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# ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



Ambitious senior that I can be when encouraged, I took my friend Don's Toshiba laptop outside today to type this column.

As we learned in high school Spanish, "No es posible."

Because of the sun, it was too bright to see the laptop screen.

Squinting was of no benefit. In fact, we may as well call this *Squint Week*. No complaints here.

Let's have an outdoor festival. The Squint Fest. I can almost see the t-shirts now.

Sun is Out, Squint On!

## AYKM?

After waking and turning on a few lights, I start the coffee before heading down the drive to get the morning paper.

No wonder Dad got up early. Check the paper before missing the kids' morning get-to-school fun.

No school buses around here, so I can sip and read in quiet.

Today's sports page almost had me thinking I was reading the April Fool's issue of the *Seattle Times*.

The Mariners were listed as first in their division.

Good thing I was sitting down.

I checked. This was no misprint or fake sports.

Feeling gratified, I made another cup of coffee before putting my Mariners hat back on.

## Bananas

There is nothing quite like a banana. With our warmer weather, I have been eating more bananas. When in doubt, have a banana.

Since Siri and Alexa were at lunch, I checked Wikipedia about the history of the banana. There was not much to read. Bananas were already here.

"A banana is an elongated, edible fruit, botanically a berry, produced by several kinds of large herbaceous flowering plants in the genus *Musa*." Sometimes I make a *musa* when I eat a banana.

The world's largest producers of bananas in 2017 were India and China, which together accounted for approximately 38 percent of the total production.

Our granddaughters love bananas. Easy to hold. Easy to chew. Fun for the gums.

Furthering my research, I wondered about the expression *Top Banana*.

Apparently, such is an idiom for a boss or leader. It has also been used as the term for the principal comedian in a vaudeville or burlesque show.

In law school, the valedictorian was the top banana. Wikipedia points out some synonyms that may cause a smile. Know anyone who acts like a big cheese, big enchilada, big kahuna, big wheel, grand poo-bah, head honcho, kingpin, muckety-muck or top dog?

Top Banana is also a video game, an episode in the comedy show *Arrested Development*, and the title of the 1951 Broadway play starring Phil Silvers. Phil and Rose Marie, and other Broadway stars from the play, also made a 1954 film with the same name.

No matter who the top banana is in your life, thank them a bunch.

You may groan here.

## Say what?

Other than employment, probably my most expensive loss during this pandemic has been my hearing aids. Somewhere in Freeland, while taking my masks on and off, off went the hearing aids.

Given the lightness of these hearing aid devices, I always check to make sure they are on and in. In doing so, I often feel like a third base coach giving signs to a batter.

After losing something expensive, I try to feel better with fantasy relief.

Using my fantasy relief package, I determine how many years I enjoyed the item. Then I factor in the cost, determining what the yearly charge would have been as a rental.

Imagine renting hearing aids. Is it loud enough? Can I hear you now?

Once I calculate the annual fee, I divide that by the number of days in the year to determine the daily fee.

Dividing that number by 24 hours in the day, I now have an hourly rate.

Divide that by two since there are two hearing aids and we have an hourly rate for each device.

Much cheaper than a plumber.

Maybe I don't need replacement gear. What do I need to hear? I live alone.

The last time I saw Grandpa Freeman at the hospital in Springfield, Mo., I asked the floor nurse, "Which room is Reverend Freeman's?"

"Just walk down the hall to the room with the loud TV."

What else would she expect? Grandpa was cranking the Baptist hymns on Sunday morning.

## Post shot one

Yesterday, after receiving one of those blue-linked envelopes from Medicare, I sat quietly wondering what my 20 percent Medicare B fee would be.

Hallelujah. Presented in big bold letters I saw *This is not a Bill*. Surely one of my favorite expressions. Along with *This page left intentionally blank*, I find comfort in *This is not a Bill*. No reason to hurry the read. Not time sensitive.

Yet, curiosity always prevails so I read the small print.

Holy first shot, Batman. Moderna charged the Feds \$28.69. Wonder how long that committee met to come up with the 69 cents. Medicare paid Moderna \$17.16. Will I get another blue-linked envelope that says on the sheet, *This is a Bill*?

I guess I'll wait on writing a check for 11 bucks and some change. There may be a late fee. I had the first shot on Groundhog Day so I would remember.

If I get a real bill, should I tip the shot shooter?

## Whale of a good time

Thanks to the Orca Network's annual Welcome the Whales events, last Saturday was worth missing some sunshine. Who knew I would attend the webinars to learn about gray whales and photogrammetry or the science of making measurements from photos.

We enjoyed our virtual whale day parade with Mark Wahl's Whale Day Parade Percussionists rocking the Salish Sea.

If you want to watch the parade to tap your toe while seeing the smiles, the three minutes plus video is on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/3uW0gZWZatc>

## Twain wisdom

Mark Twain is the kind of guy I would like to have sitting on my porch without his mask. The following Twain quotes were discovered at [www.pepquotes.com/mark-twain-quotes](http://www.pepquotes.com/mark-twain-quotes).

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.

Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect.

I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as much as you please.

You meet people who forget you. You forget people you meet. But sometimes you meet those people you can't forget. Those are your friends

Life is short, Break the Rules. Forgive quickly. Kiss slowly. Love truly. Laugh uncontrollably And never regret ANYTHING that makes you smile.

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# Bits & Pieces

## Letters to the Editor,

South Whidbey Hearts & Hammers misses you! Like so many other organizations, we have been greatly affected by the COVID pandemic. Our annual Work Day the first Saturday in May has been the hallmark of our work in the south Whidbey community for over 27 years. Canceling our 2020 work day was very hard for us to do, but the right thing. We are once again faced with the same dilemma. Like last year, we believe bringing so many volunteers together while still in the pandemic would not be in anyone's best interest. As a result, we have canceled our 2021 Work Day once again and are putting our efforts into next year's event Saturday, May 7, 2022.

There are still so many individuals who need our help and we continue to work to assist them with small repair issues through our Home Emergency Action Repair Team (HEART) program. Our team works very hard, although with limited scope for the projects we are accomplishing at this time. Priority is always given to health and safety and we follow all of the CDC guidelines that apply to such work to keep our team and the homeowners safe. We are also working with other nonprofits to forge new partnerships to leverage the work we do for larger projects. We understand there is, and will be, so much work to do when we can gather together again. That is what we are looking forward to so much!

We are hopeful we may be able to have a celebratory gathering this fall, to give our sincere thanks to all of you who have supported us through the years. Please watch for information about that and our next Work Day by visiting our website at [www.heartsandhammers.com](http://www.heartsandhammers.com), or our Facebook page at [facebook.com/southwhidbeyheartsandhammers/](https://www.facebook.com/southwhidbeyheartsandhammers/). We look forward to seeing you again soon!

H.L. "Rusty" Palmer, President  
South Whidbey Hearts & Hammers

### Island County Sheriff's Office Offers Drug Take Back Drop Box

In lieu of a single day for drug take backs, Island County Sheriff's Office maintains a drop box in the lobby of the Annex Building at 1 NE 6th Street, Coupeville. The hours for drop off are Monday through Friday 8:00AM to 4:30PM, excluding holidays.

Please place any pills, tablets or capsules in a Ziploc type bag to place in the drop box, do not dispose of the entire bottle. The following items are not accepted at the drop box:

Syringes, needles or other sharps; inhalers, such as those for asthma; liquids; mercury thermometers; iodine-containing medications; illegal drugs or substances.

[Submitted by Island County Sheriff's Office]

### Skagit Valley College accepting Fall Quarter applications for its Applied Bachelor in Applied Management (BASAM) degree with tracks in General Management and Health Care Management

Skagit Valley College (SVC) is pleased to announce applications are now being accepted for fall enrollment in its Applied Bachelor in Applied Management (BASAM) degree program. The program offers two tracks,

General Management and starting Fall 2021, Health Care Management.

BASAM is a two-year, 90 credit workplace-oriented program designed for students who have completed an associate degree in any field, including those that do not typically transfer to four-year universities. The learning environment replicates the on-the-job learning environment with upper-level courses that model a management view perspective. Classes meet once a week and participants undertake the bulk of their learning independently or in groups. The costs for the required learning materials are capped at \$50 per upper-level course.

The BASAM program is led by Sunaina Virendra, MEd, MBA. Virendra joined the Skagit Valley College faculty in 2015, following a 25-year career as an international Fortune 500 executive, during which she held leadership roles in Public Affairs, Strategy and M&A, Finance, Marketing, Consumer Insights, and Revenue Management. BASAM participants often express their appreciation for how the BASAM program emphasizes real life application, relevance, and workplace context and the ways in which Virendra brings her own experiences into the classroom.

Applied bachelor degrees at SVC are selective admissions programs that begin each Fall. Interested individuals must attend a program briefing before applying. The incoming 2021 cohort is limited to 20 for the General Management track and 10 for Health Care Management. For program information, or to sign up for a program briefing, please visit [www.skagit.edu/basam](http://www.skagit.edu/basam), or contact Sunaina Virendra (Sue-nay-nah Verendra), Applied Management instructor and program chair at 360-416-7635 or email [basam@skagit.edu](mailto:basam@skagit.edu).

About applied bachelor degrees in Washington: Some individuals earn a non-transfer, professional/technical degree at a community or technical college and later decide to pursue a bachelor's degree. In response to that need, many community and technical colleges in Washington, including Skagit Valley College, offer applied bachelor degrees where people can take two more years of upper-level coursework to earn their four-year degree. Those with work and family responsibilities can pursue their degree where they live, work, and raise their families. In addition to its BASAM program, SVC offers an Applied Bachelor degree in Environmental Conservation.

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

### Talkin' Weather with Dr. Cliff Mass Whidbey and Fidalgo Communities Invited to Evening via Zoom with Popular Weather Expert

Ever wonder why thunderstorms are so wimpy over the Northwest, or why our spring season seems to go on forever? Or even wonder will this be a good weekend to get out on the boat? Weather expert Dr. Cliff Mass has the answers, and the America's Boating Club of Deception Pass invites the community to an evening of "Talkin' Weather with Dr. Cliff Mass," featuring the popular radio personality and blogger. The virtual event will be held Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30PM via Zoom.

Mass' *Cliff Mass Weather Blog* and podcast *Weather with Cliff Mass* provide timely weather forecasts for the Pacific Northwest, detail current and future weather topics, and discuss related topics. Mass, renowned professor of Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Washington, is author of the book *The Weather of the Pacific Northwest*. His areas of expertise include numerical weather modeling and prediction, the role of topography in the evolution of weather systems, regional climate modeling, and the weather of the Pacific Northwest.

To participate, please contact Bob McCrary at [rmccrary09@gmail.com](mailto:rmccrary09@gmail.com) or 916-206-1114. Zoom link and instructions to join in will be

emailed to guests prior to the start of the program.

The America's Boating Club of Deception Pass is a 44-year-old nonprofit organization with over 80 members from Whidbey and Fidalgo islands. It is part of the United States Power Squadrons, a nonprofit boating organization dedicated to education and training of safe boating activities.

[Submitted by Jennifer Geller, Marketing Officer, DPSPS]

### Two Outstanding Skagit Valley College Students Named to the 2021 All-Washington Academic Team

Skagit Valley College (SVC) students, Sydney Sharp (of Anacortes), and Sarah Head (of Oak Harbor) were named to the 2021 All-Washington Academic Team. Both were honored at the 26th annual ceremony, which was held virtually April 15.

The annual All-Washington Academic Team ceremony provides an opportunity for community and technical college students to be recognized for their academic achievements and community involvement. This year's team included 60 students representing community and technical colleges throughout the state. Governor Jay Inslee provided the keynote address to honor the team for their achievements and signed a proclamation naming April 15 as All-Washington Academic Day.

Sydney and Sarah will be recognized by SVC President Dr. Tom Keegan and Washington State Representative Dave Paul, D-Oak Harbor (10th District) at SVC's Board of Trustees meeting in May.

Sydney Sharp is majoring in Bioengineering at SVC and maintains a 3.83 GPA. She is an active member of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), serving as the Theta Upsilon Chapter President and the Greater Northwest Region President. She is also one of two legislative interns for the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges for the 2021 legislative session. In addition, Sydney works as a Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) tutor at SVC. In her free time, she likes to cook and bake, go bird watching, and enjoy music.

During the ceremony, Sydney was honored with the following scholarships:

\$1,500 for being a 2021 Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold Scholar.

\$1,000 from the Washington State Association of College Trustees for being a Trustees Scholar.

\$750 from the Washington State Employees Credit Union for being a Top 16 Scholar.

\$250 from KeyBank as a member of this year's All-Washington team.

Sarah Head is a Biology major at SVC and maintains a 3.90 GPA and is in her second year as a Running Start student. Sarah enjoys hiking and exploring the outdoors with her family and dog. She also likes staying inside to read a good book or working on one of her crafts or hobbies. Sarah loves working with animals, which is what she says inspired her to pursue a bachelor's in biology. During the All-Washington ceremony, Sarah was recognized with a \$250 scholarship from KeyBank.

The All-Washington Academic Team has become the showcase for Washington's community and technical colleges because it honors the academic high achievers who have demonstrated a commitment to success in the classroom and in the communities where they live. In addition, it demonstrates the state's commitment to scholarship and community service on the part of those attending the state's public community and technical colleges.

Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, symbolizes excellence in higher education and a commitment to students. PTK has recognized and encouraged scholarship among two-year college students for over 92 years by providing enrichment while promoting the academic integ-

city of the associate degree program. For these reasons, the American Association of Community Colleges has designated PTK as the official honor society for two-year colleges.

The All-Washington Academic Team program is sponsored by the Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges, Washington State Association of College Trustees, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, and Phi Theta Kappa. Longtime major sponsor KeyBank provided \$250 scholarships to all of the students on this year's team.

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

## Local Business News

### Rob Schouten Gallery Presents Sculpture Spectacular

With its sculpture garden in full bloom the focus this month at the Rob Schouten Gallery in Langley is on sculpture; in the garden, and inside the gallery as well. Robert Adamson's colorful glass flower arrangements on top of the gate lead the way into the garden. Among the tulips, hyacinths and daffodils you'll find bronzes by Sharon Spencer and Georgia Gerber. Several steel sculptures by Richard Nash and Dan Freeman are shown beside Dale Reiger's cast glass houses that are illuminated at night. Sue Taves, Penelope Crittenden, Lane Tompkins, and Lloyd Whannell have contributed stone sculpture, and Woody Morris' water wall enhances the experience with the subtle sound of trickling water.

Inside the gallery these same artists share the floor with sculpted glass by Fritz Dreisbach and Dan and Joi LaChaussée. Some fine woodwork by Gerard Del Monte, Bruce Launer, and Gary Leake is also among the offerings this month, as are the witty bird sculptures of Pam Kueny Taylor and the intriguing assemblages of Sara Saltee.

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

For further information, call 360-222-3070 or email [info@robschoutengallery.com](mailto:info@robschoutengallery.com)

### Time to Bloom at Whidbey Art Gallery

Whidbey Art Gallery members are looking forward to spring color and the wide variety of blossoms at this time of year. Its members' show, entitled *Time to Bloom*, reflects the change of seasons. Light, color, fresh buds and gleaming sunshine mixed with rain and rainbows have inspired the work.

Whidbey Art Gallery's featured artists this month are Jandellyn and Johnathan Ward. They create metal and glass garden art that's fun, exciting, whimsical and full of inspiration. Many of their items are like nature with a little twist and color. Their pieces make the perfect gift for gardeners and nature lovers alike. They have some fun new work coming as well. Surprise someone with something special, handmade by local artists.

Stop by the gallery, Second St in Langley, Thursday through Mondays from 11:00AM to 4:00PM. Whidbey Art Gallery offers gifts for every occasion.

### Penn Cove Gallery Featured Artist: Pat Collins

Penn Cove Gallery is featuring the work of wood sculptor Pat Collins in May. Collins has been sculpting wood for over 30 years. He strives to showcase the beauty and natural figure of fine hardwoods, without being tied to the restrictions of realism. In the words of Vincent Van Gogh, "Leave the obvious vague and exaggerate the essential," which for Collins, "the essential" is the wood itself. Collins will be working at the gallery May 7. You can stop by and learn more about his beautiful "stylized" sculptures.

Penn Cove Gallery is located at 9 Front Street in Coupeville. Open Thursday through Monday, 11:00AM to 4:00PM. Beginning Friday, May 28, the gallery will resume normal hours 10:00AM to 5:30PM. [www.penncovegallery.com](http://www.penncovegallery.com)



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Gibbon leaving OHPS p. 12

## Oak Harbor Chamber combines new tastes with old traditions this weekend

By Alec Brown Whidbey Weekly

Holland Happening won't be happening this year—but the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce is making sure islanders have something to celebrate. The Klompen Canal Race and Food Truck Turnout will be this weekend from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. both days. The Klompen Canal Race will take place at 2 p.m. each day. Over six food trucks are confirmed and more are still waiting for confirmation.

As to why Holland Happening, an annual celebration of the island's Dutch heritage, is canceled again this year—one can already guess. The last Holland Happening saw over 10,000 attendees, including people from the mainland and Canada. Current state guidelines simply don't allow such a gathering.

"With it being COVID and we can't do what we would love to be able to do, we're doing a small two-day event which will be the food truck event, and it's going to be right here beside the Chamber where the farmer's market usually is," stated Oak Harbor Chamber Executive Director, Vicki Graham. "And then we're doing our Klompen Canal Race and that's a big hit with kids, adults, anyone; you purchase the wooden shoes and you decorate them any way you want to decorate them, then we race them down a canal we have made."

This Klompen Canal Race doesn't work quite the same as other races, however.

"We're going to have the canal put up at the chamber to race the shoes," Graham explained. "Now the way this race goes is a little different. The first one over the waterfall wins, the middle shoe over the waterfall wins and the last shoe over the waterfall wins. There are three winners in each race. Instead of first, second and third, there's first, middle, and last."

"The Klompen Race is from 2 to 3 p.m.," Graham continued. "Everybody can purchase [the klompen] on that day and we'll have the table set up for you to decorate them. We have a race on Saturday and then a race on Sunday. The reason why



File Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce

Onlookers watch as brightly decorated mini klompen drift and float their way down the canal at a previous Holland Happening Klompen Canal Race. Races will be held this weekend next to the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce, along with a Food Truck Turnout.

we say 2 to 3 p.m. is because when you put the shoes in, depending on how the shoes are made, sometimes it takes a while for it to get down the canal. You can't put your hands in there, you can't help your shoes down the canal. We have one designated person that makes tidal waves, so that can help push the shoe down the canal."

Klompen can be purchased for \$5 each while supplies last, either in advance at the chamber office or before the event. Winners of the race will receive gift baskets. Photos of the assembled baskets will be posted on the chamber's Facebook page — [facebook.com/oakharborchamber/](https://facebook.com/oakharborchamber/).

But this weekend isn't just the Klompen Canal Races. Everyone who attends needs to eat! That's where the Food Truck Turnout comes in.

"Where the farmers market was in previous years, that's where our food trucks are going to be set up," Graham stated. "It's going to be two days: Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.—and of course if there's a line at 8 p.m. you can finish out the line."

Attending food trucks include Julie's Lumpia, Robbie's Donuts, Orlando's BBQ, Northwest Kettle Corn, the regular carnival food truck, and more.

"We serve lumpia, rice noodles, fried rice, chicken adobo, bubble tea and strawberry lemonade," said Julie Knox of Julie's Lumpia.

Northwest Kettle Corn will be serving kettle corn - no Hawaiian shaved ice this time - and the carnival food truck will be serving all the staples of a fair, according to Graham.

"She will have elephant ears and funnel cakes, cotton candy; she will have ice cream cones, root beer floats, banana splits, frozen bananas, and chocolate covered strawberries," she said.

All public health and safety guidelines will be closely followed.

"Everyone is to adhere to all the guidelines," Graham said. "You need to wear your face mask, you need to keep your



File Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce

Klompen of all colors, shapes, and sizes await you at the Klompen Canal Races, to be held this weekend next to the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce.

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**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.

**Spring Fling**

Saturday, April 24, 10:00AM-3:00PM  
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.

Presented by the Oak Harbor Emblem Club. Stop by for a selection of gifts galore.

**Klompfen 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 klompfen shoes and decorate them to enter the Klompfen Canal Races! Shoes available at Oak Harbor Chamber for \$5. More info can be found at [www.facebook.com/events/435725904193401](http://www.facebook.com/events/435725904193401).

**Eric Vanderbilt-Mathews & Friends**

Saturday, April 24, 7:30-9:30PM  
Sunday, April 25, 2:00-4:00PM

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley  
All Seats: \$25

Home-grown musicians Eric Vanderbilt-Mathews, Keegan Harshman, Sidney Hauser, and Katyrose Jordan reunite - and are joined by drummer Will Mapp - for a performance of jazz standards, new works, and a tribute to Chick Corea. Tickets for Saturday's show are \$30 and currently Wait List only. For tickets or more information, visit [www.wicaonline.org](http://www.wicaonline.org).

**Dine Out for Kids**

Sunday, April 25, 8:00AM-3:00PM  
Monday, April 26, 6:30AM-4:30PM

Sunshine Drip, 306 N. Main St, Coupeville

A portion of the day's sales will be donated to the Coupeville Schools Foundation. The foundation provides an "extra measure of support" through teacher grants, college scholarships and the Promise Fund.

**Shop Out for Kids**

Sunday, April 25, 11:00AM-3:00PM

Madrona Blossom, 13 NW Front St, Coupeville

A portion of the day's sales will be donated to the Coupeville Schools Foundation. The Foundation provides an "extra measure of

support" through teacher grants, college scholarships and the Promise Fund.

**Spring Flower Bowl Fundraiser**

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**Open Book: Kazu Kibuishi**

Saturday, April 24, 4:00-5:00PM

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**Meet Author Steve Olson**

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

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. Resister at <https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/events/>.

**Discuss the Classics with Rita Bartell Drum**

Thursdays, 12:30 or 7:00PM

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**Meetings & Organizations**

**Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum**

Wednesday, April 28, 11:30AM  
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.

During this monthly luncheon, Museum President Wil Shellenberger will address the state of the museum/foundation and describe the upcoming events and challenges to the membership. He will then respond to questions and comments. Following Shellenberger, Dr. Jesse Kennedy, of the North Cascades History Museum, will launch a teaser about the loss of a Lockheed PV-1 Ventura from NAS Whidbey over the North Cascades Jan. 14, 1945. The complete story will be told at the luncheon May 26, COVID restrictions permitting. Admission is free but a no host lunch will be offered for \$12.

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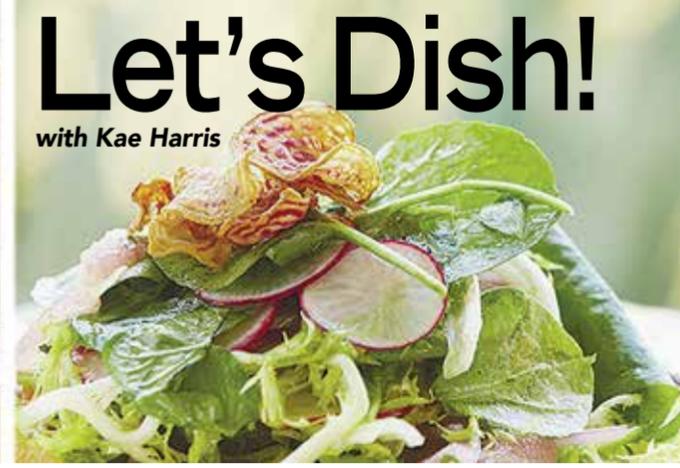
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# Let's Dish!

with Kae Harris



## BACK TO BASICS: LET YOUR INGREDIENTS DO THE TALKING!

Spring is becoming summer and soon the sunshine will be warming us up. Of course, the go-to foods at this time of year incorporate fresh ingredients from a range of sources. Whether it's a simple seafood supper, a light lunch consisting of salad or a refreshing fruit smoothie, the weather dictates the culinary trends. Or does it? This last year has been something else entirely and so many people are looking for an aspect of life that's deeper and richer. Food experts across America are feeling the trends and this year may just be one of comfort eating, exploration and going back to basics - all with a whole new perspective. I think it's a pretty safe bet that most people became somewhat more involved in their meals at some point this last year, more so than they might have been pre-COVID. I know I've ventured out of my box and tried my hand at making dishes that had intimidated me before. I've used ingredients I normally wouldn't have given the time of day and, here's something else: I started playing around with the timing of when ingredients are added during the cooking process.

Don't get me wrong - I know for many ingredients, there are specific times you add

them to the dish and start cooking them (or whatever), but there are those that are versatile enough to play around with. Ginger is one example. Cooking ginger mellows the flavor, so the longer it's cooked, the more subtle the notes. If I really want a zing, a kick in my dish, I add the ginger towards the end of the cooking process. Timing, balance and getting to know your ingredients can transform a meal from standard, run-of-the-mill fare to a true culinary experience.

Spices in general are very susceptible to when they are added and what in manner they are used. Toasting spices beforehand allows them to bloom and become more aromatic, thereby perfuming the dish with their flavor profiles. However, certain spices can be rather strong and may overpower the palates of some people; in this case, it is best to place the spices in some cheese cloth and add them to the dish mid-cuisine before removing the spice teabag from the dish at the end of cooking. I am a firm believer in making a dish as bold and spicy as possible, but this allows the spices to lend their subtle flavors without overwhelming everyone.

In addition to time, following the seasonality of fruits and vegetables can make a world of difference to your meals. Modern

farming methods and consumer trends have led to fruits and vegetables being available year-round, rather than during the time of year nature deemed to be the best season for the variety of produce we consume. The month of April is the best time to consume rhubarb, peas and asparagus, with May signaling the beginning of the apricot and strawberry season. While it is nice to eat a tomato year-round (the best time of year is actually in August due to the warm weather), it is important and prudent to start paying attention to the seasonality of produce, as not only will they be of a much higher quality and taste, but also because it is the economically savvy move to make considering seasonal fruits and vegetables are always cheaper when they are in season!

While talking about seasonality of fruits and vegetables may not come as a surprise to most of you, I think there are not as many people who are aware of the fact various types of meat have their seasons, too. Beef and pork are best consumed during the winter months; chicken and other fowl are most favorable in the summer, with lamb being at its tastiest in spring and the beginning of summer. Intense, commercial farming has made all of these products available throughout the year, but if you pay attention to prices, you will see the cost to the consumer follows the trends I have mentioned. By respecting the seasonality of pastoral products, we are able to promote sustainable, more humane farming practices, coupled with better tasting, more economically viable options for us, the consumers.

Returning to these food "basics" will ensure we get more out of our ingredients while spending less on them. Additionally, by being more aware of how our food is produced and the amount of energy and water used to produce it, we can ensure a more sustainable farming model is implemented, benefiting us and our planet. As I mentioned earlier, rhubarb is in season

during April, and while it is an ingredient many people may not be familiar with, it is absolutely delicious! I have included a recipe for rhubarb crumble that is sure to satisfy all of your comfort food cravings and bring you a sense of warmth when you need it most. Try it out and let me know what you think of it, along with any other comments, by writing to me at [letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com](mailto:letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com) so I can respond and share your Dish!-worthy stories and anecdotes!

### Rhubarb Crumble

500g rhubarb, chopped into chunks the length of your thumb  
100g golden caster sugar

### For the crumble topping:

140g self-rising flour  
85g butter, chilled  
50g light brown muscovado sugar  
50g chopped walnuts

Tip rhubarb chunks into a saucepan with golden caster sugar. Cover and simmer on a very low heat for 15 minutes, adding more sugar if you want. When soft (but still holding its shape) and sweet enough, pour the rhubarb into a medium baking dish.

Heat oven to 400°F. To make the topping, rub 140g self-rising flour and 85g chilled butter together with your fingers until you have a soft, crumbly topping. Add 50g light brown muscovado sugar and 50g chopped walnuts and mix together with your hands. Scatter the topping over the rhubarb and bake for 30 minutes or until golden brown on top.

Serve hot with a scoop of your favorite ice-cream or thick vanilla custard.

[www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/rhubarb-crumble](http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/rhubarb-crumble)

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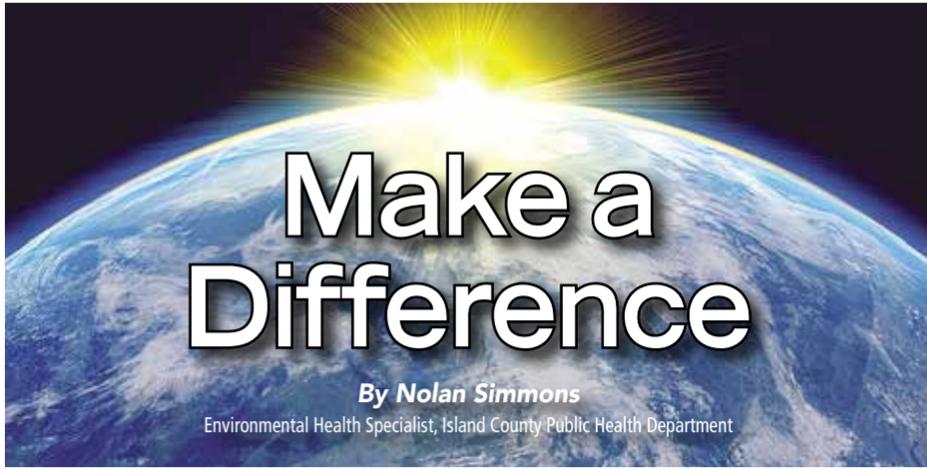
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**PROTECTING OUR WATER RESOURCES BY PROTECTING YOUR ONSITE SEPTIC SYSTEM**

Whether it's the never-ending sunsets stretching across the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the snowcapped Olympics and towering Cascades, rolling farmland dotted with old-growth forests, or a gaggle of marine mammals playing by the water's edge, Whidbey and Camano Islands provide a unique and awe-inspiring view of the relationships between human and natural systems.

One of the most important relationships residents of Island County have with our natural environment is the one we have with water. It surrounds us, providing a thriving habitat for coastal and marine species. It falls from the clouds above us and replenishes our aquifers and wells. Often unseen and left unsaid is how wastewater can negatively impact both human and natural systems.

Wastewater is any water that comes in contact with human and animal waste, food scraps, oils and greases, soaps, and other chemicals. Over 70 percent of Island County residents utilize onsite septic systems to treat and dispose of their wastewater. Think of a septic system as your home's personalized wastewater treatment plant. Septic systems treat and disperse the properly treated wastewater back into the environment. Wastewater coming from your in-home fixtures settles in a large, concrete treatment tank and eventually is dispersed through a series of pipes, known as a drainfield, to the soils below that contain microbes which provide another form of treatment. Some septic systems can include much more complex components to assist treatment. When operating appropriately and receiving routine maintenance, a septic system can live a long life. When operating a septic system in a failed state, situations like surfacing sewage or sewage backing up into your home are possible.

Bacteria, viruses, and parasites commonly found in human and animal waste cause disease by introducing pathogens into ground and surface waters. They can impact the marine species that reside in these aquatic habitats. Large portions of coastline in Penn Cove, Holmes Harbor, and Maxwellton watersheds are closed to shellfish harvesting due to excess in harmful types of bacteria. These harmful bacteria are affecting the natural processes that have governed our lakes, streams, wetlands, coves, harbors, and shorelines for thousands of years.

It's no secret talking about wastewater and septic systems can be a stinky conversation. Like centralized wastewater treatment plants in larger cities, septic systems require constant vigilance and routine maintenance. Septic systems are one of the largest investments you can make and with proper care, will boost your property's value. With so many Islanders relying on these systems, it's a good idea to become better acquainted with them and try practicing some of these tips.

**Prevent Septic Problems by "Studying Up"**

Knowing what comprises your septic system, the role different components play and where they are located will give you a more complete picture of your property. If you are planning any home improvement projects, it's important to make sure construction and heavy equipment does not damage septic system components. This knowledge will allow you to landscape your property accordingly, as plants with shorter, less extensive root systems are more suitable. View our handout to get helpful tips on how to appropriately landscape around your system: [www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/EH/Documents/LandscapingYourDrainfield.pdf](http://www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/EH/Documents/LandscapingYourDrainfield.pdf).

Visit the Island County Public Portal (<https://co-island-wa.smartgovcommunity.com/Public/Home>) to view your septic system's "as-built" and review the intricacies of your system. Island County Public

Health (ICPH) and partnering organizations also offer online training videos: [www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/STWD/Pages/Septic-101.aspx](http://www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/STWD/Pages/Septic-101.aspx).

It's also important to know the telltale signs of failing septic systems. If you notice slow drainage, gurgling fixtures, boggy lawns near components, or sewage odors, get in touch with an Island County-licensed Maintenance Service Provider (MSP). Updated lists of MSPs, installers, designers and pumpers can be found on our website at: [www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/STWD/Pages/Home.aspx](http://www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/STWD/Pages/Home.aspx).

**Be Proactive, Call a Professional**

When you purchase a property that utilizes a septic system, it becomes your responsibility to ensure it is properly operating and maintained. Regular inspection by a professional will increase your system's lifespan. Routine maintenance allows for the repair of smaller problems before they snowball into far messier ones. According to Washington State and Island County Code, it is required to have your septic system inspected every three years for conventional gravity systems and annually for any other type.

It helps to think of a septic system the same way we think about buying a new car. It's a significant investment that can go sideways in a hurry, but with routine inspections and proper maintenance, you're able to protect your investment for decades. Larger issues with your system, much like a car, can cost you thousands of dollars to repair. These regular inspections will have an added benefit when selling your home. Often, informed buyers and lenders will not pay top dollar for a home that has a malfunctioning system. Protect your investment and property by having your system properly inspected and maintained.

The sentiment behind routine maintenance is heightened in specific sensitive watersheds like Penn Cove, Holmes Harbor, and Maxwellton that already experience water quality impairment. Septic systems in these watersheds are often over 30 years old, located in poor soils for treatment and dispersal and rely on old treatment technologies. However, many other areas across our islands run into these barriers as well.

Worried about a costly repair? ICPH has partnered with Craft3 Clean Water Loans, a non-profit, non-bank, community development institution to help repair or replace failing septic systems. Please visit our website to learn more financing information: [www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/STWD/Pages/Financial-Assistance.aspx](http://www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/STWD/Pages/Financial-Assistance.aspx).

**Healthy Home Tips**

Practicing healthy household habits when it comes to what goes down the faucet, drain, or toilet goes a long way to improving the health of your septic system. The only things going down the toilet should be human waste and toilet paper. Treating faucets and toilets like a trashcan or liberal use of a garbage disposal could clog lines, back up sewage, and damage other components. In addition, flushing strong acids and bases in detergents and cleaning products can kill the bacteria helpful in treating wastewater.

Conserving water and repairing leaking fixtures will reduce the chances of overloading your septic tanks. Common conservation practices include spacing out washing cycles and showers. Directing rainwater from gutters and downspouts away from components will prevent oversaturating the soils serving the septic system.

While onsite septic systems can be a stinky topic to discuss, knowing the basic functions of your system, practicing healthy home tips, and remaining vigilant by having your system routinely inspected and maintained are all crucial parts of our mission to protect public health and the environmental integrity of these beautiful islands we call home.

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# Life Tributes



## SUSAN JEAN (LOPEZ) COLTRIN



Susan Jean (Lopez) Coltrin passed away peacefully Feb. 25, 2021, at age 77. She grew up in Burbank, Calif. Her husband of 56 years, Bill, daughter Jocelyn, and son Jason were able to be with her and say goodbye. She was preceded in death by her parents, Susan and Art Lopez, her sister Janice Lopez Dittamore, and her beloved dog Remy. We know she is with them and Jesus Christ and God now. Jean was soft spoken, intuitive, and a very good listener. She could see beauty where others may not. She was adventurous, witty, and funny. Once intrigued with a subject, she would dive in deeply, learning as much as she could, then applying what she learned. She loved travelling – whether by car, sailboat or plane – and then swapping stories with friends and family. She loved her family dearly and delighted in her beloved granddaughters, Maya and Amber.

Jean was able to make friends with so many different kinds of people, from her home in Burbank, her sorority sisters at San Jose State University, her very close friendships she established with her Chatsworth Junior Women's Club (which became the "Lunch Bunch"), our John St. Bunch and neighbors in Manhattan Beach, meeting new people while traveling for years on their sailboat Sunset Run, neighbors in Oxnard, Calif. and neighbors when finally settling in Oak Harbor, Wash. She earned her Bachelor of Arts and teaching credential from Cal State, Northridge, and her Masters from Loyola Marymount. She taught elementary school in Pacoima. One of her favorite jobs was at Nissan, training and marketing, where she helped to raise the glass ceiling for women in corporate America.

She kept in close contact with her Chatsworth Lunch Bunch for decades. She was very close with her cousins (born in the same year) from Montana, South Dakota, and New York. She was a docent at Lotusland in Montecito because of her great passion for flora of all kinds. She enjoyed a local Oak Harbor Book Club, her quilting friends, Bunco group, Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron, her local knitting group, the garden club, and the Channel Islands Yacht Club and later, for a few years, the Oak Harbor Yacht Club. Most recently and especially, she enjoyed the long breakfast chats with her friends at Whidbey Golf Club. Her family wishes to thank her primary care physician in Oak Harbor, her oncologist of almost a decade and co-workers at WhidbeyHealth in Coupeville, and the kind people at Providence in Everett. There will be no services as per her request, and she was interred at Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, Los Angeles, next to her parents. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, The American Heart Association, and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society would be appreciated.

**Life Tributes can now be found online at [www.whidbeyweekly.com](http://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](mailto:info@whidbeyweekly.com) or call 360-682-2341 to share your prayer requests.*

Heavenly Father,

We give you the honor and the glory. We need you, oh Lord. The days seem so dark and filled with pain, I find myself weeping more than smiling. The air seems to be filled with gloom, yet even in the sunshine, it feels like rain. Oh Lord, I am so glad I can still feel your presence, knowing you are my strength and my joy. In the words of James, "trying times come to make us strong" above all. God, like our Savior Jesus, who wept to show his empathy, love and compassion for us, I know your grace and mercy surrounds us and your spirit is in us to keep us strong. Praise your Holy name. Amen

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*"Jesus wept."*

John 11:35

# Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

## SUNDAY, MARCH 14

### 9:16 am, Commercial St.

Advising female in store took water bottle; was asked to return; threw bottle at reporting party. Has now left.

### 9:33 am, Smart Ct.

Requesting contact regarding strange letter found laying on her lawn making several allegations.

### 10:58 am, Banjo Dr.

Advising friend reported to reporting party they just received email regarding husband being kidnapped in Mexico.

## MONDAY, MARCH 15

### 12:03 pm, Bonnie View Acres Rd.

Reporting party advising mailbox removed from post; seen floating in pond nearby.

### 12:19 pm, Blue Lady Ln.

Caller advising ongoing issue with neighbor moving property lines; messing with trenches, plants being moved. Sent caller threatening text yesterday regarding issues over the land.

### 1:33 pm, Crockett Lake Dr.

Neighbor built fence on reporting party's property line; refuses to take down.

### 3:26 pm, Fort Nugent Rd.

Loose pig and piglet wandering down Fort Nugent Road. Reporting party following in vehicle for safety.

### 3:59 pm, Stephen St.

Reporting party advising occurred a few days ago; neighbor was on patrol, walking up and down street in middle of the night with shot gun and pit bull. States neighbor posted on social media to others to be prepared.

### 7:36 pm, Flag Ln.

Reporting party advising couple of nights ago heard gunshots outside, then heard a big bang, but never saw anything. States tonight put the kids in bathtub and noticed a chip in it, found bullet hole and bullet lodged in vanity.

### 7:54 pm, Mobius Loop

Reporting party requesting to know if they have any warrants. States number given will only be good for 15 minutes, requesting call. Reporting party advising is going to file a suit "if they don't call me back in that 15 minutes."

### 8:39 pm, Mobius Loop

Reporting party recalling. Advising spoke to deputy of female variety who called outside the parameters that were set. Requesting call from different deputy.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

### 8:00 am, Stewart Rd.

Caller states has several general questions: 1. Coyotes have been coming onto his property and close to his residence. Wondering if he can shoot them? 2. Can caller have a fire on beach property with his own wood?

### 6:30 pm, Hoffman Rd.

Reporting party advising white female in her 40s walking up and down road; is concerned for her mental state; she is just acting odd and karate-chopping the air.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 18

### 10:14 am, Gun Club Rd.

Reporting party woke up to find bicycle in his front yard.

### 1:05 pm, Bailey Rd.

Reporting party advising neighbor continually uses road on her property without easement; refuses to sign easement; reporting party put up no trespassing sign.

### 1:18 pm, Hunt Rd.

Goats at location. Unknown who they belong to. Reporting party has asked around, hasn't found owner.

### 1:34 pm, SW Swantown Ave.

Caller advising purchased bicycle off social media. Subject now at caller's residence stating it's their bicycle that was stolen. States person is at her home now waiting on porch. Aware caller is calling law enforcement.

### 4:40 pm, Nubian Way

Reporting party states location has meth dealer with guns and felonies. States he is going with a firm out of state. States his name is Richy Rich. States dispatcher is piracy. Using many profanities. Uncooperative. Advised doesn't need contact. ICOM disconnected line.

### 6:22 pm, W Frostad Rd.

Party advising received vial in the mail. Unknown what's in vial. Got it today.

### 7:52 pm, SR 20

Female walking on northbound side of road wearing a robe. Last seen three minutes ago.

### 10:37 pm, W Sleeper Rd.

Advising stranger walked into house and sat down, tried to watch tv. Occurred five minutes ago.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 19

### 12:12 am, Cultus Bay Rd.

Reporting party states female inside her home. Unknown name of person, unknown how she got in.

### 7:05 pm, Piper Trl.

States neighbor is cutting down trees on reporting party's property right now. Unknown names.

### 10:28 pm, Pinecrest Ave.

Caller states someone rang doorbell, was rambling and jiggled door. Was female, saying she is reporting party's neighbor.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 20

### 1:29 am, Puget Dr.

Reporting party advising neighbor's lights on porch are flashing in a pattern; has been going on since 12:45 am; four quick blinks, then a pause; two different lights with same pattern.

### 11:09 am, Virginia Ave.

Female walking around neighborhood past few hours, was just in reporting party's yard and threatened her. Reporting party has never seen her before.

### 3:38 pm, Nubian Way

Reporting party advising pirate radio coming from location; not talking to caller; asking question. Cussing at caller; not directly answering questions.

### 9:07 pm, Mobius Loop

Reporting party advising mother was in an accident in the last few hours and was transported to WhidbeyHealth. Has questions about groceries left in vehicle.

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



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# Insurance and You

By Mary Elizabeth Himes

Insurance is an agreement between parties to transfer risk. This 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 don't understand what they are paying for. We want to help you have a better understanding and over time, use this platform to educate you about personal insurance and its benefits.

This past March, our household experienced the stress and panic of a water damage claim. Yes, the insurance agent needed to file a claim on her own property. A leak from the hot water flex pipe caused significant damage to flooring, carpet, drywall, insulation, baseboards, sub-floor and vanity, half-bathroom, hallway and living room. The damage happened in a span of 90 minutes. It was happening while my husband watched TV and I was in another room relaxing. We had come home earlier from an overnight stay off island. Ninety minutes of water spraying from an eighth-inch hole; gallons and gallons of water seeped into the carpet, under a wall and under the house. We were so grateful to be home when this happened. This is what insurance policy contracts consider "a sudden expulsion of water," and coverage is provided to repair or replace damage caused by the water to personal property. The plumbing, however, is not covered.

We were able to turn off the water on our own, remove standing water and extract water from the carpet using our carpet cleaning machine. We were frantic to get the water out to reduce any moisture that might settle into the flooring and under the house. We reported the claim and arranged for a company to come and remediate (dry out, remove) water damaged areas. Part of remediation required fans in and under the home to blow for about three straight days. So, we ended up having to stay in a hotel and eat out; this expense is covered under "loss of use" and we were reimbursed by turning in receipts for the hotel and food.

Clean up of our premises of dust and dirt after repairs was also part of the claim, as the carpet removal and dry-wall repairs released dust throughout the home. It would take a total of four

weeks and four different contractors to get our house back in order. We are grateful our coverages were in place and we knew what to do. We handled our duties as insureds by stopping the cause of damage, reporting right away and removing any hazards that would cause additional damage. The claims adjuster from a reputable company was helpful and communicative and our contractors were able to receive their payments in a timely manner. We were treated fairly as insureds and all steps and services were explained to us.

Ironically, I got a call from someone who was having a terrible time with their insurance company and a claim. Unfortunately, this person had chosen

a new and easier way to manage her homeowners insurance and used an online app to purchase her coverage. Quick, easy, and less expensive than an agent, no extra chatter, no selling, consumer-friendly. Then she had the claim and found out why cheaper is not always better.

There was no one immediately available to explain her coverages and duties, she was unable to get consultation about whether a claim should be filed and there was no one to come out to SEE what was happening. Most importantly, there was no one to explain to her the limitations of her policy and her responsibilities. Her claim was denied in part, a result of manipulative and confusing wording used in the claim report.

As insureds, we have a responsibility to report claims as soon as they happen. We also have a responsibility to pay attention to signs of damage like mold, rot, moisture and any signs of decay because most policies cover minimal, if any, for these coverages and long-term damage is not covered at all. Look for trouble spots by inspecting the walls inside and out of the home, checking all sink and toilet plumbing connections for leaks and looking around the caulking of showers and bathtubs, as moisture may cause damage over time. Choose a company that provides an agent who can help you understand your coverages when you need it.

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# Oak Harbor school superintendent looks forward to future in Snoqualmie Valley

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

After eight years as superintendent for Oak Harbor Public Schools and 14 years in the community, Lance Gibbon has announced he will be leaving the district to pursue other opportunities.

Gibbon said he is grateful for his time with Oak Harbor Public Schools and looks forward to following the district's growth in the future.

"I have spent 14 years of my life here and my hope is that the best years of Oak Harbor are going to be after I leave, because we have just started some of the great things that are yet to come," he said. "I feel like this district is in that position right now for things to continue to take off in terms of the success for our students, the opportunities for our students, the expansion of equitable opportunities for every student and the development of our facilities and our programs that are to come. And I think it is ready-made for a new leader to be able to come in and pick up and continue the great work that has been started."

Gibbon will be taking a job as superintendent for Snoqualmie Valley School District (SVSD). The district's current superintendent, Robert Manahan, announced his plan to retire after 37 years in public education, according to a district communication. Gibbon was announced as the new selection in March and is set to start July 1.

"I think at this point in my career, one of the things that is also (important) is just looking at the opportunity for a new challenge and professional growth," he said. "And I do believe I have grown the most professionally any time that I have changed jobs because you learn a new system, you learn a new culture, you build new relationships and that is exciting and energizing."

Gibbon said he and his wife are now empty nesters, with their youngest son having graduated from Oak Harbor High School in 2020.



Conor Laffey Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Public Schools  
*Outgoing Oak Harbor Public Schools Superintendent, Lance Gibbon, said he is looking forward to the new professional challenges and growth that lie ahead of him as he moves on to the Snoqualmie Valley School District in July.*

Gibbon said taking the position with SVSD will allow the couple to be closer to both their sons and other family members.

"It is really where our family is," he said.

Gibbon, who received his superintendent credential and doctorate in executive leadership from Seattle Pacific University, started with the district as assistant superintendent and became superintendent in 2013. Prior to coming to Oak Harbor, he also served as a principal in the Anacortes School District.

"The thing that I have come to appreciate about district leadership is that as a teacher, you have this incredible impact on the lives of the students that are right in front of you and then as a principal, you have this impact on the teachers that then are impacting the students," he said. "And really as a superintendent you have this opportunity to really help shape and positively impact an entire system."

He said he felt this year has been difficult as students, staff, educators and community members have dealt with the impacts of COVID-19. However, Gibbon said the district's team came together to find ways to do the most possible for students while still following safety guidelines, and the district was the largest in western Washington to incorporate in-person learning to start the year.

"As challenging as this year was, with all of these other things going on, I am really proud of the outcomes that we have had for students and the way that everyone has stepped up," he said. "It has truly demonstrated a sense of a shared mission and focus and collaboration that is honestly more than I could have asked for."

Gibbon said now the focus has turned to recovery and he has been happy to witness the continued work of staff to create summer programs focused on fostering social-emotional well-being for students, from swimming lessons to theater.

"It is really encouraging to me," he said. "And it is inspirational to me to see that here we are, after all the struggles that we have been through over the past 18 months during the pandemic and seeing our staff still willing to push the envelope and do what is best for our students and get creative."

Gibbon said he felt the district has moved forward and met many goals during his tenure. One of his first goals after becoming superintendent was to help bolster on-time graduation rates, which were at 76 percent when Gibbon took on the role.

"We set the goal of achieving a 90 percent on-time graduation rate when I first started and a couple things happened," he said. "One is that at that time, we had just passed a new levy and we were able to expand our

support and services for students across the levels, but especially at the high school level, and within three years' time we went from a 76 percent on-time graduation rate to just over 90 percent. And that has pretty much stayed there since then."

Gibbon said another key piece of his time with the district included work with sustainability and increasing environmental consciousness. Gibbon said the district worked alongside another organization, EarthGen (formerly Washington Green Schools), and different schools earned different levels of certification. Gibbon said the incorporation of gardens as outdoor learning spaces, especially at the elementary and intermediate levels, has been a key piece of fostering environmental education, alongside the implementations of energy-saving measures across the district.

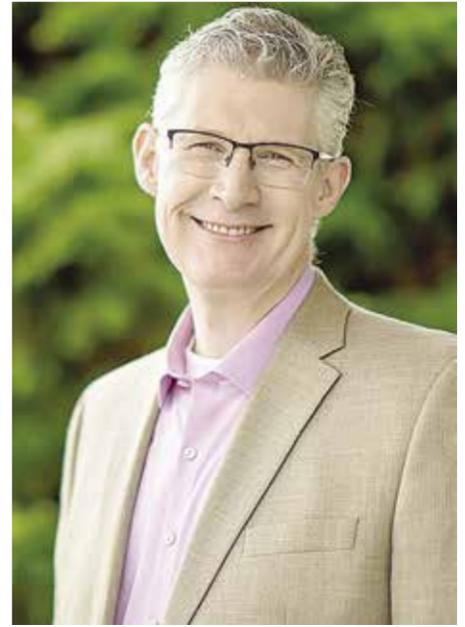
"We were encouraged by the Department of Education to consider applying as a National Green Ribbon District and we did and we were one of 14 districts in America to be recognized," he said.

In recent years, Gibbon said the district has been having more in-depth conversations concerning diversity, equity and inclusion. Gibbon said one example of work to increase access for all students was Oak Harbor High School being the first district in Washington to receive a grant from the National Math and Science Initiative to help pay for Advanced Placement tests for students.

"For us, it is really just taking a hard look at where in our school systems are students potentially receiving inequitable opportunities because of things that are outside of their control, whether that is their economic situation, it could be their race, it could be their gender, it could be having a disability," he said. "And we certainly have a lot of progress to be made in that area, but we have done some great work in, first of all, just removing barriers for students financially."

Gibbon said he has also been working with others in the district and the U.S. Department of Defense planning a proposal for a bond. The bond will be on the ballot in February of 2022 and will focus on funding the replacement of school buildings in the district, including those located at NAS Whidbey. He said the package will include about \$125 million of state and federal funding, along with required local match, to replace six school buildings and provide a replacement for the transportation center.

"That was something that I wanted to make sure that funding was secured, all of those pieces were in place, and we have now got that in place," he said. "Now of course, it is going to be up to the voters to decide if they are willing to support that. That is something that I have been working on for a number of



Conor Laffey Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Public Schools  
*Oak Harbor Public Schools Superintendent, Lance Gibbon, is saying goodbye to Whidbey Island after eight years at the head of the district. Gibbon will begin a new job as a superintendent at Snoqualmie Valley School District.*

years and that has really come together this year and I feel like that is in a good place."

Gibbon said he felt Oak Harbor Public Schools offered a unique opportunity to serve the families of those in the military.

"The other thing I would also say I am grateful for during this time here is just the privilege of serving our military community and the relationships I have built with the various base commanders and leadership on base," he said. "That has been such an important part of our work and our mission here in Oak Harbor."

Gibbon said he feels as if now is a good time to transition and the district is set up to continue serving students and expanding opportunities. He said the board is currently in the process of appointing an interim superintendent for the 21-22 school year, with plans to find a permanent replacement in the coming year.

"The district is in excellent financial shape and we have done some great work this year," he said. "I would never want to look at a transition without leaving a district in a much better place than when I found it and we are definitely in a great place right now."

Looking forward, Gibbon said he feels the Oak Harbor community has a bright future.

"My family and I have had a wonderful experience living on Whidbey Island," he said. "It is a beautiful place, we have loved our time here. We have made some good friends and built a lot of relationships, so it is hard to make that transition, but we are grateful for the time that we had together and for the work I feel like I have been able to do with the community. I believe that there is some great work to come."

For more news and information on OHPS, visit [ohsd.net](http://ohsd.net).

## KLOMPEN continued from page 6

social distance. We will have a handwashing station, we will have sanitizer, we will have picnic tables out so your family can go sit at the picnic table and enjoy the sunshine and there will be hand sanitizer at each table to make sure everyone is staying safe and clean."

In addition to food and wooden shoes, the chamber has something special for veterans and first responders.

"We have teamed up with Operation Gratitude and Navy Federal Credit Union—[they] made a substantial donation to Operation Gratitude, so we have bags to hand out to veterans, active duty and first responders," Graham stated.

The bags, which have been assembled by volunteers from the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce and the local Navy Federal Credit Union branch, include personal care items, handmade paracord bracelets, and hand-written letters from citizens around the nation expressing their appreciation for their service.

This comes as a part of Operation Gratitude's drive to distribute 1,000 care packages to veterans on Whidbey Island ahead of May's Military Appreciation Month. In addition to the baskets handed out at the Food Truck Turnout, more will also

be delivered to veterans in nursing and assisted living facilities over the weekend.

"This collaborative initiative offers people a chance to give back to area veterans in a tangible way, furthering Operation Gratitude's mission of building community and understanding between military service members or veterans and civilians," Operation Gratitude stated.

The Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce dedicates this event to the community.

"We want to keep some kind of happening in Holland Happening," said Graham. "We'd just like to invite the community to come out and have fun and just enjoy the day, because this is for them," she said.

According to Graham, it was essential to throw an event in the place of Holland Happening to keep people hopeful.

"It's really important because it's so fun, and we're still going through COVID...but we still need to be able to put a smile on the community's face," she said. "We need to have some sense of normalcy going, to give that light of hope—that there is light at the end of this tunnel and we're going to get there. We're gonna make it."



File Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce  
*A beautifully decorated mini klompen drifts its way down the canal during a past Holland Happening event in Oak Harbor. This year's main event is canceled, but the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce will still hold traditional Klompen Canal Races this weekend.*

To learn more about the event, visit the Chamber's website at [oakharborchamber.chambermaster.com/events](http://oakharborchamber.chambermaster.com/events). For information about Operation Gratitude, visit [OperationGratitude.com](http://OperationGratitude.com) or follow them on twitter @OpGratitude.



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# OUR Community

## An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

As someone in the business of farming, what are you doing differently in 2021, compared to 2020?



### Sheila Case-Smith

Case Farm, 98 Case Road, Oak Harbor

"We are expanding our offerings of garden starts this year so folks can grow more of their own food, and increasing our produce sales to include an on-farm stand in addition to market sales."

### Kyle Flack

Bell's Farm, 892 West Beach Road, Coupeville

The answer is - I am planting and growing more produce! A silver lining of the pandemic is that I think our community has really recognized the value of local for both healthy food and a resilient food system.



### Julieanna Purdue

Prairie Bottom Farm, 293 Engle Road, Coupeville

For the 2021 season we are focusing on being intentional and not overdoing it. Our CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) was a bright spot in 2020 and we are really looking forward to it again this year.

### Elizabeth Agin

Maya Farm, 2520 Busby Road, Oak Harbor

Last year it was survival and production. The pandemic forced a demand on farmers we were ill prepared for - with changes and demands and interests moving faster than we could keep up with. Our harvests are planned for before the first seed is ever planted, before the first flower is ever in bloom.

This year it is all about rebuilding connections and reminding people why we do what we do. 2021 is passion and hope.

We finally all have a moment of mindfulness. On our farm, we're diversifying and growing things we've never grown before.

I'm expanding my bee yards to areas I don't normally go. I'm replanning the foundation of our operation to be more efficient so I can have more time as new projects come to light.

2021 is all about being slower, calmer and smarter. A reminder to stop and breathe and look around at what you have.



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# Crossword Puzzle

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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
- 4. Ceramic jars
- 9. Monetary units
- 14. Alias
- 15. "Superman" actor
- 16. Britonic tribe
- 17. Shorten
- 18. LA Dodgers manager
- 20. Hoarded
- 22. Theatrically portray
- 23. Noah's grandson
- 24. Dependent
- 28. Peyton's little brother
- 29. Cools the house
- 30. Principle part of
- 31. Type of wrap
- 33. Peels
- 37. Commercial
- 38. Make an attempt
- 39. Arrange in steps
- 41. U. Utah athlete
- 42. Old English
- 43. Trade
- 44. Nostrils
- 46. Ticket seller \_\_Hub
- 49. Of I
- 50. Institute legal proceedings against
- 51. Takes apart

- 55. Doorway (abbr.)
- 58. Long int'l river
- 59. Trailblazing athlete Gibson
- 60. Former CBS News host
- 64. Sign language
- 65. Badgerlike mammal
- 66. Thin strips of wood
- 67. Brooklyn hoopster
- 68. Portents of good or evil
- 69. Footwear
- 70. When you think you'll arrive
- 21. Type of hoop
- 24. About Holy Father
- 25. Academic environment
- 26. Extremely angry
- 27. Surrenders
- 31. Swiss mountain pass
- 32. Sharp mountain ridge
- 34. Erases
- 35. Spielberg's alien
- 36. Absurd
- 40. Dorm worker
- 41. Used to make pesticides
- 45. The sister of your father or mother
- 47. A way to let know
- 48. Can't produce much vegetation
- 52. Small streams
- 53. Folk singer DiFranco
- 54. Weights
- 56. Start over
- 57. Black Sea resort city
- 59. Wimbledon champ
- 60. Corporate executive (abbr.)
- 61. Unskilled actor who overacts
- 62. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 63. Of or relating to ears

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Batflower genus
- 2. Predatory seabirds
- 3. Fish farm
- 4. Arrangements
- 5. Go in advance of others
- 6. Bulgarian monetary unit
- 7. "\_\_ Maria"
- 8. W. African ethnoreligious group
- 9. Wild Asian oxen genus
- 10. Vinegary
- 11. To this
- 12. Explosive
- 13. Female sibling
- 19. Orlando museum

Answers on page 15

## YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, April 22	Fri, April 23	Sat, April 24	Sun, April 25	Mon, April 26	Tues, April 27	Wed, April 28
North Isle H-61°/L-48° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-59°/L-47° Cloudy with PM Showers	North Isle H-54°/L-44° Rain	North Isle H-55°/L-43° Cloudy	North Isle H-55°/L-44° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-58°/L-46° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-59°/L-46° Mostly Cloudy
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Maintenance Worker I/II/III: The Town of Coupeville has a current opening for a Maintenance Worker Level I, II, or III. This is a non-exempt position performing manual to journey level work and other duties as assigned, in the streets, parks, buildings and utilities of the town. This is a full-time position, wage scale ranging from \$20.52 to \$30.17 per hour, depending on experience. For a complete job description, including minimum qualifications for each level, and instructions on how to apply, please visit our website: [www.townofcoupeville.org/join-our-team/](http://www.townofcoupeville.org/join-our-team/). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Town of Coupeville is an EOE. (3)

Seasonal Maintenance Worker: The Town of Coupeville has a current opening for a Seasonal Maintenance Worker. This is a temporary position, performing manual to journey level work and other duties as assigned, in the streets, parks, buildings and utilities of the town. Pay rate - \$14.50 per hour. For a complete job description, including minimum qualifications for each level, and instructions on how to apply, please visit our website: [www.townofcoupeville.org/join-our-team/](http://www.townofcoupeville.org/join-our-team/). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Town of Coupeville is an EOE. (3)

Sierra Pool Attendant: Sierra Country Club HOA in Coupeville is seeking a part-time Pool Attendant for the summer 2021 pool season. Minimum applicant age is 16. Varied schedule. Shift 11am-7pm, 3-4 days/week; \$13.50/hour. Details and application available at: [http://sierracountryclub.net/index.php/Jobs\\_&\\_Volunteering](http://sierracountryclub.net/index.php/Jobs_&_Volunteering) (3)

Island Thrift in Oak Harbor is now hiring one full-time and



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**How'd you do?**

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## LOCAL, AFFORDABLE ACADEMIC SUPPORT

### STUDY TABLE

Bring your laptop for a quiet, supervised place to work.

### HOMEWORK HELPER

Bring your laptop and homework, and get some help from a certificated teacher with 20 years experience.

### ORGANIZATION

A learning coach can help you create a system that will work for YOU to stay organized. This can be worked into a study table or homework helper session, or can be scheduled separately.

### TIME MANAGEMENT

A learning coach can help you create a schedule that will help you maximize your time during the day. This can be worked into a study table or homework helper session, or can be scheduled separately.

### GROWTH MINDSET & SEL STRATEGIES

Strategies will be introduced to help students manage anxiety and stress of school during a pandemic. Social and emotional learning strategies, and growth mindset activities can be worked into a study table or homework helper session, or can be scheduled separately.

## Open & accepting students

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