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# IT'S WHIDBEY ISLAND FAIR TIME!

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

The day has finally arrived – the Whidbey Island Fair is back! The gates are open as of 9:30 a.m. today and the fun will continue through Sunday at the fairgrounds in Langley. The traditional parade will take place Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and will feature grand marshal Gary Gabelein.

After being canceled last year due to the pandemic, organizers say they think the community is ready for some old-fashioned fun.

"I am super excited to be able to go forward with the fair," said Carol Coble, fair manager. "People are craving to be out and about. I think it's going to be SUPER busy."

With many of the COVID-19 restrictions lifted, it means all the fair favorites are back. There will be a carnival, a log show, displays of pretty much everything you'd expect to see at a county fair and lots of good food, according to Coble.

"The food is going to be AMAZING – we have so many new food vendors," she said.

Besides enjoying all the displays and entries by Whidbey Island residents ranging from food to photography, quilting to canning, people go to the fair to enjoy the entertainment. This year is no exception – the entertainment schedule is full of a



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Fair Association

A fair just isn't a fair without a lot of cute animals, like these piglets. There will be plenty of furry and feathered friends on hand at the Whidbey Island Fair for all to enjoy again this year.

variety of talented performers too numerous to list here. (But you can find the lineup online at whidbeyislandfair.com.)

Pavlo Dobro will be first to take the stage and Pacific Twang is the last group slated to perform on stage. Right in the middle, at 9 p.m. Saturday night, is Hair Nation – a Whidbey fan favorite that pays tribute to the beloved 80s "hair" bands.

"We love it because the 80s were some of the best times in music," said Tim Sullivan, also known as Bret Meals to Hair Nation fans. "To bring ages from 8 to 80 together, it's awesome to see them smile, dance and have a good time."

The rest of Hair Nation includes Johnny Nighttrain (Greg Jamison), JJ Savage (Jason Lillie) and Brent Roxx (Brent Hogenson). The band prides itself on recreating the hair rock scene of the mid 80s and the outfits, banter and dazzling, high energy shows for which the era was famous. Think of one band playing the music and recreating the atmosphere of bands like Poison, Bon Jovi, Van Halen, Def Leppard, Whitesnake Guns N' Roses and more.

"We take great care in making sure each of our sets has a very relatable, fun, and exciting structure and energy that always fills the room and dance floor," Sullivan shared. "People love our shows because we give the people what they want. The songs, the show and the RAD feeling of still being in the 80s!"

Sullivan said while the band has been able to perform recently on a limited basis, its members are looking forward to the upcoming appearance at the Whidbey Island Fair.

"We started playing again in March to limited audiences, but to be able to play to a full crowd – it's like the 80s party just started and we're ready to live it all over again," he said. "People can look forward to all the hit songs on Hair Rock

packed into two hours. Our silliness and show is what sets us apart from most bands."

Fair goers should not worry if they can't make one of the many stage shows. Roving entertainers like Louie Foxx will be on hand to make sure everyone's having a good time.

"I love it there," he said. "It's a blast. The crowds are good, the people are awesome."

Foxx, who performs all over the country, has appeared at the Whidbey Island Fair several times. Because he calls Seattle home, he said the short trip to Whidbey Island enables him to bring more of his "stuff," which enables him to offer a good variety of entertainment while at the fair.

"When I drive to Whidbey I can take way more stuff than I will possibly need," he laughed. "So that allows me to do three, maybe four different versions of my show. I can do a 'traditional' setup and build a crowd like a street performer. Or I can do shorter shows for small groups of people – closeup tricks with cards or coins, where all the magic happens inches from people's faces. I also bring my flea circus. My trained fleas do circus tricks."

Foxx, who knew he wanted to be a performer since he was in kindergarten, said he's been doing shows in the northwest for so long he often runs into familiar faces.

"I'll run into people who have seen my show, but when they were younger," he said. "Then I'll run into adults, and I did their parties when they were kids, and now they're bringing their kids. I keep running into people I have a history with. It surprises me every time."

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Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Fair Association

Hair Nation is set to take visitors to the Whidbey Island Fair in Langley back to the 80s. The group will perform at 9 p.m. Saturday.

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# ON TRACK

With Jim Freeman



As life begins hopping on Whidbey, let us remind ourselves that hopping is okay. It works for the bunnies.

Please let me give you some information for your social calendar in case you have been busy social distancing.

## Bayview dances

The following dates are important should you be on the south end this summer looking for fun in the sun. The always pleasurable Bayview Summer Street Dances are held every other Wednesday from 6 until 8 p.m. at the Bayview Cash Store, 5603 Bayview Road, rain or shine! Admission is free and the entertainment is always family friendly. There is food available from nearby restaurants, and beverages will be available for purchase. The middle-of-the-week toe-tappers include our island favorites:

**Rubatano Marimba-July 14:** Our local marimba band fires up the season with vibrant dance music.

**Janie Cribbs and T.Rust-July 28:** Get ready for blues-drenched rock with a gritty soulful feel.

**Western Heroes-Aug. 11:** Rock, polka, and punk, among other things, to get the crowd up and moving.

**PETE The Band-Aug. 25:** The quintessential Whidbey Island garage band performing rock and blues dance music.

**Eric Vanderbilt-Matthews Dance Band-Sept. 8:** Graduates of SWHS's acclaimed jazz program finish up the season with some swing. You will too.

For current information about COVID-19 regulations, check <https://goosefoot.org/news-events>.

## The Blind Date

I had a blind date last night, but I was worried what to do if she was really unattractive.

My friend told me not to worry as there's an app for just that situation.

It's called *Mom Are You Okay* and it schedules your phone to ring just after you meet your date.

If you like her, you just ignore your phone. If you want to cut short the date, you answer with, "Mom? What's the matter? Are you okay?"

It works every time, no worries.

So anyway, I knocked on the girl's door and it turns out I needn't have worried at all. She was absolutely gorgeous and stunning.

But just when I was about to speak to her, her phone rang.

She answered it and said, "Mom? What's the matter? Are you okay?"

Thanks to Ken Bob for this reader suggestion.

## A kid's view

A bit of current info regarding Grandma T's young grandson:

"Lane went to Oklahoma to his other grandparents for the 4th of July.

He came home, ran over to me, hugged me, threw his arms in the air and yelled, 'Boom Boom Lights.' I think he likes fireworks."

## Attitude

Who says one cannot learn from watching television? I learned this while watching Dr. Tara Narula, Senior Medical Correspondent for CBS, reporting about the rare medical condition of Luke Tarrío. The quote was taken from the mother of Jeffery Modell on the website of the Jeffery Modell Foundation.

"You taught us that to succeed in life you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone, and a funny bone.

The wishbone is for the ideals, the goals, and the dreams; the backbone is for the fortitude and the courage to pursue them, and the funny bone is for the laughter and tears that are necessary for the little bumps along the road."

## Art for All

Richard Evans began making art while pursuing a career as an actor. In his 35-year career as an actor, he played opposite Mia Farrow in the continuing role of Paul Hanley on *Peyton Place*. Major roles in shows such as *Gunsmoke*, *Mr. Novak*, *Bonanza*, *Mod Squad*, and *Star Trek* followed. He starred as Michael J. Pollard's psychopathic mentor, Goldie, in film pioneer Jack L. Warner's final movie, *Dirty Little Billy*, played George C. Scott's sidekick, Willy, in *Islands in the Stream* and co-starred in Robert Mulligan's crime drama *The Nickel Ride*.

Acting in films, theatre and television led Evans to writing, producing, and directing a number of feature films including *The Mystery of Howard Hangar*, *Harry Monument*, *Shadow of Rain* and *Shuffle & Cut (A Question for Godard)*.

His directorial credits for theater include *Wings of the Termite*, *Sliding Dog*, *Cats in the L.A. River*, *Angel City*, *Glengarry Glen Ross*, *American Buffalo*, *True West*, *Crime X 2*, *Club Ded*, *Orphans*, and his one-person show *Off the Wall—An Evening with Richard Evans*. His most recent directorial credit for theater was *Frost/Nixon* at the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts.

Art provocateur Richard Evans, 86-years old, has returned with a new one-man show in the HUB Gallery, located in the Bayview Cash Store on South Whidbey Island. All sales proceeds will benefit the Goosefoot Community Fund's presentation of student art shows during 2022.

Evans' show, NEPANTLA: Not a Safe Space but a Magical Place. A Place for Transformation will be on view through Aug. 22. Featuring primarily mixed media assemblages from found and re-purposed objects, Evans' trickster approach to art defies easy categorization or interpretation.

The fundraiser will consist of a unique silent auction approach. Each piece will have bidding sheets attached with a minimum bid amount listed. Bidders will write down the highest amount they are willing to pay (which could be the minimum bid), provide their contact information, and place it in a lock-box nearby. When the show closes, the winning bidders for each piece will be contacted.

According to the artist, "Of all the art shows organized by Goosefoot, the student work has moved me most profoundly. Their raw talent, and the difficult subjects they've taken on, gives me hope for our artistic future." The nonprofit organization is grateful to Evans for his generosity. "Our young people deserve a public place to showcase their talents and put their work up for sale," states Hub Gallery curator and Goosefoot program director Marian Myszkowski. "And we have always enjoyed exhibiting Richard's work in the Bayview Cash Store," she continues. "Watching visitors enjoy and puzzle over his sometimes whimsical and often thought-provoking pieces is very satisfying!"

The Hub Gallery is open and free to the public, Monday through Sunday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. It is located inside the Bayview Cash Store, 5603 Bayview Road, Langley, WA.

## Survival tip

If you get lost in the woods, start talking about politics and someone will show up to argue with you.

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# Bits & Pieces

## NAS Whidbey Island Firefighters Fight Yakima Training Range Fire



A team of firefighters from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island are fighting a fire at the U.S. Army's Yakima Training Center.

The Yakima Training Center requested the support from NAS Whidbey Island Sunday morning at approximately 6:30AM. By 11:45AM the NAS Whidbey Island team, which consisted of two engines and a command vehicle with seven personnel, arrived at the Yakima Training Center.

The team was made up of two sailors from Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Boardman in Boardman, Ore., and four firefighters and a chief from NAS Whidbey Island's Ault Field, Oak Harbor, Wash. The NAS Whidbey Island team joined one engine from Fairchild Air Force Base near Spokane, and one engine from Joint Base Lewis-McChord near Tacoma.

After the NAS Whidbey Island firefighters joined the fight they were successful in stopping the spread of the fire on one flank. As of Monday morning the fire, known as the Burbank Fire, had spread to approximately 12,000 acres and is 10 percent contained.

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

## Whidbey SAR Conducts Five Rescues the Past Four Days

Search and Rescue (SAR) teams from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island conducted five rescues this past weekend from the Olympic National Park Wilderness Area to east of Seattle and up into the northern Washington Cascades from July 9 to 12.

Early Friday, July 9, NAS Whidbey's SAR rescued a 32-year-old hiker off Mt. Sauk who fell off a cliff and broke her leg. Mt. Sauk is located on the eastern end of Skagit Valley. After locating and prepping the injured woman, the crew flew her to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bellingham.

The same day, shortly after noon local time, the crew responded to a request that originated from Chelan County Sheriff's Office to assist with the rescue of a 54-year-old man who suffered a broken leg on the Snow Lakes Trails, approximately nine miles west southwest of Leavenworth. The crew arrived on scene about 2:00PM and transported the injured man to the Leavenworth Fish Hatchery Landing Zone, where he was delivered to an awaiting ambulance.

The next day SAR received a late night alert for a 34-year old woman suffering from a possible broken ankle in the Alpine Wilderness east of Seattle. The crew located the injured victim

at an altitude of approximately 5,500 ft. and transferred her to Harborview following her extraction

Sunday, SAR received notification that a 44-year-old man suffered a significant laceration after falling on rocky terrain in the wilderness areas within the Olympic Mountain Range that morning. After departing around 1:00PM, the crew was able to locate the injured man and another hiker in less than 15 minutes after departure. The crew quickly extracted both men and flew the patient to Harborview in just over an hour.

Early Monday morning, SAR launched on another mission, this one near Mt. Stuart in the Cascade Mountain Range, where a female hiker had fallen 300 feet and suffered significant knee and hand injuries. The SAR crew was on the scene by about 6:00AM and rappelled two crewmembers down to prepare the patient for transport. By about 7:15AM the SAR crew hoisted the patient aboard the helicopter and met an awaiting ambulance at the Leavenworth Fish Hatchery within about 5 minutes.

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island SAR has conducted 24 missions this calendar year, which includes five MEDEVACs, 16 rescues, and three searches.

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]

## Saratoga Orchestra's Summer Soirée Featuring Steve Ross



International cabaret artist, Steve Ross, will bring his sophisticated touch, delicious sense of humor and heartfelt ballads to Whidbey Island July 21 and 22 as part of Saratoga Orchestra's Festival of American Song. July 21, Mr. Ross will appear as part of Saratoga Orchestra's Summer Soirée Gala. July 22, he will host a master class beginning at 10:30AM at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts. Several local singers will perform and explore the "Art of Storytelling through Song." Information about these two events may be found at [www.pnwmusic.com](http://www.pnwmusic.com) or by calling 360-929-3045.

July 22 at 7:00PM, Mr. Ross will bring his solo cabaret act to Whidbey Island Center for the Arts. As a major proponent of the Great American Songbook, he will offer an eclectic program consisting of songs by the Gershwins, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Noël Coward and others. Tickets for the evening performance are available at [wicaonline.org](http://wicaonline.org).

For more than 15 years, Steve Ross held court at the legendary Oak Room at Manhattan's

famed Hotel Algonquin and has appeared on Broadway in Noël Coward's "Present Laughter" and off-Broadway in his tribute to Fred Astaire entitled, "I Won't Dance."

More information may be found on all the Splash 2021 Summer Music Festival offerings at [www.pnwmusic.org](http://www.pnwmusic.org).

[Submitted by Larry Heidel, Executive Director, Saratoga Orchestra of Whidbey Island]

## Up, Up, Up Circus on South Whidbey

Step right up! Readiness To Learn is excited to present an evening with the Up, Up, Up crane truck circus ensemble. This show is chock full of acrobats, live music, illusions, an opera virtuoso, a 99-year-old flying piano, a human ceiling fan, and many other circus feats to leave your jaws dropped, your heart strings plucked, and your belly aching with laughter. This free family event will have picnic-style seating and free concessions provided by Goosefoot. Blankets will be available through Create Space. Come to the South Whidbey Community Center at 5:00PM Thursday, July 22 for free snacks, refreshments and pre-show entertainment. Space is limited, reserve your free tickets at: <https://bit.ly/UpUpUpCircus>. Visit [www.readinesstolearn.org](http://www.readinesstolearn.org) to learn more about year-round RTL programs and join its mailing list. South Whidbey Community Center is located at 723 Camano Avenue, Langley.

[Submitted by Lauren Flynn]

## Live Music Returns to Whidbey Island 2021 Whidbey Island Guitar Festival

After more than a year of empty music venues, multi-instrumentalist/composer Andre Feriante brings his annual guitar festival back to Langley. The Whidbey Island Guitar Festival is a three-day event celebrating the many voices of the guitar as presented by some of the greatest instrumentalists of the west coast. This year it will be held, for the first time, at the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts July 23, 24, and 25.

Throughout the festival, guests will experience musical styles from the ancient, to classical, to contemporary... from folk to jazz to world music. The instruments played will be just as diverse, showcasing the many siblings and cousins of the guitar. This is quite possibly the only festival of its kind to bring such diverse styles and instruments to one stage, providing listeners the opportunity to experience music that is both familiar and also completely new to them.

This year's festival features notable greats like Sunday's headliner Roger Fisher, guitarist from the band Heart. Django Fest favorite Trio Dinicu, with guitarist Tommy Davy, violinist Luanne Homzy, and bassist Frank Anastasio, will bring their energy to the festival stage Sunday as well. Saturday finds Danny Godinez, a northwest acoustic guitar wizard who has performed with Carlos Santana. As always, festival goers will have the opportunity to enjoy the music of Andre Feriante, one of the few guitarists of his generation to study in Spain with Maestro Andrés Segovia. He'll be featured both Friday night and Saturday.

Feriante's inspiration for this festival stems from a desire to bring people of different walks of life and different interests together. It's an opportunity for fans of one kind of music to experience other styles as well. It's a chance to expand horizons musically, and make new friends in the process. Andre's hope is to help people find unity, understanding, and peace through music.

The Whidbey Island Guitar Festival is now an offering of the new nonprofit group, One Moon Studio. The organization was started by Andre Feriante and business partner Shawn Berit to provide a spotlight to virtuoso musicians and artists of many kinds. This year, they are partnering with the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts to bring the festival to its many fans.

For tickets or more information, visit [www.wicaonline.org/events-calendar-view/2021/7/23/whidbey-island-guitar-festival](http://www.wicaonline.org/events-calendar-view/2021/7/23/whidbey-island-guitar-festival).

[Submitted by One Moon Studio]

## Whidbey Island Kite Festival 2021

The Whidbey Island Kite Festival is back Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18 and 19, from 9:00AM to 5:00PM, at Camp Casey in Coupeville. This popular event features colorful displays in the air and on the ground, with kites and banners of all shapes and sizes. Many are handcrafted by the fliers.

There are many opportunities for kite flying by the public, both single-line and multi-line, with lessons available for those wishing to learn to fly sportkites.

There will be a variety of events each day: kids' kitemaking at 10:30AM and 1:30PM; "running of the bols" at noon for children under 16; and a teddy bear drop at 1:00PM for kids under 11. The mass ascension each day at 12:30PM, features kites of the same type at the same time; a special pin is available to the first 40 fliers.

Throughout each day, there will be sportkite demonstrations flown to music by individuals, pairs and teams and competitions among the fliers.

A central feature of the festival is the huge bag-affle tent. It has lots of great kites, accessories and other prizes. Kites for kids will be for sale as well as used kites sold by flyers. A great time to pick up a new kite!

Indoor kite flying at 7:30PM Saturday evening at the Coupeville High School is always amazing. The fliers use the movement of their hands and arms, with no wind or wind-making machines. Single-line, dual-line, and four-line kites are flown in this unique event which continues to surprise and entertain the public.

All kite events are free. There is a \$1 donation for parking at the festival, which is done by and for the Coupeville Boys and Girls Club.

The Central Whidbey Lions will be on hand with hot dogs, chili, and soda.

For more information, visit [www.whidbeykites.org](http://www.whidbeykites.org) or call 360-678-5434.

The Whidbey Island Kite Festival is staying aware of the ongoing coronavirus situation. At this time, it is believed an outdoor event, under public health guidelines, will remain safe. Should conditions change, the Festival will adapt to them.

[Submitted by Lisa Root, Whidbey Island Kite Festival]

## Skagit Valley College Athletic Department announces Male and Female Athletes of the Year

The Skagit Valley College Athletic Department is pleased to announce the 2021 Male and Female Athletes of the Year. These annual awards go beyond athletic performance; they recognize academic success, community involvement, work ethic, commitment, dedication, and many other qualities that are representative of Cardinal Athletics.

### Female Athletes of the Year

Grace Christianson (Women's Golf): Grace was one of the top golfers in the league each year, although she missed a variety of accolades due to the impact COVID had on the tournament schedule. She had three individual wins and led the Cardinals to five team victories. In addition, Grace was named the best player of the fall season last year by the Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) Golf Committee. She made many improvements to her swing and mental game, and she was one of the hardest workers they have ever had on the team. Grace works full-time at Avalon Golf Links and has excelled there, too. In addition, she made academics her priority and earned a 3.9 GPA and graduated in Fall 2020 with honors, earning an Associate of Arts, Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA). She plans to make her career in golf.

Delaney Kaysner (Softball/Women's Soccer): Delaney not only endured everything SVC's other athletes faced this season, but she did it while playing two sports. She was an instrumental part of SVC's softball program as the team's starting shortstop and #2 hitter in the



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lineup. She started every game and never missed a beat. She would come to practice the day after a soccer game — barely able to walk sometimes — but she remained a leader by example and a motivator for the team. The team embraced her schedule, respected her dedication and is proud of the way she handled herself as a two-sport competitor.

Delaney's athletic talents and accomplishments can be talked about nonstop, but even more impressive is she excelled in the classroom. She is pursuing a difficult Pre-Nursing degree, which she will complete in Fall 2021.

Delaney is a second-year soccer player who started for the Cardinals every game this Spring. She was one of the team's top performers for the COVID season version of NWAC All Stars. Not only was Delaney a starter, but she was also the starting shortstop for SVC's Softball team. She was able to balance college and two sports, often practicing for both each day. Sometimes, she played up to six games a week when league games started. Delaney led by example and came ready to play in one of the more critical positions on the team. She was a strong contributing factor to the team's success this year, helping Women's Soccer reach second place in regional play for the first time in more than 15 years.

**Male Athletes of the Year**

Anthony Iglesia (Men's Basketball): Anthony earned a 3.28 GPA and graduated in Winter 2021 with an Associate of Arts, Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA). He will attend the University of Washington to play basketball as a preferred walk-on. Anthony averaged 14.7 points per game and handed out 3.5 assists per game. He was All League last year during the team's 25-4 season. He was respected as a great leader, teammate, and a positive example for everyone in the program.

Carter Parcher (Baseball): Carter excelled in the classroom, holding a 3.18 GPA while pursuing an engineering degree, which he will complete this summer. He was the team's best hitter and pitcher this year, hitting just under .300, while

throwing 90-92 mph on the mound. Carter gained almost 10 mph on his fastball during his time at SVC, which is an amazing improvement and accomplishment. He was highly respected by his teammates and the coaching staff.

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

**Local Business News**

**New Leadership at Summer Hill Senior Living**

Jack Hamilton has been named executive director at Summer Hill Senior Living following the retirement of longtime director Leslie Burns, R.N. A Skagit Valley native, Hamilton has lived in Anacortes for the last 25 years. His father, Ken Hamilton, was a proud member of the Oak Harbor High School class of 1946. "I love island living," Hamilton states, adding that "it's in my blood." Hamilton comes to Summer Hill after stints in home health business development and as executive director of Cap Sante Court Retirement Community. "Operating elder care communities is an amazing job, and I am so excited to be back at it. The staff and leadership at Summer Hill have really impressed me and I couldn't ask for a better situation."

**Bikes & Bubbles Available for Rent**



After many years of having Whidbey Island as part of his outside sales territory, Chris Soukup,

owner of Bikes & Bubbles LLC, decided to move to this beautiful island a year ago and start a business. A business where people can enjoy the island, get some exercise and bond with family and friends again.

In 2021, Bikes & Bubbles was born. "I wanted to create some fun activities for the residents who live here and the tourists that visit," says Soukup.

Bikes & Bubbles offers vintage and classic pedal bike rentals, along with large bubble soccer suit rentals. Although the current fleet of vintage and classic pedal bikes is limited, it is nonetheless impressive. Bikes & Bubbles offers a variety of vintage cruisers, classic long-distance, mountain, and kids' BMX pedal bikes. The best part is, Bikes & Bubbles will deliver your bikes to you free of charge!

"Right now, my delivery areas are limited to mainly south Whidbey Island areas," says Soukup.

On the "flip-side" of Bikes & Bubbles is the opportunity to rent bubble soccer suits for that special event or private party on Whidbey Island. "Bubble soccer is a great time with your family and friends. Playing bubble soccer and knocking each other down is fun!" says Soukup. "Everyone should try it once."

Soukup has been playing soccer all his life. He currently plays goalie on a men's soccer team in Seattle. He has coached soccer in the past, when his two boys were playing, and plans on coaching again through SWYSC.

"Soccer is the best game in the world," claims Soukup, "and playing soccer in bubble suits just makes it more fun (and funnier) for everyone to play."

For more information about renting vintage or classic pedal bikes, or bubble soccer suits, contact Bikes & Bubbles at 360-421-8643 or email csoukup.vls@gmail.com, or stop by their booth at the Whidbey Island Fair July 15-18.

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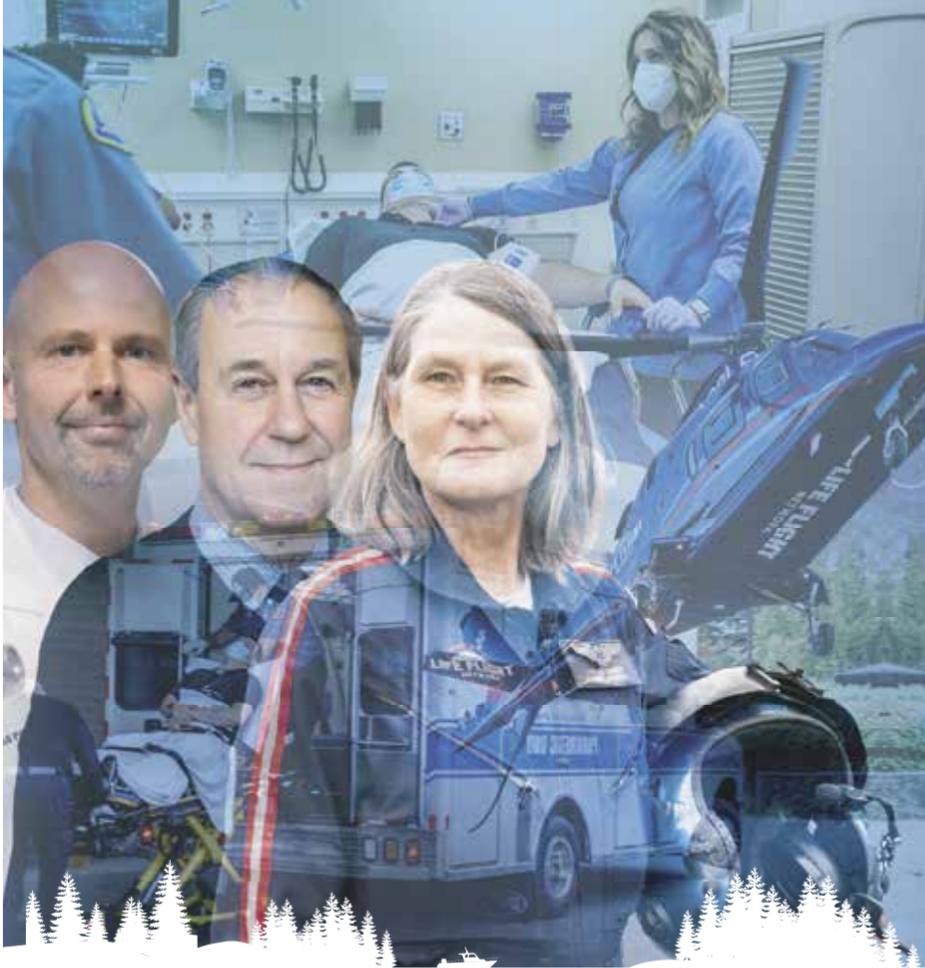
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# Insurance and You

By Mary Elizabeth Himes

## HOMEOWNERS CLAIMS

Insurance is an agreement between parties to transfer risk, meaning one party pays another party to provide financial compensation in the event of loss of assets, property or life. Americans are most familiar with personal insurance which protects their homes and cars; the problem is most Americans do not understand what they are paying for. We want to help you have a better understanding and, over time, use this platform to educate you about personal insurance and its benefits.

The importance of understanding coverages cannot be ignored. Our last column discussed some areas of maintenance to be aware of around your home to avoid damage and claims issues. Sometimes, even though you have done your best to make your home safe and free of hazards, a loss can still occur.

Prior to filing a claim, you should contact your insurance agent to advise you. If you call the carrier directly, your policy may be documented with a claims inquiry even if you decide not to file a claim. In the state of Washington, a homeowner's claim will result in additional premiums for up to five years and will follow the home and insured when looking at new insurance. Wind, water and fire are the claims which result in the most severe damage to the home and in most cases, the insured has no control over stopping the damage because these are the results of nature or sudden accidents.

Here on Whidbey Island, the wind has picked up, trees are falling and branches are flying. There is also an increase of house fires due to issues with fireplaces and malfunctions with heating elements. Some homeowners have had tree branches fall and pierce the roof of the home, or had large branches or trees fall through the roof. During windstorms rain is not far behind and water can come through the broken roof, resulting in water damage to insulation, drywall and personal property. In this instance, call your agent right away as they will have access to companies that can assist with immediate repairs, board ups and tarps. Small house fires can also create additional problems with smoke damage and soot in the house and require the inhabitants to move for a short time to clear the soot and smoke from the home.

Fire claims can be the most complicated because the damage can affect the dwelling, personal property and loss of use coverages. An insured will need to deal with being displaced from their home, losing personal possessions and the trauma of the devastation of the fire to the structure of the home. Some tips to help stay organized in the event of a fire loss would be:

- Review your policy every two years with your agent or carrier to make certain you have enough coverage.

- Keep a copy of important documents in a fireproof container and create digital copies and email to yourself (emails are accessible when computer files can be damaged).
- Take photos of each room of your home and email them to yourself, to document items.
- Insure, if possible, irreplaceable valuables and collectibles as standard policies have a limit on what will be paid under a certain category.
- Keep all receipts, no matter what for.

Renters insurance also provide coverage for personal belongings and living expenses due to being displaced under a covered loss. Renters must seriously consider insurance of their belongings and living expenses in the event of a loss. The cost can be as low as \$12 per month to protect peace of mind and property.

If a claim is filed, the insured must work with the carrier and provide all documentation and information requested to adjusters and investigators. An investigation into a claim can take up to 30 days to complete and it is important to keep communication open with the adjusters and ask questions. Utilize your agent if you have concerns about the claims process, payments and requirements of all parties.

Choosing a general contractor will not be something an agent will do for an insured. The relationship between the insured, contractor and carrier will require constant communication and the agent will be able to support the insured with information only. There are standard processes during the filing of the claim; however, claim resolution may vary amongst carriers and so it is extremely important your agent stays informed during the claims process until it closes. It is important to have a consistent exchange with the adjusters and understand who, what, where, when and why during the process.

The information below is from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner website.

You are entitled to:

- A clear explanation of what's covered
- An itemized statement outlining how the company will pay your claim
- A prompt response from the company
- Timely payments and a claim decision
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**I WON'T COMPLAIN**

Martin Loum has had a continual tough life, by any standards. He cries and gets down at times as all people do. But he doesn't complain about his circumstances. "I don't want to lose hope from my eyes completely. When hope for my family and the world leaves me, I pray, trust God, and discipline my mind to try to visualize even the slightest hope."

Loum has been in the U.S. legally with a work permit as a refugee. He remarks, "A refugee leaves his own country because the situation is so untenable, that his only option is to try to be accepted in as an asylum seeker into a stable, safe country out of desperation."

His goals while in the U.S. are to work as many hours as he can and send money home to his wife in Uganda to support his ever-growing family of orphans.

He says, "I know it's important to learn the language of the country I am in, so I have been going to English classes. This way I can be of more help to my family at home and others."

Back in Uganda, he says, "countless people die from starvation, disease, or are murdered." Loum explains how fighting in Sudan, Darfur, and South Sudan spills over into Uganda. The fighting drivers are complex, a simplification could be three main factors: ethnicity, oil and desertification

He and his wife, Suzie, have four biological children and have taken in another 16 orphaned children. Recently his wife took in twin babies.

Loum says, "The ages of our 20 children range from four months to 10 years old. Most times we don't have names or birth dates for the little ones so we give them names and birth dates."

Flashback to younger Loum, he and his two younger siblings lived with their dad, and his wife, their step mom.

"Our step mom beat myself and my two younger siblings." One night, when Martin was still a young child suffering from malaria, "While I was sleeping, she tried to kill me by setting a tiny makeshift hut I was in on fire. My uncle saved my life, by pulling me to safety, tragically he was critically burned in the process."

After this, Loum, decided it was better to be homeless and took his younger siblings into the brush to live a nomadic, homeless life. Loum recalls, "It was a hard life, but the days had more hope than with our father's wife. We eventually ended up in a refugee camp."

Fast forward, Martin was offered some chaplain training from some visiting American Christians who came into the refugee camp. He had no idea what chaplain training was, but he told his younger siblings maybe they have food there.

During the chaplain training, he met Suzie, who would later become his wife.

One fateful day, Loum was forced to go with



This is the refugee camp we lived in – people are too congested with no clean water and poor sanitation



Suzi and a few of the kids preparing the garden for the next season of planting yellow beans.

a large group of other young teenage boys. "We walked some three months through brush and thick forest, we had no idea where we were or where we were going. Later we found out we were in Ethiopia and then Sudan.

"There, we were trained to be child soldiers for the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) – has gone by other names and acronyms. We were threatened not just with torture to ourselves but also for our entire families."

The tragedies Loum and others witnessed are too horrific and graphic to print here, but if readers want to research, they can read more from books or online. Loum expresses how important it is to do research with discernment and check out sources for true facts. Loum says, "I was trained to drive a tank and to use an AR-15 rifle. The S.P.L.A. – they put a lot of training into me. Those that attempted to escape or even talk about escaping, were tortured and killed. Those of us that were 'highly trained' were never let out of their sight."

So many years went by, and finally, one night, the moment came that he had prayed for – a chance to escape.

Fast forward again, Loum made it back to Uganda and eventually reunited with Suzie in a refugee camp. Loum used his chaplain training, and transported the sick to hospitals. To support his family, he helped build houses, repaired machinery and farmed land. Even working full time every day, his wages barely fed his family.

In 2016, word was out the SPLA was hunting after highly trained soldiers that had escaped and were closing in on Loum's whereabouts. One of Loum's American friends in Uganda got Loum an emergency temporary sponsor so he could go to the U.S., and made certain his family was moved and kept safe.

Loum applied for his green card and asylum when he arrived in the U.S. in 2016 and planned on making enough money to bring his family into the U.S. He is still waiting for his green card.

"I want to do the right thing by the U.S. government. I do have my work permit so I pay my share of taxes. I have been able to work seven days a week, and evenings too. I am able to get around by bicycle and bus, so I won't complain.

"Leaving my family was the hardest thing I have ever had to do. However, in most ways, my family is better off with me living in the U.S. I can make enough monies to send home to feed my family and pay for schooling for all the children. There isn't any free education available at home for any age. I want to give my children opportunities for a better life for their future.

"Recently, my family has been able to move out of the refugee camp onto our own land. With my working wages and help from some others, I was able to buy this small plot of

land for \$20,520,000 ugx (Uganda Shillings), or about \$6,000 in U.S. dollars. This way, my wife and children are able to farm the land. We even can afford to build a Uganda-style home on our land for our family.

"If I lived and worked full time in Uganda, my family's future, would be bleak. I would barely be able to feed them." For example, because of corruption, he says a 12-fluid ounce can of baby formula costs the equivalent of \$60 U.S.

"When I get my green card, I can go back to Uganda to see my family and come back to the U.S. to work."

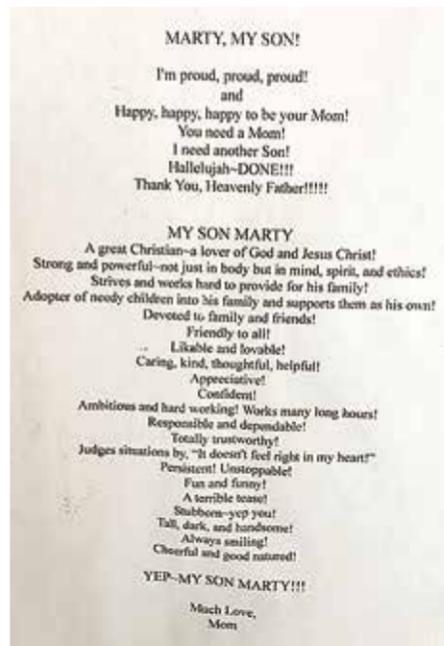
He is grateful for the opportunities the U.S. has provided him in order to help his family at home. He has moved around on Whidbey, until three years ago when he was offered his own personal home in a travel trailer on property and next door to Dan and Joi LaChaussee. Loum says, "I am most grateful for this home, and these good people. They are professional glass blowers and let me trade work for rent, and be part of their family. I am so thankful of them."

Loum misses his family terribly, and there have been many highs and lows while in the U.S. He adds, just like everyone else, he has good and hard times in life.

Another hard life event for Loum was when he lost his substitute mom.

A few years ago, he worked for a woman in her late 70s, Virginia Nelson. Quickly they each realized he was the son she always wanted, and she the mom he dreamed of. "She was an angel. We loved talking and being each other's company. I called her an Angel Mom. I was excited for her to meet my family in Uganda. Angel Mom was such a good person, not only to me, but helped many charities. One evening in January, Mom dropped me off for a night job on Hwy. 525. And as I turned back to wave – she was walking towards me to tell me something, and just then a car struck her. I ran over to her and held her until the ambulance came. Mom's last words were my name." Loum can't help but tear up.

She died shortly after. He says it still hurts, it always will—he points to a framed letter, and her obituary he has framed on his trailer wall. "Life has many tragedies for every person. I am grateful I knew her, this angel, I won't complain."



When her things were gone through by some of her relatives, they found a letter to Martin. It is a lengthy letter saying how much she loved her son Marty. It's a beautiful emotional tribute to Martin. Loum cherishes these words, along with the happy memories of her.

Carl Sander, remarks, "Martin is a kind man and a hard worker. He always has a smile. There is a great deal we can learn from Martin. He is an asset to our country. He is grateful and you'll never hear Martin complain."

**WORDS FROM LOCALS ABOUT MARTIN:**

*It is an honor to be doing our part to help Martin and his family. We hired him many times and enjoyed him and his work ethic. Three years ago, when we learned he needed*



Loum in the sorghum farm – sorghum is one of the local food people eat a lot of

**Martin B. Loum**

DOB 2-3-1980 Uganda

Wife Suzie, 20 children (4 Biological)

What happened to your biological mother? "She died of Cholera."

Words for readers? "Thank you to readers for reading this story, and thank you to anyone who helps children here and those far away that you do not even know."

There is much more to Martin's story. He is willing to speak to any group, of any size, free of charge, to tell his story and answer any questions." You may reach Martin by e-mail loummartin23@gmail.com

*a place to live. We opened our hearts and home to him and have never looked back. Our Imperial Mansion (1950s Spartan Airstream trailer) was empty at the time. He helps us immensely with all kinds of things by being here and being trustworthy. We leave him in charge of our home and animals, our tools and equipment, to use and help us maintain our five acres. He has become a great asset! Our freedom to get more accomplished with our art has multiplied! His happy attitude lifts our energy. We are inspired by him and his wife, Suzie, in Uganda. What they are doing makes me look like a spoiled brat! If what little we have can bring us closer to people like this we are going to benefit. It is our dream to meet his entire family some day and enjoy them like we have enjoyed Martin and his friends.*

Dan and Joi and all the LaChaussee family (Blown Glass Artist) Freeland

*Martin is a man of principle. He is modest, self-sacrificing and giving – shown in his focus on working to support his family and extended family and orphans. He has given up his own contact and enjoyment with loved ones to give them the best education and housing he can.*

*He is pleasant, smiley and interested in other people he meets. He was raised living in a refugee camp with very little education but works hard to learn and improve himself. He doesn't give up.*

*Martin's sincerity is inspiring. He brings out a giving attitude in others.*

Lynda Milasich, a volunteer sponsor for many kids and adults in Africa

*We enjoyed having Martin help us with garden work. He was always cheerful, helpful and honest and very grateful for the opportunity to raise money to support his family in Uganda, Africa. We also liked his spirituality and gratefulness.*

Gus and Janey Parlier, retired volunteers, Freeland



"We build everything by hand – our home to be," Loum described



# Greetings Vets

Submitted by WVRC and Local Veterans  
Charlotte Chase and Henry Tunes



The Whidbey Veterans Resource Center (WVRC) is continuing to serve Whidbey Island communities providing support and assistance to Veterans and their families.

## Veterans Transportation

The WVRC Veterans Transportation rides to Seattle VA have resumed!\* Rides are available weekly on Tuesdays. The VA scheduling will try for Tuesday appointments to accommodate Veterans. We encourage Vets to request appointments between 0900 and 1300, however we can depart to make 0830 appointments and extend for 1400 appointments, when necessary. We try to be able to depart the VA by 1400-1430 to manage traffic and the ferry. Veterans pay the ferry fee for themselves on the return trip – the van and driver are supported by WVRC funds raised by donations and grants. The 'co-pilot' for the day collects from riders to get the passes. The van departs and returns from/to the Whidbey Veterans Resource Center, located at the South Whidbey Community Center on the backside of the campus. The van usually departs at 0700 to go to the ferry. Note: A Veteran can ride to the VA with or without scheduled appointment if needed for admin, pharmacy or other contacts. Spouses and caregivers can ride with the Veteran as needed. If a Veteran has a transportation need on another weekday (except Fridays), we can occasionally help them, but only if a driver is available. Currently, masks are required while in the van. Safety for all riders and our valued volunteers is a priority.

\*Currently we do not have the capacity to provide rides to other Veteran healthcare locations, however if you have a need, please contact us and we will assist with other options. Transportation options will be in discussion for access to the new Everett VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC). The location in Everett is expected to open its doors to Veterans in late 2021. Services will include comprehensive primary care and some specialty care at the Everett CBOC.

## Support Groups

Weekly Veteran Support Groups have resumed in person! Joining by Zoom is still available for remote attendance into the group room.

Women Veterans (spouses): Mondays, 5-6 p.m.  
Mixed group, Veterans: Tuesdays, 5-6 p.m.

Join anytime. Contact us for links to these recurring session time.

## Veterans Benefits assistance

Veterans Benefits assistance is available by appointment – open hours will resume in August – September with updates posted on our website as our volunteer forces come back to the center.

When Veterans receive service-connected compensation funds it improves their economics through monthly direct deposits for Veterans and eligible surviving spouses. Eligibility for VA healthcare is a benefit to many Veterans.

COVID-19 vaccinations are available by appointment, at no cost to Veterans, spouses, and caregivers at the VA campuses: Call 206-716-5716. If you don't receive care at VA, sign up here ([www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine](http://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine)) prior to calling to schedule an appointment.

If you have questions about the WVRC and services available, call 360-331- 8081 or email us at [WhidbeyVRC@gmail.com](mailto:WhidbeyVRC@gmail.com) or contact us on the website: [www.WhidbeyVRC.org](http://www.WhidbeyVRC.org).

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## MONDAY, MAY 31

### 8:22 am, Snowflake Rd.

Reporting four black cows standing near Snowflake and Fakkema.

### 11:09 am, Mobius Loop

Caller recommending we start watching the news regarding subjects taking over building in Seattle with bazooka. Another call regarding his history in the war.

### 11:28 am, E Fakkema Rd.

Caller advising has cows contained now at location; do not belong to reporting party; can hold them until owner located for safety. Not aware of cow owners.

### 3:17 pm, SR 20

Advising of black Mercedes van, erratic speeds, almost hit reporting party, lane travel.

### 3:52 pm, SR 20

Subject tailgating and lane travel. Black Mercedes van.

### 4:52 pm, SR 20

Advising of black Mercedes van down a ditch, down 8-foot embankment. Says driver pulled out in front of someone, says doesn't see anyone in driver's seat.

### 4:58 pm, Madrona Way

Advising one month ago land was surveyed; neighbor came to location, started yelling at reporting party over survey. Male pulled gun out and shot into the air.

### 9:09 pm, Oak Harbor Rd.

Reporting party's son owns trailer. Reporting party is looking behind trailer, male hooking up a tarp between trees in order to catch a cat. Says male is halfway up a very tall pine tree. Reporting party says it is very unsafe.

### 9:24 am, Maxwellton Rd.

Reporting party states male subject had a bat and was yelling and threatening subjects at baseball field. Reporting party left five minutes ago and subject was still at location.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 1

### 7:09 am, Topaz Ct.

Reporting party advising when leaves residence someone comes to location, steals gas out of vehicle, steals items out of garage. States has flat on wheelbarrow now; not like that before.

### 2:23 pm, Sidney St.

Male voice saying "Oh shit," then disconnect. ICOM recalling.

### 11:33 pm, Main St.

Reporting party advising subject came at car with hammer. Described as white male in late 50s with a bike.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

### 12:07 am, Curtis Way

Advising somebody has what sounds like delivery truck backing up. Somebody running skill saw outside; occurring on Reindeer Street, according to reporting party.

### 8:20 am, SR 20

Caller states 30 years ago stole a sign off Whidbey side of Deception Pass

Bridge. Warning for truck hitting pedestrian. Requesting call to turn herself in. State dispatch advised would have Sgt. call her.

### 8:54 am, Jones Rd.

Vehicle ran through fence at location, occurred 10 minutes ago; neighbor reporting to reporting party someone came and picked up driver, no one around vehicle currently. Older Ford pickup.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 3

### 11:21 am, Hocker St.

Reporting party is owner of above property. Thinks there are two bikes in the shed on property that have been stolen. Tenants can't afford these.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 4

### 5:23 am, Meadowood Ln.

Reporting party advising five minutes ago subject next door was yelling at reporting party's front door, slammed something against it. Not still there. Unknown name, reporting party only knows his voice.

### 11:07 am, NE Midway Blvd.

Advising three young adults are armed and throwing stuff in store. Two males and one female in 20s.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 5

### 8:01 pm, E Henni Rd.

Caller states ex-wife is upset at reporting party because reporting party asked their mutual daughter's grandmother to watch daughter. Thinks ex-wife and/or her husband have been drinking.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 6

### 6:14 am, Bayview Rd.

Reporting party advising on Sunshine Lane saw a minivan blocking drive way; 50-60-year-old male with gray hair, Army surplus jacket seen getting in and out multiple times. Said "Oh shit" when he saw reporting party.

### 6:05 pm, Silver Lake Rd.

Reporting party advising across from location on Robin Lane, yellow '65 Mustang is in embankment. Advising doesn't look like an accident.

## MONDAY, JUNE 7

### 1:26 am, Homestead Ave.

Reporting party states house next door just blew up. Was on fire earlier today.

### 7:44 am, Madrona Way

Reporting party advising neighbor is a "special little man;" put rusty chain in tree.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 8

### 5:35 pm, Williams Rd.

Reporting party advising neighbor has been laying in yard for four hours. Unknown if breathing.

### 6:02 pm, Williams Rd.

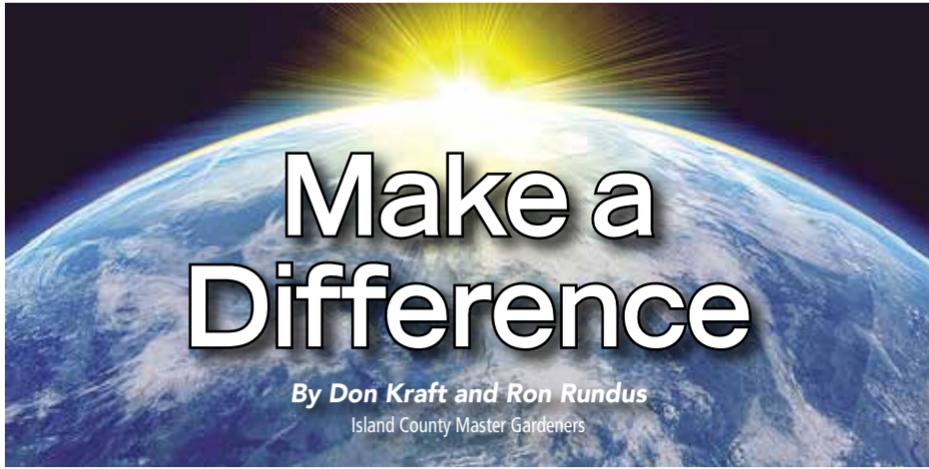
Male has been drinking, upset over law enforcement responding; at location yelling at reporting party's wife.

### 10:57 pm, Fish Rd.

Reporting party advising approximately 100 subjects outside residence. Reporting party armed with a knife.

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





**COMPOSTING FOR A HEALTHIER ISLAND**

Can you imagine a substance that is beneficial to nature, helps reduce climate change, and is abundant and free? That substance is compost, a material produced by taking organic waste and turning it into rich plant food. In fact, it's one of the best things you can use to provide vital nutrients to your garden.

Compost is different from fertilizer. Fertilizer feeds plants while compost feeds soil. If you have poor soil, it is probably missing the organic matter plants need for nutrition. In undisturbed nature, like forests, decomposing plant and animal matter provide those nutrients. Composting is our way of stepping in on behalf of nature and supplying those necessary ingredients.

There are many benefits to composting. Besides keeping beneficial organic materials out of landfills, when added to soil, compost improves that soil, supplies critical nutrients to plants, helps retain moisture and suppresses pests and plant disease.

Composting is simply mimicking nature's way of recycling plant and animal residues and nutrients and possibly giving it a bit of a boost along the way. There are many composting methods to fit different lifestyles and amounts of time and energy you would want to put in.

The dominant elements in organic materials that affect composting are carbon and nitrogen. Carbon is dominant in drier, woodier materials such as dry leaves and wood chips, while nitrogen is dominant in wetter, fresher materials. We refer to the carbonous material as "browns" because they are often brown or dark in color and to the nitrogenous materials as "greens" as they often are green in color. The ideal carbon to nitrogen ratio for composting is about 30:1 carbon to nitrogen. Fortunately for the home composter, we can approximate this ratio by combining an equal quantity of browns and greens by volume.

Once we have a suitable mix of browns and greens, we need to provide the conditions for microbes to thrive and consume and transform the material. Specifically, the microbes need oxygen and moisture and some time to work their magic to produce the dark garden gold called humus, which is nature's stable, nutrient-rich amendment we can add to our landscaping and vegetable gardens.

Examples of common green materials are grass clippings, most food scraps, and coffee grounds. Examples of common brown materials are straw, dry leaves, and woody landscape cuttings. Avoid meat and fatty food scraps, dairy products, and pernicious weeds. These undesirable materials may attract rats and other rodents or propagate weed seeds.

Preparing materials is just a matter of making the pieces as small as possible. Smaller pieces allow the microbes more surface area to work on, hence a faster composting process. Materials can be chipped in a machine, cut up with pruners, or broken up by hand.

A compost pile can then be built with the prepared materials which can be layered, alternating greens and browns, or mixed with a similar 50:50 mixture. The ideal size for a pile is about 3' x 3' x 3'. This allows a sufficient volume to generate heat and to prevent rapid drying while still allowing air into the middle of the pile. Maintaining the pile is a matter of turning it periodically. The more often the pile is turned, the hotter it will get and the faster it will decompose.

Look for a suitable bin or container in which to build your compost pile. There are many commercially available bins for you to choose from. You can also compost in a pile without using a bin, but this may be prone to moisture control issues. A quick online search about "composting bins" will pique your creativity and hopefully prompt you to use materials you already have available.

There are multiple ways to use your compost. You can add it to vegetable gardens, flower beds and to the bases of trees and shrubs. Depending on the plant, you may want to keep the compost away from the trunk or it may inhibit proper root development. For vegetables you can never have too much compost. You can spread compost on top of your beds in early spring and again after harvest so it can keep improving your soil over winter. When planting or transplanting, you can add compost to the planting area to get nutrients faster to the roots. And during the growing season, small amendments of compost can provide additional nutrient boosts.

Composting is getting on the right side of nature. Realize that no matter what you do, no matter how many little mistakes you make, you are still going to produce reasonably good, usable compost. You just need a basic understanding of the life forms and processes that operate within a compost pile, a willingness to experiment, a little effort and a little artistry. And like anything worth doing, composting and its results get better and easier with experience.

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# Hanks assumes command of NAS Whidbey Island

NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND, Wash. – Capt. Matt Army, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island, has turned over command of the air station to Capt. Eric Hanks.

A change of command ceremony was held July 9 in the Indoor Wash Rack Facility. Guest speaker for the event was Sarah Rhoads, vice president, Amazon Global Air. The Presiding Officer was Rear Admiral Brian Collins, Commander, Navy Region Northwest.

During the past year, Army championed new tactics, techniques, and processes in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, finding transformational ways to lead the installation and provide uninterrupted support to the operational squadrons. His leadership and vision ensured on time deployments that consistently met the Navy's world-wide mission in support of national interests. He also fully embraced available virtual venues to provide new tools for success, creating a responsive team that had the agility to resolve key issues with a more rapid response time and

significantly streamlined management and operational processes.

Army was also instrumental in expanding community outreach activities throughout his tenure, successfully engaging elected officials, local Tribes, civic organizations and other members of the public on major issues including noise impacts from flight operations, long-term resolutions for PFOA/PFAS water contamination, adequate military housing, and more than 120 missions by the base's Search and Rescue Unit.

Under his leadership, the base won numerous other high level Navy awards, including the Navy Community Service Award Flagship winner for Environmental Stewardship; Solid Waste Association of North America Gold Excellence Award for achieving a 73 percent recycling rate that generated over \$200,000 in revenue; Finalist for the Capt. Edward F. Ney Award for Food Service Excellence and winner of the 2019 and 2020 Edward Carlson Award for the best worldwide small category Navy Lodge.



Photo Courtesy of U.S. Navy  
Capt. Eric Hanks has assumed command of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, replacing Capt. Matt Army at a change of command ceremony last week.

Army is retiring from the U.S. Navy after 28 years of naval service and will reside in Mill Creek, Wash.

Hanks, a native of Jennings, La., is a 1997 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. Following his designation as a Naval Aviator in August 1999, Hanks amassed over 3,300 flight hours, primarily in the Navy's Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance community. He began his operational career with Patrol Squadron (VP) 16, with deployments to the U.S. Europe and Southern Combatant Command areas of responsibility. Subsequent operational tours include a tour as USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Catapult and Arresting Gear Division Officer; a department head tour with the Golden Eagles of VP-9 with combat deployments to U.S. Central and Pacific Combatant Command AORs; and a commanding officer tour with the Skinny Dragons of VP-4. While commanding VP-4 forward deployed, he served as Commander Task Groups 67.1/3/5 leading anti-submarine

warfare and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance operations in support of U.S. Europe and Africa Combatant Command assigned missions.

Hanks' shore assignments include a tour as an Advanced Maritime Instructor Pilot with Training Squadron 35; Defense Sensitive Support Officer and Special Activities Officer with U.S. Africa Command; Deputy Division Chief and senior military wargame analyst on The Joint Staff J8-Studies, Analysis, and Gaming Division (SAGD); and most recently as the Executive Assistant to the OPNAV Programming Division Director (N80).

Hanks assumes command of the Navy's sole air station in the Pacific Northwest. The installation employs over 8,700 active duty military and over 2,100 Department of Defense civilians and full-time contract employees. The annual economic impact the base brings to Island County and surrounding communities exceeds \$1.04 billion.



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd class Aranza Valdez  
From left to right, Capt. Matt Army, outgoing commanding officer, NAS Whidbey Island, Rear Adm. Brad Collins, commanding officer, Navy Region Northwest, Capt. Eric Hanks, commanding officer, NAS Whidbey Island and Master Chief Petty Officer Thomas Gilham, NAS Whidbey Island Command Master Chief, pose for a photo at the change of command ceremony on Naval Air Station Whidbey Island July 9.

Capt. Matt Army, who turned over command of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island last week to Capt. Eric Hanks, also marked his retirement from the U.S. Navy. He shared this departing message:

## Fair winds and Farewell

NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND, Wash. – I'm filled with conflicting emotions as I prepare to "depart the pattern" and embark on a new journey. I'm excited for what lies ahead, yet grateful for what I have experienced here.

The United States Navy has been part of my entire life. Growing up as the son of a Navy officer, I knew from an early age what I wanted to do and followed that dream. My career and my life is intrinsically linked with the Navy. Even with all the uprooting of constant moves and painful separations from family, I can honestly say without hesitation I'd have wanted it no other way. My life in and around the Navy has been immensely rewarding, with the culmination of all that as the commanding officer of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI) and Commander of the Northwest Training Range Complex (NWTRC).

A significant part of that is due to the people I have met, come to know and work with, active duty and civilian. As commanding officer, I have seen first-hand the diligence and dedication of the people who work here. We often use the term "Team Whidbey" to describe the culture here, and while it may sound cliché to some, it's a plain reality around the base. I say "around the base" because I consider the local community part of our team. Simply by being here, communicating with us, and working with us, the community is taking part in shaping our national defense. I hope that as our nation's Independence Day passed recently, everyone in this community was able to reflect on how this unique and special community is a significant part of forming the defense of our entire country and can take pride in that. Our nation still has adversaries in the world who would have our freedoms diminish, but just the existence of capabilities like those we practice here discourage those threats from gaining momentum.

I realize there are folks living here who express opposition to our flight operations. We understand that and we do what we can to alleviate impacts from noise while we all support the real-time needs of our national defense mission. Even so, we invest considerable time and energy into monitoring, reviewing and communicating about people's concerns regarding aircraft noise, with daily review of all complaints to ensure we stay within FAA regulations and standard operating procedures.

While Team Whidbey is strongly mission-focused, we go above-and-beyond anywhere we reasonably can to support our shared



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd class Aranza Valdez  
Capt. Matt Army holds up a Naval Ceremonies, Customs, and Traditions book during his retirement ceremony at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island July 9.

community. For example, while there is no legal requirement for air stations to establish and maintain a noise complaint system, we chose to put forward the additional expense and effort to implement our current system, and continually try to improve it. The complaint line helps to identify those rare occasions where pilots may unintentionally deviate from standard flight procedures. It's also worth noting that even though publicly sharing our weekly flight schedule as we do has been controversial within the Navy due to operational security concerns, we successfully negotiated within our Navy community to continue to do so out of a desire to help our community here with their planning needs. Ultimately, actions like these that I have fought to keep at NASWI, help us work together to minimize the effects of noise across our neighboring communities while we, as a community, support our nation's defense.

I am profoundly grateful to NASWI personnel and to the local community for all the support my family and I have received since we arrived. The splendor of the area and the hospitality of the local people are simply remarkable. I will cherish my time as the commanding officer of this incredible air station, and I have the utmost confidence Team Whidbey will continue to work together to defend our nation and thrive together as I pass command to my successor. I know he and his family will receive the same consideration and welcome as he assumes command.

Thank you for your part in keeping our country safe and I hope to see you in the future.

**CAPT Matt Army**  
Commanding Officer, NAS Whidbey Island



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Fair Association  
The Whidbey Island Fair in Langley is back, providing fun, food and entertainment to people of all ages through Sunday.

## FAIR continued from page 2

Those who see Foxx at the fair could see him wrapped up in 78 feet of chain by audience members, then escape. Or they might see him balance a cup of water upside down.

"We'll have some fun," he said. "I do a show that doesn't take itself too seriously. And I'll be there every day. I love what I do."

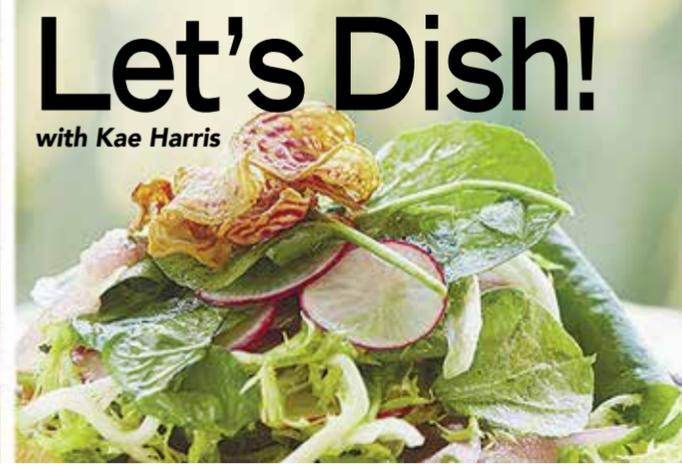
The Whidbey Island Fair opens daily at 9:30 a.m. through Sunday. The fair closes at 10 p.m. tonight, 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 9 p.m. Sunday. Admission for adults ages 18-64 is \$10 daily; admission for senior citizens, military with ID and children ages 6-17 is \$6 daily. Children 5 and under are free. Season tickets are also available. Information on parking, exhibits, entertainment and more is available online at whidbeyislandfair.com. Learn more about Hair Nation and Louie Foxx at hairnationrocks.com and louiefoxx.com.

"I'm looking forward to people in the community gathering, smiling, laughing, singing and performing," Coble said. "People should come to the fair to enjoy the work others have done to showcase their projects."



# Let's Dish!

with Kae Harris



## DON'T LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE – EAT THEM INSTEAD!

We don't need to be living under the heat dome to know summer is well and truly here. Usually, it's the seasonal dishes and cooking methods that allude to the time of year and grilling season is in full force. Everyone has their own secret method of marinating, grilling and resting their meat to get the best of flavors, but the biggest debate is always what is the king of the backyard barbecue? For many, it is the hamburger, but for me and the rest of the sane people in the world, it is the hot dog. Long derided for being of inferior quality, the hot dog is now synonymous not only with quality, but with variety. The variety of wieners available as sacrifice to the grilling gods got me thinking about the variety of sausages, both the delicious and the not-so-appetizing kinds, available around the world and how you can incorporate these to bring some variety and excitement to your backyard bonanzas!

Before we can explore other cultures, let's delve into the history of the humble American hot dog. There is much controversy and little evidence to give a definitive answer as to when the hot dog was first introduced to the United States and the dirty waters get even murkier when trying to figure out who put a sausage in a bread roll to create today's icon. What we can determine is that the sausage we use in hot dogs was developed over time using methods brought over to America by European butchers in the 1800s. These sausage-making methods came from Frankfurt-am-Main in Germany (home to the frankfurter, although this is also disputed, as there are those who claim the famous sausage came from Coburg in Germany) and Vienna in Austria (whose sausages are imaginatively called viennas). Apart from stories of vendors putting sausages in buns and selling them from push-carts in New York City in the 1860s, the first truly concrete instance of the modern-day hot dog occurred in 1871, when Charles Feltman opened the first Coney Island hot dog stand, giving rise to the ever so popular Coney Island dog. Hot dogs went on to become mainstay fixtures in baseball parks and public fairs because they were delicious, easy to eat and cheap. These factors hold true for the popularity of hot dogs at local barbecues, although as you will see, dear reader, there are other options you can use to jazz up your grilling adventures.

To ease into different hot dog alternatives, let's start with something near and dear to my heart: boerewors rolls! These delicious treats are the South African equivalent of the American hot dog and literally translate as "farmer's sausage." They are made from coarsely ground beef and pork combined with spices such as coriander, nutmeg, cloves, anise, garlic, allspice and pepper and are almost exclusively meant to be cooked on the barbecue (or braai, as it's known in South Africa), although some heathens have been known to cook them in frying pans and ovens. (They will get their just desserts in this life or the next, but I digress!) As equally important as the boerewors in a boerewors roll are the caramelized onions and tomato relish paired with the sausage. The flavors of the meaty, aromatic sausage being complimented by the savory onions and the sweet relish invoke many memories for me and I hope they will help create many memories with you and your family and friends!

An extremely popular street food in Korea is the gamja-hotdog, but it's not what you would expect. The Korean hot dog is more akin to the American corn dog, as it is a sausage that has been battered and deep fried. What sets these apart from American corn dogs is the fact cheese is added on the skewer along with the sausage and the variety of condiments that go

on the gamja-hotdog once it has come out of the fryer. "But Kae, a corn dog doesn't sound very backyard barbecue, even if it does come from Korea!" Very true, but I have a solution to this! Before coating and deep frying your corn dog, grill the all-beef Korean sausage first! This has two benefits: grilling the sausage imparts that smoky flavor everyone loves and by already having a cooked sausage, the fry time is uniquely to make sure the batter is cooked without having to worry about the doneness of the sausage inside! Once the dogs are out of the fryer, dust in sugar before drizzling your choice of condiment on it (ketchup and mustard are safe options, but I prefer mine with Japanese mayo and sriracha!) Additionally, the oil you have going on the grill can be used to cook fresh fries or chips, as no one would be opposed to these additional treats!

I had mentioned earlier I would touch upon some not-so-appetizing options that have a truly acquired taste. My partner lived in France and he would tell me about a sausage called andouillette. I was not prepared for this sausage, as I thought it would be similar to andouille sausage of Cajun cuisine. It is not. The sausage is made from pork, intestines, pepper, wine, onions and other seasonings. When I say that it is made from intestines, I am not referring uniquely to the casing. Intestines, both small and large, are used as the main filling of the sausage, which gives it a very strong and distinctive odor that clearly alludes to the contents within the sausage. Andouillette devotees apparently live for this smell, but neither I nor my partner, thankfully, can stomach this unique odor. I've included andouillette in this article as a way of reminding you there exists a wide array of palattes and while I am not a fan of this particular sausage, grilled andouillette is adored by the people of Troyes during summer time and it may be something you and your adventurous friends might want to give a go!

As you have seen dear readers, there are many options available to upscaling the monotonous hot dog. I am including a recipe for tomato relish to pair with your boerewors rolls or with anything, really! Tomato relish is made from cooking down diced tomatoes with onions, balsamic vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, sugar and a teaspoon of a very South African ingredient that no home is complete without: Mrs. Balls Chutney. It's a simple recipe but one that will make a world of difference to your barbecue. As always, I look forward to hearing from you, so please write to me at letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com so we can continue to Dish! this summer!

### Tomato and Onion Relish

- 6-8 fresh diced tomatoes
- 2 onions, roughly chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon peach or mango chutney
- 1 tablespoon sugar (I prefer brown sugar)
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

Add a little olive oil to a frying pan and sauté the onions over medium heat until soft and caramelized.

Add the diced tomatoes, sugar, vinegar, chutney, salt, pepper and Worcestershire sauce to the onions. Reduce heat and continue to cook, stirring occasionally for fifteen minutes until you have a thick salsa-like consistency.

Serve over your boerewors and enjoy!

To read past columns of *Let's Dish* in the *Whidbey Weekly*, see our Digital Library at [www.whidbeyweekly.com](http://www.whidbeyweekly.com).

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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](mailto:info@whidbeyweekly.com) or call 360-682-2341 to share your prayer requests.

Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure. Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation. Amen

Matthew Erikson  
Hope Church Oak Harbor - Pastor  
Whidbey Island Young Life - Area Director

*"From the rising of the sun to its going down The Lord's name is to be praised."* Psalm 113:3



# 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.

### Lions Club Swap Meet

Saturday, July 17 9:00AM-2:00PM  
Blue Fox Drive-In, Oak Harbor

The Whidbey Island Lions Club hosts a series of summer time Swap Meets that offer an opportunity for all businesses, vendors, garage, yard, and estate sellers a chance to reach more buyers. An outdoor, free, family and pet friendly community event. For more information, call 360-679-9468 or email [wilclions@gmail.com](mailto:wilclions@gmail.com).

### Live Music: Free Rain Band

Saturday, July 17, 6:00-9:00PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

Free Rain Band is a Seattle area band specializing in private parties, corporate events, wedding receptions, and basically any event where you need a rockin' dance band that plays music you recognize and love to dance to. No cover. For more information, visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

### American Roots Music Series

Saturday, July 17, 7:00-8:00PM  
Deception Pass State Park, North Beach Amphitheater

Gallowglass is an acoustic Irish band from Bellingham. They play traditional and contemporary Irish tunes and are a pillar of the Bellingham Irish music scene. The concert is free to attend, though a Discover Pass or Day Pass is required for parking. Bench seating is available, but feel free to bring your own folding chair. Blankets and bug spray are highly recommended. For more information, visit: <http://parks.state.wa.us/folkarts>, or contact Makaela Kroin, Program Coordinator, at [Makaela.Kroin@parks.wa.gov](mailto:Makaela.Kroin@parks.wa.gov) or 360-902-8635.

### Whidbey Playhouse Auditions

Saturday, July 24, 1:00PM  
Sunday, July 25, 1:00PM  
Star Studio, 730 SE Midway Blvd, Oak Harbor

The Whidbey Playhouse is holding auditions for "Tea for Three Lady Bird, Pat & Betty. Roles are available for three dedicated, committed, and strong female actors, aged 25-65. Electronic versions of the script are available by contacting the Playhouse office at 360-679-2237 or [office@whidbeyplayhouse.com](mailto:office@whidbeyplayhouse.com). All those auditioning must provide proof of full COVID vaccination prior to entry. No guests allowed.

### Live Music: Groove Kitchen

Saturday, July 24, 6:00-9:00PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

Groove Kitchen is a high energy dance band with an accent on Classic R&B. No cover. For more information, visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

### American Roots Music Series

Saturday, July 24, 7:00-8:00PM  
Deception Pass State Park, North Beach Amphitheater

Briar sings vintage jazz, blues and original music. Her songs and stories shine a light on singers and tales that have been forgotten by the country that created them. The concert is free to attend, though a Discover Pass or Day Pass is required for parking. Bench seating is available, but feel free to bring your own folding chair. Blankets and bug spray are highly recommended. For more information, visit: <http://parks.state.wa.us/folkarts>, or contact Makaela Kroin, Program Coordinator, at [Makaela.Kroin@parks.wa.gov](mailto:Makaela.Kroin@parks.wa.gov) or 360-902-8635.

## Meetings & Organizations

### Washington State Redistricting Commission Public Outreach Meeting

Saturday, July 24, 10:00AM-12:00PM  
Zoom Webinar, TVW, & YouTube

The Washington State Redistricting Commission has scheduled a second round of public outreach meetings to solicit public input on the drawing of new congressional and state legislative district maps. To contribute in the meeting, you will need to register as a participant to receive a Zoom invite. If you do not register, you will not be allowed to contribute during the meeting. Those who have registered will be emailed a link to the meeting. Each link is unique to the registrant.

You DO NOT need to register if you only want to watch. See below for details on how you can watch the meetings without registering.

You can watch the meetings live at TVW (for English and Spanish broadcasts) or the Commission's YouTube page for broadcasts in English with American Sign Language interpretation.

The Commission will endeavor to accommodate language interpretation requests if received by Wednesday, July 21 at 12:00PM. Please email your request to [WSRCSHared@redistricting.wa.gov](mailto:WSRCSHared@redistricting.wa.gov).

For those wishing to comment during the public comment portion of the meeting, please register by Saturday July 24 at 9:00AM. If you do not register by this time, you will not be allowed to comment during the meeting.

You can find more information about the Washington State Redistricting Commission and a link to register for the meeting at [www.redistricting.wa.gov/index.html](http://www.redistricting.wa.gov/index.html).

## Classes, Seminars and Workshops

### NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting Course

Friday, July 16, 6:00-9:00PM  
Saturday, July 17, 9:00AM-5:00PM  
NWSA Range, 886 Gun Club Rd., Oak Harbor  
Cost: \$50

This course introduces students to the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for owning and using a pistol safely. The pistol handling and shooting portion is completed at the NWSA range where students will learn about safe gun handling, pistol shooting fundamentals, and pistol shooting activities. The Basics of Pistol Course will also help prepare the student for participation in other NRA courses. This class includes shooting on the NWSA Pistol Range. Students can register online at [nrainstructors.org](http://nrainstructors.org).

For questions or to register call NRA instructor John Hellmann at 360-675-8397 or email [NWSA.Training@gmail.com](mailto:NWSA.Training@gmail.com). Additional information can be found at [www.northwhidbey-sportsmen.org](http://www.northwhidbey-sportsmen.org).

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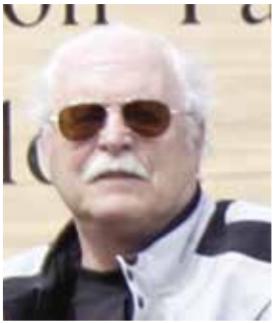


# OUR Community

## An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What is the most amazing adventure you have ever experienced ?



**Bob Olson**, Oak Harbor

After climbing Mt. Fuji, while I was stationed in Japan, I witnessed the most amazing sunrise I have ever seen.

**Brian Haight**, Coupeville

Well, I'd like to think my most amazing adventures are still ahead of me. Things like riding my adventure motorcycle to Alaska and back. Also riding it along the backroads of the continental divide and Trans America trail. These are all adventures I'm looking forward to. But if I have to pick the most amazing adventure so far it is a tie between hiking the Camino de Santiago and hiking the Inca Trail. I've hiked the Camino from Pamplona to Catedral de Santiago de Compostela. A 33 day trek walking 12-20 plus miles per day. I've also hiked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu arriving at the Sun Gate after four days of strenuous hiking. Along the way we crossed over Dead Woman's Pass at an altitude of 13,000 feet high. That was adventurous. Hiking and motorcycling are the ultimate adventures for me.



**Jimmy and Mariebeth Heroff**  
Oak Harbor

There have been many amazing adventures in my life and they've all been with my wife by my side. The most memorable thus far was our trip home to Maui, where we got to celebrate New Years in Lahaina with the family. I'm looking forward to when we finally move home to Maui and can enjoy even more family celebrations.



**Monica Felici**, Langley

Zip lining on Camano Island with Claude, who is a Zamboni Operator from the Arctic, was the most amazing adventure I have ever experienced. I am afraid of heights.

NOTE: Feb. 3, this question appeared in this column:

*If you were to enter the witness protection program, what identity would you assume?*  
Island County Sheriff Rick Felici gave the following answer: "First I would change my name to Claude. Then I would move to the Arctic and become the zamboni operator for the Nunavut Civic Arena."



# Crossword Puzzle

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### CLUES ACROSS

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- 5. Subatomic particle
- 10. Ethnic group of the Philippines
- 14. Popular cookie
- 15. Fabric
- 16. Alcoholic liquor
- 17. Peter \_\_, Dutch portrait painter
- 18. Longtime Chicago mayor
- 19. A famous "Lady"
- 20. Islamic calendar month
- 22. Rocky peak
- 23. Polio vaccine developer
- 24. Songs sung in open air
- 27. Military movements
- 30. Male parent
- 31. Beloved hot beverage
- 32. Female sibling
- 35. Tackled the QB
- 37. Set a dog on someone
- 38. Long live! (Spanish)
- 39. Porticos
- 40. Pouch
- 41. Smooth fabric
- 42. Enough (archaic)
- 43. Institute legal proceedings against
- 44. Scarred
- 45. Draw from
- 46. Brother or sister
- 47. Body part
- 48. Commercials

- 49. London soccer team
- 52. Satisfied
- 55. Surgical technique (abbr.)
- 56. Fencing sword
- 60. French industrial city
- 61. Intellectual property organization (abbr.)
- 63. Helps to carry food
- 64. "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 65. One-time Empress of the Roman Empire
- 66. Intestinal pouches
- 67. None better
- 68. "WandaVision" actress
- 69. Comedic actress Kathryn

- 21. Counsels
- 23. Body of water
- 25. Awesome!
- 26. Calendar month
- 27. Native of region in Caucasus
- 28. Indian city
- 29. Exclusive
- 32. Alaskan town
- 33. Covered with ivy
- 34. Loose granular substances
- 36. Native American tribe
- 37. Written American English
- 38. Holiday (informal)
- 40. Add up
- 41. Small brown and gray rails

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Fifth notes of major scales
- 2. Region
- 3. Your consciousness of your own identity
- 4. Georgetown athletes
- 5. They follow A
- 6. Spoke
- 7. Hairdressers' domain
- 8. Extravagantly theatric
- 9. End-blown flute
- 10. Heroic tales
- 11. Member of a Semitic people
- 12. Members of a priestly caste
- 13. Southern Ghana people
- 43. Get off your feet
- 44. Express disgust
- 46. Surface of the ground
- 47. Put into a silo
- 49. Belief
- 50. British noblemen
- 51. Tennis game
- 52. Dry, protective crust
- 53. Swiss river
- 54. Large integers
- 57. La \_\_ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- 58. Every one of two or more
- 59. "Deadpool" actor Reynolds
- 61. Earlier
- 62. Peter's last name

## CAN DO SUDOKU!

On a scale from 1 to 10...5.0

Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order  
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### YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, July 15	Fri, July 16	Sat, July 17	Sun, July 18	Mon, July 19	Tues, July 20	Wed, July 21
North Isle H-63°/L-54° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-65°/L-53° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-64°/L-53° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-66°/L-53° Mostly Sunny	North Isle H-66°/L-53° Mostly Sunny	North Isle H-67°/L-55° Sunny	North Isle H-68°/L-55° Sunny
South Isle H-66°/L-54° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-68°/L-55° Cloudy	South Isle H-68°/L-54° AM showers PM Sunbreaks	South Isle H-74°/L-55° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-76°/L-56° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-78°/L-58° Plenty of Sun	South Isle H-79°/L-58° Sunny and Warm



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  - Test Ignition Cables
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be the difference in a child's life and become a foster parent today! Service Alternatives is looking for caring, loving, and supportive families to support foster children. 425-923-0451 or [mostermick@servalts-cfs.com](mailto:mostermick@servalts-cfs.com)

The Whidbey Island community is encouraged to try out the paddling sport of dragon boating with the Stayin' Alive team. Our team's mission is to promote the physical, social, and emotional benefits of dragon boating. It has been shown to be especially beneficial to cancer survivors. Practice with us for up to 3 times for free. Life-jackets and paddles provided. Saturdays at the Oak Harbor Marina, 8:45am. Contact [njlish@gmail.com](mailto:njlish@gmail.com). More info at our Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSound-DragonBoatClub?ref=hl](https://www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSound-DragonBoatClub?ref=hl)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.pnwnam.org) and click on "Volunteer" or just stop by and introduce yourself.

Mother Mentors needs volunteers! Oak Harbor families with young children need your help! Volunteer just a couple

of hours a week to make a difference in someone's life! To volunteer or get more info, email [wamothermentors@gmail.com](mailto:wamothermentors@gmail.com) or call 360-321-1484.

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

## JOB MARKET

Carpenter's helper, \$17.50 per hour. South Whidbey area. 360-730-1526 (1)

Full-time Permanent Bookkeeper: Freeland Ace Hardware Store is a locally-owned store serving south Whidbey Island for over 25 years. It is our goal to enthusiastically serve our customers by offering the best brands, providing quality merchandise, offering solutions with fast, friendly, and amazing customer service. We are looking for a candidate for our back office with relevant accounting experience, self-motivation and commitment to join our team. Our Bookkeeper role supports the staff who supports our customer-facing team and should be as enthusiastic about customer care as the rest of our associates. This includes everything from assistance with time-clock, payroll accuracy and timeliness, vendor and benefit support.

We are seeking a candidate with at least 4 years of bookkeeping/accounting experience. The ideal candidate will have experience with inventory driven businesses, multiple accounting software programs, and be experienced with GAAP. There is a need for a strong understand of A/P, receiving and terms available as well as attention to detail and care of our A/R processes.

This role prepares reports from regular Cash Flow Reports to draft Income Statements for management and CPA and is responsible for most accounting activities from payroll, sales, and purchases to tax return preparation, including some payroll-related and excise tax returns.

In addition to accounting responsibilities, our Bookkeeper role supports our robust benefit package, any experience with Human Resources will elevate candidates in our search for the right person. While we have an excellent team of HR support, navigating open enrollments, explaining benefits and connecting employees to the right place is a valued part of the service this role provides.

This is a busy business with many moving parts, being able to juggle and move from project to project without losing traction or missing deadlines is critical for success in this role. Essential Duties & Responsibilities: Manage daily receipts including reporting and deposits; Prepare weekly check runs (A/P) for inventory and services including interaction with vendors to confirm accuracy of billing, terms, various payment methods; Process monthly statements (A/R) for our customers, using critical attention to detail for accuracy; Process Excise and some payroll related tax returns in an accurate and timely manner; Work with HR-related vendors in identifying and preparing benefit packages for staff as they are eligible; Perform bank reconciliations and cash flow reports as needed; Assist with on-boarding and New Hire paperwork processing. Maintain Employee files; Maintain confidential, secure files for HR & Management for both personnel and financial documents.

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"Over the past 20-plus years I have been privileged to be part of so many couples' special day, including my daughter's!" said Reed. "A cake is so much more than flour, sugar and eggs. It represents dreams, possibilities, hopes and a beautiful beginning. It is such an honor to play a small part in any special event, to add some flair and sweetness to any celebration."

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Wedding cakes may be Reed's forte, but she happily provides custom, specialty cakes of all shapes and sizes for any occasion. Consider adding a little sweetness with cupcakes, decorated cookies or even cake pops. All you have to do is ask! Just remember, dates book quickly, so it's always best to get your orders in early.

If you do have a wedding in your future, Reed is happy to arrange a complimentary cake tasting and consultation to discuss design ideas and ways to make sure your cake is the perfect touch for your special day.

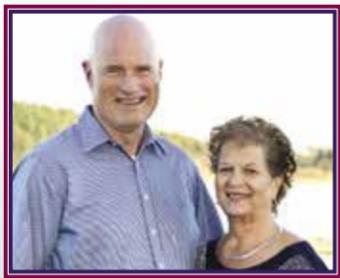
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