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Soroptimist International celebrates a century of helping women and girls

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

It is a major feat for any group to celebrate 100 years of service, and so it is with extreme pride in its mission that Soroptimist International clubs from all over the world come together this weekend to celebrate the organization's 100th anniversary.

Members of Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor, which itself is celebrating 40 years, have a major role in helping plan this milestone celebration.

"I'm co-chair of the Soroptimist International Global Virtual Celebration that currently has 3,500 members registered from over 100 countries (we have been reaching out to all countries where we have a club to try to get at least one member registered)," said SIOH President Sue Riney. "We will be sharing a look back at many of our projects over the 100 years and provide updates on the impact we've had on women and communities. We will celebrate our bright past and share insights on what members and leaders believe is needed to help ensure a brilliant future for the organization."

To tackle the future, it is necessary to understand the past. Soroptimist International, whose name basically means 'the best for women,' was founded rather unintentionally in 1921 by Irish immigrant Stuart Morrow.

"While attempting to form a male 'Optimist Club' in Oakland, Calif., he called upon the Parker-Goddard Secretarial School in search of a candidate for membership, presuming that the school was run by two men," Riney shared. "On learning that it was operated by women, he sought to excuse himself, but one of the principals, Adelaide Goddard, commented, 'When the men admit women as members of their service clubs, I would be interested.'"

"This remark sparked an idea for Morrow." Riney continued. "He called together several of the outstanding businesswomen in Oakland to pursue the idea of forming a club for women, and the Articles of Incorporation of that first Soroptimist Club, with Adelaide Goddard as one of its founding members, were filed by Morrow in 1921."

What originally began as a luncheon and friendship club quickly shifted its focus.

"SERVICE was felt to be the key word for Soroptimists and has remained so ever since," Riney said. "Indeed, Soroptimist International is now the largest women's service organization in the world."

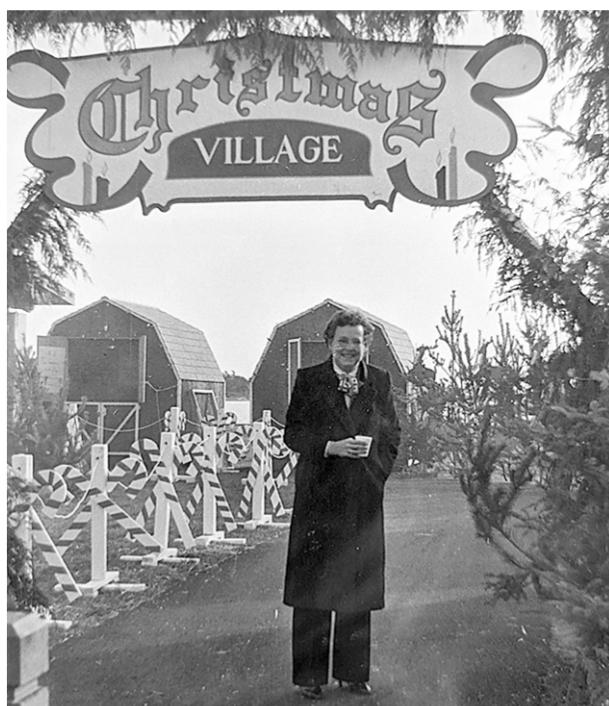


Photo Courtesy of Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor
Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor has provided many events for the community, such as the Christmas Village, which the club started in 1983.



Photo Courtesy of Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor
Oak Harbor Soroptimist members paint the exterior of North Whidbey Help House in 1984.

With approximately 72,000 members in clubs spanning 121 countries, Soroptimist International continues its advocacy for human rights and gender equality, taking on projects that help women and girls achieve their potential, individually and collectively, ensuring they get an equal voice in communities around the world.

Riney said SI's mission remains just as important today.

"Especially in light of what is being evidenced as a result of the COVID-19 crisis including, first, the universal rise of violence against women," she said. "The global average increase in domestic violence is often given as 25 percent, but in some countries, it is more than 50 percent. Early marriages and teenage pregnancies have also surged. Rape, harassment and various abuses were promoted by the lockdown and closure of schools."

The organization's international mission has proven to be an essential one to women and girls the world over. But clubs also exist to make a difference in the lives of women and girls close to home. That is a driving force for many of SIOH's members.

"When asked to consider becoming a charter member of Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor (SIOH) in 1981, I had never belonged to a service organization," recalled Lenora O'Connell-Balda. "As a business owner at the time and a woman with a belief that businesses, organizations and individuals should take pride in their communities and offer involvement, support and help where needed, Soroptimist of Oak Harbor felt like a great fit for me. I have witnessed the mission, 'Improving the Lives of Women and Girls,' open amazing, life-changing doors over the past 40 years!"

Nancy Fey said she had no interest in joining SIOH when it was being formed in 1981, but when her husband sent in her registration anyway, she agreed she would stick it out for a year.

"Obviously during that first year in SIOH, I changed my mind and have stayed a member for 40 years thus far and I don't intend to cancel my membership until I feel like I am unable to contribute to the work of SIOH," she said. "I have stayed a member for 40 years because I see how both locally and internationally, we have been an agent in helping women and girls improve their lives. These females then help improve the lives of their families and other females. It is wonderful to hear the stories of the changes made in their lives as the result of various Soroptimist programs."

Charter member Jean Rogers said she joined SIOH 40 years



Photo Courtesy of Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor
Soroptimist International members present a check to Whidbey General Hospital in 2008 for \$240,000 to help pay for women's mammograms. That program still exists today at WhidbeyHealth Medical Center.



Photo Courtesy of Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor
Over the years, members of Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor have participated in many local events, such as the Fourth of July parade.

ago to be part of an organization of businesswomen and has stayed because of the "friendship and keeping in touch with the national organization." And, while there is still work to do, Rogers said "women are now recognized in the business world for [their] talents and worth."

Ongoing projects for Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor's members include the "Live Your Dream: Education and Training Award," which recognizes women who provide the primary financial support for their families; the "Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls" program, which targets girls in secondary school who face obstacles to future success; assistance for women who cannot afford a mammogram – bills are sent to Friends of WhidbeyHealth and are paid through funds donated by SIOH; and the "Teddy Bear Project," for which new and gently used stuffed animals are collected,



Photo Courtesy of Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor
The "Teddy Bear Project" is an ongoing project of Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor. New and gently used stuffed animals are collected and distributed to local organizations to provide to children in stressful situations.

cleaned and repaired, outfitted with a tag reading "Hugs from Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor" and then distributed to various organizations to give to children facing stressful situations.

Riney said she believes much of the success of Soroptimist International is because so much work continues to be done on a grassroots level.

"We believe education and access to education are key to helping women and girls around the world access their human rights, and education programs are at center of all we do," she said. "Most of our work has always occurred at the grassroots/local level. But as the organization has grown and changed over the years, we've been able to identify the power our collective voice and actions have on global issues."

Riney cites projects like the first Soroptimist Club's effort to "Save the Redwoods," which resulted in much of the forest being protected, to global projects like training paramedics in the Maldives and providing boats to carry health workers, drugs, supplies and equipment to remote islands, as evidence

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ON TRACK

With Jim Freeman



Given the breaking sarcasm spilling out in my mind box, shall we get started?

Reading and writing

English is difficult. It can be understood through tough, thorough thought, though.

Puns for pun lovers

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it will still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: "You stay here; I'll go on ahead."

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."

Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, "I've lost my electron." The other says "Are you sure?" The first replies, "Yes, I'm positive."

The old man's hat

An elderly man was quite unhappy because he had lost his favorite hat. Rather than purchasing a new one, he decided he would go to church and steal one out of the vestibule.

When he got there, an usher intercepted him at the door and took him to a pew where he had to sit and listen to an entire sermon about the Ten Commandments. After church, the man met the preacher in the vestibule doorway, shook his hand vigorously and said, "I want to thank you for saving my soul today, preacher. I came to church to steal a hat, but after hearing your sermon on the Ten Commandments, I decided against it." "You mean the Commandment, Thou shall not steal, changed your mind?" the preacher asked. "No, the one about adultery did," the old man said. "As soon as you said that, I remembered where I left my old hat."

Clifton

Thanks to Island Transit's Maribeth Crandell, we are blessed to know her 94-year young dad, Clifton, is one of our international readers. Clifton lives in North Carolina, home of the International Used Truck Center.

Clifton is one of our favorite Cliftons. You surely remember Clifton Webb, Clifton Fadiman, and Clifton, Arizona.

Clifton Webb taught us about efficiency in the film, *Cheaper by the Dozen*.

Clifton Fadiman (May 15, 1904 – June 20, 1999) was an American intellectual, author, editor, radio and television personality. He began his work with the radio, but switched to television later in his career.

Clifton, Ariz., is often called one of the most beautiful places in Arizona. Set in a canyon, the town boasts a rich history, from Geronimo to Coronado and one of the finest copper deposits in the world.

Dad Clifton helped teach daughter Maribeth cursive. She shared some of her straight-lined cursive, formerly taught in public schools, in a recent reminiscence of one of her rides on our FREE Island Transit public transportation.

"I thought I'd share a quick story from my bus ride home a week or so ago. As two fisher people got off the bus at Spyglass (near your caboose) with their fishing poles, the driver, Ira, called back to me, 'I think those two have found the secret spot.'"

"'Oh?' I said. 'Have they been bringing dead fish on the bus?'"

"Ira, 'Well, I believe they have.'"

"Then he recalled a man wanting to get on the bus with an axe. Ira hesitated but the guy said he needed to go cut wood for someone. So Ira kept the axe up by his seat and the rider sat in the back.

"I asked if he'd ever had a hunter come on board with a gun or a deer. Ira said someone had asked him once if he could bring a deer on the bus but Ira said 'no.'"

"I suggested if it came up again, he could put the deer on the bike rack. This way, it wouldn't block the aisle and it would give the other deer a clear message about not crossing the road in front of the bus.

"I saw this sweet little white fawn as I was walking to catch the bus near Bush Point Road and Highway 525. Notice it looked both ways before it crossed the street."

Maribeth is right. Our local deer are looking both ways. Some of them do it twice, even if they are texting.

Thank you, Clifton, for teaching Maribeth to look both ways.

Her cursive is a bonus.

Come on down

A recent article in *Parade* of Walter Scott's Personality feature, provided some fun facts about *The Price is Right*, the longest running game show in television history. Bob Barker hosted the show for 35 years. Drew Carey is host of network TV's No.1 daytime show, now in its 50th season.

More than 8,400 cars have been given away, ranging from a Chevy Vega valued at \$2,746 and a \$157,360 Audi R8.

More than 68,000 contestants have been told to "Come on down."

Contestants have won more than \$300 million in cash and prizes.

The big wheel has been spun more than 63,000 times.

The article did not indicate how many soap commercials were aired the last 50 years.

Up, up and away

Saturday, Oct. 23, at 5:30 p.m., the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum will hold its 4th Annual Celebration of Flight Dinner and Auction. Master Chief Petty Officer Richard "Dick" Johnson will be honored. For more details about this superb event held at the always fun Oak Harbor Elk's Lodge, check out its website at www.pnwnam.org or stop by the museum to ask one of its great volunteers. The spirit of Eileen Brown will be in attendance.

Control thyself

Nerd Wallet's Melissa Lambarena offered five strategies to help curb spending. Wonder why I read this?

1. Wait a day or two before buying. Calm your emotional brain and use your rational brain. This takes me out of the equation. Why use the wait list feature when one can buy now?
2. Practice safe credit card habits. If you do not have a credit card condom, may we suggest covering your card with bar-b-que sauce before inserting?
3. Use curbside pickup. While you may not spend as much, why make walking around for impulse buying part of your 10,000 daily steps?
4. Have a splurging allowance. This way you can spend a small portion on unneeded purchases and call it budgeting.
5. Find an accountability partner. Doing this will enable someone who always agrees with your purchases to go shopping with you.

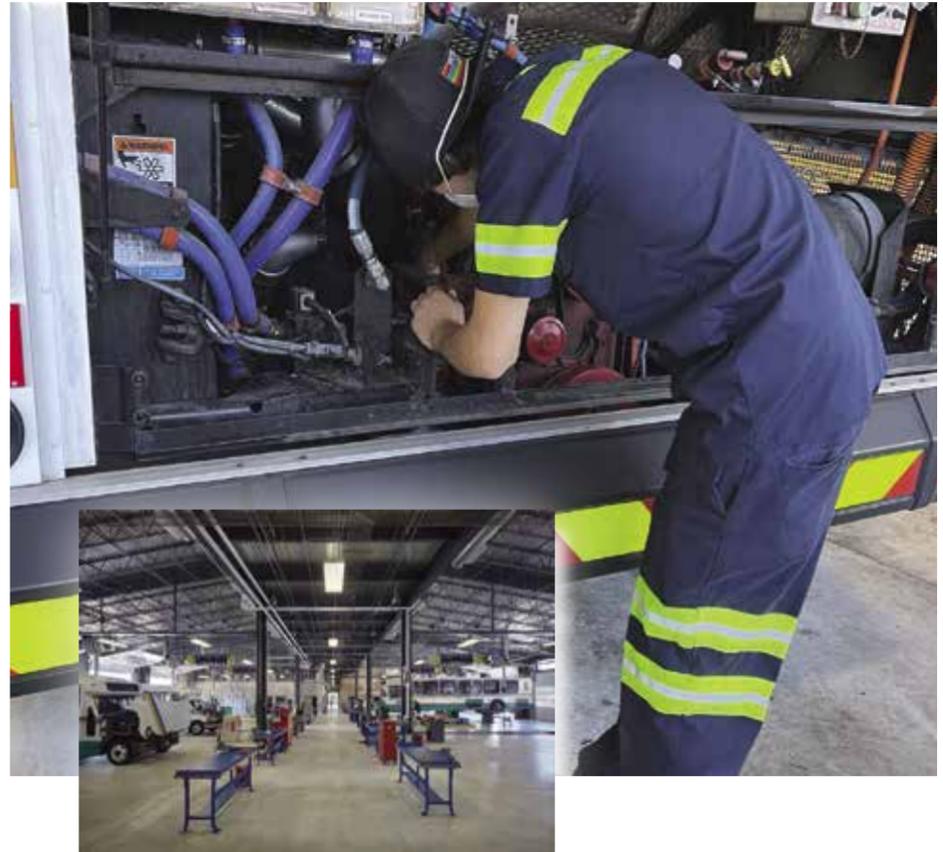
A lifetime of budgeting or controlling my impulse buying has not taught me much with finances, but I sure have a lot of neat stuff.

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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

In just a few weeks, the citizens of Oak Harbor will be voting to elect four city council members. I am supporting Shane Hoffmire and Stefanie "Fe" Mischo in their bid for council positions 4 and 5.

Since our city council is composed of seven members overall, this year's election is particularly important. In prior years, it was my preference, as mayor, to refrain from endorsing one candidate over another in city council races. This time around, however, I feel compelled to speak my mind.

Like many communities in Washington, during the last two years the City of Oak Harbor has been dealing with high demand for housing and related pressure from real estate developers to approve their proposed projects. The planning and development process in most Washington cities, including Oak Harbor, is a thoughtful and deliberate path that allows reasonable growth in measured amounts.

Most real estate developers and builders in our community understand the value of planning and strive to work within the system. A few, however, prefer to bend that system through politics. This coming election could result in more than a few, it could mean a majority, bending our system.

Mr. Hoffmire and Ms. Mischo are independent and knowledgeable. They are not in league with "outside special interests" and will look out for the citizens of Oak Harbor if elected. I urge you to support them.

(The opinions reflected in this letter are mine and not in any way intended to be an official statement.)

Robert "Bob" Severns
Mayor of Oak Harbor

Editor,

Results Matter

I am going to vote to elect Shane Hoffmire to the Oak Harbor City Council in the upcoming November election.

Let me tell you why.

I met Shane in October, 2018, when he was an active board member on the North Whidbey Pool Park and Recreation District board of commissioners, the governing body of the John Vanderzicht Memorial Pool and Clover Valley Park in Oak Harbor. I had just been hired as the Interim Director of the district. It became clear to me the entire pool facility was in an extreme condition of disrepair. The previous levy had failed, leaving very little money in the budget for maintenance, repair and operation.

Shane stepped in and volunteered his time, energy, enthusiasm, expertise and practical approach to keep the pool operating. He came in every day before and after work at his actual full time job as well as volunteering endless weekend hours to the pool facility.

Simultaneously, miraculous coordinated community efforts by individual citizens, local businesses, and service clubs combined with the passing of a new levy, money for scheduled disbursements became available. Shane continued volunteering, adding recommendations for needed repairs and replacing broken and outdated systems.

It is my firm belief that without the generous, unfailing contribution of time, dedica-

tion, passion, and positive hard work by Shane Hoffmire, Oak Harbor would not be enjoying the many benefits derived from having a newly revitalized pool facility.

Demonstrated commitment to getting things done!

This is why I want Shane as a new Oak Harbor city council member.

Rex Coryell
Former Director of the North Whidbey Pool Park and Recreation District
Oak Harbor

Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra Presents OF PARADISE AND LIGHT

Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra presents OF PARADISE AND LIGHT, a set of programs Oct. 2, 7:00PM at Island Church of Whidbey in Langley and Oct. 3, 3:00PM at First Reformed Church of Oak Harbor. Music Director Anna Edwards will lead the musicians in a program of Italian Baroque masters and modern American composers in these inaugural concerts of Saratoga Orchestra's 2021-2022 season.

Returning in her role as guest artist for these concerts is Tekla Cunningham, baroque violinist and founder of the popular Whidbey Island Music Festival, now in its sixteenth season. She is concertmaster and orchestra director of Pacific MusicWorks, and Artist-in-Residence at the University of Washington and plays regularly as concertmaster and principal player with the American Bach Soloists in California. These concerts mark Saratoga Orchestra's third collaboration with Ms. Cunningham.

As an added feature, a pre-concert chat 30 minutes before each performance hosted by Anna Edwards and Tekla Cunningham will give further insight into the compositions, composers and performers.

General admission concert tickets are \$25 for all seats and available for purchase at the door. COVID-19 attendance policy requires all patrons, musicians and volunteers to provide proof of completed vaccination or recent negative COVID-19 test. Complete COVID-19 policy and program information is available at www.sowhidbey.com or 360-929-3045.

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

Langley Painter Mary McGinnis Creates Directory Cover Art



2021 Directory cover artist Mary McGinnis of Langley, Wash. Photo courtesy of Whidbey Telecom.

Each fall, in late October, Whidbey Telecom produces a new phone book directory. The directory serves as a resource for finding local services, businesses, residents and community hotlines, all in one easy-to-use print and online resource.

"We enjoy searching for an artist to create the new cover each year," states Julia Henny, Co-CEO of Whidbey Telecom. "We are honored that Mary submitted this lovely painting for selection. It beautifully represents our lovely island."

Mary McGinnis began painting in 2005 after attending a gallery showing of a well-known artist, Eva Margueriette, in Pasadena, Calif.

She was offering classes for portrait drawing with charcoal. After several months, Mary moved into her oil painting class.

Mary shared with us, "My painting has been for pleasure but I did use it to raise money for my autistic son's school by organizing fundraisers. These fundraisers brought artists together and guests could purchase art, make donations and enjoy a beautiful setting not usually open to the public. The artists donated 25 percent of their proceeds to the Elliott Institute and Watkins Vital Care Program, which provide schooling and life skills training to individuals with moderate to severe autism. Both fundraisers were extremely successful."

Mary's family retired to Whidbey Island in 2017. She has participated in the Whidbey Island Fair and has been twice invited to display art in the Annual Fair Superintendent's show in the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts lobby.

Mary also enjoys volunteering at the Art as a Way studio in Freeland, an art studio that provides support and instruction to special needs individuals.

Mary and her family live in Langley and she shares, "We absolutely love living in this beautiful community".

The 2022 directory will be mailed to Whidbey Telecom subscribers in October and available in the WiFire Community Gathering Place, all phone booth locations, and Whidbey Telecom offices.

[Submitted by David Chrisman, Whidbey Telecom, Marketing Communications]

Civility First Announces the Winners of its 2021 Art Contest

With a theme of Choose Civility: Be Respectful, Listen and Be Kind, Civility First conducted its 4th Annual Art Contest. The event was managed virtually this year, due to ongoing pandemic constraints. The organization invited art submissions from three age categories: children, youth and adults. Artists were asked to submit photographable art that reflected the theme. The contest received entries from Island and Snohomish counties. As artists created their work, it was an opportunity for many households to explore what it means to "be respectful, listen and be kind."

Pacific Northwest Art School officials judged the entries, recognizing artists in each of the three categories. Artists brought imagination and creativity to their efforts, and their work reflects the theme in original ways. As viewers see and comment on each work, Civility First hopes to spark conversations about innovative ways to be respectful, listen and be kind.

The art contest is a centerpiece of an annual month-long focus on civility in Island County. For four years now, October has been proclaimed Civility Month, hosting workshops and panel discussions to enjoy – remotely and electronically for now. The full schedule of events is available on the Civility First website (www.civilityfirst.org).

Civility First is a not-for-profit organization on Whidbey Island. If you would like to support the work of Civility First, please consider making a donation through its website.

Here are the winners acknowledged by the Pacific Northwest Art School:

Children's Division

Hana Dau - First Place

Youth Division

Ava Mitten - First Place

Adult Division

Lauren Corson - First Place

Mary Driscoll - Second Place

Jeanne Rust - Honorable Mention

To see their entries and all the other creative entries, please go to www.civilityfirst.org to the gallery display of the entries.

If you are curious about the artists' perspectives, please consider joining a virtual gallery

BITS & PIECES CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

Prepare yourself financially for illness ... just in case

All of us hope to live long, healthy lives, so we do what we can to take care of ourselves through proper diet, exercise and avoiding unhealthy activities. However, none of us can predict our future, so it pays to be prepared for anything – including a serious physical illness or the onset of some type of mental incapacity, such as Alzheimer's disease.

Of course, you may never face these infirmities, but you should be aware that they could upset your long-term financial strategy and place considerable stress on your loved ones. What steps can you take to head off these threats?

First, make sure you know what your health insurance covers and how much you might have to pay out of pocket for treatment of illnesses such as cancer or kidney ailments. If you're on Medicare (supplemented with Medigap) or Medicare Advantage (Medicare Part C), you'll want to know all about deductibles, copayments and coinsurance. However, if Alzheimer's or another type of dementia is involved, Medicare may not cover the costs that could be incurred in an assisted living facility, so you may want to consult with a financial advisor, who can suggest ways of protecting yourself from long-term care costs, which can be quite high.

Your next move is to make sure you have adequate liquidity. It's hard to predict how many out-of-pocket costs you could incur when coping with a serious illness, but it's a good idea to have enough cash readily available, rather than dipping into your 401(k) or other retirement accounts. So, if you're retired, you might want to keep up to a year's worth of living expenses in a liquid, low-risk account.

Here's another important step: Update your estate plan. Hopefully, if you have a serious illness, you'll be able to recover. But it's still a good idea to review your estate plan to ensure everything is in order, such as your will and your living trust, if you've created one. If you've kept up your life insurance, you'll also want to ensure your premiums are still being paid. And don't forget to review your beneficiary designations on your 401(k), insurance policies and other financial documents, since these designations can supersede the instructions in your will.

As part of your estate planning, you may want to include a durable power of attorney for finances, which allows you to name someone to manage your financial affairs if you become incapacitated, and a durable power of attorney for health care, which lets you name someone to make medical decisions for you if you're unable to do so yourself. You may also create a health care directive or living will to express your wishes if you don't have a power of attorney for health care, or the person named in a power of attorney for health care can't be reached in an emergency. And since estate planning can be complex, you'll certainly want to work with a legal professional, and possibly your tax and financial advisors, as well.

You might think it's somewhat grim to prepare yourself financially in case you become seriously ill or if your life is touched by Alzheimer's or another mental infirmity. But it's a positive move – you're protecting yourself and your loved ones from whatever life may throw at you.

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Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

SUNDAY, AUG. 8

12 am, Storkson Dr.

Reporting party advising a guy came up with three cases of beer, said he didn't have his ID; beer was put up, suspect came into store and ran off with beer. Drove off in dark SUV toward Bob Galbreath.

8:49 am, SR 525

Reporting party advising items were stolen from stand last night; nothing seen; stole approximately three grape vines.

2:31 pm, SR 20

Advising three loose horses trying to cross highway. Look like Arabian horses.

3:23 pm, Timber Ln.

Reporting party states male subjects were checking out boat across the street from location when verbal dispute began. States subjects chased reporting party up onto his porch and punched him 20 times. Denied aid. Just occurred.

MONDAY, AUG. 9

3:22 pm, Bonnie View Acres Rd.

Advising neighbor's chickens keep coming into reporting party's yard and ruining reporting party's yard.

9:38 pm, Mobius Loop

"Is anyone ever going to call me?" When asked for phone number, reporting party said "Okay, for the 100 thousandth time, it is 'Is this how you treat your citizens of Island County?'"

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

5:58 pm, Mobius Loop

Caller stating has been trying to get hold of Island County all day about "that woman" and getting her help. Requesting call. Additional call: "I'm waiting for call."

10:55 pm, Oak Harbor Rd.

Reporting party states someone came and knocked on reporting party's door, saying they didn't know where they were. Subject is outside residence now.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

5:43 am, Mobius Loop

Reporting party requesting to know if we are going to get that woman some

help. When asked what kind of help she needs, reporting party advising "All the help she can get; she has been blowing up my horn, she is out of money and is not getting mine."

10:04 am, SR 525

Gold Kia, elderly male with white hair, driving aggressively. Kia is small SUV. Road rage with reporting party. Swerving at her car. Flipping reporting party off.

10:46 am, Race Rd.

Advising two large cows in road. Reporting party calling back, says cows have been escorted back to where they belong.

8:34 pm, Douglas St.

Reporting party advising husband had a friend stay over, states friend stole a sapphire from reporting party.

9:58 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising someone may have locked themselves in the porta potty; is requesting law enforcement check. No answer when knocking, but door is locked

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

8:44 am, Main St.

Advising male at bus stop by Harbor Inn asking people who exit bus to buy drugs.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

5:03 am, Scenic Ave.

Caller was woken up by cigarette smoke coming in through bedroom window. States had to go to hospital two days ago for cigarette inhalation poisoning. Denying medical at this time.

10:26 am, SR 525

Occurred 20 minutes ago; reporting party picked up hitch hiker near coffee place and exited reporting party's car near a school and when he did, he stole reporting party's wallet.

12:37 pm, NW 6th St.

Reporting party is requesting to know if it is legal to post a notice regarding issues at location; wants to know if it is legal to post in a common area. Advising subject was compromising the plumbing in her unit.

12:57 pm, Aurora Ct.

Caller says he is being followed by subject, because reporting party was going the speed limit. Says subject was grabbing his truck and trying to get into it.

3:29 pm, Whitecap Ln.

Reporting party states 15 minutes ago male on boat launch talking slurred; male has dog; acting drunk. Wants him checked on. Hispanic male, curly black hair, orange underwear.

9:13 pm, La Mesa Dr.

Reporting party states was driving down La Mesa and there is a subject walking down the road flashing a bright light in vehicle's faces as they drive by. Reporting party advising almost drove off the road. States saw the subject do it to other vehicles.

10:06 pm, East Harbor Rd.

Male on line said "My phone is doing this, I didn't mean to."

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

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show opening through a Zoom conversation Oct. 13 at 4:00PM. Join Civility First for this opportunity to hear from the artists themselves – both what inspired them to enter and what the experience was like. To register for this conversation, please go to the Civility First website to the events page and register for the Zoom meeting.

Creativity and a commitment to caring for others – this year’s art contest entries shine a light on what “Civility” can mean. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated.

[Submitted by Elizabeth Guss]

Southern Resident Killer Whale Grandmother Missing

The Center for Whale Research (CWR) is sad to report Southern Resident killer whale, L47, is missing from its 2021 census. CWR last encountered L47 Feb. 27 in Swanson Channel, where she did not appear to be in particularly poor condition. She was subsequently missing from surveys conducted by CWR colleagues at Fisheries and Oceans Canada conducted in the western Strait of Juan de Fuca in the early summer months. In September, CWR teams have had six on-the-water encounters with L47’s matriline and have repeatedly photographed all of her offspring and grand-offspring without finding L47. Her repeated absence meets the criteria for declaring a whale missing and likely deceased.

Born in 1974, L47 would have been 47 years old in 2021. She was among the most prolific Southern Resident females. She has had seven calves who survived long enough to be given an alpha-numeric designation, the most of any Southern Resident.

L47 experienced more than her fair share of loss, with four calves not surviving past their first year. Her three surviving offspring are L115, a young male, and L83 and L91, two adult daughters. L83 and L91 are raising sons of their own, L110 and L122. As a mother and grandmother, L47’s death may have severe consequences. Center for Whale Research data shows older, post-reproductive females hold key leadership roles in this society, particularly when food is scarce.

L47’s matriline members now face an increased risk of death in the coming years. Her son, L115, is at an approximately three times greater risk of death in the next two years than a male of the same age would be with a surviving mother. L47’s two grandoffspring, L110 and L122, have an approximately six-fold increase in their risk of death in the next two years, assuming coastwide salmon abundance is at historical averages. With lower salmon abundance, this risk increases.

Also missing from recent encounters is K21, the 35-year-old male killer whale who was last seen in July exhibiting extreme emaciation. It was clear from the images of K21 collected in July that he would not survive much longer. CWR can confirm that K21 is deceased, as its teams have repeatedly censused all of K pod without locating K21.

With the loss of L47, the Southern Resident killer whale population as of the CWR’s July 1, 2021 census date stood at 74 individuals. With the subsequent loss of K21, the current population is 73.

[Submitted by Center for Whale Research]

Local Business News

Call for Artists

Penn Cove Gallery in Coupeville is currently accepting applications from artists interested in joining its established and successful co-operative. 2-D and 3-D artists of all types are invited to apply. Penn Cove Gallery is seeking individuals who are creative, energetic and able to participate in operating the gallery. The juried selection of new members will be based on professional and artistic quality and needs of the gallery.

Interested? Ask Penn Cove Gallery about this wonderful opportunity to be part of the vibrant art community on Whidbey Island. For information visit, call, or email the gallery at:

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Life Tributes

Caroline Elizabeth Williams



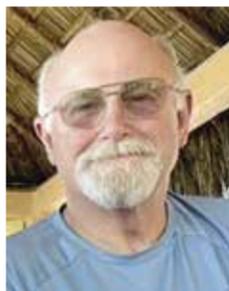
Caroline Elizabeth Williams went to be with the Lord Sept. 22, 2021, at the age of 95. She was the born to Bob and Mary DeVries of Oak Harbor Feb. 6, 1926. Caroline was a lifelong resident of Oak Harbor and a graduate of Oak Harbor High School in 1944. Shortly after high school, she married Bruce Williams in 1945.

Caroline served as a special education teacher’s aid for the Oak Harbor School District and she absolutely adored her students. She was a lifelong and committed member of the Oak Harbor United Methodist Church, where she served on many committees and taught Sunday school. She was also an avid golfer and a member of the Whidbey Golf Club. In 2016 she published her own book “FARM GIRL My life on North Whidbey.”

Caroline was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. She is survived by her children, Bobbie (Joe) Johnson of Arizona, David (Maggie) Williams of California, Rick (Gerri) Williams of Indiana and Joe (Cynthia) Williams of Colorado; six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

A Celebration of Life will be held Monday, Oct. 4, at 11 a.m. at the Oak Harbor United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to Oak Harbor United Methodist Church memorial fund.

Michael Hobbs



Michael Clifford Hobbs, 77, went home to the Lord Sept. 22 from University of Washington Medical Center Northwest.

Michael was born July 24, 1944, in Vancouver, Wash., to Robert and May Libby Bean. He was adopted by May’s second husband, Glenden Hobbs, at the age of four. Michael graduated from Colville High School, Colville, Wash., in 1962 and immediately joined the U.S. Navy to begin a 30-year career, retiring as a Master Chief Petty Officer in 1992 at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. Too young at the time to really retire, he had a second career as a U.S. Postal Service city carrier in Oak Harbor, and his final employment at ACE Hardware’s sporting goods combined two passions; people and firearms.

Michael loved God, his family, his friends, and his country. He stood on the promise of 1 Cor. 10:13 and believed we’re only given perfect days, “it’s our job to keep them that way.” He valued friends he made along the way in life and stayed in close contact with high school classmates, Navy buddies, postal co-workers, church family and many others he’d met.

He threw himself into whatever he did with passion, immersing himself in learning and practice whether it was Bible study, golf, photography, shooting or Jeeps and if he was nothing else, he was a patriot. He was a life-time member of several military service organizations, firearms training organizations and other activity-related organizations. Until recent years, he and wife, Terresa, were long-time members of the First United Methodist Church in Oak Harbor and of the Walk to Emmaus community (Walk #54). He loved music and had a beautiful singing voice, which he shared in An-o-chords for a few years, and could whistle accompaniment to just about anything.

Michael is survived by his wife, Terresa; sons Jeff Robinson (Marisha) of Plain, Wash., Jack Robinson (Charlene) of Coupeville, Wash.; grandchildren Kevin Robinson, Rebecca Bundy (Zane), Kayla Robinson, Joshua Robinson and Rose Robinson, each of whom was a source of immense joy and pride; and by brother Richard (Rick) Hobbs of Freeland, Wash.; niece Mariesa Dale; and nephews Ross and Ryder Hobbs, as well as numerous cousins. He’s predeceased by his mother, May Ellen Smith, adopted father Glen Hobbs, stepfather Richard Smith and niece Rhianna Hobbs.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Wallin-Stucky Funeral Home in Oak Harbor, where a memorial will be posted. The service will be Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 1 p.m. at that location. In lieu of flowers, Michael would invite you to join him in supporting Wounded Warriors or Tunnel to Towers.

Norma Jean Sanders



Norma Jean Sanders passed away peacefully Sept. 11, 2021, at the age of 81, in Anacortes, Wash.

Norma Jean is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Sanders-Eskildsen and her husband Kurt, of Oak Harbor, Wash.; her stepdaughters Kathy Pattison of Troutdale, Ore. and Susan Sanders-Galvin and her husband Dennis, of Point Of Rocks, Md.; her grandchildren Justin L. Truex, Casey A. Eskildsen, Oliver J. Pattison, April N. Shepherd, Jeremy Galvin, Timothy Galvin, Dana Brandwin and her husband Josh, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Norma will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by her family and numerous friends.

She called Whidbey Island, Washington “home” for 41 years.

Norma Jean was born in Concord, Calif., July 28, 1940, to Norman and Ruth (Smith) Matney, who precede her in death. She graduated from Lodi High School in Lodi Calif., and went on to pursue an Associate Degree for Medical Assistant in San Francisco, Calif. In 1962, she met the love of her life, Harold Sanders, who married her in Lodi, before preceding her in death in 1999.

Upon her husband being stationed at Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Norma managed the Navy Exchange Package Store.

She made many memories with friends on camping and hiking adventures, as well as many motorcycle excursions with her beloved Harold. She was a very independent, adventurous, honest, caring, and free-spirited person. She loved her family, her church.

She was very passionate about the environment, wildlife, and bird watching.

Norma was an accomplished artist and loved gardening in years past.

Services were held at Wallin-Stucky Funeral Home in Oak Harbor officiated by Pastor Lemuel Villano. Interment followed at Maple Leaf Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to USVetConnect.com.

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

Pam's Prayer Corner

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

Heavenly Father,

As the leaves change color, the temperatures start to cool and the days grow shorter this fall season, draw us closer to you. Let us feel your warm and loving presence and may your light surround us. As the world around us changes, may we find comfort in your constant love. We pray for guidance when times seem dark and are grateful you are with us in all circumstances. Please be with those who are struggling.

We ask these in your name, Amen.



“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”

Genesis 8:22.



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.

Bloodworks Northwest Blood Drive

Thursday, September 30, 9:00AM-5:00PM
Friday, October 1, 9:00AM-5:00PM
Monday, October 4, 9:00AM-5:00PM
Tuesday, October 5, 9:00AM-5:00PM
First United Methodist Church, Oak Harbor
Local blood supply is currently at emergency levels (less than a one-day supply). Sign up to donate at an upcoming pop-up donor center by visiting bloodworksnw.org or calling 800-398-7888. First United Methodist Church is located at 1050 SE Ireland St.

Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive

Saturday, October 2, 9:00AM-2:00PM
Haggen's and Safeway, Oak Harbor
The North Whidbey Lions are sponsoring a peanut butter and jelly drive for the North Whidbey Help House. Please consider donating to this drive. Other non-perishable foods or a cash donation for the food bank will also be accepted.

Octoberfest

Saturday, October 2, 11:00AM-3:00PM
Meerkerk Gardens, Greenbank
Enjoy music by The Pickled Herrings on the Gazebo stage from 11:30AM to 2:00PM. Charcoal-grilled Bratwurst, German potato salad, and locally made sauerkraut will be available by South End Kitchen. Shop the unique collection of rhodys and other companion plants.

Buy three one-gallon plants and get one free! Entrance to Octoberfest is included in your \$5 paid admission. All activities are outdoors. For more information, visit www.meerkerkgardens.org/events.

Build a Scarecrow and Help Good Cheer Too

Saturday, October 2, 12:00-4:00PM
Whidbey Fairgrounds, Langley
All of the materials and instruction to build, stuff and customize your scarecrow will be provided for \$10 and two cans of food (per scarecrow) to be donated to Good Cheer Food Bank. BBQ delights by donation. whidbeyislandfair.com

League of Women Voters Candidate Forums

Thursday, October 7, 6:30-8:00PM
South Whidbey Candidates
Tuesday, October 12, 6:30-8:00PM
North Whidbey Candidates
Thursday, October 14, 6:30-8:00PM
Central Whidbey Candidates
The League of Women Voters of Whidbey Island will be hosting three candidate forums to provide voters an opportunity to learn more about the people seeking election to local offices in November. The non-partisan forums will include candidates for city/town councils, school boards, port districts and fire districts in the North Whidbey/Oak Harbor, Central Whidbey/Coupeville and South Whidbey/Langley areas. All forums will be held online, via Zoom. Zoom links will be posted on the League's website one day ahead of each event at www.lvwvwhidbey.org.



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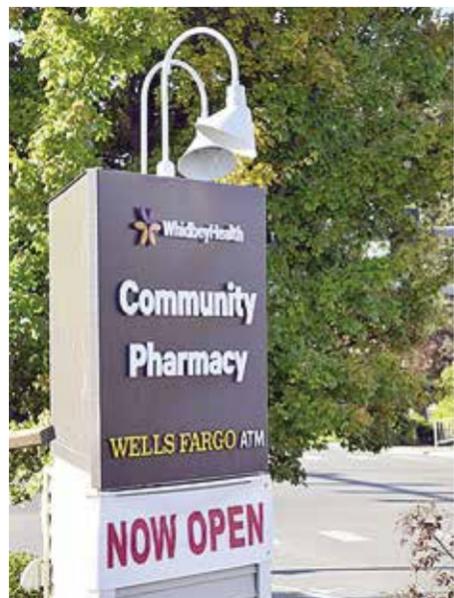
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WhidbeyHealth Community Pharmacy opens in Coupeville

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

With a snip of a scissor and cheers and applause from a small crowd of spectators, WhidbeyHealth officially opened its community pharmacy in Coupeville last week. The facility is located in the old Wells Fargo Bank building at 7 NE Birch Street, next to the medical center.

The new facility, which is open to the public six days a week, represents the first time in more than six years residents of Central Whidbey Island have a place to fill prescriptions without having to drive to the north or south end of the island.



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly

For the first time in more than six years, Coupeville has a retail pharmacy. The WhidbeyHealth Community Pharmacy celebrated its grand opening last week. The pharmacy is located in the former Wells Fargo Bank building at 7 NE Birch Street, next to the medical center.

"This is a promise delivered," said WhidbeyHealth CEO Ron Telles. "The board took the initiative. This is something we've wanted to do for a long time."

"When Lind's Pharmacy closed six years ago, the community spoke up," said WhidbeyHealth board president Ron Wallin. "There have been lots of hoops to jump through and I know the community wanted it quicker, but just as the hospital has stepped up with community clinics, we knew we needed to do the best we can for our community with this pharmacy."

"I am excited and elated," said Tony Triplett, WhidbeyHealth pharmacy director. "It has been a long project, but it is well worth it for our community. The ease and convenience of having the pharmacy here means we will be able to provide prescriptions for our patients...and continue our patient-focused care."

As noted, the new pharmacy enables medical center patients or their family members to pick up prescriptions upon a patient's discharge. The former bank building already had infrastructure in place to provide a drive through window; former teller windows inside make for perfect drop off, pick up and consultation windows; and the small lobby provides a bit of room for over-the-counter medications to be offered for sale. The old bank vault offers safe, secure storage for medications.

Several of those attending the ribbon cutting last week spoke of how the new community pharmacy will be able to close a gap in service that has been missing for several years.

"When Lind's closed, the demand for a neighborhood pharmacy didn't go away," said Island County Commissioner Melanie Bacon. "It is so wonderful to have this here

for patients and for residents who live and work here."

"I couldn't be more thrilled for our community," said Coupeville Mayor Molly Hughes. "This is such a natural fit with the hospital here. It will be such a convenience to be able to drop off a prescription and have it filled here. I could not be more thrilled and thankful [WhidbeyHealth] made this happen."

Pharmacy hours will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; it will be closed from 1 to 1:30 p.m. for lunch. Saturday the pharmacy is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the facility is closed on Sunday.

In all, it took about a year to complete the project. Now staff members say they are ready to get to work.

"We are in such a unique position to provide a level of care not found anywhere else on the island," said Teresa Avery, pharmacy manager. "I am excited to build our team



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly

WhidbeyHealth CEO Ron Telles told onlookers at the grand opening of the WhidbeyHealth Community Pharmacy in Coupeville the new facility is consistent with WhidbeyHealth's commitment to improving the quality and availability of healthcare resources for the Whidbey Island community.

and I look forward to serving you. Please come in and meet us."

You can find more information on the WhidbeyHealth Community pharmacy by following the link online at whidbeyhealth.org or call 360-678-8640.



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WhidbeyHealth Community Pharmacy manager Teresa Avery cuts the ribbon to officially open the new Coupeville pharmacy as Pharmacy Director Tony Triplett and pharmacy staff members look on.

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of the organization's collective strength to accomplish goals around the world.

That is a mission Oak Harbor's Stephanie Smith, president-elect of Soroptimist International of the Americas, intends to continue.

"From my early involvement in Soroptimist, I learned more about the disproportionate impact that poverty, domestic violence, sexual abuse, addiction and lack of education had on women and girls," she said. "Unfortunately, this is still true today. Serving on the international board as SIA president-elect, I see the impact of these issues in all of the countries we are a part of - from the United States, Canada, Central and South America, to the Philippines, Japan, Taiwan and Korea.

"Soroptimist members from these countries honor their diverse backgrounds and unite together to achieve our organization's Big Goal of investing in the dreams of half a

million women and girls through access to education," Smith continued. "As SIA president-elect, I have the opportunity to experience the positive impact of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging and the critical role it plays in shaping our next 100 years of dream programs that support women and girls."

Anyone interested in participating in this weekend's anniversary celebration is welcome to attend, according to Riney, and membership in Soroptimist is open to all those interested in projects focusing on the unique challenges facing women and girls.

"We have individuals join for a variety of reasons, but some of the benefits of volunteering with Soroptimist include working with others to make a difference for women and girls worldwide, connecting with like-minded individuals, building life-long friendships with others both locally and worldwide, taking advantage of networking opportunities, meeting and learning about women and girls from different ethnic

and cultural backgrounds, developing skills that can result in enhanced professional capabilities as well as leadership opportunities at all levels of the organization," she said.

Meetings are currently being held virtually. Those interested in attending any SIOH meetings can email sioakharbor@soroptimist.net. Tickets for SIOH's annual Power of the Purse fundraiser in February will be going on sale in the near future and organizers are hoping this will be an in-person event. For those interested in learning more about Soroptimist International, visit www.sioakharbor.org, www.soroptimist.org, or www.soroptimistinternational.org. They can also follow SIOH on Facebook. Other opportunities exist on Whidbey Island as well.

"There are three Soroptimist clubs on Whidbey Island - Oak Harbor, Coupeville and South Whidbey," Riney said. "Individuals have the opportunity to be a part of our work wherever they live on Whidbey."

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A DOG IN THE FIGHT

No, I'm not talking about four-legged dog fighting, I'm talking about the Brahma bull fight of a "dog salmon," better known as a chum salmon. This bruiser of a fish species – in some rivers – is in the fight of its life and struggling to recover its once-large numbers. The Skagit River is, unfortunately, one of those rivers. After being one of the most numerous species of salmon in the Skagit, second only to the humpys, suddenly there seemed to be no chums in this river at all. Around 2009 is when the chum salmon basically vanished from the Skagit River. I started asking around to find any explanation for the overnight disappearance of these once plentiful fish. One explanation I received from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) was back-to-back years of river flooding that dislodged and washed away the chum eggs from their nesting gravel beds. Other than that, I got the usual "poor ocean conditions" and dams; never was there a mention of over commercial harvesting for cat food and excessive tribal gillnetting in the spawning bed areas of the rivers, where only the roe would be removed and be shipped overseas while the rest of the fish's body was discarded into the woods.

Basic hydro-erosion, physics and common sense would allow me to accept the fact high flood waters could no doubt wipe out spawning beds, but I have a hard time accepting two years of flooding could possibly be the only true culprit behind the sudden loss of 90 years of continuous good chum salmon returns. There were so many chums in the river the "Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center" was established in 1997. The huge numbers of bald eagles were only there because of the late October into December die-off of spawned chum salmon. My son and I would be drift boat fishing our way down the Skagit River in search of any late coho; we observed that at any soft moving water or off-channel bends in the river the gravel banks would be stacked with spawned-out chums. We could smell the hundreds of dying fish before you even laid eyes on their carcasses. It wasn't just the eagles who were enjoying this fall harvest feast. Other land animals, like the local area black bears, were getting their share of rich protein from the chums. We would find numerous 15- to 20-pound chums up on the banks with just the rich brain area between the salmon's eyes bitten out. The fox, the raccoon, and black ravens also benefit from the chums. Without the chums, there is a noticeable ripple effect on wildlife feeding habits, not to mention the loss of a wonderful memory-building resource for both young and old recreational fisherman.

The impressive dog salmon is the second largest salmon species behind the Chinook; chum salmon do not get the recognition of



Cooked with care, this chum salmon would put a smile on any face.

some of the other species, however, these hard-fighting fish are a welcome opponent to the sport fisherman. In my experience, chum salmon are elusive to the saltwater angler. I've been trolling with the use of downriggers for 26 years in the Puget Sound and have only caught one chum salmon in the salt. All of my memorable experiences with dog salmon have been in the rivers; they were the first fish we caught using plugs, they were the first fish we caught making multiple drifts over the same area of water and had a hook-up each time our lures passed through the same spot. Chums are aggressive and not afraid of shallow water or afraid to bull their way through tangled, woody debris. Each year, when rivers flood and the local news reports on these swollen rivers and show video clips of salmon swimming across roadways, those are chums. They are no-nonsense when it comes to traveling upstream.

Most salmon consumers place chum salmon low on the table fare scale, but if they have been harvested from the salt, they are excellent eating and can occasionally be found in the grocery store under the name "Silver-bright" salmon. Over the years I have caught my share of chums in the rivers and if anglers can hook into the fish when they first arrive in the fresh water, they are still good baked or seared to a golden brown in olive oil and butter. Chums are equal to all the other salmon when it comes to smoking – maybe even better in some cases. Their flesh is oily, like all the other species, but also dense, like steak. When smoked correctly, chum salmon fillets are like eating smoked chicken – it is fantastic! The goal is to catch the chums as soon as possible after they enter freshwater; since they spend no time in the freshwater after hatching from the eggs, their bodies start to break down extremely fast when they return as adults. The phrase I use is "chums are the last to arrive in the rivers and the first to die," so get after the chums in the river early.

All of the saltwater salmon fishing around Whidbey Island will be closed as of today. I hope all Island Anglers had a chance to put a few fish in the freezer. We had a good run of pink salmon come through the local waters and the late September rain also brought some coho into the beaches. I still have my fingers crossed the state will give us a winter Blackmouth Chinook season; if not, enjoy the pictures from this summer and prepare for next summer. Here is my email – feel free to contact me with a fish story or questions: tfishmonger@gmail.com.



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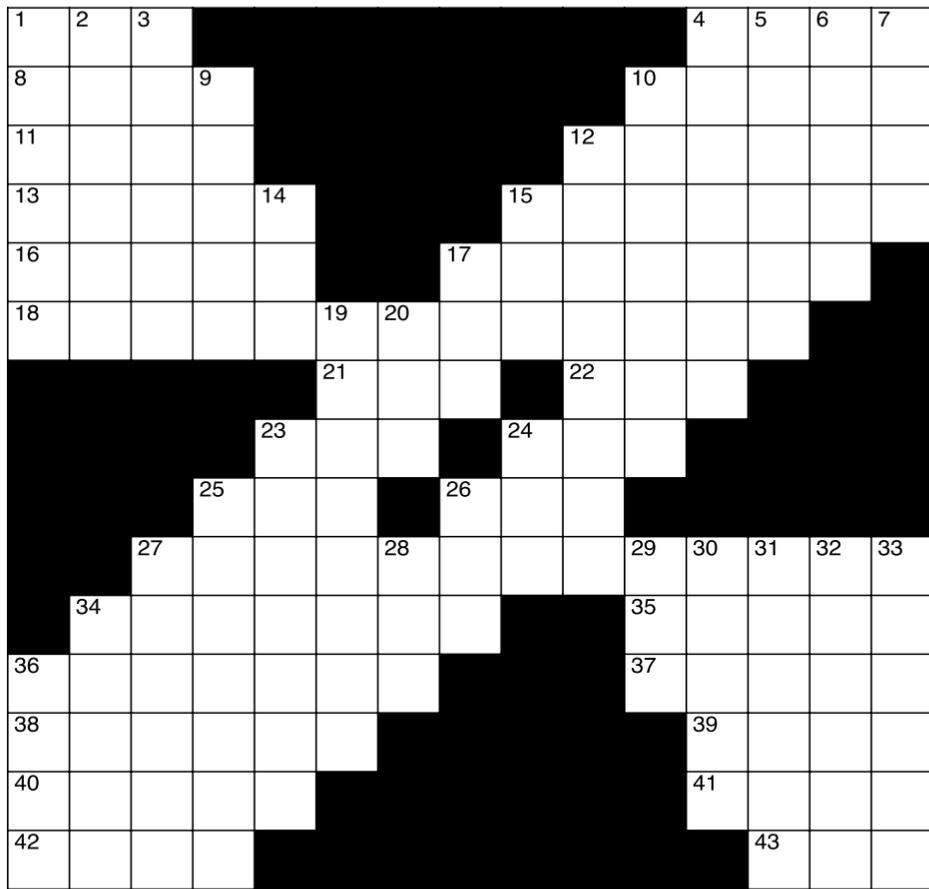
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16. Painful intestinal obstruction
17. Baby shoes
18. Make the grade
21. Type of screen
22. Christian fraternal organization (abbr.)
23. Computer giant
24. When you hope to get there
25. Corporate executive title (abbr.)
26. Shout of welcome or farewell
27. Imaginary awards for good deeds
34. A citizen of Iran

CLUES DOWN

9. A type of bomb
2. Pacific island country
3. Earth is one
4. A place to gather around
5. Expressed opposite views
6. Group that lives near Siberia
7. Ore deposit
9. Language related to Eskimo
10. Narrative piece of music
12. The distance covered

14. Glycoprotein hormone (abbr.)
15. Mathematical term (abbr.)
17. Popular beer
19. Jabbing
20. Historic Swedish castle
23. Humorous expressions
24. Christmas and New Year's Day each have one
25. Filled up
26. Nerve that serves the forearm (abbr.)
27. One of British descent
28. A way to get at
29. Food-related allergic reaction
30. Group of arteries near the pelvis
31. Picked up
32. Being three in one
33. Obscene
34. Dravidian language
36. Growl

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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

As a Soroptimist, what keeps you passionate about serving women and girls?

Stephanie Smith, Oak Harbor

I have been a member of Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor for over 27 years and have also had the privilege of serving in a variety of leadership roles within the organization at the regional and international level. From my early involvement in Soroptimist, I learned more about the disproportionate impact poverty, domestic violence, sexual abuse, addiction and lack of education had on women and girls. Many of the women and girls I have had the honor to work with and support shared their parent(s), grandparents etc. were not able to break the cycle they were currently living in. They had no one who believed they could be more or do more than the circumstances they found themselves in. Without help and support, they didn't see how they could improve their own life circumstances. Soroptimist, as well as some other organizations, provide this help, through educational grants and scholarships; connecting them with community resources to help them move forward in a positive direction; in other words helping them break the cycle. Growing up, I was fortunate to have parents and family who nurtured me, loved me unconditionally and encouraged my growth in every way. This isn't the case for many women and girls in Oak Harbor, as well as around the world. We don't want to see it or believe it, but it is there, and we need to leverage our resources, compassion, leadership and passion for positive change to help women and girls achieve their dreams through access to education and positive role models. This is why I am passionate about being a Soroptimist and the important work we do!



Susan Hansen, Greenbank

Soroptimists strive to help girls and women overcome obstacles to realizing their goals and dreams. Doing this is my passion, and it has been for many years before I became a Soroptimist. I have been fortunate enough to have had a wonderful career. Along the way I was able to mentor and guide young women to achieve their career goals. It has been very gratifying to see these women succeed. As a Soroptimist, I can continue doing this but also reach girls in secondary school, which I believe is important. We can mentor girls to help them decide further education and career building skills. I was a single mom at a very young age, and unaware of any organizations like Soroptimist. Luckily, I was raised with a very good work ethic, which helped me to earn a living, and further I was super fortunate to find a job with a company that paid for my college education. Working full time and going to school part time, getting my bachelors degree took 11 years. There were several great mentors along the way. I am now blessed to have the opportunity to give back.



Kathy Blair, Clinton

The moment I walked into my first Soroptimist meeting 19 years ago, I recognized a group of kindred souls — women who want to make a difference in the world by helping women and girls overcome obstacles to education. You see, when you help a woman, whether it's here in Island County or on the other side of the world, you are helping a family and a community. This is my passion, helping women and girls overcome the challenges they face so they can break the cycle of poverty. Over the years I've listened to the stories of dozens of women as they receive a "Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award." These women support themselves and their families, yet are determined to improve themselves through education. Many, if not most, have experienced severe trauma and abuse but they are driven to create a better life for their children. They continue to move toward their dream despite the challenges, and Soroptimist is there to lend a hand. What could be better than helping them along their way?



Janice Vaughan, Coupeville

As a charter member of Soroptimist International of Coupeville for 35 years, I have loved every minute of being a member of this club. I have been working to support and empower young women and girls, and to inspire them to be their very best. As a Soroptimist, I celebrate the collective power of women working together to give women and girls an atmosphere of support, friendship and fun. Empowering young women and girls to overcome their obstacles, and to be able to live their dream by giving them tools and resources to create change for themselves, is what being a Soroptimist is all about and has inspired me to be my very best. I have seen the magic of our club's dream programs. To be a part of this and how we have inspired other women and girls has inspired me! Helping women and girls to live their dream is making a difference in our community. This is what keeps me passionate about being a Soroptimist.



YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Sept. 30	Fri, Oct. 1	Sat, Oct. 2	Sun, Oct. 3	Mon, Oct. 4	Tues, Oct. 5	Wed, Oct. 6
North Isle H-63°/L-51° Clouds and Sun Showers	North Isle H-60°/L-48° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-63°/L-49° Chance of Rain	North Isle H-62°/L-50° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-63°/L-48° Showers Possible	North Isle H-62°/L-48° Showers Possible	North Isle H-62°/L-49° Showers Possible
South Isle H-63°/L-52° Clouds and Sun Showers	South Isle H-62°/L-49° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-64°/L-50° Showers Possible	South Isle H-62°/L-49° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-63°/L-51° Showers Possible	South Isle H-65°/L-49° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-64°/L-50° Showers Possible

Community Bulletin Board

To place an ad, email classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

Garage Sale: Friday, Oct. 1 and Saturday, Oct. 2, 9am-3pm, 578 SE 4th Ave, Oak Harbor. Accumulation of many years of treasures! Kitchen ware, books, puzzles, seasonal, yard/tool shed stuff, some clothing, and more misc. Rain will cancel. No early birds!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pregnant? Need baby clothes? We have them and the price is right – FREE. Pregnancy Care Clinic, open Tuesday 10am-4pm, Wednesday 12pm-7pm, and Thursday 10am-4pm. Stop by at 670 SE Midway Blvd. in Oak Harbor.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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 Har-

bor: 360-675-8733, Freeland: 360-331-6272.

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TAXI APPLICANTS: Contact us at 360-914-3250 or email officemgr@therocktaxi.com for complete details. **SHUTTLE APPLICANTS:** Contact us at 360-679-4003 or email officemgr@seatacshuttle.com for complete details (1)

Natural Resource Educator: Whidbey Island Conservation District (WICD) is seeking an education professional who has a passion for and experience in inspiring land stewardship and natural resource conservation on private lands and with diverse audiences. This new position is a part time (0.6 FTE; 24 hour/week) one-year grant-funded role through August 2022 with opportunities for position expansion with additional grant funding. The position is based at the WICD office in Coupeville, Whidbey Island, Washington. Position overview: The Natural Resource Educator is responsible for collaboratively engaging with staff, Board, partners, and clients on the development and delivery of a new approach to serving our agricultural audience on Whidbey Island – through the new "Agland Stewardship Program" to assist Small, Beginning, and Historically Underserved Farmers and Rural Landowners on Whidbey Island in partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. This multi-pronged program will involve coordination of seasonal FarmWalk events, videos, social media, and web content design and delivery, as well as cultivation of producer and partner relationships. The Natural Resource Educator reports directly to the District Manager. **SPECIFIC RESPON-**

SIBILITIES: Provides conservation education to a broad range of audiences, including K-12 students and adults; Coordinates, facilitates and promotes agriculturally-focused farmer events; Develops and designs web and social media campaigns; Develops, shoots and edits educational, engaging videos; Develops and maintains strong relationships with community partners and organizations to support outreach opportunities, ensure program relevance and forge new partnerships; Generates reports and social media content as requested; Assists staff with information requests as needed; Must be available to work occasional evenings and weekends; Performs other reasonable duties as assigned by District Manager. **ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor's degree in education and/or conservation-related sciences; Minimum of two years of informal or formal educator experience. Experience teaching science is preferred; Demonstrated understanding, experience or education in agriculture, natural resource science or environmental science; Professional knowledge of the principles and techniques used in educational programming and community outreach; Experience in shooting video footage and editing videos; Excellent public speaking and interpersonal skills with a demonstrated ability to interact and communicate with diverse individuals, co-workers, and groups; Superb written communication skills with attention to accuracy, detail, and succinctness, specifically with reports, social media, and email correspondence; Strong creative, organizational, and time-management skills; Proficiency in Microsoft Office suite of programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.). Working knowledge of Smartsheet is a plus; Working knowledge

of website development and maintenance, and social media; Working knowledge of email marketing software such as Constant Contact; Basic understanding of Adobe suite of programs (Acrobat, In Design, etc.); Possess a valid driver's license and a personal vehicle available for work travel (with mileage reimbursement). **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:** Acquainted with Whidbey Island's natural resources and/or local agriculture; Working understanding of Whidbey Island natural resource issues and key stakeholders; Experience of working on farms similar to those on Whidbey Island; Knowledge of WA State Conservation Commission and USDA NRCS programs and conservation planning processes; Familiar with conservation-related best management practices; Fluency in Spanish a plus. **WORK ENVIRONMENT:** Standard office environment with occasional work offsite and outdoors; Significant telephone and computer work (repetitive movement – typing); Frequent sitting, standing, walking on uneven ground, working outside in inclement weather, bending, and occasional lifting of moderate loads (up to 50 lbs). The incumbent must be able to perform each requirement of the position as outlined in the job description. Essential Qualifications are representative and are essential for satisfactory job performance. The Work Environment characteristics are representative of those that may be encountered while on the job. **COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS:** Range: \$22-\$25/hour. For this position, WICD provides prorated medical, dental, and vision insurance; a Simple Retirement plan (WICD is not part of the WA State Public Employees Retirement System – PERS); and 11 paid holidays per year. **WORK SCHEDULE:**

24 hours per week with occasional evening and/or weekend work. **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Please submit cover letter, fillable application (available at the WICD website www.whidbeycd.org), and resume to tomichelle@whidbeycd.org; subject line: Natural Resource Educator. Three professional references will be required and contacted if applicant is selected for an interview. Position will remain open until filled. **ABOUT US:** The Whidbey Island Conservation District (WICD) was established in 1967 to assist landowners on Whidbey Island with conservation of natural resources. The District is a legal subdivision of the Washington State government organized under "Conservation District Law," RCW Chapter 89.08. Conservation districts are non-regulatory, thus landowner engagement is voluntary and incentive-based. WICD employees are recognized for their ability to assist the Whidbey Island community with a high level of professionalism and expertise. WICD is an Equal Opportunity Employer (1) Island Transit is Hiring! If you are looking for a solid career with great pay and benefits including two retirement plans, we are hiring. Visit www.islandtransit.org/employment to apply. Island Transit is a drug and alcohol free workplace and an equal employment opportunity employer.

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