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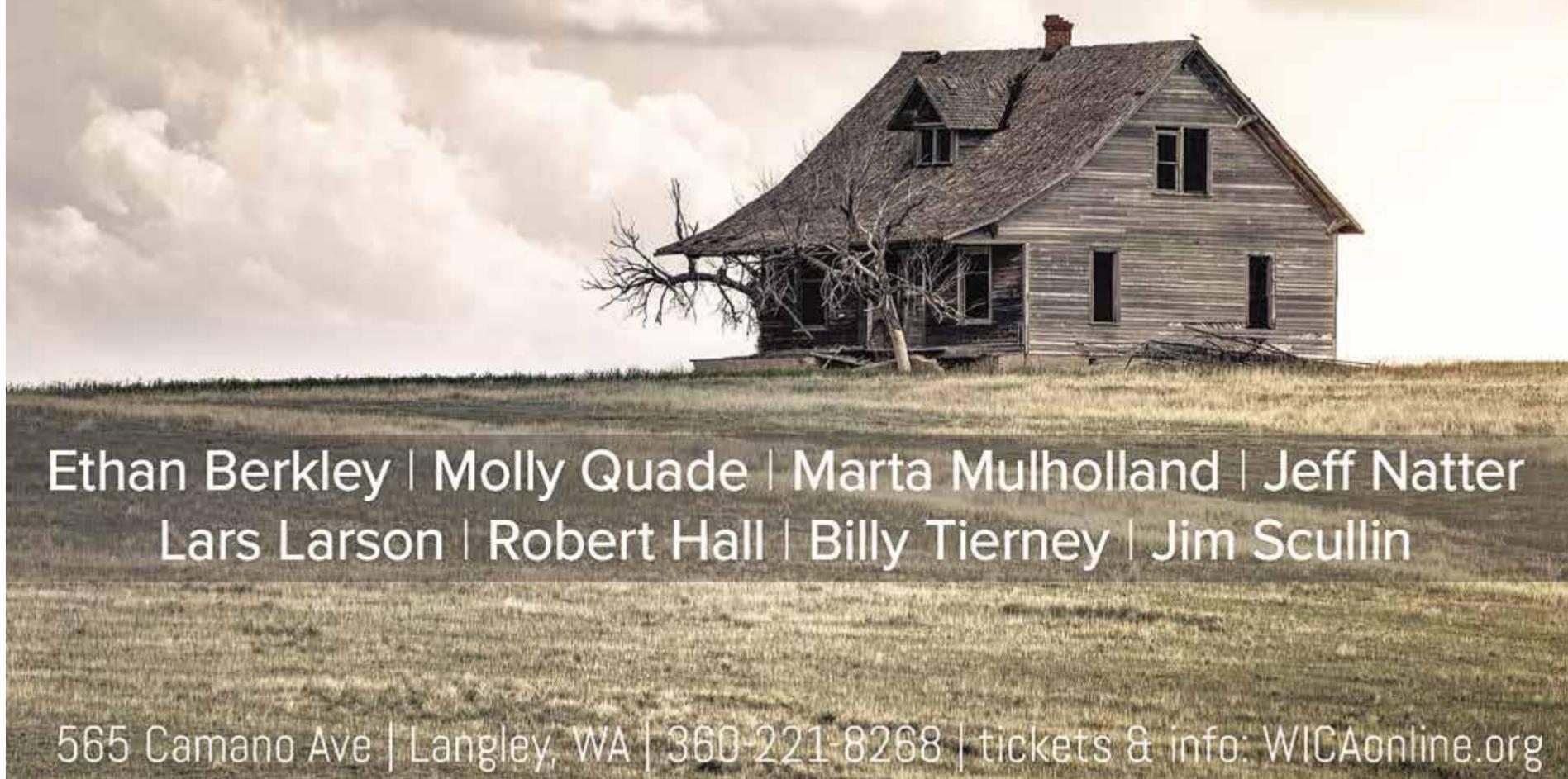
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“Curse of the Starving Class” blesses WICA stage

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

At long last, live theater is back on Whidbey Island!

“Curse of the Starving Class,” written by Sam Shepard, opens Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley and runs through June 26. It is the first live stage production to open since the beginning of the pandemic and cast and crew are thrilled to tread the boards once again.

“Oh wow, it feels amazing to be back in the rehearsal hall,” said Deana Duncan, the play’s director and WICA’s artistic director. “We’ve missed this so much. I enter the space now with awe and gratitude for what it can and will hold.”

“Curse of the Starving Class,” though full of wit and humor, is a deep dive into playwright Shepard’s own difficult childhood and complicated family relationships. Originally slated to be part of an Americana Festival WICA was planning for 2020, it was decided the play still fit, particularly after a difficult year.

“[It was originally] selected because it embodies the Great American West and the dreamers and poets of the cowboy era,” Duncan said. “We lost all our in-person programming over the pandemic. A few pieces remained relevant and worthy of production, and ‘Curse’ was one of those.

“At its core, the play is a survival story,” she continued. “Shepard writes from a place of isolation and ‘aloneness;’ an aloneness and isolation we now understand more than ever. The social and cultural issues are emotionally and intellectually complex and the play’s language is deeply human and surpris-

ingly funny. I think theatre’s purpose is to explore the mystery of human existence. Shepard’s works do just that through his creation of powerful, poetic realities.”

The play is the beginning of a series based on Shepard’s difficult relationship with his father, explained Duncan.

“This play is set in Shepard’s childhood home, a run-down avocado farm right off Route 66 in Duarte, Calif.,” she said. “The family dynamics are rich and complicated; they love each other fiercely even while they fight through their struggles. There are deep metaphors of the father shedding his skin, the son picking it up and becoming his father, a feisty daughter running headfirst into her future and a mom dreaming of escape while trying to hold it all together.”

The complex relationships of which Shepard wrote are part of what drew actors to this production.

“I was very excited to become part of the cast because of the emotional depth of the work and the timeliness of the issues of broken dreams and resiliency,” said Jeff Natter, who plays the family patriarch, Weston Tate. “The characters are so deep and complex. Every one of them is a great challenge for an actor to undertake.”

“I think this play is about a family struggling with life; struggling in relationships with each other and with themselves,” said Marta Mulholland, who is playing the role of Ella Tate.

“Each member of the Tate family is longing for something. There is a need and desire to connect, but they’re so far from intimacy now they no longer know how to ask for or offer support to each other, even though there are still attempts. Lost dreams, lost intimacy, yet they are each still resilient in their own way and I think this is a key theme. How we keep going in the face of adversity, when we feel alone, when life doesn’t turn out to be what we thought it would.”

“I’m hoping audiences will recognize and appreciate the hurdles the Tate family faces in trying to live their lives in the midst of deep challenges,” Natter said. “The issues are timeless: coping with loss, alienation; trying to hold a family together that’s splintering at the seams. There’s also a surprising amount of humor in the play.”

Duncan said the last year has left its mark on everyone, which meant she wanted to find a new way to approach how she brings this story to the stage.

“[The most difficult aspect of this production has been] finding how to tell the story now, at this time,” she said. “We are changed, the world is different, and I don’t want to direct the play in the way I might have a few years ago. I now hear Shepard’s love of language and his poetry. I’m working hard to bring this production from a place of beauty and hope



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts
Jeff Natter plays Weston Tate, in the Sam Shepard play “Curse of the Starving Class,” opening Friday at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley.

and where the ending isn’t a resolution, but rather a new beginning.”

A truly unique aspect of this production is the addition of a live, improvised score by local musician Troy Chapman.

“Troy is sharing his ‘Americana’ music for the first time and it will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” Duncan said.

Even though the production will take place live, in front of a studio audience, WICA Executive Director Verna Everitt said audiences will notice a few changes.

“Audiences will continue to see the care we’ve taken to make them feel confident about their return,” she said. “The staff has worked tirelessly since March 2020 to make changes not only designed to keep our community healthy, but also to create an environment of comfort and intimacy.

“Patrons that haven’t visited in recent months will also notice the great strides we’ve made in hospitality and the unique opportunities they’ll have to gather and reconnect with friends,” Everitt continued. “Two examples are the improvements we’ve made to our interior bar and the recent launch of ‘Happy Hour Under the Tent.’ The happy hour happens every Friday and Saturday and offerings include an assortment of soft drinks, local wines and brews, signature cocktails, snacks, and fantastic local talent on our covered patio.”

Evening performances of “Curse of the Starving Class” begin at 7:30 p.m. There is one matinee performance at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 13. Tickets for evening performances are \$45 for a premium seat (includes a complimentary beverage) or \$35 for a standard seat. Tickets for the matinee performance are \$35 for a premium seat, \$25 for a standard seat. Tickets can be purchased online at wicaonline.org.

“We are slowly coming out of the most challenging year in the center’s history. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community for its steadfast support,” noted Everitt. “Financial contributions by individuals and businesses have

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Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts
Wesley Tate (Ethan Berkley) and his mother Ella (Marta Mulholland) have very different ideas for the family’s future in “Curse of the Starving Class.” Live stage performances begin Friday at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley and run through June 26.



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With Jim Freeman



Thank goodness for calendars and clocks. I made another deadline.

Local authors

My address book is gaining credibility. Two of my friends have just published literary wonders. As Dad said, "It's not

what you know, but who you know" that makes a difference.

Until recently, actor, director, author, playwright, artist and grandpa, Richard Evans, was one of two contacts I knew with published efforts.

Kevin Fristad is the other artist with additional efforts like *Cabinetmaking Procedures for the Small Shop*, *Dead Geese Dancing*, *Hey Donald*, and his soon to be published autobiography, *Pig Surgery*, *Public Policy*, and *The Art of Sagacity*.

We will promo Evans and Fristad's next efforts soon. I need to get their permission first.

For now, I want to share with you the recent work of Laura S. Tarasoff and Gregory D. Doering. Their books are now available on Amazon.

Laura came into my poetry world years ago at one of our Whidbey Island Arts Council poetry slams. The Anchor Books and Coffee event in Clinton was memorable.

Poet Laura was making her first ever slam appearance. Following her premiere, little did we know Laura's slam presence would also result in her new car getting slammed by another poet's car in the parking lot.

Not only did Miss Laura return for more WIAC poetry slams, she kept on writing quality prose, enough to publish a book, *Warm Cinnamon Rolls on Sunday Morning*.

Her poem, "The Hardest to Convince," is one of my many favorites.

*I love you.
She doesn't believe me.
It shows in her eyes.
Her heart longs to be free.*

*I LOVE YOU!
As if louder is clearer.
How do I convince her?
This woman in the mirror.*

Marine Gregory D. Doering spent 20 years assembling his "unheroic memoir," *Honor & Indignity*. Not only do we thank Greg for his service, but we thank him for his book.

As Greg writes in his foreword, "This is my journey through the jungles of Vietnam and the twisted journey returning home...I hope this will encourage others to share their burdens. Fifty some years ago it all happened, but it seems like yesterday to me. I understand there are life events one doesn't really heal from, but in sharing I hope to let it go."

Congrats to Laura and Greg for their realness. To get your own copies, or to catch a preview, go to Amazon. Type in their names or book titles to find out more.

Rain on

The sky was so blue and the clouds so gone last week, I almost forgot we live in the rain infested northwest.

I now remember.

On that note, I must mention I am really enjoying Peter J. Levinson's 2005 book, *September in the Rain*, *The Life of Nelson Riddle*.

If you are a younger reader, you may not know of Nelson Riddle, the "house arranger" for Capitol Records for decades. Riddle's musical genius was obvious in his writing and arranging for Peggy Lee, Margaret Whiting, Ella Mae Morse, Judy Garland, Dean Martin and more than a dozen other emerging stars.

As Levinson writes in his preface, "Today, many fail to remember that it was Nelson's work with Nat 'King' Cole that provided Cole with his initial acclaim within the music indus-

try. His series of beautifully written ballad arrangements for the singer began with such epic records as *Mona Lisa*, *Too Young*, and *Unforgettable*. Surprising to some, their association encompassed 38 more records than Nelson arranged for Sinatra."

Remember also that Riddle was the go-to-guy for Ella Fitzgerald in their collaboration of the five volume songbook of George Gershwin.

Albeit scratchy at times, thank goodness I still have my vinyl record collection. Were my caboose a bit larger, the walls would be fully memorialized with album covers.

Reflections

Thanks to the great grand nephew of President William McKinley, the following reflections are hereby submitted for your approval and pleasure.

My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffered from mental illness. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."

I thought the dryer made my clothes shrink. Turns out it was the refrigerator.

Just once, I want a user name and password prompt to say: "Close enough."

Being an adult is the dumbest thing I have ever done.

I'm a multitasker. I can listen, ignore and forget all at the same time!

Retirement to do list: Wake up. Nailed it!

Went to an antique show and people were bidding on me.

People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable.

Retired: under new management. See spouse for details.

When you can't find the sunshine . . . be the sunshine.

Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done.

I don't trip, I do random gravity checks.

My heart says chocolate and wine, but my jeans say, please, please, please, eat a salad!

Never laugh at your spouse's choices. You are one of them.

One minute you're young and fun. The next, you're turning down the car stereo to see better.

I'd grow my own food if only I could find bacon seeds.

Losing weight doesn't seem to be working for me, so from now on I'm going to concentrate on getting taller.

Some people you're glad to see coming; some people you're glad to see going.

My body is a temple, ancient and crumbling.

Common sense is not a gift. It's a punishment because you have to deal with everyone who doesn't have it.

I came. I saw. I forgot what I was doing. Retraced my steps. Got lost on the way back. Now I have no idea what's going on.

Popsicle trivia

The latest hot day reminded me it was time for a popsicle. Only needing one, I bought four. When is the last time you had a popsicle? Ever wonder who invented the popsicle?

Next time you are standing by the ice cream truck with the song playing that attracts parents and kids, for fun, ask the ice cream guy who invented the popsicle.

The first recorded popsicle was created in 1905 by 11-year-old Frank Epperson. Young Frank had left a glass of soda water powder and water, a popular drink in those days, on a windowsill outside with a glass mixing stick in it.

Just in case you want to impress the driver, popsicles were originally called "Eppsicles" after their inventor Frank Epperson. Epperson's children came up with the more famous name.

Wonder if their allowances increased?

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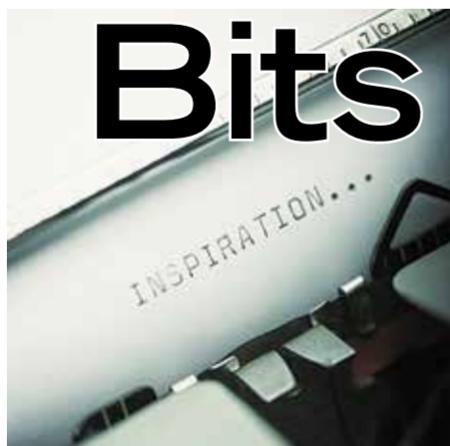
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Bits & Pieces

The production is directed by Deana A. Duncan and features an original score composed and performed live by Troy Chapman. The cast includes Ethan Berkley, Robert Hall, Lars Larson, Marta Mulholland, Jeff Natter, Molly Quade, Jim Scullin, and Billy Tierney.

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

[Submitted by Jason Dittmer, Communications Director, WICA]

Digging 4 Dinner Presented by Sound Water Stewards

Digging for Dinner classes are now open for registration at SoundWaterStewards.org/web/digging4dinner/. Classes are held at Double Bluff County Park, one of Whidbey Island's best clamming beaches. Learn how to dig clams, which clams are best for which recipes, how to harvest them safely and sustainably and regulations to assure safe and delicious clams for this summer and summers ahead. Fun for the whole family.

Donations are welcome and appreciated. A donation of \$10 or more per person helps offset the cost of providing this fun and valuable class every summer. This year, you will pay through SignUpGenius at the time you sign up or simply give your cash donation or a check written to Sound Water Stewards to one of the instructors. Your support will help Sound Water Stewards educate future clambers, visitors and residents alike about quality (delicious) shellfish in Island County, stewardship of our precious natural beach resources and important things we can each do on the land to assure water quality for swimmable beaches and harvestable seafood. Thank you for your support.

A complimentary group shellfish license will be provided by Sound Water Stewards for the class and all participants. If you plan to go clamming at times other than the class, you can buy licenses at many retail establishments or online at wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/fishing.

Bring: shovel, bucket, boots, hat, sunscreen, drinking water.

Always check the WA Department of Health Shellfish Safety Information map before you dig (www.doh.wa.gov/shellfishsafety).

When: June 13, 25, 27 and July 10, 23, 25 – limited to 50 participants.

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[Submitted by Tabitha Jacobs-Mangiafico, Whidbey Coordinator, Sound Water Stewards of Island County]

Accepting Applications for Miss Pioneer Way Pageant

Applications for the 2021 Miss Pioneer Way Pageant are now being accepted. The pageant will be held June 27 at Windjammer Park. To be eligible, contestants must be age 0-14 on June 27, identify as female, and have traveled along Pioneer Way in the last year.

Applications for the 2021 pageant are available online at missoakharbor.com and will be accepted until June 18. The pageant is limited to the first 10 applicants in each age division (0-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14). Contestants will have an opportunity to learn stage presence, show off their dance skills, and get some public speaking experience. The top two contestants in each age division will be crowned Queen and Princess, and Queens ages 5-14 will then get to ride on the float with the Miss Oak Harbor Royalty in the Oak Harbor 4th of July parade.

Hosted by the 2021 Miss Oak Harbor Royalty, the Miss Pioneer Way Pageant is sponsored by the nonprofit organization, Miss Oak Harbor. It is a fundraiser for the 2021 Royalty service project, and all proceeds will be donated to North Whidbey Hearts & Hammers, a local nonprofit that brings together a community of volunteers to help repair and rehabilitate homes of those who are physically or financially unable to do the work themselves.

More information can be found at missoakharbor.com, by emailing missoakharbor@yahoo.com, by calling River at 360-929-2097, or by speaking with any board member: River Powers, Cheryl Grehan, Kristin Griffith, Kate Hauter, Mollie Brodt, Maria McGee, Mara Powers, and Shelby Bassett.

[Submitted by River Powers]

Washington State Ferries Marks 70 Years of Service New commemorative logo to be installed on ferries



Six years after the end of World War II, the State of Washington began operating the country's largest ferry system. Last week, Washington State Ferries marked seven decades with the unveiling of a commemorative logo that will decorate all 21 vessels in the ferry fleet during the anniversary year.

In addition, many ferry customers received commemorative stickers throughout the first week of June. "Since 1951, we've been proud to serve Washingtonians and visitors by operating the state's marine highway system," said Patty Rubstello, head of WSF. "The pandemic has made celebrations a challenge, so we wanted to make sure to take this special opportunity to thank our customers and frontline employees."

A special anniversary video will also be shown on vessel screens throughout the year (youtube.com/watch?v=1QxtbYVlnUo).

WSF, a division of the Washington State Department of Transportation, 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]

Sno-Isle Libraries Adapts as State's Pandemic Safety Rules Ease

The coronavirus pandemic has brought a year of transition to Sno-Isle Libraries and June will see more changes as public health rules are expected to ease.

Throughout the pandemic, Sno-Isle Libraries staff has been working on ways to bring more services to customers with contact-free delivery options, online programs and events, and the gradual reintroduction of in-building services.

In many cases, Sno-Isle Libraries librarians and facilities staff had to rethink and re-imagine how to use the spaces inside each community library to provide adequate social distancing so customers could safely browse shelves, use public computers and printers, and ask staff for help.

Sno-Isle Libraries now offers in-building services at 20 of its 23 community libraries and it's a work in progress.

Gov. Jay Inslee's announcement May 13 that he expects to lift most pandemic restrictions by the end of June means more changes are in store for Sno-Isle Libraries customers.

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Father's Day gifts

If you're a dad, you may be in line to get some nice gifts on Father's Day. But your greatest gift may be your ability to help your children. One way of doing that is to get them started in the world of investing – and making a few investments on their behalf.

Here are three possibilities:

529 plan – If you invest in a 529 education savings plan, your earnings can grow federally tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified educational expenses. (Withdrawals not used for these expenses will generally incur taxes and penalties on investment earnings.) If you invest in your own state's 529 plan, you might receive some state tax benefits, too, depending on how your state's tax laws apply to 529 plans. State-by-state tax treatment may vary, so you'll need to consult with your tax professional about your situation.

Provided you stay within certain limits, you can also use a 529 plan to pay for qualified K-12 expenses and registered apprenticeship programs. And you can even use it to repay certain qualified student loans, within limits.

A 529 plan can affect financial aid, but its effect is generally lower than that of other assets. And as the account owner, you have control of your 529, so, if one child decides not to go to college or pursue further education, you can switch beneficiaries.

UGMA/UTMA account – When you establish a special type of custodial account known as either UGMA (Uniform Gift to Minors Act) or UTMA (Uniform Transfers to Minors Act), you are providing financial resources that can be used for education or another purpose that benefits your child, such as summer programs.

One potential benefit of an UGMA or UTMA is that some of the earnings will be taxed at the child's rate, which is likely lower than your own. Plus, UGMA/UTMA accounts typically allow a wide range of investment choices. However, once children reach the age of majority (typically 18 or 21) they gain complete access to the money and can do whatever they want with it.

IRA – A child with any taxable compensation, such as money from an after-school job, is eligible to fund an IRA. You may want to open one on your child's behalf – and you can "sweeten" the offer by matching some of their contributions. You can't directly invest in the IRA, but you can give your child money for that purpose. Keep in mind, though, that the total amount contributed can't exceed your child's taxable compensation for the year.

An IRA is a great introduction to the world of investing. For one thing, your child can make small contributions throughout the year, so investing in an IRA doesn't seem burdensome. Also, since an IRA can be invested in different types of securities, your child can learn about various investment vehicles – stocks, bonds, mutual funds and so on. Plus, you can point out that, with a traditional IRA, taxes won't be due on the earnings until your child starts taking withdrawals decades from now. (And with a Roth IRA, withdrawals are tax-free, provided certain conditions are met.)

On Father's Day, you can show your appreciation for whatever gifts you receive from your children. But by investing in their future, you can gain some longer-term contentment.

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

A Birder's Evolution



Armistead is pointing

At some point every dedicated bird watcher reaches a place when he or she realizes birding is not a passing fancy but is now a part of one's core being. Once this juncture has been reached, a person starts thinking about how to get more out of the birding experience. Thursday, Whidbey Audubon Society hosts a virtual program, via Zoom, with George Armistead of Rockjumper Worldwide Birding Adventures, to address such questions as "Where do we want to go? How do we want to dedicate our time? What areas do we wish to improve upon in our fieldcraft?" He'll explore areas in which a birder can grow both in skill and enjoyment, while also considering where one can make a real impact within the community and in what can be known about birds. The program begins at 7:30PM after a brief meeting at 7:00PM. The monthly programs are free and open to all. Anyone not already a Whidbey Audubon Society member who would like to attend, please go to the website (whidbeyaudubonsociety.org) under Events to register. A Zoom link will be sent to all members and registered nonmembers. If you do not see a Zoom invitation email by mid-day the day of the program, please check your spam folder. Registration will close at 10:00AM Thursday.

George Armistead is chief network officer at Rockjumper Worldwide Birding Adventures, which operates tours to over 100 countries. George has guided trips to all seven continents and authored two books: *Better Birding: Tips, Tools, and Concepts for the Field* (2015, Princeton University Press), and *The ABA Field Guide to the Birds of Pennsylvania* (2016, Scott & Nix, Inc.). He has a master's in environmental studies from University of Pennsylvania and is an associate at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts Presents "Curse of the Starving Class"

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts (WICA) presents Sam Shepard's award-winning "Curse of the Starving Class" June 11-26.

"Curse of the Starving Class," a perfect balance of dark comedy and biting satire, is about a family searching for security, escape, and the American Dream.

The Tate family is in crisis. Ella plots with a smarmy real estate agent, while husband Weston holes up at the local bar, and son Wesley tries desperately to hold the household together. Meanwhile, 13-year-old Emma dreams of a life of crime, and the family's lamb takes the brunt of it all.

"I read somewhere that, 'wouldn't it be great if Sam Shepard's plays were hopelessly outdated, but they aren't.' 'Curse'... is the perfect show for this time," says director Deana Duncan. "Shepard created a poetic reality from a deep aloneness; an aloneness and isolation we now know more than ever. His messages are as relevant today as when he wrote them. Maybe more so."



Thank You, Gene's!



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By Tracy Loescher

THE PINKS ARE COMING

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Memorial Day; it's been a few years since I've seen weather that good over the entire holiday weekend. While camping along the Skagit River near Rockport, Wash., some of my friends and family asked whether I ever see salmon swimming in the river. My answer to them was yes, especially during the pink salmon years. Pink Salmon, or Humpys, as they are sometimes called due to the large hump that develops on the males' shoulder area during the spawning phase, mature at sea and return to the Puget Sound and the surrounding rivers every two years, and only on the odd years. I have heard on rare occasion of a handful of pinks coming back in an even year. I have been fishing the inner Puget Sound since 1995 and I've never seen any even-year fish.

Of the five salmon species that return to our surrounding waters, most fish connoisseurs give pinks an average score of four out of five for eating and smoking; however, a fresh caught saltwater pink on the barbeque with some lemon pepper and butter is fantastic and if you have the ability to pressure can these fish, they will provide many great salmon salad sandwiches or fresh leafy green salads sprinkled with chunks of canned salmon. The pink salmon might rank near the bottom of table-fare but I give them a number one ranking for overall excitement, ease of catching and first-time young-angler hook-ups.

Pink salmon are highly anticipated by anglers during the odd years and this year it is estimated three million pinks will be coming back to the Sound, and one-third of these fish will be heading for the Skagit River. This means Whidbey Island anglers could be in for a very productive season because the fish have to navigate around Whidbey to get to the river. Pink salmon travel close to shore on many occasions, making them a shore fisherman's dream.

Pink salmon caught in the saltwater will average around five pounds with the occasional six- to eight-pounder; the fish will be chrome bright and full of fight. A pink salmon caught in the river system will still be bright with firm flesh for the first couple of weeks, after that their bodies will start to breakdown due to the fresh water, so choose what fish you keep wisely. If the salmon have started to turn a reddish-brown with subtle green and pink vertical stripes, these fish are almost past the eating stage and it is better to let them spawn out and let their nutrient-rich bodies return to the river and help support their offspring. But a fresh, silvery-colored, hooked pink salmon will spin like a feeding crocodile, twist and bend, jump out of the water and thrash



The marbled colors on the side of this female pink salmon indicates she has been in the river for some time and is past being prime table fare.

around, wildly performing every maneuver possible to escape the hook, so do not take the fishes' abilities lightly – use good quality fishing line and good quality hooks.

Whether you are fishing from shore or out in a boat, concentrate your fishing times to coincide with the tides. Be at the beach of your choice or on the water ready to fish at least 1 1/2 hours before and after high or low tide; this is when the fish are going to be traveling and are generally closest to the beaches and shorelines. Watch for jumping pinks, this is valuable information; this tells us anglers which direction the fish are traveling along the shore and is a tactical advantage, it allows you to intercept the salmon and gives you an opportunity to cast your lure out in front of the snappy, biting fish.

Pink salmon love the color pink; if you have anything pink in your tackle box go with it first – pink spoons, pink jigs, pink Kastmaster's, large pink Rooster Tails – anything pink that is heavy enough to cast 50 to 60 feet out into the water is going to get bit. If you are a new salmon angler and are wondering what rod, reel, and lure to buy? Here is a suggestion: Get a medium to medium-heavy 7- to 8.5-foot spinning rod; get a 3500 or 4000 series/size spinning reel; fill the reel with 12- to 15-pound quality monofilament fishing line; and pick up four or five pink "Buzz Bombs" in the 2.5-inch size. Because the state regulations restrict the use of treble hooks in the saltwater, be sure to pick up a package of 2/0 size, J-style hooks to replace the factory trebles and also remember to crimp down the barb before fishing, or there are barbless hooks now on the market. This basic combination of gear will be all you need to get in on the summer action.

When will they be here? We could see some in the saltwater as early as the end of this month, but generally we will start seeing good numbers by the third week in July. We will see the peak of the saltwater run in mid-August through mid-September; after that they will slow to a trickle and will be mostly in the river systems.

June 12-13 will be the last weekend for lingcod season in most of the Marine Areas (45 days out of 365 goes by so fast, it just doesn't seem fair), so hopefully you got out to catch a few of these tasty bottom fish. I have heard of a few spring king salmon being caught in the Skagit River, even though gill netting has been removing the majority of the fish from the river.

Fish when you can and for what you can. Enjoy each time out with your young and old anglers; be sure to scan over the regulations before you head out. Be safe and GOOD LUCK out there!



This male pink salmon is a good example of how they get their Humpy nickname.



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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

3:31 pm, Peacock Ln.

Boyfriend befriended subjects on Tik Tok, now subjects are extorting caller and boyfriend. Boyfriend sent subject "dick" pic.

4:50 pm, Ducken Rd.

Reporting party advising friend is riding horse alone there; a man in white van/ towing a black van is acting suspicious and she is scared. Asked reporting party to stop by and be with her, when the man started walking to reporting party, reporting party left and is on Ducken.

7:22 pm, Big Harvs Ln.

Caller states her son who lives at location is being obnoxious and "has a bad attitude;" no verbal or physical altercation.

7:42 pm, Ravenscall Rd.

Reporting party advising multiple vehicle accident in driveway. Occurred two minutes ago. Arguing heard in background.

11:38 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising of possible DUI. White vehicle towing black van; going over line.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

9:43 am, Lalka Ln.

Advising two large pigs on property attacking reporting party's chickens.

10:37 am, West Beach Rd.

In crawl space under house, electrician found nest with baby seal in it. Seal is living.

10:40 am, Deer Lake Rd.

Advising found gas can hidden in bushes, needles in trees and vandalism to gazebo. Vandalism occurred several days ago.

3:07 pm, Lato Dr.

Reporting party states subjects are drilling holes through ceiling. Ongoing issue. Reporting party keeps having to seal holes that come through into her unit. Landlord is aware.

4:25 pm, Lalka Ln.

Pigs loose again in reporting party's yard.

7:48 pm, Saratoga Rd.

Reporting pig in road. Need assistance to get out of road; stopping traffic.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

4:24 am, SR 525

Reporting party advising loose horse on road. Walking in northbound lane.

7:39 am, SR 20

Reporting party advising female on highway is kneeling; seems to be in distress. Additional caller advising of female half dressed, laying/vomiting in road.

11:12 am, SR 20

Caller advising female half dressed was in roadway now walking back into where trailers are, east side of highway.

2:04 pm, Saratoga Rd.

Advising 100-plus tires dumped on beach; couldn't give better location. When caller asked for name, she hung up. Name showing on caller ID.

7:56 pm, Crockett Lake Dr.

Reporting party advising has been dealing with property line issue; will be removing fence and putting it on their property line. Have been receiving lawyer letters to move it by XX date. Are now threatening to move it themselves

SATURDAY, MAY 1

5:20 pm, SR 20

Reporting party saw gray Mazda seven-passenger car hit pedestrian walking on shoulder just south of Deception Pass bridge. Advising vehicle seemed to swerve to shoulder.

5:56 pm, Haines Rd.

Reporting party states neighbor's "noise machine" is back on and is requesting deputy tell him to turn it off. Says it was on last night, deputy responded but could not tell what was making noise.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

2:23 pm, Zylstra Rd.

Caller advising teenage daughter is alone at location, said "man standing at front door with rifle."

8:05 pm, Saratoga Rd.

Requesting call regarding container ships out off of Holmes Harbor. States engine noise has been too loud for the last three days and it's 24/7 nonstop noise.

MONDAY, MAY 3

8:05 am, High St.

Heat "smells" weird inside house "maybe a heater blew up or?" Reporting party

got in her car and has left. Requesting fire department respond.

11:13 am, Lisa St.

Requesting phone call to report another neighborhood child exposed reporting party's son and other neighborhood children to anime porn; occurred yesterday.

11:44 am, NE 7th St.

Advising someone just brought stray dog into office. Reporting party is requesting response as soon as possible as dogs are not allowed in location. Large older gold lab with out of area tags, very friendly.

1:14 pm, Fort Nugent Rd.

Two sheep and three lambs in roadway on Fort Nugent just west of Boon Rd. Reporting party does not know where they belong.

1:51 pm, Dike Rd.

Reporting party advising Honda with people have been sleeping in vehicle. Advising now subjects are getting couches delivered.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

4:25 am, Windy Cove Ln.

Reporting party states subject broke into reporting party's residence. Reporting party tackled and contained them. States no weapons on the subject.

7:06 am, NE Regatta Dr.

Caller advising white male, long hair, baggy pants, dark blue shirt with shopping cart full of rocks on side of roadway. Another caller regarding male pushing shopping cart full of rocks.

11:22 am, Monkey Hill Rd.

Horse in roadway on Monkey Hill.

2:06 pm, Quail Walk Ln.

Requesting call. Advising lives on private road and neighbor has installed speed bump. Advising there is no HOA.

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“We’re anticipating a significant lifting of restrictions by June 30,” Sno-Isle Libraries District Manager Judy Sasges said.

Until then, and as state and federal guidance evolve, Sno-Isle Libraries continues to adapt its policies and procedures.

Sno-Isle Libraries is adjusting in-building occupancy numbers at each community library.

The 30-minute time limit for customers browsing inside libraries was lifted June 2.

All public computers and laptops now have a 60-minute session limit, with unlimited 30-minute time extensions as long as there are no customers waiting.

Laptops will be cleaned and sanitized between customer use, but no longer quarantined.

Books and other physical materials will be cleaned as needed, but no longer quarantined before being placed back into circulation.

And some community libraries will start carrying local newspapers again.

One thing that won’t change right away is the requirement for a face mask and for customers inside each community library to continue promoting public health and safety. Sno-Isle Libraries staff anticipate mask rules are likely to change and are exploring ways to accommodate those future guidelines.

All Sno-Isle Libraries community libraries plan to continue to offer contact-free services, even after all pandemic restrictions are lifted.

[Submitted by Kurt Batdorf, Communications Specialist, Sno-Isle Libraries]

WhidbeyHealth to Conclude Vaccine Clinic Operations June 30

Due to the widespread availability of vaccine providers on the island and the sharp decrease in demand at WhidbeyHealth for coronavirus vaccination appointments, WhidbeyHealth will cease operating its public vaccine clinic June 30.

WhidbeyHealth is proud its team of staff and volunteers came together as the first public vaccination provider on Whidbey Island.

As of today, WhidbeyHealth has delivered over 77,000 injections at no cost to the patient or their insurance carriers. It chose to do this as an important step in fighting for the lives of our community.

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WhidbeyHealth also recognizes the enormous organizing support from Island County Public Health, Island County Emergency Management, the Fire Service, and many other partners.

The collaboration throughout this pandemic has proven we are truly #WhidbeyStrong.

WhidbeyHealth would like to express its deepest gratitude to all its staff, providers, volunteers, and community members who came together to make our community safer.

Although we have made significant strides in the fight against the pandemic, it is not behind us yet. WhidbeyHealth encourages everyone to mask up where required, maintain distance, practice hand hygiene, and most important: get vaccinated.

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

42nd Annual Coupeville Lions Club Garage Sale

The Coupeville Lions Club plans to hold its annual Garage Sale in August for a welcome change. Lions President Rick Walti said the club plans to move forward Aug. 21 and 22, assuming the state’s COVID restrictions are removed by then. The event would be held at Coupeville Elementary School as in the past.

It’s been two years since the last in-person sale and it has been sorely missed. In 2020, the club adjusted to the pandemic restrictions and

had an online garage and plant sale which brought reduced revenues, but was actually more successful than anticipated. This strategy continued the 41st annual sale tradition and was a win for both the club and the community. Walti said the club was very pleased to have been able to conduct the online sale, while strictly adhering to all social distancing requirements.

Now that COVID restrictions are anticipated to be lifted this summer, Lions will plan the event to be held in August. The delay from the traditional June time frame gives extra confidence in a safe return to normal. Shoppers need to mark their calendars for the same bargains, just different dates for an August sale frenzy.

[Submitted by Deanna Rogers, Coupeville Lions Club, PR Chair]

National Park Service Awards 10-year Agricultural Lease for Crop Land in Ebey’s Landing National Historical Reserve

Ebey’s Landing National Historical Reserve has selected Ebey Road Farm, Inc., for award of one agricultural lease within the Reserve. The lease continues a long history of farming in Whidbey Island. The NPS competitively awarded the lease under the terms described in the Request for Proposals, which was released to the public Oct. 29, 2020.

The National Park Service thanks members of the public for their interest in the lease opportunity and the historical importance of continuing the farming tradition of the reserve.

Questions regarding the leases should be directed to David Louter, Chief, Cultural Resources Program, National Park Service, Interior Regions 8, 9, 10 and 12 at David_Louter@nps.gov.

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[Submitted by Jordan Belcher, Education Outreach Coordinator, Trust Board of Ebey’s Landing NHR]

Whidbey Community Chorus Receives Funding from ArtsWA and National Endowment for the Arts

In the midst of rehearsals for its annual concerts in the spring of 2020, the Whidbey Community Chorus was forced to make the decision most arts organizations had to face – to cancel its popular free concerts due to the coronavirus pandemic. At the time, the chorus hoped to regroup for its annual December Christmas concerts, but those too had to be canceled. For a small community arts organization that relies on donations given at the free concerts to pay its expenses, the loss of a whole year of programming could have been devastating. Recognizing the need, the Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA) provided a grant with funds from both the state and from the National Endowment for the Arts to help pay expenses to allow the Whidbey Community Chorus to continue.

The Whidbey Community Chorus typically presents four free concerts in Oak Harbor—two in the spring and two in December. The 90-member chorus is comprised of people of all ages who share a love of singing, from high school students to senior citizens. The songs are accompanied by a variety of local musicians, including piano, flute, violin, drums, and specialty instruments such as banjo. An audience of 350 – 400 community members enjoys the free concert each performance. Community Chorus Director Darren McCoy is also the choral director at Oak Harbor High School.

In accordance with recent changes in COVID-19 restrictions, the Whidbey Community Chorus is currently making plans to once again safely provide choral music in time for the holidays this December.

[Submitted by Gaye Litka, Whidbey Community Chorus]



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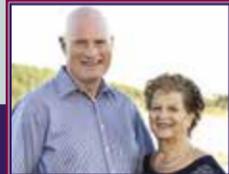
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What's Going On



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Curse of the Starving Class
Fridays, June 11, 18 & 25, 7:30PM
Saturdays, June 12, 19 & 26, 7:30PM
Sundays, June 13, 2:00PM
Thursdays, June 17 & 24, 7:30PM
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley
Standard Ticket: \$35

The play, a perfect balance of dark comedy and biting satire, is about a family faltering in their search for security, escape and the American Dream. Written by Sam Shepard. Directed by Deana A. Duncan. For tickets or more information, visit www.wicaonline.org.

Shred It Event
Saturday, June 12, 10:00AM-2:00PM
SaviBank, 1737 Main St, Freeland
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\$10 for oversized boxes or bags. All proceeds benefit Soroptimist International of South Whidbey Island programs and training.

Art Talks: Lange and Wolcott
Wednesday, June 16, 11:00AM
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley
All Seats: \$20

Dorothea Lange and Marion Wolcott captured photographic images of those affected by poverty and deprivation, hunger and unemployment, and racism and internment before and after the Great Depression. Presented by art historian Rebecca Albani. For tickets or more information, visit www.WICAonline.org.

Dine Out for Kids
Friday, June 25, 11:30AM-9:00PM
Front Street Grill, Coupeville

Front Street Grill will donate a portion of the day's sales to the Coupeville Schools Foundation. The Coupeville Schools Foundation provides an extra measure of support to students through teacher grants, college scholarships and the Promise Fund.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events
See schedule below
Cost: Free:

Open Book - Donna Barba Higuera
Friday, June 18, 10:00AM

Lupe Wong Won't Dance is a funny middle-grade book full of complicated situations and a Mexican-Chinese heroine who muddles through her mistakes, one bad decision at a time. This title was selected for a Pura Belpre Honor Award, Best Books for Youth List by the American Library Association and a Pacific Northwest Bookseller's Award. Register at sno-isle.bibliocommons.com.

Discuss the Classics with Rita Bartell Drum
Thursdays, 12:30 or 7:00PM

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Meetings & Organizations
Republican Women of North Whidbey

Thursday, June 10, 11:30AM-1:00PM
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.
Our focus for June is a variety of community service opportunities with organizations that

are tangibly meeting the needs of our neighbors. We will also have a "Find Your Voice" discussion, including information to boost your knowledge of the United States Constitution. Doors open at 11:00AM to register and socialize, \$15 at the door. Please RSVP to nowhidwvc@gmail.com.

Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers (WIGS)
Tuesday, June 15, 1:00PM

Elizabeth Gomoll presents "Unlocking Notation Codes on Alien Passenger Lists." Learn how to interpret codes of late nineteenth and early twentieth century immigrant passenger manifests. Sign in to Zoom 10 minutes early. Non-WIGS members wishing to attend, please send an email to whidbeygensearchers@gmail.com no later than June 13 to receive your zoom invitation. All are invited to join.

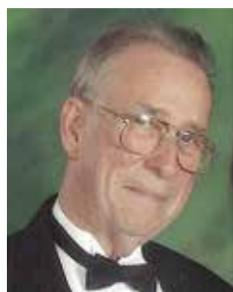
Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum
Tuesday, June 22, 11:30AM
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.

Museum volunteer and Collections Management director, John Hughes will be the speaker. The program will be: U.S. Naval Air Station (NAS) Port Lyautey - A World War II Naval Seaplane and Airbase Perspective. This will include NAS Port Lyautey's role in countering the German U boat threat in the eastern Atlantic Ocean at the height of the Battle of the Atlantic. Admission is free but a no host lunch will be offered for \$12. For more information, call 360-240-9500 or email eventsco-ord@pnwnam.org.



Life Tributes

PORTER NEWELL BALDRIDGE



Porter Newell Baldridge died May 27, 2021, and we assume he is rather ticked off about it.

He was born to Porter, Jr., and Bernice Baldridge in 1943. They enjoyed being parents so much they had two more children, Randy and Candy.

While growing up in Wisconsin's northwoods, Porter amused himself annoying his mother by taking things apart and putting them back together to see how they worked; learning how to be a good marksman hunting wild animals for the family's supper; and rampaging through the woods and having acorn fights with his brother and cousins.

Porter attended Spooner High School, where he caused mayhem on football fields and other events while being the school photographer. In 1961, the principal handed him a diploma and sent him on his merry way.

Porter joined the Navy in 1962. While stationed in Virginia, the daring young man went on a blind date and met Diane Belmont. They tied the knot Dec. 31, 1963, and were soon blessed with a darling red-headed little girl named Vicki Leigh, whom Porter enjoyed teaching how to take carburetors apart and how to cause mischief while learning about life.

With lonely and long days of Porter being on Navy watches, he and Diane grew apart and divorced in 1968. Porter picked himself up, dusted himself off, and started on a new adventure as an Electronics Mechanic on aerial target drones in the Civil Service at Point Mugu. Throughout advancements in the Civil Service, he continued to enjoy blowing things up with missiles and other fancy stuff.

Porter met Pat, the love of his life, (ironically) at a New Year's Eve party in 1968. They had so much fun together, they decided to get married July 18, 1970. Porter's work took them to tropical and exciting places like Kauai, Hawaii, where Porter explored his theatrical side in the local theater group. This is also where their son, Matthew, was born. Their next move was to NAS Miramar in California, where son Andrew made his appearance. While Pat ran an in-home daycare there, Porter would let little boys (that were not supposed to get dirty) play in the garage. Their next move was to NAS Cubi Point, Subic Bay, Philippines, for five years where, fittingly, Porter and the family, left slightly before fireworks started with the ouster of Ferdinand Marcos. Porter's last billet was in beautiful Oak Harbor, Wash., where Porter decided to retire from the Civil Service in 1996.

Retirement didn't slow Porter down. He projected himself into other careers. Team Corporation is where he worked in a "vibrator factory." At Pantec Mini Storage, he wrangled rental trucks and found hidden treasures in abandoned storage units.

The job he found the most enjoyment out of was working with Boy Scouts. He was the Scoutmaster of Troop 98 in Oak Harbor for 15 years, where he helped 24 young men (including both Matt and Andy) attain the rank of Eagle Scout. He operated the rifle range at the Boy Scout Camp Black Mountain in Maple Falls and Camp Fire Mountain in Mount Vernon. "Colonel Rimfire," as he was known, ran a tight ship at the range, helping hundreds of scouts earn their rifle and/or shotgun shooting badges. One of Matt's favorite memories of Scout Camp is when Porter arranged a pizza delivery to the camp via a Navy SAR helicopter.

Porter was always fascinated with anything that boomed, banged, or sparked. His favorite hobby was gunsmithing. He spent many hours helping friends and acquaintances learn about their "boom sticks," as well as repairing guns and finding unusual firearms along the way.

In 1999 Port and Pat took a cruise to the Mexican Riviera. During this adventure, they discovered a love of cruising and took several cruises to Hawaii, Mexico, Panama Canal, and Alaska. While on the ships, Porter, being the old sea dog he was, would be mesmerized for hours by the waves while sitting at the stern of the cruise ship.

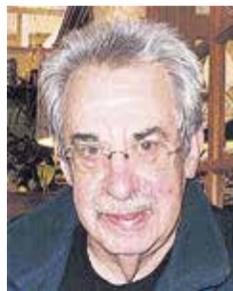
Always a mechanic, Porter loved cars. In the 1960s he rampaged around southern California in a customized 1956 104 Austin Healey with a small block Ford motor. He helped Matt keep an old VW Beetle running, and enjoyed turning wrenches with Andy, and seeing how fast his shiny red Dodge Stealth could go.

For about 30 years, Porter was active with both the Oak Harbor and Whidbey Island Lions clubs. For several years, he was the grinch who managed the Lions' Christmas tree lot. He helped the Lions with projects such as cleaning up local parks, putting up flags around town and selling poppies and tulips.

Porter's 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren were the apples of their proud Papa's eyes. Porter would never bat an eye at playing tea party with Sylvia or going shopping with Kari. He loved blowing up things at the shooting range with Paul, Simon, and Darcy. He had good grandpa talks with Brendan and Callum, and loved taking Justin, Colette, Calista, Lachlan, and Leiden to Fort Nugent Park.

Porter left us May 27, 2021, after a brief illness. Even in death, Porter is up for an adventure. His ashes will be scattered along the Salish Sea (aka Puget Sound), where the orcas and sea lions swim and play. If you would like to honor this memorable soul, remembrances may be made to the Mount Baker Council of the Boy Scouts of America, 1715 100th Place S.E., Suite B, Everett, WA 98208.

Arrangements are entrusted to Wallin-Stucky Funeral Home, Oak harbor. Please visit Port's page in our Book of Memories online at www.wallinfuneralhome.com to share memories and leave condolences.



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Pam's Prayer Corner

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

A Graduate's Future!

"If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else."
~Booker T. Washington, 1856

In this season of graduations, we remember the sacred passages our lives make from one chapter to the next. We acknowledge with gratitude the journeys our families and friends have taken and commend them unto God's best for their lives and futures.

Gracious and merciful Father, it is our prayer as graduates go forth into a "bigger" and at times "scary" world of adulthood and responsibility, that they will do so with our help and blessings, and with the strength and support that your Spirit brings to those who seek you.

May they find their sweet spots of success in their chosen fields of vocation. May they come to know that the very best version of their lives is when they discover their life purpose is to bless and serve others. Our lives are a gift to be lived for the benefit of others. Teach them this truth.

Grant our graduates hope for the future. May they believe the best is yet to come. Even though their days will not be easy and care free, place people and circumstances in their lives that will shape their character, strengthen their stamina, solidify their resolve and tenderize their hearts towards justice and mercy for all. Remind them, loving Lord, that it matters not where they go in life – but only who they become along the way! Secure their path and guide their journeys.

In Jesus name we ask, Amen!

Pastor David Parker
First United Methodist Church

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."

Proverbs 16:3



“Flying Fish” land at Price Sculpture Forest

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Price Sculpture Forest in Coupeville has landed a big, big fish. Rather, the sculpture forest is now home to its first sculpture by an international artist – a massive school of “Flying Fish,” created by Amsterdam artist Daniella Rubinovitz.

Now, as people explore the paths at the forest – which is home to dozens of sculptures from artists on the island, around the region, across the country and now on the other side of the world – they can’t help but notice the newest addition, which is suspended in the trees, its shiny metal surface catching light and shadow, making the “Flying Fish” appear to fly through the old growth forest.

“It is pretty exciting,” said Scott Price,

founder of the sculpture forest. “She is a terrific artist and our first international artist in the sculpture forest (though Jeff Kahn has exhibited and sold commissions internationally). Daniella Rubinovitz (daniellarubinovitz.com) lives in Amsterdam and specializes in large scale public space sculptures. She has created a 27-foot wide metal sculpture...suspended entirely up in the air between large trees.”

To discover Rubinovitz’s inspiration for the sculpture, *Whidbey Weekly* had scheduled to “meet” the artist virtually, however, technical difficulties forced us to do an email “interview.” She said she “doesn’t know life without art,” having grown up in a creative household.

“Growing up my mother was a fashion designer, and my father enjoyed painting

and high supporter of the arts,” Rubinovitz shared. “We often went to museums and art was present in our household. After high school I went to fine art school; here I took on every medium I could get my hands on. I took on stone carving, clay, painting, drawing, printmaking, jewelry, welding, film, photography. I just did it all and loved to combine the disciplines.”

Her professional journey has been a fascinating path – first moving in the direction of industrial design, then moving into art therapy. Now she has come full circle and has merged her two passions, creating art for public spaces where people can connect and discover.

“I love interactive art,” she said. “Art that gets people to connect, touch, be it indoors or outdoors. Having art outdoors is exciting, it is accessible for the public to interact. It is available for all walks of life. I love the feeling of nature that is awakened outdoors.”

Connection has been hard to come by for everyone over the past 16 months. But technology has made the world smaller in many ways and connections have happened – such as the connection Scott Price was able to make with Rubinovitz over Instagram. One thing, as they say, led to another. In this case, it led to a 27-foot-long metal sculpture of a school of fish, created in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, fabricated in Washington state and installed in Coupeville.

“Scott Price and I connected on Instagram,” Rubinovitz said. “I received a note...[inviting] me to participate. I was intrigued. As we communicated through email, we saw that we had some commonalities, Tufts, Burning Man, nature and art.

“I was inspired by the coniferous trees. Their vertical dimensions inspire a mystery in me,” she shared. “Though I had other art in my portfolio that might have suited, I was inspired to create something specific that would be suspended between trees. Suspending a sculpture between these trees totally excited me! Something that plays in this magical space.

“‘Flying Fish’ came to life. It represented an abstract school of fish that would be suspended. As I worked on this project, I understood more about why it was so dear to my heart,” Rubinovitz explained. “The metaphor became visible and it has been an inspirational project for me to work on. Needless to say, that this was created under lockdown conditions of COVID. The remote working seemed quite normal.”

Rubinovitz created a full-size drawing of “Flying Fish” at her studio, where it still hangs.

“To create this drawing I was able to walk over it and literally shape the forms with my hands and feet,” she described. “I also used a long stick and had charcoal on the other end. I danced into the forms as the motions created shapes. In the forms themselves there is also a glimpse of the past, present



Photo Courtesy of Daniella Rubinovitz
Amsterdam artist Daniella Rubinovitz first sketched a full sized version of her sculpture “Flying Fish” before photographing it and transferring her design to the computer, where it could then be cut out in sections and shipped to the Price Sculpture Forest in Coupeville.

and future. The forms intuitively took on indigenous shapes as I was sketching them out. There is a connection between these times. There is a connection between generations. Together they form one large, fish-like form, made up of many fish and the negative space. They play optical illusions.

“Having this full size sketch made all the difference. I would have lost contact and it would have simply been too abstract had it gone directly into the computer. I could see exactly what it would look like suspended between the trees. I saw the scale,” she continued. “In this sense I kept confidence and control over the piece. I also kept the connection with the actual piece now in the forest. This feels like a portal in a way, knowing the seed of inspiration is right here and connected with the hanging fruit, so to say.”

When her charcoal sketch was completed, Rubinovitz said she stood on a ladder and took pictures in sections, which she then pieced together on the computer. The most difficult part of the process, she said, was trying to communicate with a nine-hour time difference as the pieces were being fabricated in the U.S. Eventually, the six panels were shipped to Coupeville on a flatbed truck.

Installation of this piece was anything but normal. Due to COVID travel restrictions, Rubinovitz was not able to be there when the sculpture was installed just before Memorial Day.

“During installation, Daniella was able to check in with us while we video called on our phones from nine time zones away,” Price described. “My father, Ken Price, and park neighbor/friend, Bob Davenport, co-lead the entire process with me. On the main construction day, we had eight more people also onsite to help move, lift, and position ‘Flying Fish’ into place. There was a combination of extensive advance planning plus real time development of solutions until we got everything right.”

Rubinovitz said she was glad to rely on Price’s team to oversee the important details of assembly and installation.

“It would have been desirable to be there in person to actually help install it, though the volunteers were experts at climbing those incredible trees,” she said. “I’m quite pleased with the results, I am so much looking forward to seeing pictures of it as visitors take selfies and such with it. I hope that they use the #flyingfish and #daniellarubinovitz hashtags so I can track these pictures down!”

It is also exciting, Rubinovitz said, to be the first international artist to have a sculpture on display and the fact it was all done during a pandemic just means anything is possible.

“Art speaks this nonverbal, international language,” she said. “It crosses borders and speaks directly. This whole project felt right



Photo Courtesy of Scott Price
The Price Sculpture Forest in Coupeville is now home to its first sculpture by an international artist. “Flying Fish,” created by Daniella Rubinovitz of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, was installed just before Memorial Day and is suspended among the trees.

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PAID OPINION

5 Verses 170

By Joseph C. Coomer (phone 360-929-2397)

The proposal is described as a paradigm shift as the Forest Service (FS) would change from a ground operation with a 100 or more firefighters assisted from the air by a few S-2T aircraft to an almost exclusive air operation having enough C-5 tankers available and ready, so when the alarm sounds, enough of them can be dispatched to be able to extinguish the fire in a single pass. Integral to this change is to add the responsibility of all air operations to the U.S. Air Force. This is the most logical, practical and economical decision that can be made.

One may believe that the FS uses the most modern equipment and methods that man can provide. It is a shock to learn that they are basically using the same equipment and methods that were used a century ago with little change. Like then, they still use lots of manpower. Granted the ax has been replaced with the chain saw and the trucks and equipment are now diesel powered.

They have added a few aircraft
but both their payloads and numbers are small and have almost nil impact on any fire.

Recognize and accept the fact that then and now efforts to extinguish a significant fire was and is an exercise in futility as containment then and now is hopeless.

*The missing ingredient is airpower. For all practical purposes,
it does not exist in the FS today.*

This is where the numbers 5 and 170 paint a clear picture that there is much is amiss in the FS. Assume there is a major effort to get to the fire ASAP before it exceeds 10-acres. To soak that area with $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch of water will require 203,657 gallons. To transport that much water will require 5.09 loads with the C-5 and with the S-2T, they will need 169.7 loads, a gross impracticality. (A single C-5 has an estimated payload of 40,000 gallons which is more than their entire fleet of 22 S-2Ts that carry 1,200 gallons and 12 UH-1H choppers that carry 320 gallons for a total 30,240 gallons. This writer describes their fleet as "urinating aircraft for obvious reasons.")

It is because the FS is so blind to the fact that they are still using the same methods of the past and being totally ignorant of real air power, they must be judged "incompetent."

With this background, shouldn't all support the proposal where almost all fires are extinguished in a single pass? If all fires can be extinguished in their infancy, **then there will be no more "major" forest fires.** With all the effort now from the air, that army of firefighters will find their services no longer needed, and **most can be discharged.**

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State offers incentives to get vaccinated

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Washington has joined a growing list of U.S. states offering assorted incentives for those people who have received their COVID-19 vaccination.

Gov. Jay Inslee announced the "Shot of a Lifetime" program at a press conference last week. The incentive package includes four once-weekly drawings for \$250,000 cash and a final drawing of \$1 million, which will be administered through the Washington Lottery. There are hundreds of other prizes as well, such as game systems, tickets to sporting events, airline tickets, gift cards and higher education tuition and expense assistance.

The incentives, while hopefully spurring on those who are unvaccinated to get their shot(s), are not just for new vaccinations. Anyone vaccinated in Washington is automatically entered into the drawings by the State Department of Health (although it does not include some federally-administered vaccinations). Drawings began Tuesday and will continue for the next four weeks. Entry into the drawings is automatic.

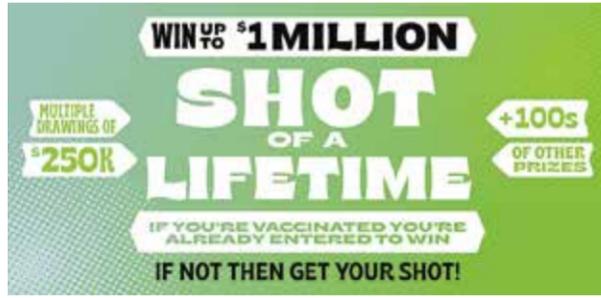
As of last week, about 63 percent of those residents 16 and older have initiated their COVID-19 vaccination. The intent is to hit the 70 percent vaccination mark, which Inslee said will save lives and move the state forward in its reopening plan.

"These generous programs will encourage more Washingtonians to take this life-saving vaccine," Inslee said during the press conference. "I hope people will see this as an opportunity to reopen even sooner than June 30th if we can stay motivated, stay informed and get more people vaccinated faster throughout the month of June."

The state is set to reopen fully on June 30 or when 70 percent of the population has initiated or completed vaccination, whichever comes first.

"Our state has made tremendous progress, with well over half of our population 16 and older fully vaccinated, but there are still far too many people who have not started vaccination," said Dr. Umair Shah, Washington Secretary of Health. "We hope this effort encourages people to get their vaccine to protect themselves and their communities as we push toward reopening at the end of this month."

As stated, Washington Lottery will handle the prize drawings. DOH will provide names of those vaccinated from its database to the lottery. The only action necessary to be entered into the drawings is to be vaccinated.



"As the state's principal agency on conducting lottery drawings, we are honored to be able to play even a small role in administering a promotion that helps ensure that our state's residents are healthy and protected as we continue to move towards ending the pandemic," said Marcus Glasper, director of the Washington State Lottery.

Island County's statistics on the number of people vaccinated basically mirrors that of the state – about 63 percent. There are multiple business locations providing vaccines throughout the county. Those interested in scheduling a vaccination appointment can go to islandcountywa.gov and follow links to each of the 12 listed providers to schedule their shot. In addition, Island County Public Health has several upcoming mobile vaccination locations scheduled. These mobile clinics are open to the public with no charge and no appointment necessary:

Saturday: Langley Street Fair, Langley – 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday: Bayview Farmers Market – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

July 4: Independence Day Celebration at Windjammer Park, Oak Harbor – 1 to 6 p.m.

July 15-18: Island County Fair, Langley – Potentially 12 to 7 p.m. each day, still to be determined

The Island County mobile vaccination team will give COVID-19 vaccinations at any facility/location where groups of five or more people will be vaccinated. There is no cost for this service. The team can also create a pop-up vaccination clinic at most locations where vaccines can be administered with no appointment necessary. Pop-up clinics are free and open to the public. Those interested can contact Liz Smith by email at e.smith@islandcountywa.gov or by calling 360-320-5000.

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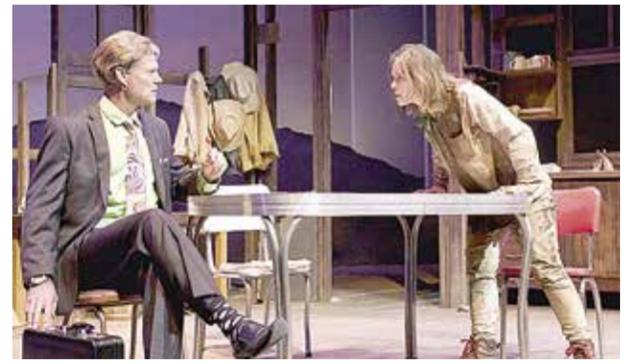


Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts
Emma Tate (Molly Quade) yells at Taylor (Lars Larson), a real estate agent who is helping her mother try to sell the family farm in "Curse of the Starving Class." The play starts Friday at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley.

also allowed us to honor our commitment to accessibility and affordability. We're offering two, 'Pay What You Will' performances of 'Curse of the Starving Class' (June 10 and 17) and hope our neighbors that have crossed 'art and entertainment' off this year's budget will join us. When current occupancy restrictions are lifted, we'll be able to increase our seating capacity and to offer even more opportunities to engage in the arts."

For now, all those interested are encouraged to check out one of the region's first in-person theatrical productions since March 2020, and WICA's 101st show.

"I forgot how much I love this process and being part of a creative group delving into a huge story and bringing it to life," Duncan said. "Theater is an amazing art form that really only lives on in memory and it's so precious to walk in these characters' footsteps. I can't wait to share this play with an audience."

"I'm loving discovering more and more about the play and my character with each rehearsal, diving into the depths of this play by bringing it to life," said Mulholland. "Theater helps me make sense of life."

"Sam Shepard is one of our greatest American playwrights," Natter said. "I think his work isn't done nearly enough, mostly because of the emotional challenges it places on the actors. I'm so glad WICA has risen to the challenge in such a strong way. I think audiences are eager to come back to live theater, to hear great stories being told, and to share the commonality that brings us all together."

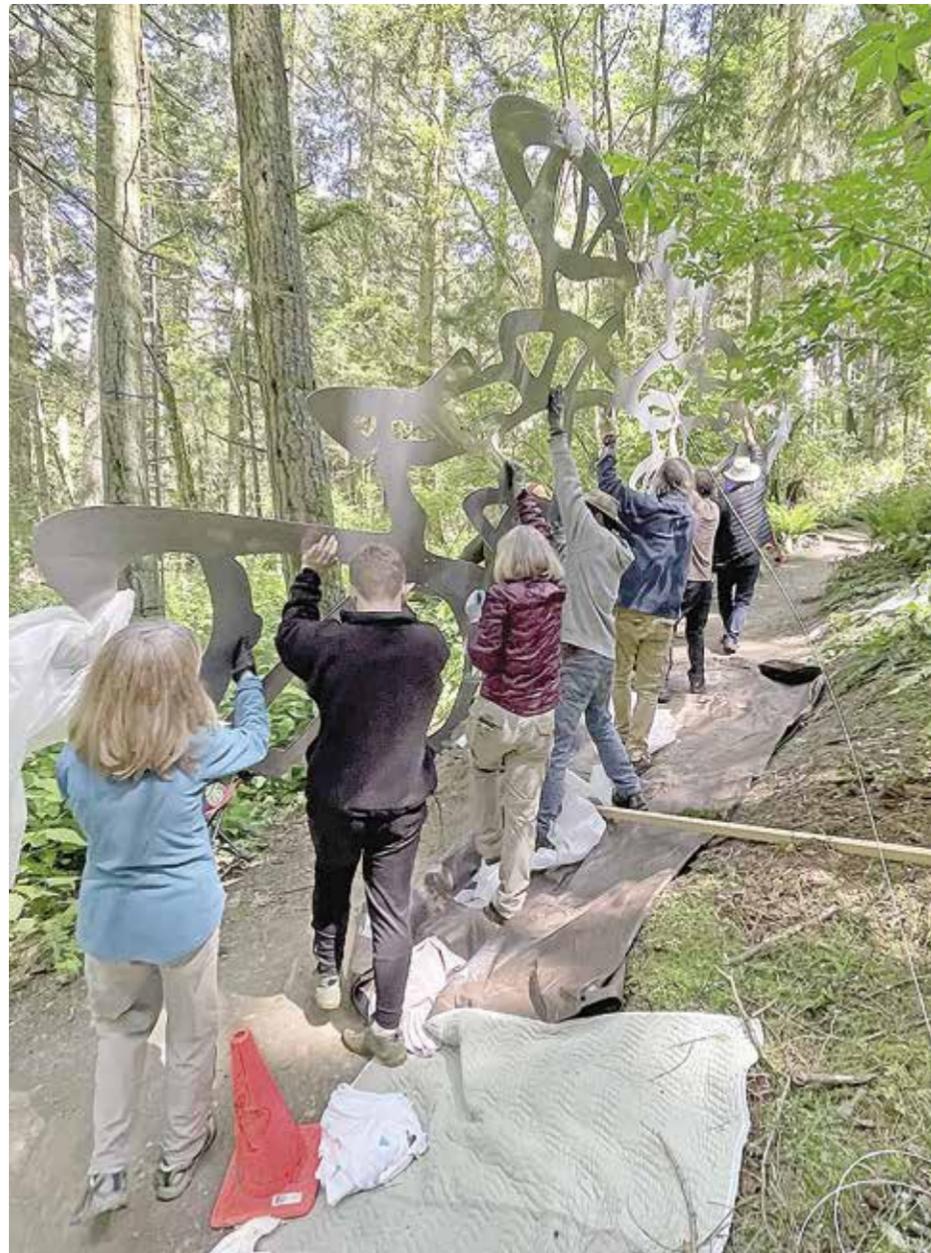


Photo Courtesy of Scott Price
Several volunteers carry the assembled "Flying Fish" sculpture down the trail at the Price Sculpture Forest on the day the piece was suspended among the trees.

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from the first moment. Scott's positivity was encouraging. I feel that over the last two years specifically, we are able to do much more remotely. Globally, this pandemic has also empowered and moved the technology to allow this. This is exciting in what possibilities open up around it."

She hopes "Flying Fish" will inspire and speak volumes to those who see it in its new forest home.

"I want people to feel invited to imagine and experience what it's like to walk through this underwater world without additional breathing devices," she said "I hope people will experience this specific moment of time as the school of fish swim/fly by. I hope they get the sense they are here at the right place,

at the right time. They catch the fish swim by. There is no coincidence.

"I hope they get a sense of evolution, a moment where fins transform to wings and see that the forest changes from underwater to above water," Rubinovitz continued. "This on its own plays with the metaphors of conscious and subconscious worlds. It's a moment to reflect on what is real."

Price Sculpture Forest is open daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. or until dark, whichever comes first. It is located at 678 Parker Road, in Coupeville. There is no charge to enter, but donations are gladly accepted. Find more information at sculptureforest.org. To learn more about Rubinovitz and her art, visit daniellarubinovitz.com.



Photo Courtesy of Scott Price
Scott Price, founder and creator of Price Sculpture Forest in Coupeville, holds a photo of Amsterdam artist Daniella Rubinovitz as he stands under her newly installed sculpture, "Flying Fish." Rubinovitz was unable to travel to Whidbey Island for the installation due to COVID travel restrictions.

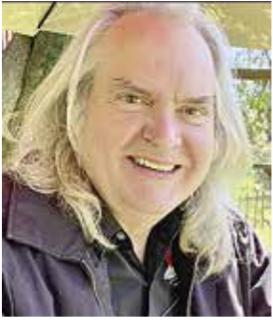


OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What new ways of doing things, from your experience of this past year, will you continue to do?



Sid Olson

Langley, Useless Bay

To be honest, the only real changes I made this past year were social distancing, wearing a mask and staying home a lot more. Now that more of us are getting vaccinated, I look forward to a time when I no longer have to do any of those things. It will be nice to see live music and family and friends again.

Loren Taylor

Oak Harbor

From the past year, I will continue to order my food from a restaurant as a to go. Then with my husband and our dogs go sit in different scenic views to enjoy our meal. By doing this it has allowed us to enjoy the views of different spots on the island. It is really a peaceful experience to include our dogs.



Brent Deutscher

Over this past year we all started eating at the dinner table as a family every night, that is a tradition we are going to keep on doing.

Wayne Hill

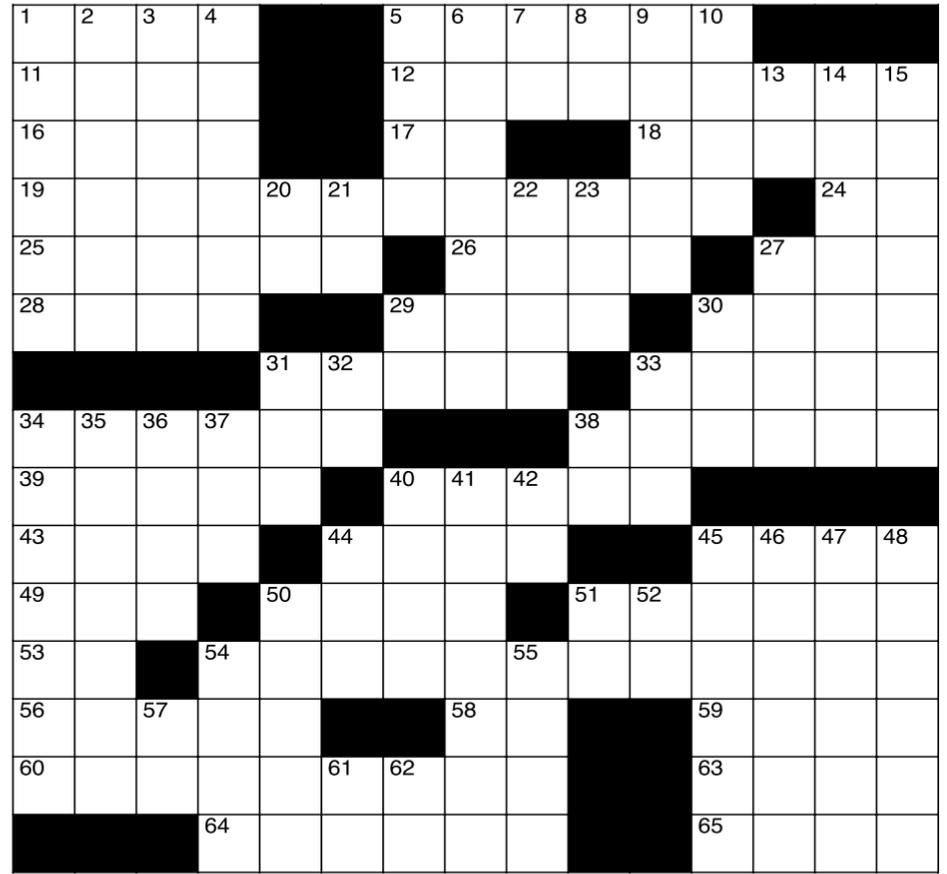
Oak Harbor

I plan on continuing to make sure ALL my friends know I'm always here to lend an ear.

It's been a very tough year on everyone and letting others vent is sometimes all that is needed.



Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. College group
- 5. Small morsels of food
- 11. Actress Dunham
- 12. Puts a limit on
- 16. Used for baking or drying
- 17. Commercial
- 18. Zookeeper Bindi
- 19. Walk in one's sleep
- 24. The Great Lakes State
- 25. Winter sport
- 26. A thin layer on something
- 27. Peacock network
- 28. Give birth to a lamb or kid
- 29. "Too Scared to Cry" author
- 30. Nose
- 31. Friend
- 33. Country music legend Haggard
- 34. Curved
- 38. More deformed
- 39. Bleated
- 40. Set on its end
- 43. An aspect of Ra
- 44. Releasing hormone (abbr.)
- 45. Harsh, grating noise
- 49. __ Francisco
- 50. Common Japanese surname
- 51. Punish with an arbi-

CLUES DOWN

- 3. Arbitrary penalty
- 53. Football position (abbr.)
- 54. Not in the know
- 56. African antelope
- 58. Popular tech (abbr.)
- 59. Baseball teams get three of them
- 60. Make up one's mind
- 63. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 64. Martens
- 65. Susan and Tom are two
- 1. Excessively showy
- 2. Put an end to
- 3. Blood disorder
- 4. Ingredient in wine
- 5. Shellfish
- 6. Made smaller
- 7. We
- 8. The Treasure State
- 9. __ Ekland, actress
- 10. Male parent
- 13. One hundredth of a watt (abbr.)
- 14. Dish of minced meat
- 15. Smothered laugh
- 20. Article
- 21. Atomic #12
- 22. Small parrot
- 23. Fictional "Star Wars" planet
- 27. French wine grape

- 29. Football stat (abbr.)
- 30. Sound unit
- 31. Where you sleep
- 32. University of Dayton
- 33. Miller beer offering
- 34. Feel embarrassed
- 35. Able to be estimated
- 36. Commune in NW France
- 37. Adult female chicken
- 38. Intergovernmental organization
- 40. Archaic term for until
- 41. That which is not sacred
- 42. Sound made in speech
- 44. Handgun (slang)
- 45. Fill up again
- 46. Evoke or awaken
- 47. Beam Me Up, __!
- 48. Spider wasp genus
- 50. Headdress
- 51. Exclamation of surprise
- 52. Of I
- 54. Figures
- 55. Men's fashion accessories
- 57. Indicates position
- 61. Megabyte
- 62. The Prairie State

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Answers on page 19

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, June 10	Fri, June 11	Sat, June 12	Sun, June 13	Mon, June 14	Tues, June 15	Wed, June 16
North Isle H-64°/L-52° AM Showers PM Sunbreaks	North Isle H-64°/L-53° Cloudy with AM Showers	North Isle H-66°/L-51° Showers Possible	North Isle H-67°/L-53° Chance of Rain	North Isle H-67°/L-52° Mostly Sunny	North Isle H-65°/L-51° Mostly Sunny	North Isle H-64°/L-51° Showers Possible
South Isle H-64°/L-51° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-61°/L-52° Showers	South Isle H-67°/L-53° Showers Possible	South Isle H-72°/L-56° Chance of Rain	South Isle H-71°/L-54° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-69°/L-52° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-69°/L-52° Showers Possible



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

jeff.natter@islandshakespearefest.org.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County (BBBSIC) is actively seeking new member(s) for its Board of Directors. Join the board's exciting array of professionals! BBBSIC is seeking individuals who are committed to defending the potential of youth in our community through their time, skill sets, and influence in the community. To complement the existing board, candidates with expertise in accounting, law, nonprofit management, networking, or fundraising are of particular interest.

Committed to diversifying its board to better represent our community, BBBSIC encourages BIPOC and LGBTQIA community members to inquire. Please contact admin@bbbsislandcounty.org for more information.

The Island County Medical Reserve Corps (ICMRC) is a local network of volunteers organized to improve the health and safety of communities on Whidbey and Camano Island. Volunteers include medical and public health professionals as well as other community members with no prior healthcare background. ICMRC utilizes volunteers to strengthen community health, enhance emergency response capabilities, and boost community resiliency. They prepare for and respond to natural and manmade disasters such as winter storms, flooding, earthquakes, as well as public health emergencies such as disease outbreaks. If you are interested in volunteering please go to the Island County MRC website for more information or contact s.ziemer@islandcountywa.gov If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, look no further! When you volunteer at one of the Habitat for Humanity of Island County stores, you are helping local families attain decent, affordable housing. Income from the stores is vital to giving families a path to homeownership. We need people who can commit to help out in our Oak Harbor or Freeland store at least two-hours per week. Schedules are flexible. Our friendly volunteers provide customer service, help with receiving donated household items and furniture, and maintain the store. We also need drivers and driver helpers who will professionally represent Habitat as they pick up donated items using our trucks. Please call either store for more information. Oak Harbor: 360-675-8733, Freeland: 360-331-6272.

College student? Student of history? History buff? Opportunities are available to spend constructive volunteer hours at the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum. Go to www.pnwnam.org and click on "Volunteer" or just stop by and introduce yourself.

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

JOB MARKET

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