Whidbey and Camano Islands, by foot, bike, kayak or car, there is plenty to see, as noted in the new "Discover Your Islands" promotional campaign by Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism.

Wyatt said the new campaign offers everyone a chance to learn more about Island County with expanded stories about the area and by highlighting different experiences. Those interested can participate in promoting Whidbey and Camano Islands, too.

"This campaign also has more ways for everyone to participate, including decals and window clings," she said. "Many items in the guide were generated from local community members through an 'island discoveries' social media campaign. Our website also includes many new videos. Follow QR codes throughout the guide to find more information on our website. We really hope everyone will display a decal or window cling to show community support."

"We believe the quality and variety of Island County products, producers and services is world class and a source of great pride in the community, which the guide so beautifully captures," said Sappington. "The EDCIC is honored to be part of the partnership and collaboration that made this possible."

The new publication features sections like "From Island Soil to Island Tables," which highlights area farms and foods, including

three new cideries, as well as U-pick opportunities at local farms. The "Hands at Work" section features information about how to view or get involved in the local arts community. "Active Island Lifestyle" has ideas perfect for planning an outing, excursion or a day of pampering.

"I hope residents are inspired to continue to 'look local first' for unique gifts and adventures that represent the islands, knowing every dollar spent here is invested back into our community," Wyatt said. "Our neighbors really appreciate our business. I hope our retailers see the advantage of carrying more locally produced items in order to support local artisans, growers and makers. More local products on the shelves also creates a more authentic experience for both residents and visitors alike."

See a digital version of "Discover Your Islands" online at whidbeycamanoislands.com.

"It feels great to be part of a project that is helping promote local businesses," said Wyatt. "It is really important that locals continue to invest in our own community."



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What's Going On

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

War Horse

Saturday, April 10, 7:00PM

Sunday, April 11, 2:00PM

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley
All Seats: \$20

Filmed live on the stage of the National Theatre in London, this powerfully moving and imaginative drama is a show of phenomenal inventiveness. At its heart are astonishing life-size puppets that bring breathing, galloping, charging horses to thrilling life on stage.

For tickets or more information, visit www.WICAonline.org.

Leroy Bell in Concert

Friday, April 16, 7:30PM

Saturday, April 17, 7:30PM

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley
All Seats: \$35

Celebrated American singer and songwriter LeRoy Bell returns to Whidbey for a one-night-only engagement. For tickets or more information, visit www.WICAonline.org. The Saturday show is sold out.

Drive thru Fisherman's Breakfast

Saturday, April 24, 7:00-11:00AM

Deer Lagoon Grange, Langley

Join your neighbors for a hearty breakfast burrito with eggs, potatoes, cheese and sausage, a side of salsa and your choice of coffee or juice drink. By donation. Deer Lagoon Grange #846 is located at 5142 Bayview Rd.

Klumpen Canal Races

Saturday, April 24, 2:00-3:00PM

Sunday, April 25, 2:00-3:00PM

Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce,
32630 SR 20

Get your klumpen shoes and decorate to enter the Klumpen Canal Races! Shoes available at Oak Harbor Chamber for \$5. More info can be found at www.facebook.com/events/435725904193401.

Spring Flower Bowl Fundraiser

Through April 25

\$40

OHHS Grad Night Booster Parents have partnered with Greenhouse Florist and Nursery to bring you the Spring Flower Bowl Fundraiser. Proceeds will be used to create a fun and safe grad night for OHHS graduating seniors. Each beautiful 10-inch bowl will be unique and potted with seasonal flowers. Cost is \$40 per bowl. Orders must be picked up at the

Greenhouse May 3-8. For more information or to order your Spring Flower Bowl, email ohhsgradnight2021@gmail.com or call 360-929-1353.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below

Cost: Free:

Visiting Mount St. Helens

Wednesday, April 14, 6:30-7:30PM

Online event

Join Mount St. Helens Institute volunteer lecturer David Newcomb for insider tips for hikers, climbers, and day-trippers and make the most of your visit to Mount St. Helens. Register at <https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/events/>.

Books2Movies: "Unbroken" by Laura Hellenbrand

Friday, April 16, 2:00PM

Online event

This month's title: *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand is a World War II story of survival, resilience and redemption. Register at <https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/events/>.

Monitoring Cascade Range Volcanoes

Tuesday, April 20, 3:30-4:30PM

Online event

There are over 80 people employed at the Cascades Volcano Observatory. Learn more about CVO and its mission to monitor "High Threat" volcanoes of Washington and Oregon, and work with monitoring partners and emergency officials to communicate hazard information to the 10+ million people who live in Washington and Oregon. Register at <https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/events/>.

Meet Author Steve Olson

Thursday, April 29, 6:30-8:00PM

Online event

Meet Steve Olson, award-winning author of *Eruption: The Untold Story of Mount St. Helens*, and 2017 winner of the Washington State Book Award for history and nonfiction. *Eruption* examines the history and science behind the 1980 eruption with page-turning accounts of what happened to those who lived and those who died. Register at <https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/events/>.

Discuss the Classics with Rita Bartell Drum

Thursdays, 12:30 or 7:00PM

Enjoy a pleasant hour of shared wisdom and fellowship as we consider the words and hope of times past and weave a fabric of renewed hope by leaning on the "Classics." Email ritadrum777@gmail.com for Zoom link.

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SAT 4/10 - SVC Men's Basketball @ Whatcom CC, 6PM

TUE 4/13 - OHHS Baseball vs Bellingham, 4PM

WED 4/14 - SVC Women's Basketball vs Everett, 5PM

WED 4/14 - SVC Men's Basketball vs Everett, 7PM

***-Audio only on SSN

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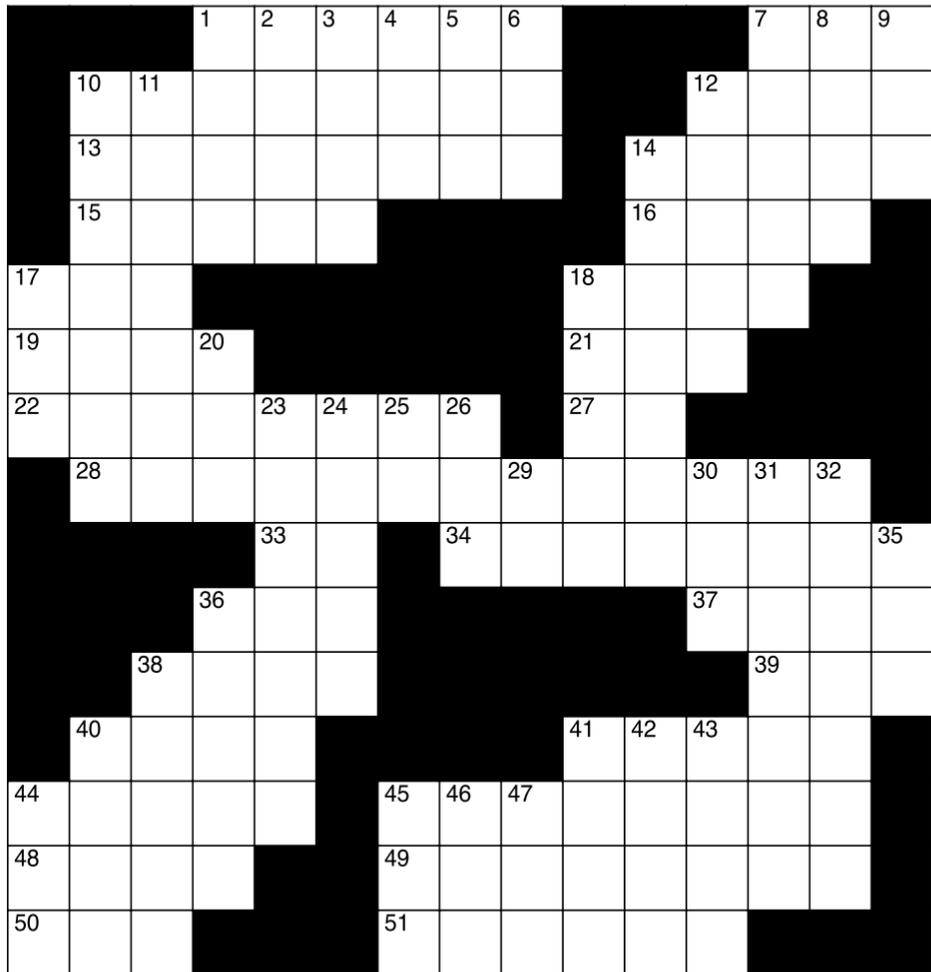
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Switches
- 7. Legal financial term (abbr.)
- 10. Sweeties
- 12. Competition
- 13. Measures electrical resistance
- 14. Psychotherapy researcher
- 15. Causes injury to
- 16. Open
- 17. Polish peninsula
- 18. Hebrew calendar month
- 19. Whale ship captain
- 21. Children's accessory
- 22. Unknown point
- 27. Exists
- 28. Extremely confident
- 33. Expression of disgust
- 34. The government has many
- 36. Small constellation
- 37. Northern Indian city
- 38. The best pitchers
- 39. Naturally occur-

ring solid

- 40. Apple computers
- 41. Portuguese city
- 44. Ancient Greek war dance
- 45. More reliable
- 48. Sailboat
- 49. Newspapers
- 50. Frequently flooded area
- 51. They dig for coal

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Partial
- 2. "Mad Men" leading man
- 3. The ___ of March
- 4. Healthy
- 5. Where golfers begin
- 6. Soviet Socialist Republic (abbr.)
- 7. Of the cheek
- 8. Injury reminder
- 9. Statesman Franklin
- 10. For an unknown reason
- 11. Brain parts
- 12. Islamic calendar month
- 14. Avenue where ad men work
- 17. Possesses

18. Accept

- 20. Stake
- 23. Former British PM May
- 24. US battleships circa 1939
- 25. Greek alphabet letter
- 26. When you hope to get there
- 29. Top lawyer
- 30. Fiddler crabs
- 31. Intolerant
- 32. Persons that cause extreme fear
- 35. Car mechanics group
- 36. Capital of Ghana
- 38. Famed ballplayer Hank
- 40. Emphasizes insignificance
- 41. Light-colored
- 42. Distinctive smell
- 43. Muckraking journalist Jacob
- 44. Sunscreen rating
- 45. Short-term memory
- 46. Japanese delicacy
- 47. One point north of due east

Answers on page 11

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

<p>Thurs, April 8 North Isle H-48°/L-38° Mostly Cloudy</p>	<p>Fri, April 9 North Isle H-50°/L-40° Partly Sunny</p>	<p>Sat, April 10 North Isle H-50°/L-39° Chance of Rain</p>	<p>Sun, April 11 North Isle H-51°/L-40° Mostly Cloudy</p>	<p>Mon, April 12 North Isle H-52°/L-40° Showers Possible</p>	<p>Tues, April 13 North Isle H-54°/L-41° Showers Possible</p>	<p>Wed, April 14 North Isle H-54°/L-39° Cloudy</p>
<p>South Isle H-53°/L-40° Showers Possible</p>	<p>South Isle H-52°/L-39° Showers Possible</p>	<p>South Isle H-54°/L-39° Showers Possible</p>	<p>South Isle H-52°/L-39° Cloudy</p>	<p>South Isle H-54°/L-40° Partly Sunny</p>	<p>South Isle H-55°/L-40° Partly Sunny</p>	<p>South Isle H-56°/L-40° Rain Possible</p>



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What are you most looking forward to in 2021?



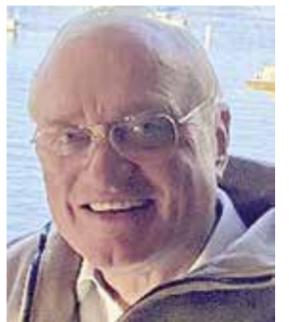
Mary Elizabeth Himes

Safe Harbor Agency Insurance

In 2021 I am looking forward to becoming more involved in my community by being involved with the Island Bohemians and meeting more of my Island neighbors. In 2020 we learned so much about the value of strong community relationships in hard times. I look forward to supporting that positive community spirit as we move into a new normal in 2021.

Mark Brown Oak Harbor

I'm looking forward to traveling with my wife. Whether a road trip to the coast or a flight to our favorite resort in Hawaii (when COVID restrictions lesson); I enjoy our precious moments together!



Trish Coleman Coupeville

I am most looking forward to my son's wedding. Although it will not be in Costa Rica as originally planned, it will still be happening on the original date with a MUCH smaller crowd.

Michele Riordon Oak Harbor

I am most looking forward to seeing my family on the East Coast!! Also, finally being able to have my Grandpa's memorial service in North Carolina.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Island Shakespeare Festival is seeking new members to join our Board of Directors. We're looking for people who are passionate about high-quality live classical theater and can devote time and energy to support the work of Island Shakespeare Festival's important cultural, social, and fiscal position on Whidbey Island. Our current needs include

individuals with backgrounds in the following areas: human resources, donor relations, finance, as well as other skills related to overseeing a performing arts organization. Board members are asked to provide input and feedback to the Board and staff of ISF, attend one full board meeting per month, serve actively on board committees, and attend activities and events sponsored by ISF. Women and persons of color strongly encouraged to apply. For more information, please contact jeff.natter@islandshake-spearefest.org.

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

The Island County Medical Reserve Corps (ICMRC) is a local network of volunteers organized to improve the health and safety of communities on Whidbey and Camano Island. Volunteers include medical and public health professionals as well as other community members with no prior healthcare background. ICMRC utilizes volunteers to strengthen community health, enhance emergency response capabilities, and boost community resiliency. They prepare for and respond to natural and manmade disasters such as winter storms, flooding, earthquakes, as well as public health emergencies such as disease outbreaks. If you are interested in volunteering please go to the Island County MRC website for more information or contact s.ziemer@islandcountywa.gov

If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, look no further! When you volunteer at one of the Habitat for Humanity of Island County stores, you are helping local families attain decent, affordable housing. Income from the stores is vital to giving families a path to homeownership. We need people who can commit

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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.

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

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

JOB MARKET

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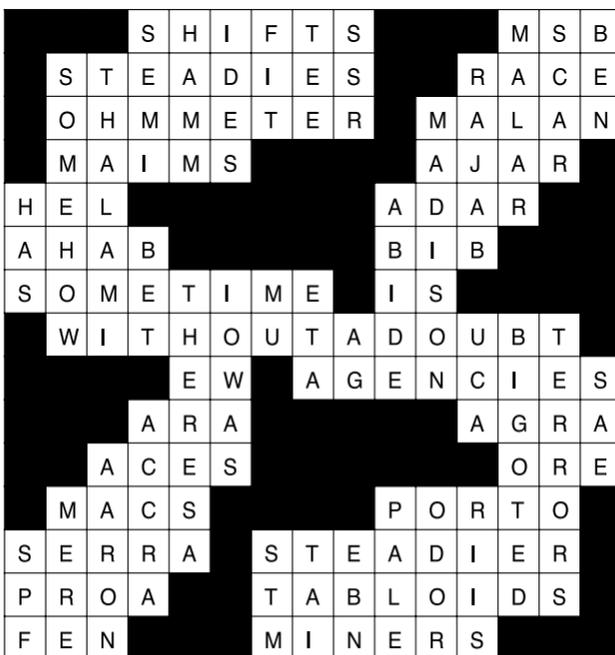
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