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Film festival celebrates cinematic legends

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

It's not too late to see some film legends – the focus of this year's Whidbey Island Film Festival, now underway at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley.

The four-day festival aims to celebrate Hollywood icons in the roles which defined their careers, say organizers. The celebration includes film screenings, lectures, guest speakers and special events, which get underway tonight. The Red Carpet Experience opening gala begins at 6 p.m. and will feature a specially named cocktail, The Bumpy Night, which precedes the screening of "All About Eve," starring Bette Davis and Anne Baxter.

Other films in the lineup include "Casablanca" on Friday, a Saturday matinee screening of "A Quiet Man," "Citizen Kane" Saturday evening and "The Philadelphia Story" winds up this year's film festival Sunday afternoon. (Find the entire schedule online at whidbeyislandfilmfestival.org.)

"I chose some of the most iconic stars of the Golden Age of Hollywood and then chose their career-defining roles," said WICA Executive Director Verna Everitt, who is the film festival's co-producer. "As it happens to turn out, their films are some of the most famous movies Hollywood has produced. 'Citizen Kane,' for instance, finds itself time and time again in the number one spot on many critics' best films lists. When we find ourselves still quoting lines from 'Casablanca,' which was made nearly 80 years ago, we are safe to assume it's a classic."

These legendary films are classics because of their stars, yes, but many of those who worked behind the scenes are also responsible for their enduring success, said Everitt.

"In addition to featuring legendary actors, these films were also directed by the top studio talent of their day," she said. "John Ford, for example, directed 'The Quiet Man.' All together he made 12 films with John Wayne. Joseph Mankiewicz ('All About Eve'); George Cukor was hand-picked by Katherine Hepburn for 'The Philadelphia Story;' Michael



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Film Festival
Big screen legend Bette Davis stars in "All About Eve," which kicks off the Whidbey Island Film Festival tonight at 7 p.m. in Langley.

Curtiz's 100-plus film career included 'Casablanca,' and Orson Welles all deserve to be called legends just as the stars they directed (even when they directed themselves as Welles did in 'Citizen Kane'). Great actors, visionary directors, and unforgettable stories are the ingredients for Legends."

According to film fest organizers, planning for this year's festival has meant anticipating where the state and county would be at in terms of the COVID pandemic.

"Our last festival (The Master of Suspense, Jan. 2020) was more compact," explained Jason Dittmer, associate producer of WIFF. "We screened ShortsFest films and seven features, had two Film Talks, and hosted parties and Brown Bag Lunches over the course of three days. This year, we anticipated that filmgoers were going to want more time to re-connect and socialize with friends. So, we added a day and expanded the time between each screening in order for guests to have more leisurely meals and gatherings before or after films."

Guests are encouraged to arrive early and enjoy a gourmet popcorn bar, stock up on movie treats and taste cocktails inspired by these legends. For example, those interested can try a Gin Joint cocktail during the pre-screening party at Rick's Café Friday before "Casablanca," or taste The Socialite cocktail at the closing reception following "The Philadelphia Story" Sunday.

Those interested in attending WIFF should act quickly to purchase tickets. Organizers say due to limited capacity, and physical distancing protocols, filmgoers will be assigned seats according to their pass or ticket status and the size of their party. Festival organizers strongly urge patrons purchase passes and tickets online, or over the phone, rather than at the door.

Premium passes are sold out and a limited number of full series passes remain. Pass holders get reserved full series row seating; priority seating ahead of individual ticket holders; and admission to all five screenings and Film Talks. The Full Series Pass is \$135. Individual film tickets are \$20 and Film Talks tickets are \$15.

Film Talks this year include "Reframing the Classics," presented by Todd Rendleman, director of film studies at Seattle Pacific University. This talk will be held Saturday at 1 p.m.

"We have just added a second Film Talks with guest panelists Amy Lillard, Washington Filmworks; Beth Barrett and Dan Doody, Seattle International Film Festival; and two filmmakers currently shooting a feature on Whidbey Island," Dittmer said. "They will be discussing how world events shaped storytelling during the Golden Age of Hollywood, and how the current pandemic is changing how and who is making films today."

While the past year (and then some) has been a difficult one, WIFF organizers say it feels good to begin to see some normalcy emerging at last.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Film Festival
John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara star in "The Quiet Man," showing Saturday at 2 p.m. as part of the Whidbey Island Film Festival in Langley.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Film Festival
"The Philadelphia Story," starring Katharine Hepburn, Cary Grant and James Stewart, wraps up the Whidbey Island Film Festival in Langley at 2 p.m. Sunday.

"We were able to offer programming in spite of pandemic-related restrictions three different times over the course of the past year," said Deana Duncan, WICA's artistic director and WIFF co-producer. "When we closed our doors in March 2020, we created '98260,' a digital series designed to entertain, inform, and stay connected with our audiences. Then, for the first time in our history, we presented the outdoor Summer Nights Series for three glorious weeks under our new tent. When audiences were permitted to return to movie theatres, we launched WICA Goes to the Movie and introduced our newest collaborations with National Theatre Live (UK) and Broadway HD (USA).

"But nothing compares to this feeling of finally resuming Whidbey Island Film Festival, live theatre and concerts, and in-person lectures," Duncan continued. "The response has been heartwarming. Our audiences, volunteers, and artists are excited and thankful to have a safe space to gather together again. We are looking forward to welcoming even more people back to the center in the very near future."

To purchase tickets, view the film schedule and find out about all the festival events, visit whidbeyislandfilmfestival.org.

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ON TRACK

With Jim Freeman



If you are reading this with open eyes, most likely I am playing with our granddaughters.

It seems as if the last time we colored rocks, played Hot and Cold, or bounced the ball at the park, I was in 6th grade.

Okay, so it was

only Valentines Week 2020, but it sure seems further back.

It always bothered me when I opened the paper to read the columnist I was wanting to read was on vacation.

From what?

Telling us what they think or know?

Why not just say, "This space left intentionally blank"?

Eileen Brown, our Queen Columnist and Whidbey Weekly matriarch mentor, advised me once to have a backup column in case I didn't feel like writing some week.

Well, if you are reading this, this is my backup column in case I do not get Wi-Fi where I am going.

I don't know. I have never been there before. The kids moved.

The kids' new house may not have the Senior Wi-Fi package. That service comes with unlimited bandwidth, above average speed, a croissant or bagel of choice, plus juice until it runs out.

I know one thing.

Every day there will be a different cheeseburger - In N Out, Culvers, Sonic, Steak N Shake, White Castle and the Roloids/Tums Combo burger.

It could be over a 100 where I am going. Many people who live there are over 90. When in heat, do as the locals do - sit near an air conditioner.

Hopefully we will be allowed to go to Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa to listen to the magnificent pipe organ while eating pasta. I hope they play Chattanooga Choo Choo and The Dam Busters March while we are chew chewing.

Malia will be having her fifth birthday. I remember her mother's fifth birthday. Next time, I will know to buy candy to put in the empty pinata before the whacking begins.

Facebook find

Thanks to an intuitive internet reader of page three, I received these one liners to share.

When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.

To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.

Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9 p.m. is the new midnight.

The older I get, the earlier it gets late.

When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.

I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.

I had my patience tested. I'm negative.

Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.

If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"

When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.

I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.

I run like the winded.

I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.

When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?

I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.

When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."

Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.

Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.

Directions

The rap on men has always been we do not read directions or follow them if we do.

What about not understanding directions?

This example from a six pack of frozen White Castle jalapeno cheese sliders gave me pause.

"Place sliders on a microwave-safe plate, with the bottom buns up, wrapped in a food grade paper towel with the open ends tucked under the top bun."

The real top bun or the upside down bun?

The first time I followed my interpretation of those directions, the jalapeno cheese stuck to the food grade paper towel.

This is what I get trying to cook. First I have to be smarter than the paper towel.

Read aloud

ARBITRATOR - A cook who leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's.

BERNADETTE - The act of torching a mortgage.

BURGLARIZE - What a crook sees through.

AVOIDABLE - What a bullfighter tries to do.

EYEDROPPER - A clumsy ophthalmologist.

COUNTERFEITER - Workers who assemble and install kitchen cabinets

ECLIPSE - What an English barber does for a living.

LEFT BANK - What the bank robbers did when their bag was full.

HEROES - What a man in a boat does.

PARASITES - What you see from the Eiffel Tower.

PARADOX - Two physicians.

PHARMACIST - A helper on a farm.

POLARIZE - What penguins see through.

PRIMATE - What you do to remove your spouse from in front of TV.

RELIEF - What trees do in the spring.

RUBBERNECK - What you do to relax your wife.

SELFISH - What the owner of a seafood store does.

SUDAFED - Brought litigation against a government official.

PARADIGMS - 20 cents.

Senior teenager wisdom

I have everything I wanted as a teenager, only 70 years later.

I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car.

Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

I decided to stop calling the bathroom the "John" and renamed it the "Jim." I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning

Old age is coming at a really bad time.

When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now it feels like a small vacation.

The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

Have a great week in our great Northwest.

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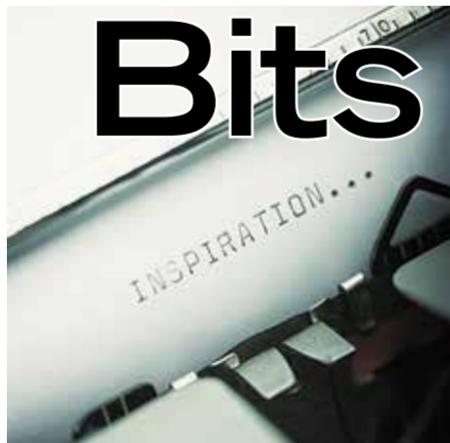
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Bits & Pieces

Oak Harbor Fire Department to Hold Training Burn

Saturday, the Oak Harbor Fire Department will be conducting a live fire training at 953 SE Ely Street in Oak Harbor. There is a 1,050 square foot home located on the property. The training exercise is scheduled to begin at 8:00AM with completion around 1:00PM.

The structure will be burned in a very controlled fashion with fires being ignited and extinguished numerous times throughout the course of the event. A live fire training session provides invaluable training and practical experience for the firefighters of the Oak Harbor Fire Department.

SE Ely Street will be closed to "through" traffic from SE 8th to SE Barrington. Residents who live between these streets will be allowed access.

The training will be conducted weather permitting. In the event of unfavorable wind conditions, the training will be reschedule for a later date. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 360-279-4706.

[Submitted by Craig Anderson, Captain/Training Officer, OHFD]

Washington State Ferries Hosting Virtual Meetings May 25 and 26 Ahead of Peak Season Tune in to learn about ferry service, fares and COVID-19 precautions

Ferry riders, commuters and terminal neighbors are invited to attend one of two upcoming Washington State Ferries virtual public meetings to hear updates and ask questions about the ferry system.

"We learn so much from our community engagement efforts," said Patty Rubstello, head of Washington State Ferries. "I'm excited that we're able to offer our spring community meetings virtually this year and hope even more people are able to join in the conversation."

The meetings will take place at 11:00AM, Tuesday, May 25, and 6:00PM, Wednesday, May 26.

WSF staff will give a brief presentation about service updates, proposed tariff changes and the agency's continued response to COVID-19. Participants will be able to ask questions and provide comments during the meeting. Both meetings will cover the same material and are designed to give participants the option to join the meeting that best fits their schedule.

Members of the public can participate in the meeting from a laptop, desktop or mobile device, but advanced registration is required to participate.

Registration for the virtual meetings:

- Register online for the 11:00AM meeting Tuesday, May 25, at: bit.ly/WSFSpringMeeting1
- Register online for the 6:00PM meeting Wednesday, May 26, at: bit.ly/WSFSpringMeeting2
- Participants must provide a name and valid email address and have access to a computer or mobile device with an internet connection.
- Once registered, participants will receive an email with detailed instructions about how to join the meeting.
- The day after the meeting, a recording will be available online on the WSF webpage for anyone unable to participate.

Free, temporary internet access is available to those who do not have broadband service in locations throughout the state. To find the nearest drive-in wifi hotspot visit www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/washington-state-drive-in-wifi-hotspots-location-finder/.

These public meetings are held in coordination with the Ferry Advisory Committees. WSF will also hold a special meeting for members of all 13 FACs at 4:00PM Thursday, May 27, to discuss their role in advising WSF about customer service and schedules. Members of the public are invited to attend and can register by going to: bit.ly/SpringFACMeeting2021.

WSF, a division of the Washington State Department of Transportation, is the largest ferry system in the U.S. and safely and efficiently carries tens of millions of people a year through some of the most majestic scenery in the world. For breaking news and the latest information, follow WSF on Twitter and Facebook.

[Submitted by Hadley Rodero, WSDOT]

It's Wildfire Awareness Month - Time to Prepare for Fires and Smoke

Another active wildfire season is expected this year, on the heels of a large wildfire smoke event that blanketed Island, Skagit, and Whatcom counties with smoke in September 2020.

Conditions are already dry and expected to continue that way through the summer. And a reminder heading into the coming Memorial Day Weekend period, traditionally the unofficial start of "camping season:" nine out of 10 wildfires are caused by humans, according to the U.S. Department of Interior. Fire and smoke from these human-caused events threaten lives, property, and natural resources.

Check out these valuable tips for avoiding sparking wildfires from the Department of the Interior (www.doi.gov/blog/10-tips-prevent-wildfires) and Northwest Clean Air Agency's Wildfire Smoke Information page (<https://nwcleanairwa.gov/air-quality-center/smoke-information/>) for more about how to protect yourself and others during wildfire events.

For more information and developments, be sure to check NWCAA's website (<https://nwcleanairwa.gov>), Twitter, and Facebook for local details.

[Submitted by Seth Preston, Northwest Clean Air Agency]

2021 Inaugural Class of Leadership Whidbey Prepares to Celebrate Program Completion

Skagit Valley College, the Economic Development Council for Island County, Sno-Isle Libraries, The Whidbey Institute, and individual community partners are proud to announce 20 individuals, representing the inaugural class of Leadership Whidbey (LW), have successfully completed the program. A small graduation ceremony and celebration will occur in May.

2021 Inaugural Class of Leadership Whidbey

Lori Barian, John Diamond, Alicia Dietrich, Nicole Donovan, Jessie Gunn, Olena Hodges, Kristina Holley, Karen Korbelik, Jerre Learned, Hannah Liss, Cynthia Mason, Darcy Merryman, David Parker, Sherry Phay, Maureen Rice, Tiffany Scribner, Roxanne Shepherd, Marie Shimada, Madison Spencer, Rachael Wright.

"Despite the pandemic, this group of participants did not withdraw into isolation, but instead chose to invest in themselves as community leaders in order to engage more deeply in this beautiful place we call home," said Dr. Laura Flores Cailloux, Leadership Whidbey curriculum manager.

Leadership Whidbey is an intensive five-month program with eight educational days. Program content is organized within three broad categories:

- Self-reflection/personal leadership development and practice;
- Knowledge and understanding of place, local history and current issues;
- Building relationships and understanding across a diverse cohort/community.

"As a leader in promoting equitable community outcomes, Skagit Valley College is proud to be a partner in Leadership Whidbey," said Dr. Dave Paul, director of community relations at SVC. "The Leadership Whidbey program provides an important opportunity to bring together current and future community leaders. The inaugural class is truly committed to working across sectors and geographic regions to promote a thriving community on Whidbey Island." The program is supported by part-time staff and a wide array of volunteers including planners, day leads, committee members, presenters, and program sponsors.

Current and future leaders from across the island are encouraged to apply for next year's class. For more information, contact Pam Wessel-Estes, Leadership Whidbey program manager, at connect@leadershipwhidbey.com or visit www.leadershipwhidbey.org.

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

WSU Cascade Mountains Military Teen Adventure Camp this July

If you are a teen (age 14-18) who is a dependent of military active duty, guard, reserve, retired, or veteran personnel at regional locations around the U.S. and its territories, you are invited to spend four days and three nights in the beautiful North Cascades.

Attendees will explore wild forests as they forage for mushrooms and seek out wildlife, go eagle watching on a river-rafting trip, and speed along the many mountain biking trails. They will also have the opportunity to try their hand at archery, outdoor survival skills, and learn about the unique forest ecosystem of the Pacific Northwest. No matter what skill-level or interest, there is something for everyone.

Come stretch your legs and breathe the clean forest air while making friends and memories that will last a lifetime.

Camp Fees:

Everything, including equipment/gear, tent and cabin lodging, locally and sustainably sourced meals, and guide fees are included in the \$20 registration fee.

Camp Registration Dates:

July 6 - 9
July 13 - 16
July 20 - 23

To learn more about the WSU Cascade Mountains Military Teen Adventure Camp, please visit www.glacierpeakinstitute.org/militaryteen-camp

[Submitted by Jill Johnson, Island County Commissioner - District 2]

Skagit Valley College Whidbey Island Campus Student Nurse Club Supports Pop-Up Blood Drive, Raises New Student Scholarship

Skagit Valley College (SVC) is proud to celebrate Happy Nurses Week 2021 and SVC thanks nurses for the ways they serve the community all year long.

Among the highlights this year, SVC's Whidbey Island Campus Student Nurse Club held a scholarship fundraiser in partnership with a "pop-up" blood drive, hosted by Bloodworks Northwest.

To support the SVC students' effort to reach their scholarship goal of \$700, community members who signed up to donate blood were given a donation code for consideration, which was linked to the SVC Nursing program. The students needed a minimum of 35 donors to qualify for the \$700 scholarship and they were thrilled to have 36 donors participate. With a blood drive, every whole blood donation is divided into red blood cells, platelets, and plasma. With each donation, there is the potential to save three lives. The scholarship funds raised will allow SVC's Student Nursing Club to help other students in their professional development, provide direct financial assistance to students in need, and allow the

club to achieve important community outreach goals.

Bloodworks Northwest provides pop-up blood drive sites, as well as permanent donation sites, throughout Washington and Oregon.

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

First Wild Fishers Born in the North Cascades as Part of State-wide Restoration Project



A photo from an NPS wildlife camera shows F105 with a kit (baby) in her mouth

State and federal biologists have found the first wild fishers to be born in the North Cascades in perhaps half a century. A female fisher, F105, was detected on a trail camera, April 18, moving four kits at her den in western Chelan County.

"Seeing her and her kits is a wonderful first indication the North Cascades ecosystem can support a reproductive population of fishers, and it's a great sign for fisher recovery in Washington," said Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Biologist Dr. Jeff Lewis. "We have high hopes we will find additional females in the North Cascades having kits this spring."

Fishers, a house-cat sized member of the weasel family, were eliminated from Washington by the mid-1900s through over-trapping and habitat loss. They were listed as a state-endangered species in 1998.

Fishers are related to minks, otters, and wolverines, and are native to the forests of Washington, including the Cascade mountain range. This elusive carnivore preys on various small mammals – mountain beavers, squirrels, and snowshoe hares – and it is one of the few predators of porcupines.

The National Park Service (NPS), Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Conservation Northwest, and Calgary Zoo released 89 fishers into the North Cascades National Park Service Complex and Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest from 2018–2020, as part of a collaborative effort to restore the species to Washington. Fisher F105 was released Dec. 13, 2018, west of Darrington, Wash.

"Seeing these fishers find their place and thrive brings so much hope to this ecosystem" said NPS Wildlife Biologist Dr. Jason Ransom. "It is a product of the kind of collaborative conservation we need to steward a healthy ecosystem, across boundaries."

Since reintroduction, fishers have been detected within and around the North Cascades National Park Service Complex, throughout the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, in parts of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, and on private lands as far east as Winthrop, Wash.

Sixty private landowners have established Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances on 3,318,283 acres of their lands in Washington, to help protect fishers wherever they find a place to thrive.

"Seeing one fisher kit born in the wild North Cascades is a wonder; photos showing a group of wild kits is phenomenal," said Dave Wernitz, Science and Conservation Director for Conservation Northwest. "This new family is an auspicious sign that these reintroduced



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fishers are finding a good home in the North Cascades.”

The reintroduction was made possible by the National Park Service, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Conservation Northwest, Calgary Zoo, and other partners. From 2015 to 2020, these partners also released 81 fishers in the southern Cascades on Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Mount Rainier National Park. More than 250 fishers have been reintroduced to Washington since releases first began in and around Olympic National Park in 2008.

“Bringing a species back to where they had once disappeared is a long and challenging journey, so we’re elated to see fishers from Canada contribute to this important milestone,” said José Luis Postigo, Calgary Zoo population ecologist. “As a conservation organization, we’re proud to have contributed our animal care, veterinary, and scientific expertise to this initiative and we celebrate the unwavering support and dedication of all the communities and partners that made this happen.”

Re-establishing viable populations of fishers in the Olympic and Cascade Mountains are important steps to down-listing the species in Washington State. The state recovery plan and implementation plan for fisher reintroduction in the Cascades can be found at: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/species/pekania-pennanti>.

Sources of funding for the reintroductions include the National Park Service, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Conservation Northwest, Calgary Zoo, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington’s National Park Fund, Northwest Trek, state wildlife grants, Washington State personalized license plates, and funds from other partners.

[Submitted by Denise M. Shultz, North Cascades National Park Service Complex]

Whidbey SAR Rescues Skier Near Snoqualmie Pass Over the Weekend

A Search and Rescue (SAR) team from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island rescued an

injured skier near Snoqualmie Mountain in the afternoon of May 15.

The SAR crew launched from NAS Whidbey Island at about 2:40PM after receiving a request to rescue a 64-year-old skier who had fallen 30 feet and had a possible head injury.

Once the SAR crew arrived at the location at about 3:15PM, they located the survivor with two members of the Snoqualmie Mountain Rescue at about the 4,600 foot elevation. While the SAR helicopter hovered over the scene, two SAR crew rappelled down to assess and prepare the injured skier for transport. The SMR members, who have trained with NAS Whidbey Island SAR in the past and were prepared for this type of mission, dug out a platform in the snow for the rappelling SAR crew.

By approximately 3:55PM, the injured skier was hoisted aboard the SAR helicopter and transported to Harbor View Hospital in Seattle.

This is the eighth mission NAS Whidbey Island SAR has conducted this calendar year, which includes two MEDEVACs, five rescues, and a search.

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

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

Local Business News

Penn Cove Brewery and Taproom—Freeland Grand Opening

Penn Cove Brewing Company, Whidbey Island’s largest craft brewer and current member of the Coupeville and Oak Harbor business communities, will be opening its third location in Freeland, Wash. (5488 S. Freeland Ave.) with a grand opening planned for Thursday, May 27.

Situated on a pastoral 10-acre parcel in an old barn atop a hill overlooking Holmes Harbor, Penn Cove’s newest property will feature 20 taps, a small experimental brewery, an indoor dining area and several stages for concerts and events. Those who enjoy fresh air with their fresh craft beer will delight in the property’s large beer garden, patio, and rooftop deck, complete with a stunning view of the Olympic Range to the west and Holmes Harbor to the northeast. Staying true to its guiding principles of Craft, Community and Collaboration, Penn Cove turned to Freeland’s own Chef Gordon Stewart of Gordon’s on Blueberry Hill to tackle food service via his new food truck, “Reasonably Gordon’s,” which will call the property home six days a week.

For more information, please visit penncovebrewing.com.

Whidbey Art Gallery Offers Time to Bloom

Whidbey Art Gallery members are continuing to feature spring color and the wide variety of blossoms at this time of year. The ongoing 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.

This month’s featured artist is Woody Morris.

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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 do not understand what they are paying for. The intent of this column is to help you have a better understanding and over time, use this platform to educate you about personal insurance and its benefits.

We last reviewed personal auto insurance and what coverage is required by the state of Washington and what those coverages mean. We will now review homeowners insurance, including insurance to protect your home or condominium, homes rented to others and homes or apartments you rent.

Standard Homeowners Insurance (HO3) coverage consists of the following:

- **Dwelling:** Provides coverage to rebuild or repair your home in the event of fire or damage by a covered loss, including wind and hail damage.
- **Other Structures:** Provides coverage for damage to detached structures on your property such as garages, sheds, barns, pools, gazebos, fences.
- **Personal Property:** Provides coverage to the contents of your home lost to fire or theft. This coverage extends to property if it is destroyed or stolen, even away from the home location, with some limitations.
- **Loss of Use:** Provides coverage in the event of a covered loss and the insured is displaced and unable to reside in their home.
- **Personal Liability:** Provides coverage in the event of a lawsuit resulting from an accident involving insured or damage to property due to negligence.
- **Medical Payments to Others:** Provides coverage if a person who is not a household resident is injured on insured property.

A standard homeowners policy does NOT extend coverage for the following in most cases:

- For long term or short term rental of a home not occupied by the homeowner
- For a vacant or unoccupied home
- For cars
- For injury to homeowner or residents of the home
- For plumbing
- For vermin
- For mold, rot, moisture or water damage caused over time
- Wear and tear
- Liability due to criminal acts

Although most coverages are standard, it is important that an insured review the policy contract periodically, as carrier underwriting information changes.

Besides the standard homeowners insurance, there are other policy forms to protect your property as an asset. An unfortunate mistake a property owner can make is not having the proper coverage for the use of the property. Here are the main policy types for personal insurance of homes:

Dwelling Fire/ Landlord/RDP Insurance: Primarily provides fire coverage for a home, duplex or an apartment up to four units. Coverage can include premise liability, loss of rents and medical payments to others.

If an owner is renting long term or short term, this is the only policy type that is valid, unless specified by the insurance carrier. AirBnB and VRBO are types of rentals that need this coverage; if this coverage is not in place and a loss occurs your carrier may not cover the loss of your biggest asset.

Most insureds do not know they do not have the proper insurance when opening their home to long term or short term rentals; some don't know there is a difference. Many insureds may not be contacting their insurance agents for fear of the increased cost of insurance. No matter the reason, in the event of a loss, a carrier may decline coverage based on the use and occupancy of a property. The results can be financially devastating to the homeowner.

Vacant homes also fall under this category. If a home is vacant and unoccupied, the carrier requires they receive notification if the home has been vacant for 60 days. An insured MUST call the carrier or agent and advise to make certain proper coverages are in place. If the vacant property catches fire and the carrier or agent was not notified, a claim can be denied and all financial burden falls to the insured.

Condominium Insurance (HO6): This is called a “walls in” coverage. The policy will cover the personal property and fixtures inside the walls of a condominium. In the event of a fire, coverage starts on the inside of the structure. The condominium Homeowners Association (HOA) is responsible for the outer walls of the structure. This policy provides coverage for loss of use, personal liability and medical payments to others.

Renters insurance (HO4): Provides coverage to a renter for their personal property at a permanent rental location (house, apartment, condo, mobile home). This policy provides coverage for personal liability, loss of use and medical payments to others. Most renters policies allow people to maintain coverage when moving locations by simply updating information with the agent or carrier if living in the same state.

Mobile Home /Manufactured Home: Many of the coverages are similar to an HO3 standard home policy but this is a specialty coverage and these home types must be insured correctly. Speak to your agent or carrier to verify you have the proper coverage for your mobile or manufactured home.



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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.

SWSD Kindergarten Readiness Night

Thursday, May 20, 6:00-7:00PM
K-4 North Campus, Langley

Meet Principal Susie Richards and the kindergarten staff. Learn about the full time, in person program. Sign up for tuition free KinderCamp the week of Aug. 23. A virtual meeting will be held Tuesday, June 1. Email questions to kglandon@sw.wednet.edu.

COVID-19 Vaccination Pop-Up Site

Friday, May 21, 1:00-4:00PM
10 NW Front Street, Coupeville

Island Drug will offer all three choices of the vaccine: Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson. First and second dose will be available. Island Drug will return to pop-up site to administer second dose (Pfizer June 4, Moderna June 11). Pre-registration is helpful. Walk up welcome. Everyone will need a photo ID, medical cards are helpful. Under 16 will need a guardian present.

Vaccines are FREE to all. To register, send your name and email address or phone number to coupevillehistoricwaterfrontassociation@hotmail.com. Your information will be forwarded to Island Drug. They will reach out to everyone to schedule.

Friday Night Lights

Friday, May 21, 7:00PM
Downtown Oak Harbor

Oak Harbor High School seniors will cruise down Bayshore Drive to Pioneer Way, turn on Midway Blvd. to Whidbey Ave. and back to the high school. Family and community are invited to park along the route to cheer the seniors on.

Coupeville Job Fair

Wednesday, May 26, 1:00-5:00PM
Masonic Lodge, 804 N Main, Coupeville

Hosted by the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association and the Coupeville Chamber. On site interviewers will screen potential candidates. Candidates will be asked basic questions in an attempt to make the best job match. For more information, call 360-678-5434.

3rd Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 31, 10:00AM
Maple Leaf Cemetery, Oak Harbor

Free entry beginning at 9:00AM. Live stream available at facebook.com/ohlionsclub. Proceeds benefit Lions, Fleet Reserve, VFW, and American Legion. Please mask up for this socially distanced event.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below
Cost: Free:

Steel Drum Party!

Saturday, May 22, 10:00-11:00AM

Dance, clap and stomp along to live steel drum music in this highly interactive rhythmical journey with Ian Dobson. The show uses music,

dance, and movement to inspire resourcefulness, creativity, confidence, and an interest in exploring other languages and cultures. Fun for all ages! Children may make an instrument with recycled materials at home, and play them during the program. Register at <https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/events/>.

Online Family Trivia

Friday, May 28, 5:00-6:00PM

From the dawn of man to artificial intelligence, technology has come a long way! Go it solo or grab a family member (or a few) to test your trivia technology skills, right from the comfort of your own home. 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." Contact ritadrum777@gmail.com for Zoom link.

Meetings & Organizations

Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum

Wednesday, May 26, 11:30AM

Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St

Dr. Jesse Kennedy will give a complete presentation about the loss of a Lockheed PV-1 Ventura from NAS Whidbey over the North Cascades Jan. 14, 1945. The story of what happened to the crew is expanded. Admission is free but a no host lunch will be offered for \$12.

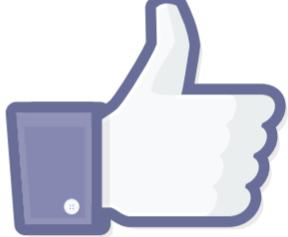
Classes, Seminars and Workshops

Addressing Climate Change Through Conservation

Thursday, May 27, 6:30PM

Climate change is one of the most urgent threats to biodiversity and nature we face. Join a Zoom webinar hosted by the Whidbey Camano Land Trust and find out how the Land Trust is mitigating the impacts of climate change through land protection, stewardship and habitat restoration. Plus, learn more about what you can do to help contribute to a healthier environment. The event is free. Q&A will follow. Please RSVP at www.wclt.org/rsvp. For more information, contact the Land Trust at info@wclt.org or 360-222-3310.

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Inslee sets June 30th reopening goal

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee expects the state to be fully reopened and free of most COVID restrictions June 30. In addition, every county in the state moved to Phase 3 of his Roadmap to Recovery plan Tuesday, all thanks to the vaccine, according to the governor.

"I am pleased to be able to announce this – it should give us a good path forward in reopening our state," Inslee said in a press conference last Thursday. "And there is a chance we could reopen our state even sooner, if we can get 70 percent of eligible people over age 16 to initiate their vaccination by then."

While the governor acknowledged there is still a long way to go, he said he feels confident the state can turn the page on the fight against the pandemic and will shift its method in order to make the June 30 deadline.

"It is a recognition that we are moving to a strategy of vaccinations as opposed to restrictions in our personal behavior," he said. "We have a vaccine that is safe, that works, it's absolutely free and we are now moving on to fully focus on that, so that we can save lives in our state."

As of last week, Inslee said 57 percent of Washington residents had received at least the first dose of vaccine and 43.7 percent are

fully vaccinated. He said state health officials are confident that with the plateauing, and even declining, rates of new infections, a full reopening is drawing closer.

"The bottom line is, most businesses will stay at 50 percent capacity for most indoor activities for now, but on June 30 that will be lifted to go back to 100 percent – a full reopening," he said. "That means full capacity at restaurants, movie theaters, bowling alleys, you name it."

Local health districts will retain the ability to impose restrictions should the need arise. The state's push now is to encourage people to get their vaccine.

"Please get vaccinated," said state Secretary of Health Dr. Umair Shah. "It protects you, your family, your loved ones and ultimately, it's protecting the people around you. We want to do everything we can to encourage people and incentivize and just make the vaccine choice the right choice, the easy choice and the choice people will make, because ultimately that's how we will end this pandemic."

The governor also announced the state is following the Centers for Disease Control guidance on masking. Effective immediately, those who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear face masks for most activities. Masking is still be required at hospitals,

doctor's offices, long term care facilities, correctional facilities, homeless shelters, schools and on public transportation. Businesses retain the right to require customers and employees to wear masks.

Again, Inslee hopes this move will also encourage people to get vaccinated.

"For all the people who have been annoyed by the mask, this is a really good reason to get vaccinated," he said. "This is your ticket to freedom. That shot is a ticket to freedom and I hope people will avail themselves to it."

There is some skepticism people will just say they've gotten their vaccine when they haven't. In that instance, businesses and venues are able to require proof of vaccination. People can present their vaccination card or they can download their vaccination record by going to myir.net and clicking on Washington state. Officials also suggest taking a photo with your phone of your vaccination record, so you have it if needed. Inslee said the state has no plans for any kind of official proof of vaccination.

"I am not anticipating doing a state sanctioned 'passport,' but individual venues have the right to ask for some degree of proof of vaccination and they have successfully, by and large, been able to implement that," he said. "The Mariners have had success with it so I think this should be very viable."



Photo Courtesy of Washington Governor's Office
Gov. Jay Inslee has announced plans to fully reopen the state by June 30.

There is only one metric that could potentially derail the reopening plans.

"If ICU capacity exploded and got over 90 percent, we'd have to review that, but that's the only caveat we're announcing today," he said.

Inslee also announced he expects schools across the state to be open at full capacity with in-person classes this fall.

Further announcements on vaccination incentives are likely to be announced sometime this week.

The Haven shelter eyes permanent home near Coupeville

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

The Haven, a night-to-night shelter for the homeless, is hoping to turn a former Jehovah's Witness facility on Morris Road near Coupeville into its permanent home. The Haven, which is run by the Whidbey Homeless Coalition, has operated as a pop-up shelter since its creation, and has been housed in rotation by three different Oak Harbor churches.

Jonathan Kline, executive director of the Whidbey Homeless Coalition, said having a permanent shelter will allow the organization to better serve the guests using its services.

"Since 2017, we have been kind of operating as a pop-up shelter, so that means that we did not have any space of our own," he said. "So we had to set up and tear down every single day and then put everything back into storage and then the next night get everything back out. Having a permanent home will really allow us to be much more intentional with the funding that we do have. We will not have to spend as much time, energy and money setting up and tearing down every single night. We will be able to have more of a sense of security for our guests."

Kline said the Haven focuses more on providing emergency and short-term services for a variety of situations, from those waiting for a lease to start to those experiencing displacement due to an event such as a fire. Kline says the Haven also aims to help connect those who need additional resources to various community programs for necessary assistance.

"We see a wide variety of folks but it is much more an emergency kind of thing," he said.

"We look at it mostly as emergency relief, recovery and then development. The Haven is very much (for when) you are in a sense of emergency or some kind of trauma has happened and we are going to get you out of the elements."

Kline said the Haven has been looking for a permanent location since its start, and applied for funds to help purchase the new building after becoming aware of a grant from the Department of Commerce to help establish and/or expand an emergency shelter. One of the challenges to eventually bringing the Haven to Coupeville was establishing the proper zoning and obtaining appropriate permits. He said there was not a precedent for an emergency shelter in a rural area in Island County, and the organization has undergone a multi-month process of rezoning through the Zoning Code Interpretation (ZCI), which was eventually approved. Upon official rezoning, funds from the Department of Commerce were also approved.

"It was a long process but it is a great process," he said. "I am glad that now in Island County we have something in the books that says that an emergency homeless shelter can exist in a rural area. Rural homelessness looks a lot different than it does in Seattle or Tacoma but it is very much here, and it is a great thing that we are able to work toward getting that officially recognized in the county."

Kline said the organization has also been working to address the different thoughts from community members on the shelter and its proposed location in Coupeville.

"I think that we have some folks that are a little unsure of what the program is and the footprint or the imprint on a community," he said.

Kline said the Whidbey Homeless Coalition hopes to offer small group tours of the space and potentially virtual open houses in the future to help community members visualize how the building will be utilized and answer questions about planned operations.

"We are excited about what is to come," he said.

On May 6, the Whidbey Homeless Coalition held a virtual public meeting to address questions and comments from community members. Kline said those present brought a number of talking points to the meeting, including concerns about the shelter's location in a more rural area. Kline said the new location would provide close proximity to other services, including the hospital and the county's housing services. Kline said another meeting will most likely take place in the future, with hopes of continuing constructive and thoughtful dialogue between area residents and the organization.

"We had a topic that people definitely have some very strong opinions on but I think all in all it was a good start to a conversation that hopefully we plan on continuing," he said.

Another meeting was held earlier in the year by concerned community members with reservations about the shelter's proposed location March 19 at the Central Whidbey Sportsmen's Association. At the time of press, the *Whidbey Weekly* was not able to obtain a comment from a representative at the meeting.

Fran Stevens, a volunteer for the Haven, said she has worked with the Haven from its beginnings and hopes community members are able to have their questions about the shelter answered. Stevens said the Haven acts as an emergency shelter only for the night -- it is not an all-day program, and those who come to the shelter are registered at a specific location. Stevens said she felt hosting the Haven has been a positive experience for the churches and surrounding community.

"I really do hope and pray that people's fears can be alleviated," she said. "I know fears are real and I appreciate that, but the last four years of my involvement with the Haven, when and if there is an issue, it is always addressed."

Stevens said she was excited about the possibility of offering a permanent location and greater continuity for those visiting the Haven.

"I will miss having them (the guests) in our churches, I think a lot of people will, but I think it is so important that they have a permanent shelter and that has been the goal for the last four years, to find a permanent shelter," she said. "And it has taken a while, we have looked and searched and we feel that this is a blessing to have found this place and I can only hope and pray that the community of where it will be will see the good that this is."

Stevens said she looks forward to seeing the Haven hopefully establish a permanent presence in Coupeville.

"For me the Haven has been a real blessing to be a part of," she said. "To know that we are helping people to try and find a permanent home, unfortunately that does not happen for everybody, but it has happened for several of our guests and it is always good because part of the goal is to try and keep homelessness to a minimum and help as many as we can."

For more information about the Whidbey Homeless Coalition, visit whidbeyhomeless.org.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Homeless Coalition
Katie Watkins (left), board president of the Whidbey Homeless Coalition, and Jonathan Kline, executive director of the organization, hope to help provide services for guests at the proposed new home for the Haven night-to-night shelter near Coupeville. The Haven will have capacity for up to 30 overnight guests.





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One small book is making a big difference in the lives of many Whidbey and Camano residents and visitors, who use its guidance to find just the right beaches for their trips to the edges of the Salish Sea.

"When our children were growing up," says long-time Sound Water Stewards (SWS) member Jeanie McElwain, "there was only ONE beach, and that was Double Bluff. That was the only place the kids wanted to go. Then we discovered a small black and white book which named 47 other beaches we could visit. Our choices of beaches expanded vastly! We began exploring and were amazed at the richness, the variety, and beauty we found—most public, local and free!"

That book is now titled *Getting to the Water's Edge on Whidbey and Camano Islands* and is available in stores and online. No longer small, it is 198 pages long, printed in full color on sturdy paper, and loaded with information about the 69 public access beaches it now features.

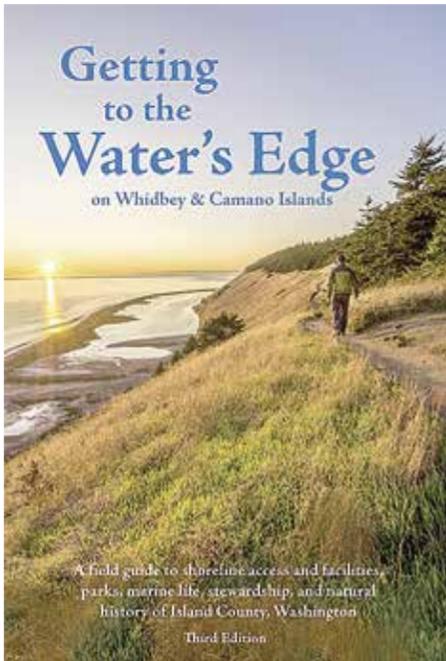
Its latest, and third edition, arrived from the printer just before the 2020 Fourth of July weekend and was an immediate local bestseller. Just over ten months later, 3,846 copies of the 6,000 copies ordered have already sold. And, surprisingly, 20 percent of sales are from outside Island County, some from as far as New Jersey and Guam.

Sound Water Stewards speculates it has sold so well because not only does this unique guidebook direct us to 69 public access beaches on both Whidbey and Camano Islands, it gives many practical and interesting details about each one.

Getting to the Water's Edge (GTWE), however, tells far more than what. It also reveals why.

"GTWE does bring in some money to support the organization, but mainly it is a tool for educating the public about the wonders of our beaches," says Allie Hudec, education coordinator for Sound Water Stewards, the nonprofit which owns and updated the book. "We hope that people not only find new beaches to explore but that they see their usual stops with a fresh eye. With information on geology, wildlife, and even history, this book takes a closer look at places we may already know. It also has some good tips on how to care for these unique places and the wildlife that call it home."

The book has an informative chapter on stewardship in a warming world and multiple short essays. This chapter includes what to do if you find a seal pup on the beach, how to report creosote-soaked driftwood,



the importance of picking up plastic and preventing contamination by caring for our septic systems.

To protect the beaches and the creatures who live on them is an especially important section — how to explore the beach without harming it —tells how to meet the beings at the beach safely. These guidelines are good to review whenever you may be meeting sea creatures, some of which are already at risk because they have been left high and dry by the water they depend on for their very lives. This section is handy for working with children or introducing visiting guests to whom the sea is a new experience.

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Yellow-toned information boxes describe many ways we can protect and support our tidelands and the sea that sustains them. They also give histories of those who lived here before us, information about other special areas to visit, (such as dog parks and 43 upland trails and trails systems), and essays on natural history from our glacial erratics, to marine birds, to the ghost shrimp which draw the gray whales to our shores.

Hudec, a long-time resident of Whidbey Island, tells us, "One of my favorite hidden gems is Glendale beach. It is a nice quiet spot where you can listen to the stream and watch the ferry and passing trains across the water. It's also a good spot to watch for passing whales! The information about the history and restoration projects at that beach made me look at it in a new light. I was shocked to learn that the little creek has salmon and that the location was home to a hotel and ferry stop in the early 1900s! I had no idea."

Getting to the Water's Edge can be purchased at local bookstores and shops on Whidbey and Camano Islands and nearby mainland shops. For a list of locations or to buy online, go to www.soundwaterstewards.org.



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SUNDAY, APRIL 11

9:29 pm, Waterloo Rd

Advising needs to have husband's girlfriend trespassed from location. Reporting party states is still on lease and still lives at location with husband.

MONDAY, APRIL 12

9:07 am, Leahy Dr.

Reporting party advising feeling radiation signals coming through walls. Also requesting medical due to feeling dizzy.

12:35 pm, SW Heller St.

Reporting party advising purse is missing; states roommate said he didn't take it but "He was acting weird." Advising left purse on the chair, came back inside and it's gone.

2:42 pm, Ault Field Rd.

Advising woman is attacking reporting party; resides in Bothell, is obsessed with reporting party; uses machine to go into reporting party's brain to destroy memories. Has been occurring for 15 years. Believes is staying at Coachman Inn right now.

3:22 pm, Sunset Dr.

Advising neighbor is dumping lawn clippings in reporting party's back yard. Reporting party asked female to pick up clippings.

9:44 pm, Fairhaven Dr.

Reporting party seeing strange light in the sky blinking red and green. Advising looked like a star, but it's blinking red and green, not moving

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

7:39 pm, Haines Rd.

Reporting party states neighbor has something running that is shaking reporting party's whole house. States is very loud and disturbing.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

1:09 am, Violet St.

Reporting party advising vehicle went into side of house; unknown where driver is; reporting party advising into front of house. Unknown kind of vehicle; hood is up.

3:44 am, SR 20

Reporting party advising he is stranded at location; says it is very cold outside. Reporting party advising he was left at the location; does not have a vehicle.

11:17 am, Woodard Ave.

Reporting party states something sharp is in pedestrian cross button on Community Thrift side of SR 525. Cut reporting party's husband's hand. Occurred yesterday. Denied aid. Requesting check to make sure nothing placed there.

2:07 pm, NE 3rd St.

Reporting party states when crossing SR 20, white 80s Chevy or GMC van with blacked out windows, license unknown, nearly hit reporting party while reporting party crossed in his own vehicle. Reporting party felt vehicle was very sketchy so he watched vehicle and it turned around and began approaching children walking in area of location.

4:36 pm, Ault Field Rd.

Reporting party states light at location turns red in all directions for a minute-

and-a-half; also light sequence is off from previous experiences; also turn lane light stays green for no vehicles.

7:29 pm, Bonito Way

Reporting party advising someone is trespassing at location; reporting party advising subject was told to "not come to our ravine;" reporting party advising it's next door neighbor, are taking wood. Unknown where subject is; only seeing the wood cut now.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

7:37 am, Classic Rd.

Reporting party states two loose horses on roadway. Appaloosa and black horse. Toward Honeymoon Bay Road. Came running out of property near location.

10:14 am, Admiralty Way

Reporting party was followed home by subject in white pickup with white canopy. Has picture. Says subject pulled right in front of driveway; has since left. White male, white hair.

10:24 am, Amble Rd.

Reporting party states cousin showed up at location and tried to run reporting party over with his vehicle. Reporting party sustained cut to his hand.

11:05 am, Admiralty Way

Reporting party advising called earlier; states man was following her; now advising male is riding his bike past reporting party's house and she has video of him threatening her.

12:16 pm, Wilson Rd.

Reporting party advising moving trucks knocked down power line and set field on fire; not close to any homes. PSE advised.

1:29 pm, Polnell Rd.

Reporting party advising is having property line dispute with neighbors; ongoing issue with neighbor having to fence his goats and chickens; states last night neighbor trespassed and installed a post with concrete.

5:32 pm, Best Rd.

States kids on dirt bikes harassing reporting party, making loud noise as they go by. Ongoing problem.

Friday, April 16

5:41 am, Leahy Dr.

Reporting party advising someone is tagging reporting party's home; states it has been affecting him physically; advising people are using radar to attack his home; no medical.

8:21 am, Libbey Rd.

Reporting party states neighbors across from location have farm and their turkeys are loose and in and out of road.

12:52 pm, SR 20

Southbound SR 20 vehicle, lime green sports car, is driving like a lunatic trying to push people off road.

2:27 pm, Diane Ave.

Reporting party states hearing loud noises that are shaking house. Ongoing issue. States coming from behind residence.

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



Lyla Maxine Libbey Snover



Lyla, who was born to Joseph Libbey and Ethel Hancock Libbey Feb. 22, 1934, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family May 3, 2021. She was active and busy as always to the end, spending her last day painting in her shop.

Lyla was a beloved daughter of two of the earliest pioneer families to settle on Whidbey Island: the Hancocks and the Libbeys. She grew up on Whidbey, graduating from Coupeville High School in the class of 1952. She met Phil at the age of 13, and they later married in Ellensburg, Wash., Oct. 3, 1952. The two moved around with the Army for several years before returning to Coupeville to raise their children: Gail Hilkey, Debra Lester, Tonya Silvia, and Roger Snover.

Lyla worked at many jobs, including Christensen's Drug Store in Coupeville and later at the Oak Harbor Post Office, where she retired in 1982. Phil and Lyla built the Burgerhaus in Coupeville in 1966, where they operated it with their three girls before selling the business in 1972.

Lyla was a real hero and won an award and \$500 for saving the life of a drowning teen at the ferry dock in Coupeville. Lyla loved her community and after her retirement spent many hours volunteering and serving on various boards and committees. She was a part of Coupeville's town council, Island Transit, Beach Watchers, Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival, the Coupeville Water Festival, and so much more.

She was well known for the snowmen seen around Coupeville during the holidays, which Phil would cutout and she would paint. The paint crew within the Snover's shop grew as the snowmen became more popular, and then expanded to include making scarecrows, and other holiday cutouts.

Lyla was an incredible storyteller and entertained many with her endless stories about her years growing up on Whidbey. She knew a lot of the history of Coupeville and its earliest settlers. Some of her stories are published in various books written about Whidbey Island.

She was preceded in death by her husband Phil and son Roger. Lyla is survived by her daughters Gail, Debbie, and Tonya, as well as seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, her sister Marilyn Bailey, and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be no services per Lyla's request. The Snover family suggests donations can be made to Children's Orthopedic Hospital in remembrance of Roger. To help us celebrate our mother's life, please visit www.wallinfuneralhome.com to leave your comments and photos.

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

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



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

Dear Heavenly Father,

You are the Creator of all things and You sustain all of life. We come to you, acknowledging that Your will is best and that Your plan is far greater than any I could ever ask for or imagine. Lord, we come to you with troubles that are weighing on the hearts of believers throughout our island. God, I know you carry all burdens, and I ask that you share your yoke with those of us going through difficult times. You are faithful! Amen.

Matthew Erikson
Hope Church Oak Harbor - Pastor

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."



Matthew 11:28-30

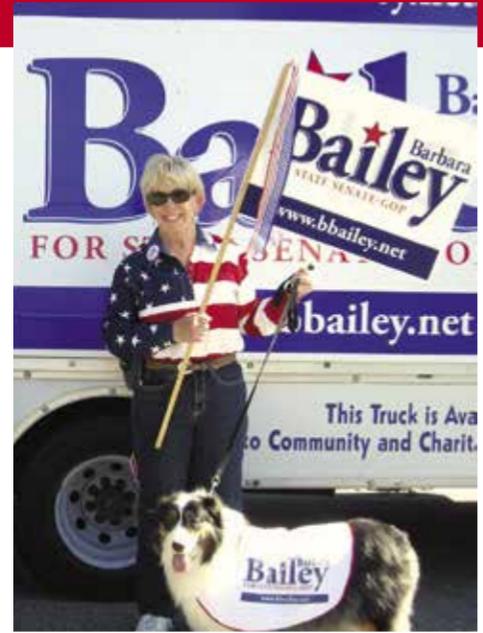
A Tribute To Penny Hill



The Anacortes Swap Meet



Birthday at Frasers Gourmet Hideaway



Creative Marketing at Arlington Parade

Penelope Knox Hill was born on January 10, 1941 near Chicago Illinois. Penny lived a very storied life over the next nearly 80 years as described to me. She passed on November 4, 2020 at Maple Ridge in Freeland. She had a tough childhood with her parents divorcing at an early age and not seeing much of her Father after that. Her Mother moved to many different states during her childhood including New York, the South East to Utah, Texas, and others. She lived for a time on a plantation and mentioned having to dispatch copperheads with a hoe, and being left alone one time during a hurricane which was very frightening. She must have been a teenager at this time as one of her duties was to exercise the horses. She would visit the workers where they lived on these rides and the relationship was mutually friendly. At one point in another state, she was left in a Catholic girls school and mentioned she would have to speak in French to receive meals. Later in life she attended the University of Texas and related going to Longhorn football games coached by Darrell Royal, one of the nationally renowned coaches. He coached at the UW in 1956 and at the U of Texas from 1957 to 1976.

Penny married Jack Hill and they started an advertising agency in the Bay area. Penny was a great fan of "Sey Hey Willie Mays", the SF Giants, and Gene Autry's LA Angels, not so much the LA Dodgers. At some point she bought a ranch with a grape vineyard, where she used lots of Round Up which is probably why she eventually came down with the Lymphoma that ultimately brought her down. Jack became very ill and passed away, leaving Penny with significant medical expenses. She then moved to the LA area and continued in the advertising business. She was always rescuing animals, had several dogs, a cat (Bodi), a big horse, and goats on her ranch. About 11 years ago she packed what she had left, rented a U Haul truck and with her cat Bodi and Dolche, her Aussie dog, headed to Whidbey island where her Daughter Dru and Son in Law Greg Hampton live.

I first met Penny in the early Spring of 2012, doing her civic duty by attending the Presidential caucus for our precinct. A few days later we went to lunch and a very close friendship began for nearly the next decade. Penny helped me immensely with my responsibilities as a precinct committee officer and we worked with many great political candidates (and their teams) over several years. With her background in advertising she was always willing to offer ideas for articles during their campaigns if wanted. Of course she was always promoting the advantages of advertising in the Whidbey Weekly because of its superior circulation and great staff. I suspect the many commercial owners on the island heard that story many times over. She loved her job and the clients she worked with. She also loved going to Frasers restaurant as shown in her 76th birthday photo, and was drawn like a magnet to the Snowgoose veggie/plant stand on Fir Island where the largest ice cream cones in creation are sold in every variety one can imagine. Any excuse would take us by there, even on trips between 4th of July parades.

Penny and I both had best 4 legged friends who traveled in the back seat of my cars for hundreds of miles. They even went with us to hundreds of UW fastpitch softball games where I had season tickets one row behind the plate. These teams have gone to post season play more than any other UW teams, and we enjoyed watching these young women evolve during their four years at UW. The dogs were with us any time we would be gone for more than a few hours. Penny came up with an ingenious idea for parades we participated in 2012. She made capes for both dogs and we took them in parades, the Anacortes big swap meet, and annual motorcycle gathering. The dogs, especially Penny's Aussie Dolche, were a big hit, particularly with children as you can see in the photo. Sadly, in the Spring of 2016 Dolche was diagnosed with a painful, untreatable cancer and had to be put down. Later on August 1 of 2016 I had to put Kodi down after he had survived two cancer operations, but suddenly became paralyzed. So there were no dogs in the 2016 campaigns. Penny rebounded from this by rescuing a big red, five year old Aussie from Southern OR, she named Shiloh (the battlefield). He had been a show dog and was a very good boy. He also rode many times in the back seat. His owner had died and now the poor guy has lost a second pack leader. She loved animals, and fed at least three feral cats that I know of at her Freeland home. She fed wild critters also.

About a year after acquiring Shiloh Penny was diagnosed with Lymphoma pretty much throughout her body. A couple of years later she underwent lung surgery which created much more residual pain and recovery time than her oncologist told her would happen. She could not tolerate the chemo she was given and briefly ended up in the hospital twice because of it. On September 16th she became violently ill and went to the hospital for about a week. On her second day a nurse told her she would only have a couple of days to live. They discharged her for a day which did not work and the hospital would not take her back so she ended up in hospice care at maple ridge where she continued to fight for survival for several weeks until November 4th. During those weeks I was not able to visit her due to the draconian shut downs in this state. I sent text messages for a while and cards and notes with flowers only. She continued to try and work through most of the last three years and did not complain about her lot stating "she had enjoyed a long life". But she never gave up, perhaps due to her experience as a survivor in her childhood. She was the most stoic person I have known with a death sentence.

The challenging childhood perhaps led to her commendable traits such as being independent, firm opinions about most matters, very outgoing and desire to help others even though she did not ask for help for herself, a survivor no matter what, and one of the most courageous people I have known. I miss her companionship a lot and when I get to the other side I will apologize greatly for not being with her when she took her last breath. Comments for this tribute by our wonderful friends are much appreciated.

"What is important are the friends and family we love not the treasures we amass, and knowing the value of the moment before it becomes a memory."

Jim Adsley

Our Miss Penny was the best neighbor, and a good friend.

She had two dogs in succession, Dolche and Shilo, and they were devoted to her. Penny's eyes would roll when Shilo didn't like walking on our beach or the neighborhood. So, they had many happy hours on the Greenbank trails. Her back porch was for feeding the neighborhood cats, whether they had their own homes or not and a regular stop for many hummingbirds. But racoons ran off, for good reason, when she came out hollering with the broom. The front porch side had squirrels lining up by age for their daily peanut treats from the bag inside the front door. She enjoyed putting together ads for Whidbey Weekly, and seemed to know so many people on the island connected with her work.

Penny was also Secretary of her local community water association, with her organization, writing and computer skills. She was always available for anything needed for the North Beach Water Association.

Penny's life spanned wide geographical areas from a childhood in the Deep South to running a ranch and growing wine grapes in California's Napa Valley and enjoyed sharing her stories of a life lived through adversity and giving it her best. She is missed and we wish her peace.

Pete and Cheryl Arechica

Penny,

A friend, neighbor, sister Water Association Board member and officer, and sister dog walker.

If you needed a hand, Penny was always there. When we reorganized the Water Association, Penny was there to keep us organized. She is and will be very much missed.

May she rest in well deserved peace.

Tom and Sally Cahil

"Penny was a jewel. Always full of energy and ready to meet any challenge head-on. She was instrumental in assisting Senator Barbara Bailey get her message out to the citizens of Island County and keeping them updated on legislation that would affect their lives. She was a truly remarkable person."

Butch Bailey

"Penny was a tremendous supporter for me during several campaigns for public office. She had a unique ability to connect with people and make them feel comfortable when discussing issues that would impact their lives. Some of my best images of her was during parades, when she brought her two dogs to march with our group as we mingled with the crowds and handed out literature. The dogs always wore vests that showcased the occasion and were a big attraction for photo ops. And needless to say, they were a big hit with the kids. I truly miss Penny and her always prominent smile and wit. She was definitely one of a kind."

Senator Barbara Bailey, Retired

Penny rarely missed one of our Old Goats lunch meetings. Regardless of the speaker's topic, be it a Fire Chief, Boat builder, or a political candidate, Penny always had an insightful question or comment for the speaker. She was always seeking information that would strengthen our island community. With her sunny disposition and kind words she did just that. We shall greatly miss her.

Reece & Rufus Rose

Penny was kind to "all creatures, large and small"—including me. I suspect that others saw this too. I would like to tell a story of what came from that kind place of hers.

Penny and I were as far apart on politics and policy as could be. That could have easily been a point of ongoing conflict, but was not. Therein lies the story and tribute to be told here.

I was introduced to Penny by her dog when they were out walking. We were neighbors. So I often saw her and would walk along with her from time to time. Because we both "wore our opinions on our sleeve", discussion initially extended well beyond neighborhood chit chat. We soon realized that it was much safer to talk about neighborhood tales and changed our focus away from politics.

Aside from an occasional friendly jab about the other's take on a headline, we acknowledged that we were politically formed and trying to reform one another was pointless. Yet we continued to walk and talk about any number of things, came to serve on the same neighborhood association Board and continued to find humor in any number of things. In short, we got to know and like one another.

We have done favors for one another and when she first got sick, I even cooked for her from time to time and delivered it along with dessert and once with a bottle of Jack Daniels—we both laughed over that. She in turn gave me a few wonderful plants for my gardener. I think of her every time I walk by the Rhodie she gave.

We stepped well beyond our differences to all that we had in common. Admittedly this may sound saccharin and simplistic, but hey, it worked. And that is the tribute I offer. Thank you, Penny

Harry Laban

An animal lover, a sales professional, and a strong woman with plenty of opinions, but always willing to listen—that was our Penny.

I met Penny in 2014 when I joined the South Whidbey Republican Women. She was working for the Whidbey Weekly and approached me to introduce herself with offers of display advertising and a free Letter to the Editor for campaign purposes. I learned that Penny was not afraid to speak up and say what was on her mind. Her continuing support and advice to me while running for office was immeasurable—she even went out of her way to submit an article about the nasty tactics of some people in destroying my campaign signs that helped me succeed. Penny knew everyone but never gossiped.

In the years afterward I learned that Penny was a champion for animal rescue, and was the proud owner of rescue dogs herself. From her beloved dogs she took everywhere, to her cats, she loved animals.

She was always quick with a smile and an offer to help, and tirelessly promoted her employer's local newspaper. She was small in stature but had a big voice. I frequently saw her at the Rod & Gun Club for Friday night dinner with companion Jim Adsley and we always exchanged greetings and caught up with local news with them. Other friends were always stopping by their table to chat. I looked forward to her wave upon arrival and her "good night" when they departed. I know from watching she and Jim dine that there was always a spirited discussion going on between them.

She bore her discomfort and pain internally and shushed off anyone who expressed concern. I will miss her voice. Penny had the spirit of a lioness but the touch of a kitten. Rest in peace, my friend—you will be missed by everyone whose life you touched.

Wanda Grono





Let's Dish!

with Kae Harris



WHAT DO YOU MEAN IT'S NOT MEAT?! FOODS THAT FOOL THE SENSES!

As we move closer to normalcy after a year of restrictions and uncertainty, I find myself hopeful my kids and I will be able to enjoy this summer outside the confines of our home! One of our favorite things to do is to go to the beach; there's nothing better than basking in the warm sun, going for a dip in the ocean, playing silly games in the sand and just enjoying the fresh breeze. However, it does sadden me that no matter where we go, there seems to be a significant amount of litter, mostly in the form of food wrappers. It seems the more modernized we've become, the greater our need to wrap everything up in plastic before boxing them up and wrapping them up again in more plastic. It is rather disheartening sometimes to see what is being done to our planet, and this is why I try to do my little part with my little ones.

The biggest change my family and I have made is to avoid wrapped food items as much as possible. I say "as much as possible" because there are certain things I simply cannot avoid buying (individual servings of fruit yogurts my kids adore is a prime example of this). But simple practices such as bringing reusable bags with you to the grocery store can make a world of difference,

especially when buying fresh produce such as fruits and vegetables. Forego those convenient rolls of plastic bags next to the apples and use a bag from home to carry your produce back with you! That being said, another great way of helping the planet is to reduce the amount of meat we consume. Don't get me wrong; I LOVE a good steak, but I know I should be eating meat less frequently than I currently do. The problem is finding vegetarian recipes to replace meat-centric ones is time consuming and the thought of the effort needed can be off-putting. I found myself in this exact situation until I started doing some research and seeing how easy this transition can be.

The thought of using plant-based alternatives to substitute for meat has entered the mainstream, with fast food restaurants and gourmet chefs alike using meat substitutes to re-create something as simple as the humble burger, to more complex recipes such as a faux-beef Wellington. Gone are the days of having to rely on tofu as the vegetarian alternative of choice; today, it is easy to find offerings such as tempeh, seitan, "beyond meat" and the "impossible burger" in virtually every grocery store in the country. Additionally, substitutes from different cuisines offer very suitable alternatives, such as jackfruit, which have a very meaty texture

without any of the guilt. The question that must be running through your mind is: "Which meat substitute is the right one for me?"

Fear not, dear reader, as there are several tips to choosing your meatless fare. As with choosing the right cut at your local butchers for the perfect Sunday roast, the choice of meat-substitute comes down to what qualities you are looking for. Need something to replace that rare steak you so crave? The impossible burger is your go-to, as it not only mimics the fibers of beef, but it also possesses the heme-rich taste associated with a quality steak. If, however, you are more of a barbeque aficionado and you're looking to re-create pulled pork, then jackfruit is the way to go. The structure of un-ripened jackfruit resembles pulled pork, and its mild flesh easily takes on the flavor of your choosing. Again, jackfruit is widely available in canned form in most grocery stores, making it easily available and inexpensive.

While using these meat alternatives helps our planet, they also offer great benefits to your health and wallet. Meat prices are projected to continue to increase this year and we are trending away from being able to consume meat as we once did, simply because we cannot afford to do so anymore. Fortifying our diets with more fruits and vegetables, including canned beans and legumes, is an assured way of spending less at the grocery store while enjoying the health benefits associated with a switch in diet of this type. Lower cholesterol, less risk of heart attack and diabetes, as well improving overall health, sound like a great way to get the summer going!

More importantly, it is vital to teach good dietary practices to the next generation, which is no easy task given how picky most kids can be. I know my gang of trouble makers have an aversion to most vegetables, so I do what any good mom does: I trick them! While sneaking veggies into a dish works to ensure a child gets the vitamins and minerals they need, adults are governed by flavors and textures. This is why it

is so exciting to have so many ingredients with which to experiment and create new recipes! One recipe I stumbled upon uses a very underrated ingredient: chickpeas. I was looking for a healthy alternative to chicken nuggets when I found a recipe for chickpea nuggets. Being the intrepid food adventurer that I am, I made them and served them to my toughest critics – my kids. They absolutely loved them, and I now have a recipe I can rely on to get me out of a jam. Everyone's a winner! I've included the recipe for chickpea nuggets below; if you have any vegetarian recipes you would like to share, or if you have any comments in general, please write to me at letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com so that we can keep on Dishing!

Chickpea Nuggets

- 15 ounces chickpeas, cooked and drained
- 1/2 cup grated zucchini
- 1/2 cup grated carrot
- 1/4 cup minced onion
- 1/2 tsp Italian seasoning
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 1-2 cloves garlic to taste or (sub 1/2 tsp garlic powder)
- black pepper to taste
- 1/4 tsp paprika
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp olive or avocado oil + a neutral oil for cooking
- 1/2 cup of breadcrumbs

Combine all the ingredients together in a food processor till the mixture is combined. Heat cooking oil in a large pan over medium-high heat. Use a cookie scoop to portion out mixture into the pan; cook nuggets 3-5 minutes and flip while using the back of the spatula to flatten them. Cook an additional 3-5 minutes or until golden brown. Drain on a paper towel and enjoy!

<https://thenaturalnurturer.com/chickpea-vegetable-nuggets/>

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Multiple trails, tour the lighthouse, beach access. Discover Pass or paid parking.
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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

If you could live in the setting of any movie or book, what would it be, and why?



Rylan Quiros

Coupeville

If I could live in the setting of any book or movie, it would have to be in "The Lord of the Rings," by J.R. R. Tolkien.

I would love to live there because the scenery and landscapes in the movie are breathtaking. It would also be exciting to live in a world of magic.

Diahn Stetner

Bayview

I would choose to live in the world of James Cameron's movie, "Avatar." It was filled with astounding beauty and connection to all living things. I wish we could respect our beautiful world as much.



Bree Nelson

Freeland

I would have to say the setting from the movie, "Into the Blue."

Before COVID, my husband and I loved to travel to a lot of tropical destinations. Our favorite place so far has been the Bahamas, where this movie takes place.

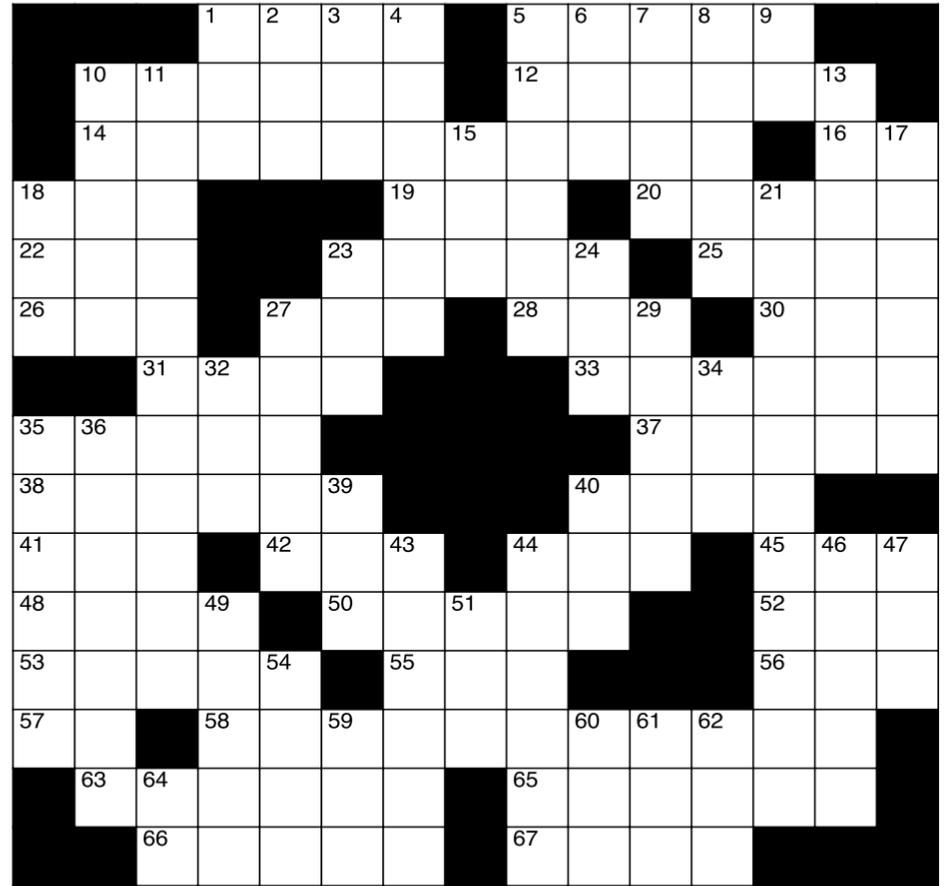
Emily Nickols

Oak Harbor, Pioneer Automotive

I would choose to live in the Ozarks - the setting of the book, "Where the Red Fern Grows." The setting is beautiful, and it would feel like home here on Whidbey Island with the mountains and lakes.



Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Large, flightless birds
- 5. Lifts and moves heavy objects
- 10. Hyundai sedan
- 12. Wear away by erosion
- 14. Arranged alphabetically
- 16. Top prosecutor
- 18. ___-de-sac: Short dead-end street
- 19. Digital audiotape
- 20. Linguistics pioneer
- 22. Singer DiFranco
- 23. Arms of the sea
- 25. Near-reach weapon (abbr.)
- 26. Ballplayer's accessory
- 27. You get one at the beach
- 28. U.S. founding father
- 30. W. Australia indigenous people
- 31. Amounts of time
- 33. Put on the shelf
- 35. Russian dynasty member
- 37. City along the Elbe River
- 38. A peninsula between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf
- 40. Actor Damon
- 41. ___ King Cole, musician
- 42. Company that rings receipts

CLUES DOWN

- 44. Scatter
- 45. Basics
- 48. Part of a door
- 50. Indicates silence
- 52. Moved quickly on foot
- 53. Monetary units
- 55. A place to crash
- 56. Many subconsciousnesses
- 57. Group of countries
- 58. About line of latitude
- 63. Female follower of Bacchus
- 65. A dentist can treat it
- 66. Dull brown fabrics
- 67. Int'l nonprofit

- 18. Taxi
- 21. Working class
- 23. More (Spanish)
- 24. High schoolers' test
- 27. Large heavily built goat antelope
- 29. Murdered in his bathtub
- 32. Tease good-naturedly
- 34. Morsel
- 35. Cause persistent resentment
- 36. A radioactive element
- 39. Perform in a play
- 40. Witty remark: Bon ___
- 43. A great place to kayak
- 44. Conclude by reasoning
- 46. In an unfavorable way
- 47. Complex of nerve tissues (abbr.)
- 49. Machine for making paper
- 51. Feline
- 54. Yugo's hatchback
- 59. Check
- 60. Press against lightly
- 61. Wind-pollinated plants
- 62. ___compoop
- 64. Commercial

Answers on page 15

CAN DO SUDOKU!

On a scale from 1 to 10...6.1

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, May 20	Fri, May 21	Sat, May 22	Sun, May 23	Mon, May 24	Tues, May 25	Wed, May 26
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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County (BBBSIC) is actively seeking new member(s) for its Board of Directors. Join the board's exciting array of professionals! BBBSIC is seeking individuals who are committed to defending the potential of youth in our community through their time, skill sets, and influence in the community. To complement the existing board, candidates with expertise in accounting, law, nonprofit management, networking, or fundraising are of particular interest. Committed to diversifying its board to better represent our community, BBBSIC encourages BIPOC and LGBTQIA community members to inquire. Please contact admin@bbbsislandcounty.org 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

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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.

JOB MARKET

Caregiver: All Heart Agency, LLC is hiring full and part time caregivers for adults with disabilities on Whidbey Island (Oak Harbor). Must pass background check and be at least 18 years old with high school diploma/GED or higher education. Paid training and benefits. Please call Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm, 360-320-6072, to schedule time for application and interview at Coupeville office. (3)

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Learn about the mental health benefits of marijuana use

May is Mental Health Awareness month and the professionals at Island Herb in Freeland are available to answer any questions about how the use of marijuana for medical purposes can go hand-in-hand with a mental health regimen. According to Sara Martin, Medical Marijuana Lead at Island Herb, the practice dates back centuries.

"Cannabis use as a means to ease mental discomfort traces back to the days around the birth of Chinese medicine in 2700 BC, to the time of the Greeks before the birth of Christ and beyond that, into the Western World, where cannabis was a mainstream medical aide well into the 1840s," she described. "Our ancestors used the wild growing cannabis buds as an edible to help ease the reality of trauma, to recover and promote sleep in order to hunt and traverse great plains successfully the next day. In modern times, we can utilize the marijuana plant in the same way – to recover, relax, process trauma and rest."

Martin said as the use of marijuana is legalized across the country, there has been more research showing its benefits.

"As more of the shackles of marijuana prohibition fall free from our country, we gain so much more access to conclusive studies," she said. "As recently as 2003, the U.S. government granted patents for and acknowledging cannabis as an antioxidant and neuroprotectant in people. We gain more empirical data as more regulations are loosened and prohibition eases country-wide."

As always, it is wise to consult one's primary care provider before taking any compound regularly, whether for recreational use or otherwise.

"Having your doctor on board with your decision to expand the self-care toolkit makes for the most informed consumer, and can often lead to a more open dialogue between you and your health care provider," Martin said.

The budtenders at Island Herb bring their training, personal and professional experiences, anecdotal evidence, knowledge of scientific studies and training with them when assisting their patrons, so customers can make a decision on what product will best suit their needs. That's important, because not all products are the same.

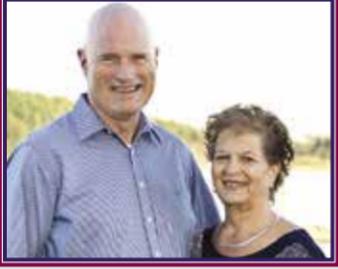
"There's a misconception that all CBD extracts are made the same," Martin said. "At a cannabis dispensary in Washington State, everything stocked therein is derived from the cannabis plant. Not every bit of plant medicine is THC-rich. The use of non-psychoactive compounds like cannabis-derived CBD can potentially maintain a lot of the lucidity and control while gaining the desired effects – calming the idle 'background chatter' in the mind, giving an overall feeling of peace, and bolstering our ability to be fully present in the moment."

For anyone considering adding medical marijuana to their routine, rest assured Island Herb budtenders are constantly seeking new information to guide patrons towards their most authentic life with the most sound, scientific advice available.

"Nothing in this world is worth doing all alone, and the potential benefits from cannabis are an excellent opportunity to come together as a community united in a goal of wellness for one another," said Martin.

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