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Langley wonders "Who Dunit?"

37TH ANNUAL MYSTERY WEEKEND IS HERE

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

It might be considered a horrible crime spree – 37 years' worth – just about anywhere else, but in Langley, there's fun to be had by all who converge on the Village by the Sea to solve its annual murder mystery.

Langley's Mystery Weekend is back Saturday and Sunday, after COVID forced its cancellation last year. But murder did not take a hiatus during the pandemic. Quite the opposite, in fact. This time around, there are rumors swirling – could Langley be cursed, or worse yet, home to a cereal killer?

Loretta Martin is the longtime creative "brain" behind the Mystery Weekend's humorous and inventive storylines.

"Last year (writing in 2020 for 2021 mystery), we actually started writing based on a mystery I had written for a town in New Hampshire," she said. "They had to cancel their event in 2020 so I thought, 'Why waste a good story?' That story adaptation for Langley was almost completed by the time the Chamber decided not to hold the Langley event in 2021. By that time the story seemed "cursed," so I dropped it and came up with another story line. My co-writers liked it and we went with the new story for 2022.

"We feel proud that the Langley Mystery Weekend is the longest running event of its kind in the nation and it bothered us that the 2020 cancellation might break our 37-year run of murders," Martin continued. "For that reason, I suggested we write a story about how we DID have a murder in 2021 but no one discovered the body until the end of the year. That was the seed that led to the idea of a 'Langley Curse' and our 'Cereal Murder' story line."

This year amateur detectives from locales far and wide will converge upon Langley to try to solve the murder of Gen. Ottis Millez. Authorities believe they could be dealing with a deadly family feud spanning generations. But then a missing luxury fishing boat suddenly reappears without its two famous passengers, a rocket – yes, a rocket – crashes into a nearby field, and two high school clubs start getting into mischief. This kind of mayhem can only lead to – that's right – more murder.

There is sure to be a killer among the 30 suspects wandering Langley's quaint downtown, waiting to be questioned by the sleuths who have come to town to help the authorities figure out "who dunit."

For Martin, who has been the sole or lead writer of these mysteries since 1999, inspiration can come from just about anywhere.

"Ideas come to me from various events during the year or from a popular social issue or even from a catchy phrase I hear or think up," she

described. "I usually run ideas for the next mystery by the cast members while this mystery weekend is going on. If they think some sound like fun ideas, I'll expand on those and eventually pick a topic, sometimes after tossing the ideas around with co-writers. There have been years when the whole mystery changed direction after an event mid or late in the year."

To participate in solving the mystery, "detectives" of all ages purchase a clue map and ballot online at visitlangley.com/store or at the visitor information center at 208 Anthes Ave. in Langley. Cost is \$15 for those ages 16-64, or \$12 for those 65 and older, military or youth under 16. The office opens at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday for Will Call and at 10 a.m. for the general public. The specially created "Langley Gazette" is chock full of clues and the clue map shows where printed clues can be found. Detectives are welcome to check out the scene of the crime and interview suspects to help put it all together. Solutions to the mystery are written on the ballots, which are turned in at Mystery Weekend Headquarters no later than 4 p.m. Sunday. Those who have correctly solved the mystery will be entered into a grand prize drawing.

It's an event that has brought people back year after year to solve the "crime." Martin said she loves seeing her stories come to life.

"I enjoy all the writing process and working with a funny cast and sometimes with funny co-writers," she said. "But my favorite part of the year-long process is the day I see the actors during the mystery event get into character and into the costumes they create. At that time, I have the wonderful honor of

seeing the characters I write come to actual life before my eyes. It is an amazing experience!"

One doesn't need any special training to participate in the Mystery Weekend – just be open to some creative problem-solving.

"I do not look at the story from the perspective of a detective," Martin said. "I would say I spin a story puzzle which I feel the players will find fun, funny, and enjoyable for all ages. That is the goal I keep in mind. Then I create the characters and the story flows from those two elements. I love to 'play tricks' and I love puns, so the mystery often contains a tricky solution and is full of puns and silly doings."

Find more information on the Langley Mystery Weekend at visitlangley.com.

"In the end it is not if you figure out the correct solution but the enjoyment you and your friends or family have immersing yourselves into a live mystery in a real place and time," Martin said.



Photo Courtesy of Langley Chamber of Commerce
Loretta Martin, longtime writer of the Langley Mystery Weekend stories, can be found around town this weekend playing Polly Graph, one of the 30 characters whom detectives can question to figure out "Who dunit?" The 37th annual Langley Mystery Weekend takes place Saturday and Sunday in downtown Langley.

WhidbeyHealth board fires CEO

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

The board of commissioners for Whidbey Island Public Hospital District has fired WhidbeyHealth's Chief Executive Officer, Ron Telles.

In a press release last week, it was announced the board is ending its contract with Telles, who has agreed to stay on until an interim CEO is named.

"The district's board of commissioners, specifically the president of the board, Ron Wallin, is leading the recruitment and selection of an interim and permanent chief executive officer," said WhidbeyHealth Marketing Manager, Conor O'Brien, in an email to *Whidbey Weekly*. "A timeline was not provided, however urgency in finding a candidate was discussed. At the request of the board of commissioners, Ron Telles will remain acting CEO until an interim can be identified and effectively transitioned into the position."

Telles served as WhidbeyHealth's chief financial officer from 2015 to 2019 and was appointed CEO in 2019. He served in both roles until last December, when interim CFO, Jim Childers, was

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With Jim Freeman



Jim Freeman decided to go back on vacation for awhile longer. This column originally ran Feb. 21, 2019.

Caution: This column includes larger fonts.

I repeat. This column has larger fonts.

In an effort to enable many of us readers to read with more ease, many of the over-used words previously printed in smaller font columns have been discontinued because of over usage.

Call them retired words.

Call them expelled words.

Either way, the subtraction of these words from our arsenal of sarcasm will enable us readers to see larger fonts.

No additional fee, as free is still free.

And, as the board of directors of Wells Fargo once said, "And you can take that to the bank."

The use of words for me began at an early age.

From goo goo to ga ga to Lady Gaga, all in one lifetime.

Before we could write words, we needed to learn how to write letters.

I still have some of the third grade homework Mom saved.

I did a really good J back in the day, but my D's were too skinny and my M's had one hump too many. While these font faux went unmentioned on my grade card from Miss Helen Duhamel, our 3rd grade teacher at Kingswood Elementary in Columbus, Ohio, she did indicate "Jimmy does not do well with others."

What do you expect from a skinny kid from Denver who got tied up at recess? Welcome to Kingswood. I want my mother.

Once we get rolling with words, on paper or off tongue, Katie bar the door. This expression makes no sense to a third grader, but may have reference to Big Nose Kate, Doc Holliday's significant other, or so I learned from the Old Ranger on *Death Valley Days*, back when my world was a much simpler black and white.

Thank goodness I never saw the Old Ranger in hi-def.

Actually, sometimes when I watch television, I think I may be hearing in hi-def.

When I was writing editorials for our elementary school newspaper, *Schoolmate*, a Wickliffe elementary mimeographed monthly, I almost got fired for writing a less than objective analysis of the new dance craze, The Twist.

Number one, the twist was a hot topic at any sixth grader's dinner table. The alleged vulgarity and needlessness of the pendulum gyrations gave parents pause.

Growing up in the "don't you talk back to me" decade of the fifties, I was unable to articulate my perceived vulgarity of the Lindy hop and jitterbug dancers on *Lawrence Welk*. Mr. Welk allowed those dancers to flip each other up in the air, over heads, under skirts, and landing in splits.

Smile on, Bobby.

In college, one of my jobs as alumni officer for our fraternity was to co-edit our monthly *Knight Errant*. Laying out the paper with Brother Lee was about the most fun I ever had in an unpaid fraternal service role.

I got paid fifty-cents and a free meal for drying dinner dishes for 60 messy brothers every week night. I grew to love the sound of running water.

Still do.

How many of us really do turn the water off while brushing?

Entering the world of Whidbey 36 years ago, I had never written a column for people I did not know.

Dad always told me the first thing to know in any communication is answered with the question, "Who is your audience?"

Better not tell the same joke at the PTA meeting one shares at the Rod N' Gun club.

Given that one can really never know who is reading what on any printed page in a free publication distributed online around the world and at over 200 locations in the Puget Sound, it is a challenge to demographic the unknown.

One of our wonderful readers named Steve approached me once to say he enjoyed reading, but did not always understand the references since he was several decades younger.

Please excuse me when I talk about Julius La Rosa, Jack Paar, or the Nairobi Trio, but it only seems like yesterday to me, and I often do not remember what yesterday was.

To really get transparent, maybe I should mail out a questionnaire. Better yet, maybe a multiple choice question column which you the reader could cut out and return.

Maybe our graphics team could work out a deal where we printed the postage paid stamp on page 4 so when folding over to mail your responses, it is a no fee situation.

Let me talk to Whidbey Printing on this.

Their office is all the way downstairs, but TJ or Teresa or Kathy can go check. They are all still young and active.

I want to keep my words young and active, even if I am not as Y and A as previously considered.

I want to use words like *Fortnite*, which I just learned from my long-time pal Ed Shields who shared Clive Thompson's fascinating article, "Hitting the Panic Buttons," from the December 2018 *Smithsonian* magazine, also at www.smithsonian.com.

Growing up with the option of a basketball, a wiffle ball, or a pinball machine, I am unable to comprehend sitting still with any electronic device which causes me to look down while entertaining myself.

The Bally Trail Drive pinball machine, a wedding present gifted me and the wife from our chum Cochise, is still active in my kitchen.

The subsequent plaintiff also let me keep the Ohio State toilet seat.

My mind goes nowhere else but the pinball field as the sound of the silver pinball rolls here and there, adjusted by speed and flipper reaction time. There is nothing stationary about playing pinball.

In fact, when I play pinball, I jump more than those folks who danced the Lindy hop.

Pinball is a heavenly habit. Remember the line in "It's a Wonderful Life" when Jimmy Stewart's daughter Zuzu tells him (George Bailey) "every time a bell rings, an angel gets its wings"?

Every time my pinball accuracy creates points, bells are going off. Angels are getting their wings. I may be tanking, but somewhere an angel is jumping for joy.

So, what is the point of all this?

Does it really matter?

In a workshop led by comedian Stanley Myron Handelman, one of the great deadpan comics from my childhood, we were told by Stanley that "comedy has to have a point, even if your point is to have no point."

I have always remembered this being raised with the rule, "It is not polite to point."

Some folks are out there using something called Power Point. Talk about getting flipped off.

Thanks for listening, even if you did like my Grandma Tama did once when Uncle Johnny was telling a joke during the after five o'clock highball soiree.

Seeing Tama turn her squeaky hearing aid after her son-in-law, my uncle, began telling a lengthy joke, I whispered.

"Are you turning your aids up?"

"No, James, I'm turning them off. I've heard this one before."

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Bits & Pieces

WSU Extension, DNR to Offer Free Online Forest Owners' Winter School Classes

Free webinar set for Feb. 26 includes education on indigenous land management, insect and diseases advice, and preparing trees for climate change

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources and the Washington State University Extension Forestry program are teaming up to take their Forest Owners' Winter School classes online again this year, providing more than 20 free, expert-led classes for people to learn more about their forests, from climate change to wildlife habitat to insects and diseases.

The Winter School program will be held from 9:00AM to 3:00PM Saturday via Zoom. Despite being held remotely, many of the classes will be tailored specifically to the different needs of landowners both east and west of the Cascades. The family-friendly event has classes suitable for first-time forest owners and for folks whose families have owned their land for generations.

Class topics include how to increase tree resiliency, current forest health issues, integrating agriculture and forestry, improving wildlife habitat, indigenous land management in the Pacific Northwest, and more.

The Online Winter School will consist of five 50-minute sessions, during each of which you can pick from a variety of topics. Attendees will be able to ask questions and interact with instructors and panelists via chat as the courses go on. There is also a virtual lunch break scheduled to allow attendees to get to know one another and discuss shared interests in an informal setting.

Registrants will receive a final schedule a few days in advance of the event so they can plan which sessions to attend live.

Anyone who is interested in participating should register even if they cannot view the sessions live. Registered participants will receive links to the recordings of the sessions. This will also allow users to see all the sessions they are interested in, even if they are scheduled for the same time slot.

For more information on the event, including a complete list of topics, go to forestry.

wsu.edu/webinars/onlinews. To register, go to bit.ly/WSUWinterSchool22.

This program is made possible in part by funding support from Washington State University, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Island County, King Conservation District, King County, Lewis County, Pacific County, Pierce County, San Juan County, Skagit County, Stevens County, Snohomish Conservation District, Snohomish County Surface Water Management, USDA Forest Service, and the Renewable Resources Extension Act.

Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office.

[Submitted by Kenny Ocker, Washington State Department of Natural Resources]

Archbishop Murphy High School to Host Informational Sessions

Over the last 30 years, Archbishop Murphy High School (AMHS) has provided a faith-based, college preparatory education affording north sound and Whidbey Island graduates the opportunity to attend some of the most prestigious colleges and universities. Since 2006, students from Whidbey Island have made the daily commute on the 7:00AM ferry to the school campus in the Mill Creek/Everett area.

Archbishop Murphy High School offers extensive core and elective course options, 22 AP classes, honors and college in the high school classes, an average class size of 17 and a 1:12 faculty/staff to student ratio. Students are able to choose from over 20 sport and 30 club co-curricular options for a healthy life balance to the focused academic study programs. The school has a 100 percent graduation rate with 96 percent going on to a four-year college or university. With small classes and a low student to teacher ratio, your family is not just a number.

Archbishop Murphy High School is doing what no other school is doing. AMHS encourages mind, body and spiritual wellness, and offers three full time counselors for college prep and social and emotional well-being.

"Our daughter is an alum of AMHS and we could not have been happier with the education she received at Archbishop Murphy. She blossomed academically, socially and personally. We believe in faith-based education and its role in shaping well rounded, young adults able to face the challenges of today's world", said Richard Bacigalupi, alum parent, and AMHS board of trustees member. "The Academic Resource Center (ARC) at AMHS was fundamental to our daughter's academic success. Each student learns differently

and the ARC program streamlines individual learning and study skills with academic rigor," said Carol Griswold-Bacigalupi, parent.

Information sessions will be held March 1 and March 16, and will focus on school admissions and enrollment, and college prep curriculum. School President, Steve Schmutz, and Admissions Director, Jana James, will host the meeting.

Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy High School is a Catholic, college preparatory school that welcomes students of all faiths. True to the spirit of the Gospel, Archbishop Murphy nurtures the full development of the gifts God has given to each student, fosters service as an outgrowth of faith, and values diversity. Working with parents in the educational ministry, AMHS strives for academic excellence, spiritual enrichment, and Christlike leadership for the transformation of the world.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact admissions@am-hs.org or visit am-hs.org/visitus.

[Submitted by Brittni Wallace, Archbishop Murphy High School]

Youth Heritage Project: Apply Now for YHP 2022

Tell Your Teens: Summer Camp Opportunity to Explore Maritime Stories in Port Townsend

After being on hiatus for the last two years, the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation is beyond excited to invite all high school-age students to get hands-on with history this summer in Port Townsend. At this year's Youth Heritage Project, taking place from July 12-15, participants will have the chance to dive into maritime heritage—past and present—and work on storytelling projects related to the new Maritime Washington National Heritage Area.

This FREE overnight summer program offers a unique mix of opportunities for active learning, outdoor fun, and student-led volunteer projects. Located in historic Fort Worden, participants will have the chance to explore Port Townsend's fascinating history, vibrant maritime culture, and beautiful natural setting. They'll take to the water in locally hand-made long boats, meet with boat builders and tradespeople, learn from local Tribal members, and play in quirky downtown Port Townsend. Participants will also have the chance to work with local partners to help them better tell their stories—serving as advisors on real-world problems.

Whether you're a history lover, an outdoor enthusiast, an aspiring storyteller, or a budding artist, YHP is a fun opportunity to explore a unique place in your state, meet new friends, and give back this summer.

Apply online via the link below anytime between now and the May 13 deadline.

The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation is also seeking adults to serve as teacher-mentors for the program. Please use the same link to apply, <https://preservewa.org/programs/youth-heritage-project/>.

All students and teacher-mentors accepted to participate in this year's YHP will be required to abide by Washington State guidelines for COVID-19 precautions. If you have any questions about YHP or about the application, please email yhp@preservewa.org or call 206-624-9449.

[Submitted by Huy Pham, Washington Trust for Historic Preservation]

A New Era Begins at Island Senior Resources

A new executive director, Michele Cato, takes over the helm at Island Senior Resources March 1, as Cheryn Weiser, executive director, closes her 12-years in service of the organization and our Island County communities. As Island Senior Resources completes its first 50 years of service, Michele will continue strengthening ISR's county-wide programs and resources to support seniors, adults with disabilities, and those who care for them.

Cheryn's leadership at Island Senior Resources has cultivated close collaborations with community members and organizations, strengthened internal leadership, and built the organization into the effective and efficient nonprofit it is today. She successfully managed through significant moments in the organization's history. She was a voice for the organization's essential services and the need for community financial support to supplement limited funding from government sources. She leaves the organization on solid ground for a sustainable future. Cheryn will be reinvesting her talent in ways that support community life after taking well-deserved time to connect with family and friends and enjoy her garden.

Michele lights the way forward for 2022 and beyond. She brings a diverse background in nonprofit management and improving access to services that promote health and well-being for vulnerable populations. "Michele's deep commitment to community and her understanding of the complexities of social service will make her an excellent leader for ISR," says Cheryn. Michele grew up in Snoqualmie and is a graduate of the University of Washington. She has led programs in AIDS prevention, family planning, harm reduction, and maternal and infant health. She will be focusing on reaching more deeply into all our communities and leading the organization's strategic priorities.

Joining Michele is Katheryn Howell, who is filling a new role at ISR to lead ISR's programs and services. Katheryn has served the Puget Sound community for more than 20 years. Katheryn will help navigate the organization toward further

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integration of programs, strengthening existing partnerships, and building new collaborations in service of the mission of Island Senior Resources to provide resources to seniors, adults with disabilities, and those who care for them.

"Cheryn has led Island Senior Resources with integrity, dedication, and determination to provide essential services to the community. We welcome Michele and Katheryn as the leaders who will move us forward to even greater heights. ISR is incredibly fortunate in bringing talent dedicated to excellence in community nonprofit leadership and management to Island County," said June Nailon, board president.

[Submitted by Robin Bush, Community Education Specialist, Island Senior Resources]

Black-led Modest Family Solutions Selected as the Long-Term Leaseholder and Steward for the Puget Sound Agrarian Commons Farmland

The Puget Sound Agrarian Commons (AC) has chosen Adasha Turner, founder and director of Modest Family Solutions, as the long-term leaseholding steward of the land gift that started the Puget Sound Agrarian Commons and the Agrarian Commons movement. Caroline Gardner, the previous owner of the land, shared the vision of ensuring that the Pacific Northwest benefit from a legacy of land and agriculture connected to people and place, and saw the potential to catalyze a community-centric model for farmland stewardship. Gardner gifted her ten-acre farm to Agrarian Trust in November of 2019. The Puget Sound Agrarian Commons in Western Washington is now actively building relationships with partner organizations, landowners, and farmers who share a similar vision. Black Seed

Agroecology Farm Village will launch on the land donated by Caroline Gardner.

Modest Family Solutions will obtain a 99-year secure, affordable, and equity-building lease. With farmland access secured, Modest Family Solutions and Black Seed Agroecology Farm Village will use this secure land access and tenure to support the Black Diaspora, Indigenous peoples, immigrants, refugees and other communities of color to reconnect to humanity through farming, food, and healing spaces. The land will be used by Modest Family Solutions to grow food to be sold and gifted to BIPOC communities, and will also be used for youth agroecology education.

As the first land gift to Agrarian Trust, the Whidbey Island farmland donation catalyzed the national Agrarian Commons movement, followed by the launch of 12 Agrarian Commons around the United States. Each of these Agrarian Commons will include a community-owned and governed network of farms acquired for the purpose of providing long-term, affordable, secure access for next generation farmers to produce healthy foods for their region in an ecologically sound manner.

The Agrarian Commons model addresses two of the primary obstacles for contemporary farmers: the high cost of land and high debt burden of modern agriculture. With 400,000,000 acres of farmland currently changing hands and systems of ownership and federal farm policy that impoverish both land and farmers, now is the time for transformation in how land is owned, accessed, valued, and tended.

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[Submitted by Wendy Stevens, Agrarian Trust]

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What's Going On

All entries are listed chronologically, unless there are multiple entries for the same venue or are connected to a specific organization (such as Sno-Isle Libraries) in which case all entries for that venue or organization are listed collectively in chronological order under one heading.

Art Walk
Saturday, February 26, 2:00-5:00pm
Downtown Oak Harbor

Join the Oak Harbor Main Street Association and its merchants for an afternoon of art, music and snacks. For more information, visit www.oakharbormainstreet.org.

Try Rugby Day
Sunday, February 27, 12:00-2:00pm
Oak Harbor High School Stadium
Free

Boys and girls ages 6-16 are invited to come learn basic skills and receive more information about playing non-contact games. For more information, email northdirector@rugbywa.org or visit rugbywa.org.

Funky Fat Tuesday With Doctor Savage
Tuesday, March 1, 7:30pm
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley

After a sold-out debut concert in December 2021, Doctor Savage, South Whidbey's newest funk band, returns to WICA in celebration of Mardi Gras 2022. This group consists of some of the Pacific Northwest's grooviest musicians who are sure to get the house hoppin'! Tickets available at <https://tickets.wicaonline.org>.

Penn Cove Mussel Fest
Saturday, March 5, 11:00am-6:00pm
Sunday, March 6, 10:00am-5:00pm
Historic Coupeville

Enjoy free activities Saturday and Sunday. Mussel Fest beer, wine and cider garden with live music, fishin' on the pier and scavenger hunt. Front Street Festivities include local merchants and food vendors situated along Front and Grace Streets. For more information, visit thepenncovemussel festival.com.

Religious Services
Filipino Christian Fellowship
Sundays, 2:00pm
Meets at Church on the Rock, 1780 SE 4th Ave., Oak Harbor. www.ohcfellowship.com

Healing Rooms
Every Thursday, 6:30-8:30pm
5200 Honeymoon Bay Road, Freeland
The Healing Rooms are open to anyone desiring personal prayer for physical, emotional or spiritual needs. There is a team of Christians from several local churches that are dedicated to praying for healing the sick in our community. All ministry is private, confidential, and free. Teams are available to pray for individuals who drop by on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, contact Ann at 425-263-2704, email healingwhidbey.com, or visit the International Association of Healing Rooms at healingrooms.com.

Concordia Lutheran Church
Sunday service, 9:30am
Bible Study & Sunday School, 10:45am
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For more information, visit www.concordiaoakharbor.org or call 360-675-2548.

Teaching Through God's Word
Sundays, 9:00 & 11:00am
Calvary Chapel, 3821 French Road, Clinton
For more information, visit ccwhidbey.com.

Unitarian Universalist Sunday Service
Sundays, 10:00am
Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Freeland
All are welcome. Values-based children's religious exploration classes and childcare will be provided. Visit www.uucwi.org for more information. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation building is located at 20103 Highway 525, two miles north of Freeland.

Unity of Whidbey
Sundays, 10:00am
5671 Crawford Road, Langley
If you're one of the "spiritual but not religious" people who questions your childhood faith or is looking for something more, Unity of Whidbey may feel like a homecoming. Visit their website: unityof-whidbey.org.

Whidbey Quakers
Sundays, 4:00-5:00pm
Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Freeland
Whidbey Islands Friends Meeting (also known as Quakers) meet in silent worship and community, with occasional spoken

messages, every Sunday at the Unitarian Universalist building. For more information, contact Tom Ewell at tewell@whidbey.com or go to www.whidbeyquakers.org.

First Church of Christ, Scientist
Worship, 10:00AM
Sunday School to age 20, 10:00AM
Wednesday Testimony Meeting, 2:30PM
Christian Science Reading Room
Tuesday & Friday, 11:00am-3:00pm
The church and Reading Room are located at 721 SW 20th Court at Scenic Heights Street, Oak Harbor. Call 360-675-0621 or visit christianscience.com.

Services and Sunday School are also held at 10:30AM on South Whidbey at 15910 Highway 525, just north of Bayview and across from Useless Bay Road; testimony meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

Meetings & Organizations
Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers (WIGS)
Tuesday, March 15, 1:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Mary Kircher Roddy will present "Finding Jane Graham's Parents - Using Clusters and Records in Three Countries." Using Fan Club Research (Family and Friends, Associates and Neighbors) when records are scant, can prove helpful. Non-WIGS members: send email to whidbeygensearchers@gmail.com by March 13 to receive Zoom invitation. All are invited to join us. Sign on to Zoom 10 minutes early.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting
Every Monday, 7:00-8:00pm
Carole's Barbershop, Freeland
A meeting dedicated to dealing with the problem and solution for recovering from the effects of growing up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family. For more

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WhidbeyHealth CEO Ron Telles has been fired by the Whidbey Island Public Hospital District's board of commissioners.

"brought in to lead the rightsizing for financial sustainability initiative," according to O'Brien. Telles' salary is \$430,000 per year.

The board is also seeking to replace Childers' position, because he was hired with a specific goal and timeline in mind, O'Brien said.

"He was not hired with the intention of full-time retention, rather to expedite implementation of our financial sustainability strategy," he explained. "While the goal is still to hire a full time CFO, based on the market, it is much more likely that an interim CFO can be identified quicker than a full-time position. If the intended interim CFO is identified as a candidate for the CFO position, upward growth is also a possibility."

Telles' firing is the latest in a string of recent personnel changes at WhidbeyHealth. The week prior, a press release from the organization announced the board was "implementing a strategic organizational restructuring" aimed at helping to grow revenue in order to establish 90 days of cash reserves.

"Multiple positions have been eliminated, including that of Chief Nursing Officer, Chief Quality Officer, and Chief Information Technology Officer," O'Brien said. "Other positions were eliminated as well, as the organization works to right-size the district to ensure financial sustainability."

The staffing changes, which are meant to be permanent, affect all levels of staffing, although the executive positions were the ones specifically mentioned.

O'Brien said decisions regarding staffing changes were made before a "no confidence" vote in some of the organization's leadership.

"The medical staff introduced a resolution of 'no confidence' at their Jan. 31 Medical Staff Committee meeting," he said. "The no confidence resolution was for the hospital district's CEO Ron Telles, [Chief Operating Officer] Dr. Garth Miller, and [Chief Legal Officer] Jake Kempton. The medical staff is comprised of providers throughout our community – both private practice and employees of the hospital district.

"The eliminations were identified and planned prior to the no confidence vote taking place as part of the identified rightsizing for financial sustainability," O'Brien continued. "Unfortunately, the timing surrounding the no confidence vote coincided with when the decision would be delivered to the former employees, which has colored the opinions of many in the community."

Neither Miller's nor Kempton's positions were eliminated.

Last November Island County voters approved a levy lift for the hospital district, the first in its 57-year history. WhidbeyHealth said revenues from the levy were expected to be used to retain existing staff by offering living wage jobs, recruit additional providers, improve technology and improve communications systems.

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information, contact Clayton at 360-989-4248 or visit www.adultchildren.org.

Al-Anon

Every Wednesday, 9:30-10:30am
432 2nd St., Langley

If a friend or relative has a problem with alcohol, you can find solutions for yourself at Alanon.

Al-Anon Group

Every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30PM
Oak Harbor Lutheran Church, 1253 NW 2nd Ave.

Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Al-Anon group can help. Call Randy at 360-914-8084 for meeting information.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Day, 12:00 & 8:00pm
432 2nd Street, Langley

For more information, call 360-221-2070.

Central Whidbey Lions

First and Third Thursdays, 12:00pm
Tye Restaurant, Coupeville

Coupeville Lions

Every Wednesday, 6:30pm
Coupeville Methodist Church, Coupeville

Free To Change Al-Anon Meeting

Every Friday, 7:00-8:00pm
Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland

If you or a relative or friend has a problem with alcohol, you can find solutions for yourself at Al-Anon. As a Twelve-Step

Program, we offer help by sharing our experience, strength & hope. Newcomers are always welcome!

Gam-Anon Meetings

Every Tuesday, 6:30pm
Mount Vernon Senior Center,
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SATURDAY, JAN. 1

1:27 am, SR 20
Reporting stolen vehicle, was stolen today; 2012 Cadillac CTS. Advising sister's boyfriend took vehicle to shop and handed keys to unknown subjects.

2:03 pm, SR 20
Requesting assistance to move stuck bison.

7:12 pm, Harding Ave.
Advising neighbor just called in advising of prowler at location; reporting party is enroute. White four-door Chevy truck has been stealing neighboring business' rocks.

7:43 pm, Saratoga Rd.
Reporting party advising someone is shooting off cannons or fireworks. When asked if he believes it is a weapon or fireworks, advising he thinks weapon. Thinks it's coming from the northwest, further from Langley.

9:07 pm, SR 20
Reporting party advising mother is taking him to hospital for no reason; "She's abducting me;" advising he does not need medical attention.

10 am, Riepma Ave.
Reporting party advising wife is pregnant and woke up crazy, throwing stuff at him, he left location. Reporting party does not know his address.

SUNDAY, JAN. 2

8:39 am, Mobius Loop
Caller wants to know if she is dead yet, asking about his wife. "If she is dead, I need to change the beneficiary to her daughter."

MONDAY, JAN. 3

10:07 am, Woodside Ln.
Requesting call regarding raccoon problem under his porch.

2:03 pm, Honeymoon Bay Rd.
Requesting call regarding neighbor taking reporting party's mail, releasing it when they want to.

4:50 pm, Cedar Acres Ln.
Advising 83-year-old male rode his scooter up long drive to mailbox; no cell phone; carried a cow bell to ring if needed help. Bell is ringing. Reporting party is unable to see him and can barely walk to go check on him, requesting someone find him.

TUESDAY, JAN. 4

8:16 am, Scenic Heights Rd.
Red and white baby cow is standing in reporting party's yard, could access roadway. Believes it belongs in field to the right, but unknown owner.

9:14 am, Harbor Ave.
Caller requesting check of location; says has been trying for over an hour to reach clinic in Freeland by phone and it is on after-hours messaging. Concerned someone has gone in there and caused trouble.

3:47 pm, Clover Valley Rd.
Advising male subject in trees is screaming at himself, in between Navy property and park past ball field where it's roped off.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5

3:16 pm, Mount Baker Cir.
Found human jawbone on beach in area of location. Reporting party has picture of location with latitude and longitude but has bone with him now at location.

7:11 pm, Mobius Loop

Advising was involved in motor vehicle accident in Coupeville Dec. 24, 2021; advising is receiving threats from unknown subject who keeps mentioning accident.

11:46 pm, Main St.

Advising male outside of room making strange noises. Thinks male has been drinking.

THURSDAY, JAN. 6

5:30 am, Main St.
Reporting party states arrived at work this morning and discovered window partially open, can see large hand print on outside of window.

8:41 am, El Pozo St.

Occurred sometime in past two years; reporting party just returned now. Found jewelry box emptied. Reporting party got home around 11:30 last night.

9:53 am, High Point Dr.

Requesting call; states wants to provide information about militia activity on the island. Refused to speak to other officers. Refused location or any further info.

12:20 pm, Anthes Ave.

Young man walking around has knife in his hand is "a little off;" is in the store right now. Reporting party stepped outside.

4:05 pm, Amble Rd.

Reporting party states realtor called him and said that when there for a sale couldn't find lock box and was met at the front door by a subject who was inside.

6:31 pm, Ault Field Rd.

Arrived at work at 11:30 and off now; got to car to find two bullet casings lying in front cup holder. Doesn't know if car was locked or not. Reporting party has been having issues with someone trespassing on her home property.

FRIDAY, JAN. 7

9:02 am, Shoreview Dr.
Friend called reporting party, advising she is stuck in waters behind location. Water is about two feet high.

6:57 pm, Goss Lake Rd.

Caller states received text message that "wasn't really nice;" rambling about law enforcement officer that she doesn't like. ICOM tried to ask what text message said and reporting party hung up.

7:05 pm, SR 20

Reporting party states just drove past the bridge and saw a queen-sized mattress on walkway on southbound side. Reporting party saw a truck with nobody in it parked at the center span.

SATURDAY, JAN. 8

12:34 pm, Carl Ave.
"I'm the President of the United States at the White House;" caller rambling about also being the vice president and the U.S. Marshal. "I'm just checking in to see if there's anything you need."

1:04 am, SE Pioneer Way

States someone just pulled a gun on him; states it is the owner of the bar.

8:55 pm, Sidney St.

Caller on the line difficult to hear, keeps repeating "I'm stuck in Russia with the Seal Team." States needs to get out of Russia.

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

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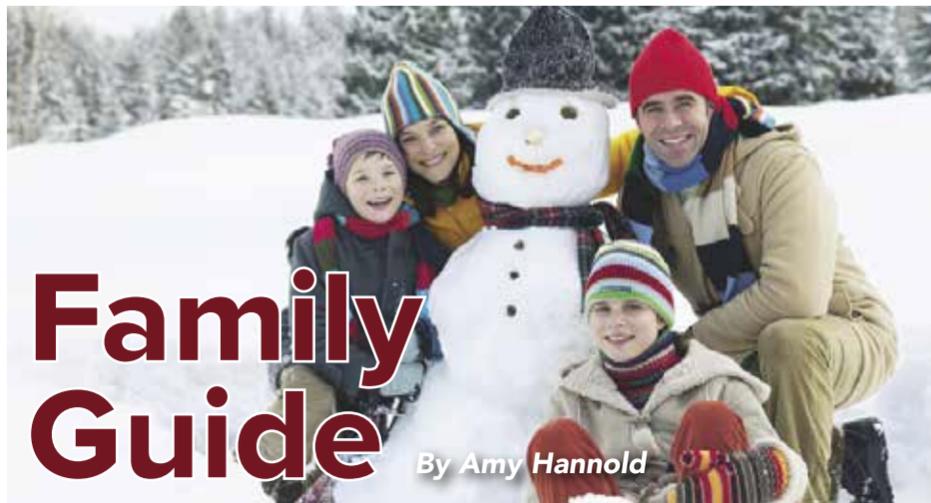


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Family Guide

By Amy Hannold

Celebrate Seuss by Reading: In honor of author Dr. Seuss's birthday March 2, "Read Across America Day," is a nationwide call-to-action day to get books into the hands of children, and foster a love of reading.

Our local Sno-Isle Libraries do an excellent job of this in our communities year-round. They offer online story times and book groups, entertaining events, and at their website there are dozens of free resources for all ages. Sno-isle.org

Another great resource is Kidlit.tv, a winner of the Parents' Choice Gold Award, also selected as an American Association of School Librarians Best Digital Tool for Teaching and Learning. Explore the world of children's literature as you discover great children's books and connect with the people who create them. Authors read their books and inspire creativity via "Read Out Loud" and "Ready, Set Draw!" videos.

Are Your Seats Safe?: Caregivers transporting children in vehicles are encouraged to have their car seat/booster seat installation and use checked by a nationally certified Child Passenger Technician at the Oak Harbor Fire Station any time between 3 and 5 p.m., the first Tuesday of March, May, July, September or November. Car seat checks are free.

Reservations are required and can be made by emailing CarSeatsNW@gmail.com, with your requested appointment time, as well as the ages of your children. Bring your vehicle owner's manual and the car seat's manual to the safety check. Private appointments are available; contact Safe Kids Northwest for a certified car seat technician. SafeKidsNorthwest.org

Read an E-Book Week: March 6-12 is National "Read an eBook" Week, and there are some great resources to find free and discount eBooks for all ages. In addition to our local library, one of my favorites is Bookbub.com. Every day, you will receive an email alerting you to discounts on a variety of genres. You can customize the offers you receive to your preferred categories. It's a great way to discover new books and add otherwise unknown titles to your library. Another great source of affordable eBooks is "Free eBook Alerts for Christian Readers" on Facebook. No matter your religious preference, they present a wide variety of books, fiction and nonfiction, for all ages. Attention online shoppers, you can also find eBook sales and many other "great deal alerts" at Motherhoodonadime.com.

Homeschooling Families: Interested in homeschooling but don't know where to start? A panel of local parents who homeschool in different ways are gathering at the Deer Lagoon Grange in Langley, Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. to give you tips and encouragement. For more information contact erinw.210@gmail.com.

High School Musical Onstage: "Disney's High School Musical" will be presented by Anacortes High School, Anacortes Community Theatre, and Fidalgo Dance Works, at Anacortes High School, March 10-13 and 17-20. Described as a modern-day adaptation of "Romeo and Juliet," the story is relatable and popular today with a variety of audiences. Evening shows at 7 p.m., Sunday matinees at 2 p.m., tickets at Acttheatre.com.

Parade fun on St. Patrick's Day: Wear your green and head to downtown Oak Harbor for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Thursday, March 17, at 4 p.m. A variety of groups and organizations will entertain you, and afterwards there's a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at the American Legion, for \$12, kids welcome. If you'd like to be in the parade, email ohirishwildlifesociety@outlook.com for a parade application.

Poison Awareness: National Poison Prevention Week is March 20-26. The Washington Poison Center offers a variety of free resources to assist those who care for children in educating them to avoid poison incidents and harm. It's an annual reminder to have conversations with our children so they stay safe. As adults, it's good to know we have the WAPC, in the event of an emergency and to have related questions answered. Wapc.org/resources/kidsactivities

SICBA's Home and Garden Show: Interact with vendors featuring the latest in home and garden trends. The show features all things related to outdoor decor, lawn and garden care, home improvement, and interior design. Exhibitors, live music, food trucks and more! March 25-27, at the Skagit County Fairgrounds. Sicba.org

SPECIAL DAYS IN MARCH:

March is nature's way of reminding us spring is coming, but that we have a few more weeks of winter to enjoy. Here are a few special days in March to celebrate, on otherwise ordinary days:

March 12 is National Plant a Flower Day: Large or small, a flowerpot is a bit of sunshine wherever you place it. Plant something to look forward to this spring for yourself, or get the kids involved in growing a flower, from a seed, and foster a love of gardening. Kidsgardening.org/garden-activities

March 17 is Absolutely Incredible Kid Day: Founded in 1997 by Camp Fire USA, this is the day to write or tell a kid in your life how much you appreciate them. I believe, now more than ever, as we are re-entering a communal society, our kids need to know we believe in them. Commit to encouraging the special kids in your life. Your words are powerful. Make an impact. Ideas for how to let the young people in your life know how special they are in a meaningful way: Campfirefw.org/events/absolutely-incredible-kid-day

March 26 is Make Up Your Own Holiday Day: Create a day you, your family, or group can make memories and perhaps, be fun for those around you. It could be "National Read a Family Scrapbook Day," "National Decorate Your Dog Day," "National Neighbor Appreciation Day" – anything that would beat the winter doldrums. It's up to YOU! Homeschoolsuperfreak.com/national-days-make-up-your-own-holiday-day.

Spring is Inspiring: Fill your calendar with fun to look forward to with a click on WhidbeyIsland.MacaroniKid.com for guides and updates, keeping you informed of upcoming events, festivals, youth activities, Spring/Summer Break fun and more!

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Deception Pass State Park ranger selected for national award

Meet the “Under-30s” elevating the park experience

By **Melanie Hammons** Whidbey Weekly

According to a 2016 survey, 77 percent of voters maintain “the U.S. benefits greatly, or at least a fair amount, from its national parks.” That’s noteworthy, considering many of the same people surveyed would likely rate other government organizations a good deal lower.

The people who make our state and national parks work are key to achieving that 77 percent favorability ranking. “Parks & Recreation” magazine has joined with the National Parks and Recreation Association Young Professionals Network to honor some of these outstanding individuals with the “30 under 30” award. Now in its second year, the program seeks to recognize 30 young park and recreational professionals in the field.

“Parks & Recreation” magazine describes the award selection criteria. Nominees are rated according to “their impact on the agency’s community and service population, contributions to the professional development of the field of parks and recreation, and for innovative ideas, programs, or research into the field of parks and recreation.”

Out of hundreds of parks numbered in our state and national park system, meet one of Deception Pass State Park’s own – Interpretive Specialist II Joy Kacoroski. Out of over 100 nominations received, Kacoroski is one of 30 winners nationwide for the “30 under 30 in 2022” award. Almost from her childhood, Kacoroski said she grew into a career she loves and hopes to be in for a lifetime.

“My family did lots of RV camping while I was growing up. We lived next to Bridle Trails State Park (Kirkland area.) From the time I was in the eighth grade, I knew that I wanted to be a park ranger,” she said.

Those early and memorable vacations in the outdoors led to her vision for improving access to outdoor learning opportunities at Deception Pass State Park. She is especially passionate about encouraging positive experiences in that realm for kids who visit the park.

“A big thing we’ve focused on is boosting the field trip programs, which are so beneficial to students,” she said. “Yet along with that effort, we’ve also seen the need to deliver these programs and experiences in different ways, to meet different needs of students and schools.”

Kacoroski says a concurrent goal of hers since coming to DPSP has been to improve/add to the distance learning experience. She listed a variety of reasons for this, but all involve adapting to varying needs of students.

“Some students are unable to go on field trips to the park because their district has no bus transportation. Other kids have physical limitations that make it difficult. There are lots of reasons we could find to justify making significant upgrades to distance learning, virtual learning,” she said.

And then came the year 2020, along with the pandemic. Kacoroski said because DPSP staff was already engaged in finding ways to make distance-style learning feasible, they could more easily adapt to using multiple platforms to deliver these results, and to overcome pandemic-imposed limitations.

“It was one thing (in 2020), to have in-person field trips largely curtailed. Now this year, a shortage of bus drivers hampers that,” she said. “But in a way, the pandemic has created an opportunity. That’s exactly why we’d love to keep on enhancing and expanding our virtual/distance learning capabilities because we’ve seen how being adaptable and flexible helped us to respond more effectively.”



Photo Courtesy of Washington State Parks
Joy Kacoroski, an interpretive specialist at Deception Pass State Park, is one of 30 park or recreation professionals under age 30 to be featured by “Parks & Recreation” magazine.

In addition to her service in the state parks, she’s also spent time working for the U.S. Forest Service. Those years and experiences have deepened her own love for the outdoors and inspired a resolve to enhance the experience of visitors, especially children. That desire has led Kacoroski and other DPSP staff to significantly improve the park’s environmental education program by ensuring the curriculum and field trip content aligned with science and technology standards.

Another accomplishment made with the kids in mind is the revision of the Junior Ranger book.

“Two years ago, we worked on an entirely new concept for the Junior Ranger book,” said Kacoroski. “The new book incorporates enhanced food web designs, illustrations of how plants and animals work together. You’ll also see ideas for fun ‘kid things’ to do. For example, you may see crossword puzzles about cedar trees, or games like ‘Find the tide pool critters.’ As always, we’ve included suggestions on how everyone can be good stewards of the [nation’s] parks.

“We also wanted to make our Junior Ranger book very specific to Deception Pass State Park. So we sought input from the Samish and Swinomish Nations, to include their contributions,” she continued, adding they don’t publish anything about the tribes without their express permission.

As much as Kacoroski loves being “on the job,” there are times, she says, when a park ranger isn’t around. That’s why interpretive panels and accurate information are so vital. The weathering effects posed by wind and salt water spray over the years can obscure diagrams and lettering. Planned upgrades to interpretive panels at DPSP will make the lettering more legible and easy to read. A recent partnership with the Samish Nation will result in new artwork from that tribe for the story pole Ko-Kwal-Alwoot (the Maiden of Deception Pass).

The possibilities and chances for advancement in park service are abundant, according to Kacoroski. But she said she could still find herself in her Interpretive Specialist II role years from now, and find it just as challenging and fulfilling as ever. That is a career choice she hopes to see others share in as well.

“My dream, 10 years from now? It would be to help to swear in as a park ranger someone I helped as a young junior ranger,” she said.

To see the “Parks & Recreation” magazine’s story on “30 Under 30,” visit www.nrpa.org/parks-recreation-magazine/2022/february/30-under-30-for-2022/.

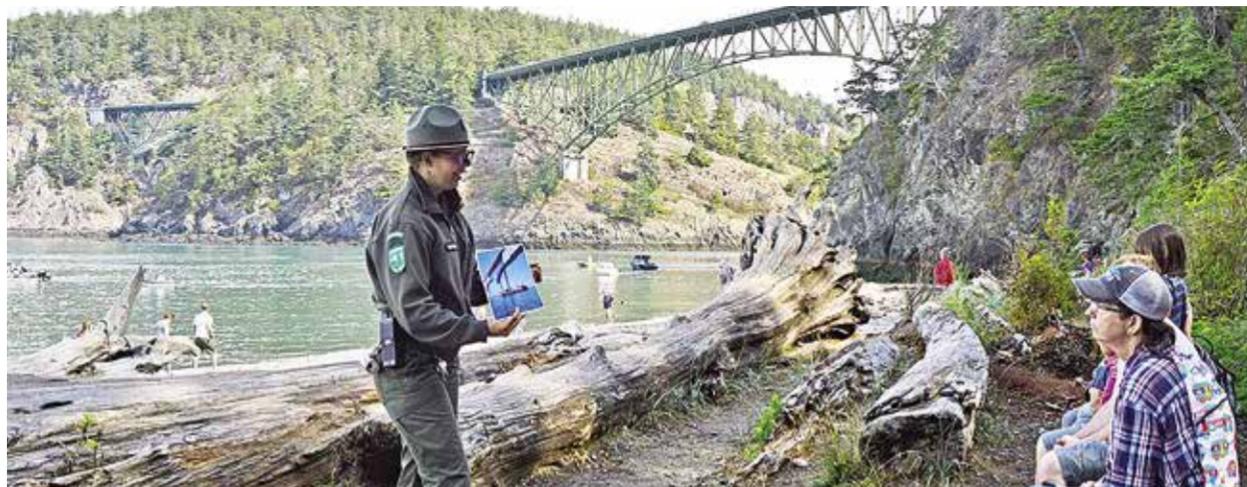


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Deception Pass State Park’s Interpretive Specialist II, Joy Kacoroski, shares stories and information about the park, its history and its inhabitants during in-person tours and also for online and distance learning. Kacoroski is one of “30 Under 30” featured in the February issue of “Parks & Recreation” magazine.

Coupeville Wolves heading to state!

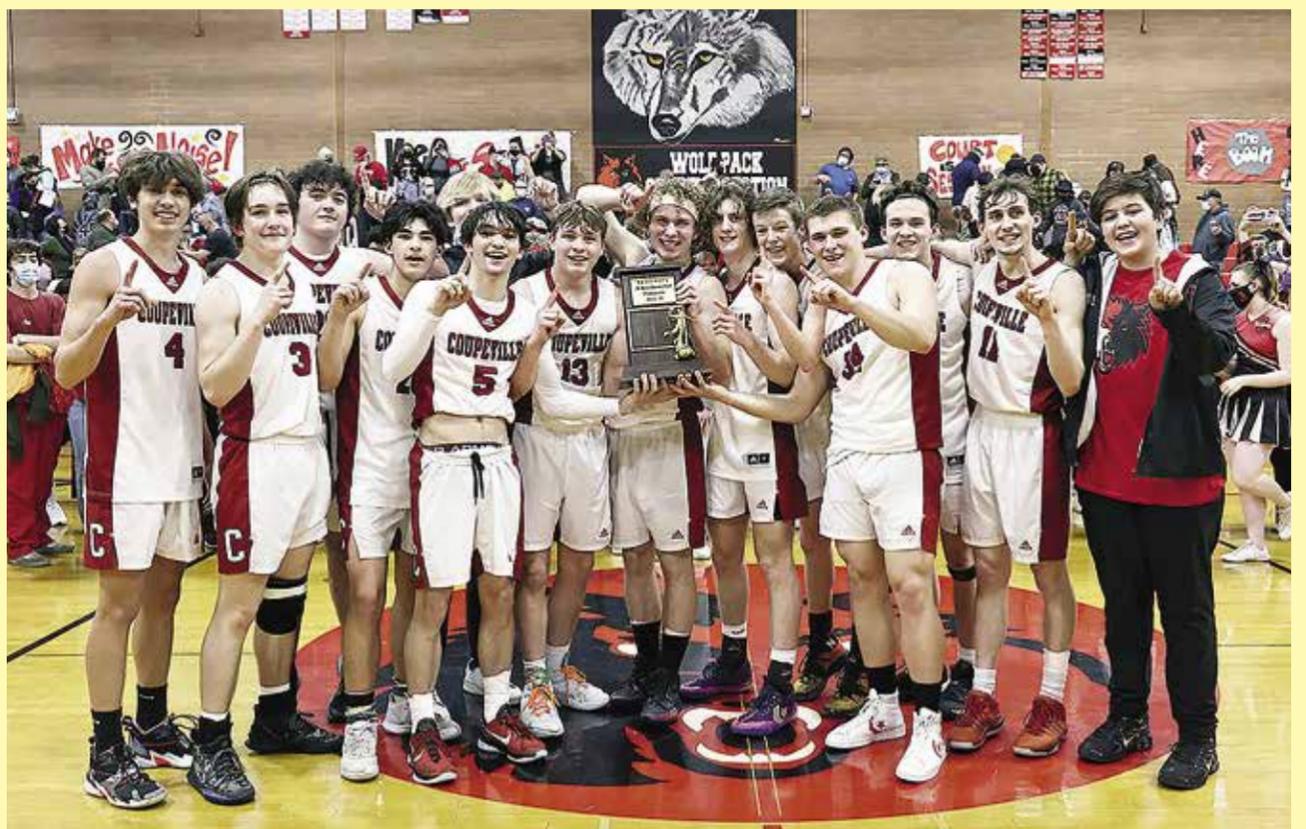
The Coupeville High School Boys Basketball team is heading to the state tournament. The undefeated Wolves will face Kalama at 6 p.m. Friday in Battle Ground, Wash. The team’s next game will be in Spokane, but the schedule depends on the outcome of Friday’s game. This will be Coupeville’s first time back to state competition since 1988.

“This group works hard, they’re committed to each other and love playing together,” said Head Coach Brad Sherman. “They are unselfish on the basketball court, and they have been resilient at every turn these past two years. I think that’s what really sets them apart.”

Sherman said the team also has tremendous community support.

“Coupeville really is a special place, and I think the way the community has rallied around this team is just another great example,” he said. “Last Thursday was as full, loud, and energetic as I’ve seen a Coupeville gym in a long time.”

John Fiskén Photo Courtesy of Coupeville School District
The Coupeville High School Boys Basketball team holds the championship trophy last week after winning the WIAA District 1, Class 2B championship. The Wolves now head to state for the first time in 34 years.





Religious Christians make the commitment to avoid meat in their Friday meals for the duration of Lent, signifying a sacrifice for their faith that recalls the ultimate sacrifice Jesus Christ made during the crucifixion.

Vegetables and pasta dishes are a staple of the Lenten season. Seafood also serves as a popular substitute for meats and poultry. As parents of picky eaters can attest, encouraging children, particularly toddlers or early grade-schoolers, to dig into a seafood meal can be a struggle. However, fish sticks can make a fish dinner more attractive to youngsters. You don't need to buy the frozen variety at the store. This recipe for "Fish Sticks with Fries and Tartar Sauce" from "Danielle Walker's Eat What You Love" (Ten Speed Press) is a crunchy, home-made alternative.

FISH STICKS, FRIES AND TARTAR SAUCE
(Makes 12)

Tartar Sauce

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 Tbsp. minced cornichons (gherkin pickles)
- 1 Tbsp. chopped capers
- 1 tsp. champagne vinegar
- 1 tsp. freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tsp. coarse-grain mustard
- 1 tsp. chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1/8 tsp. freshly ground black pepper

Fries

- 1 large parsnip, peeled
- 1 white-fleshed sweet potato, scrubbed but unpeeled
- 3 Tbsp. avocado oil
- Kosher salt

Fish sticks

- 1 pound haddock or cod fillets
- 4 ounces plantain chips
- Fine sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

- 2 egg whites, beaten until frothy
- 2 tsp. Dijon mustard
- Preheat the oven to 450° F.

To make the tartar sauce, in a small bowl, mix together the mayonnaise, cornichons, capers, vinegar, lemon juice, mustard, parsley and pepper. Place in the refrigerator to chill while you make the fries and fish sticks, or up to three days.

To make the fries, cut the parsnip and sweet potato into matchstick fries. In a bowl, toss the vegetables with the oil. Spread in a single layer — not touching — on a large rimmed baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes, turning once during baking, until browned.

To make the fish sticks, meanwhile, cut the haddock into 3-by-1/2-inch strips. Place a wire rack on top of a clean kitchen towel and brush the rack lightly with avocado oil.

In a food processor, or using a mortar and pestle, pulse the plantain chips a few times until they resemble coarse sand. Pour the ground chips into a shallow bowl and combine with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. In a separate bowl, whisk together the egg whites and mustard.

Pat the fish dry with paper towels and season generously with 3/4 teaspoon sea salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. One at a time, dip the fish strips into the egg mixture and shake gently, allowing any excess to drip back into the bowl, then dip the fish into the plantain chip mixture, turning to coat each strip and shaking off any excess. Place the fish strips on the prepared wire rack.

Remove the baking sheet from the oven and move the fries over to one side. Position the rack with the fish sticks on the baking sheet and return to the oven. Bake the fish and fries together for 10 to 12 minutes, until the fish is crisp and cooked through. Season the fries generously with the kosher salt. Serve the fish sticks and fries immediately with the tartar sauce.



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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
A sense of adventure compels you to travel to a new destination, Aries. You may have something in mind or you can throw a dart at the map and enjoy the trip.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Don't be surprised if relationships seem a little more intense than normal, Taurus. Everyone is a little keyed up and the extra energy is on display in daily interactions.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
People could play important roles in your life right now, Gemini. Partnerships are especially fortuitous. After all, two minds are better than one for problem-solving.

CANCER – June 22/July 22
Cancer, there's much productivity this week as you find yourself thrust into yet another project. Once you sail through it, things will calm down.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23
Leo, this week you are invited to enjoy yourself. Feel free to live life as much as you can for as long as you can. Plan a retreat with a special someone.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Try to be as efficient as possible to save time and money in the days ahead, Virgo. See where you can streamline things and find ways to conserve your resources.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, this may be a busy week for you, so take a few moments each morning to center yourself and focus your energy before you dive in to your list of tasks.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Money has been on your mind for some time, Scorpio. Figure out ways that you can increase your income — if only temporarily. Once you catch up on bills, you can relax.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you will likely be deep in your feelings this week, exploring many different emotions. It can be tiring, so find some activities to give your brain a break.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Life may seem surreal this week as your subconscious seems to be guiding many of your decisions, Capricorn. Go with the flow for the time being.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
It is a good idea to connect with your friends while you can, Aquarius. You may not have an opportunity for some time, so reach out and make a plan to get together.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, certain personal goals may need your attention at this time. Rearrange your priorities for the next few days.

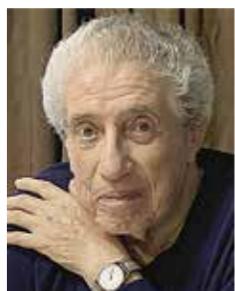
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Life Tributes



Al Gonzales

Al was born in Santa Monica, Calif., to Angel and Angelina Gonzales, Aug. 15, 1929. He entered eternal rest Feb. 5, 2022, at the age of 92 at Island Hospital in Anacortes, Wash.



Al is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Elvira, of Oak Harbor, Wash.; daughter Celia (Vic) Brenes of Palm Desert, Calif.; sons, Alfred (Cheryl) of Oak Harbor and Edward (Machelle) of Arlington, Wash.; Three grandsons, Jason of Oak Harbor, Brian (Stachia) of Oak Harbor, and Kyle of Bellingham, Wash.; two great-grandsons, Michael of California, Oliver of Oak Harbor; three great-granddaughters, Ava and Paisley of Oak Harbor and Brianna of Mexico. Al is also survived by his sister, Evangeline, of California, brother-in-law, George (Edna) of California and JR of Oak Harbor. Al is also survived by many nephews, nieces, great-nephews, great-nieces and many friends he has made along his life's journey.

Al was preceded in death by his parents, Angel and Angelina Gonzales; sister Ruth Castro; granddaughter Brandi Stiles; great-granddaughter, Angelica; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Aurelio and Micaela Santos; and sister-in-law, Margie Neuschotz, all of whom he had a very special relationship with.

Al started working at a very early age mowing lawns for the Max Factor family and other neighbors whom the Factors knew in Los Angeles. He did not know it then, but he would one day be employed by Max Factor! Al attended Lincoln High School in Los Angeles and graduated in 1947. He played basketball for the school and enjoyed art and drafting classes as well. Al attended Los Angeles Community College, taking courses in art and drafting. He entered and won a second place award for the City of Los Angeles Art contest.

Al enlisted in the Army. He was inducted Feb. 9, 1951. After basic training, he was sent to Japan and Korea. He served one and-a-half years in foreign service fighting in the Korean War. He earned the Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal, with two bronze stars, Army of Occupation Medal, and the UN Service Medal. His most significant duty assignment was Co A 21st Infantry Regiment APO24. Al spent four and-a-half years in the service. Al always said he served his country so his future sons and grandsons would not have to.

After the war, Al worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad. He was a car repairman for the railroad for three years. Al then went to work for Max Factor Cosmetics Company. His job duties as a compounder were to mix all the formulas for fragrances, hair care

and makeup products. Al's father also worked for Max Factor and they had the opportunity to meet many actors and actresses over the years. Al was employed at Max Factor for 28 years. Max Factor decided to move its operation to North Carolina, but Al did not want to move away from family, so Al retired from Max Factor. Al then started to work for Joico Cosmetics as a compounder and worked there until they went out of business. Al's last place of employment was Worlds of Curls Cosmetics. He was also a compounder at that company. Finally, at the age of 64, Al permanently retired and shortly after that, he and Vera moved to Oak Harbor, Wash., to be near his family.

Al enjoyed music of all genres. He played the violin and harmonica. He loved to go dancing! Al would often go dancing with friends to the Santa Monica Wharf, The Palladium, and many other places. Al enjoyed dancing with some of the Big Bands of the era, including The Tommy Dorsey Band. He was quite the dancer! Al also loved camping and fishing, traveling all over California, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming with his loving wife, Elvira (Vera/PeeWee).

Al and Vera met at La Paz Methodist Church in Los Angeles after Al returned from the Korean War. They dated for one month, fell in love, and eloped to Yuma, Ariz.! Al loved spending time with his family and was always ready for a good BBQ. He loved hunting with his father-in-law, Aurelio. He loved reading books and had read over 500 books since retiring. He also loved the SeaHawks, apple pie, and chocolate!

Al will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Care has been entrusted to Wallin-Stucky Funeral Home in Oak Harbor. At this time, there will be no services. A future Celebration of Al's life will be announced.



Peggy Ann (Gillis) Hennessey

Peggy Ann (Gillis) Hennessey, 84, of Coupeville, Wash., a treasured wife, mother, aunt, nana, great-grandmother and friend, passed away peacefully at home Feb. 6, 2022, surrounded by family.

Peggy was born in Quincy, Mass., and graduated from high school in 1955 in Hanover, Mass. She then moved to El Toro Marine Base in California to join her father, Master Sgt. John Gillis. Peggy worked at several different jobs at the base and began to model and compete in beauty pageants. She was

crowned Miss Orange County, was third runner-up for Miss California in Santa Cruz, was a finalist in Miss TV 1956, and was accepted to participate in the Miss America Pageant. In 1957, Peggy married John S. Petersen and moved to Helmsville, Mont., to help her father-in-law work his sheep ranch. In 1960, Peggy gave birth to her son, while John attended Montana State University in Bozeman, Mont. Shortly thereafter, they moved to St. Louis, Mo., so he could complete dental school, and Peggy gave birth to her two daughters. In 1966, they moved to Whitefish, Mont., where John began his dentistry practice. Peggy had many careers, including being personnel director at Big Mountain Ski Resort, and an insurance salesperson for many years, restaurant manager, and teaching English to non-English-speaking children.

In 1980, Peggy married Ralph N. Hennessey, and lived in Whitefish and Kalispell, Mont. She loved the outdoors, gardening, and family get-togethers. In 2007, Peggy and Ralph moved to Coupeville, Wash. (Whidbey Island). Peggy was a devoted church member of Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Coupeville, where she participated in church outreach programs Works of Mercy and Women of Saint Mary's Catholic Church. Peggy was the former president, as well as a 15-year member, of the Coupeville Garden Club, which also included volunteering for the gardening-after-school-program for elementary children. Many will have fond memories of seeing Peggy with the Garden Club, adorning the town of Coupeville with beautiful potted plants, as well as placing Christmas wreaths at St. Mary's Church.

Peggy was a great artist, who thoroughly enjoyed sketching and painting. She also enjoyed reading, crabbing, pedaling her player-piano, her Irish heritage and listening to Irish and bagpipe music, the Coupeville Shifty Sailors singing group, beach walks looking for sea glass and agates. She was an excellent homemaker and cook and enjoyed family visits and cooking her "famous chicken tacos." Peggy loved visiting with and serving others who were ill, or less fortunate, often providing those in need with generous gifts of kindness, love, and support. She was very proud of her three children and enjoyed their visits immensely. Peggy's happy personality, infectious laugh, adventurous spirit and generous and loving heart, are among the things that will truly be missed.

Peggy's family would like to send a special "Thank You" to Dr. C.J. Kuan, whose selflessness, compassion, and unwavering commitment was greatly appreciated during her extended days of care.

Peggy was preceded in death by parents John F. Gillis and Florence (Neal) Severin; brother Jack Gillis; half-brothers Dick Severin and Tommy Gillis; and stepson Shawn Hennessey. Peggy is survived by her husband, Ralph N. Hennessey, of Coupeville, and his daughters Chris and Heidi of Montana; son John (Sandra) Petersen of Coupeville; daughters Christine (Chip) Von Heeder of Kalispell, Mont.; and JoAnna (Mark) Armendariz of Santa Clarita, Calif.; grandchildren Lain (Yuki), Jordan (Kaitlin), Ivey (Parhum), Aubrey, Aleah, Zane, Chans, and Tristin; as well as great-grandchildren Phoenix, Iris, Indigo, Isla and Islay.

There will be a Celebration of Life at Peggy's "Happy Place" at a beach in Coupeville this summer, which will be announced at a later time. Family and friends will be notified.



Roger L. Wills

Roger L. Wills passed away Feb. 8, 2022, at the age of 78 at his home in Oak Harbor, Wash., due to cardiac arrest.

Roger was born in Bellingham, Wash., and raised in Burlington, Wash., where he graduated Burlington-Edison High School's class of 1962. He continued his education, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts at Western University 1965. He had a passion for teaching and even when faced with a malignant brain tumor in 1982, he persevered and continued serving the Oak Harbor community and taught at both North Whidbey Jr. High and Oak Harbor

Middle School in the subjects of history, math, and drama. He also coached wrestling and track. Roger retired from teaching in 1990 and then continued as a driver's ed instructor until 1992.

With Roger's outgoing personality, he also volunteered through Whidbey Playhouse,

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.

Lord, we thank you that everything we need to experience the fullness of life can be found in you. We ask that you would strengthen us to live in a manner that demonstrates your amazing grace to the world. Empower us today to grow in the knowledge of who you are. Open our hearts to receive your love and guidance. In your name we pray. Amen.

Drew Barnhart
Living Word Church, Lead Pastor

"For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God..." Colossians 1:9-10 NIV



making sure both cast and audience were entertained. He also had a love for collectables and was a consultant for coins and antiques. Roger was charismatic and a quick thinker, with a twinkle in his eye; he always had a joke or a funny story to share to lighten someone's day.

Roger was preceded in death by his father, WD Wills of Burlington, mother Barbara Yeakle Wills of Burlington, and brother Darrell Wills of Puyallup, Wash. He is survived by brother Loren Wills of Langley; daughters, Lisa Vega and April Wyett; and three grandchildren, Carissa Moran, Torrin Vega, and Cameron Wyett.

No services will be held due to Roger's request. You can send donations in Roger's name to the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance.



Paige Allison Young

Beloved sister, mother and friend, Paige Allison Young passed away Feb. 10, 2022, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Paige was surrounded by loved ones as she peacefully went home to Jesus.

Paige was the oldest of three daughters born to Bob and Donna Young June 11, 1958, in North Bend, Ore. She was an extraordinary person who had many hardships and challenges throughout her life, yet she kept a positive outlook and tried to do her best. She loved crafts and making things for other people. Knitting, crocheting, and sewing were her favorite hobbies along with singing.

Paige is survived by her two daughters, Devon Romero (Michael) and their three children, Alyssa, Brody and Killian of Port Angeles, Wash.; and Lindsey Berrigan of Vancouver, Wash.; sisters Tracie Anderson of Phoenix, Ariz., and Leslie Kramer (Gary) of Anacortes, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

Her pleasant personality and joyful laugh were contagious to everyone she met. We will certainly miss her beautiful smile and kind heart.

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me,
please try to understand, that an angel
came and called my name, and took me
by the hand. The angel said my place was
ready, In Heaven far above, and that I'd
have to leave behind all those I dearly
love. But when I walked through
Heaven's Gates, I felt so much at home
when God looked down and smiled at me
and told me: "Welcome Home"
So when tomorrow starts
without me, don't think we're
far apart. For every time you think of me,
I'm right there in your heart.*

~ David M. Romano



Barbara Ann Smith

Barbara Ann Smith of Oak Harbor, Wash., passed away June 29, 2021. Born in St. Joseph, Mo., July 8, 1939, Barbara lived as a young child in Los Angeles, Calif., and then Concrete, Wash., until her family settled in Burlington, Wash., where she made life-long friends and was raised with her two sisters, Mary and Judy. She graduated from Burlington Edison High School in 1958 and married Bill Smith. As a young Navy wife, Barbara lived many places, including Astoria, Ore., California, and Japan, while raising two daughters and again making life-long friends, leading

Girl Scout troops, and learning all she could about the cultures and areas where she lived.

Family was extremely important to her, and her daughters and grandchildren meant everything to her. Self-sufficient, kind and hardworking are just a few of the things people would say about her. She laughed a lot, sacrificed whatever was needed to make sure someone else didn't go without, loved to read, and enjoyed cooking shows and suspense shows. She also loved gardening and always had a yard full of beautiful flowers.

Barbara loved the Pacific Northwest and her community of Oak Harbor, where she was a small business owner and volunteer.

Crocheting, knitting, and sewing were among her many talents, but later in life Barbara took up watercolor painting, and wrote short stories. She also found a second home at Oak Bowl, where she bowled on two leagues and made the best of friends. She enjoyed road trips, the beach, traveling to new cities, going to baseball games, family vacations with her children and grandchildren, and the occasional trip to Disneyland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Delbert and Clara Smith, by her sister, Mary Coulter, two nieces, and one nephew. She is survived by her two daughters, Susan Johnson (Keith) and Pamela Mynatt (Richard); three grandchildren, Kirk Johnson, Tiffany Mynatt Van Ingen (David), and Kyle Mynatt; three great-grandchildren, Zoey Johnson, Nolan Mynatt, and Lyla Van Ingen; her sister, Judith Accaia; two nieces and two nephews, as well as several great-nieces and great-nephews.

A private memorial service was attended by family and close friends at one of her favorite Whidbey Island locations and officiated by Chaplain David Lura.

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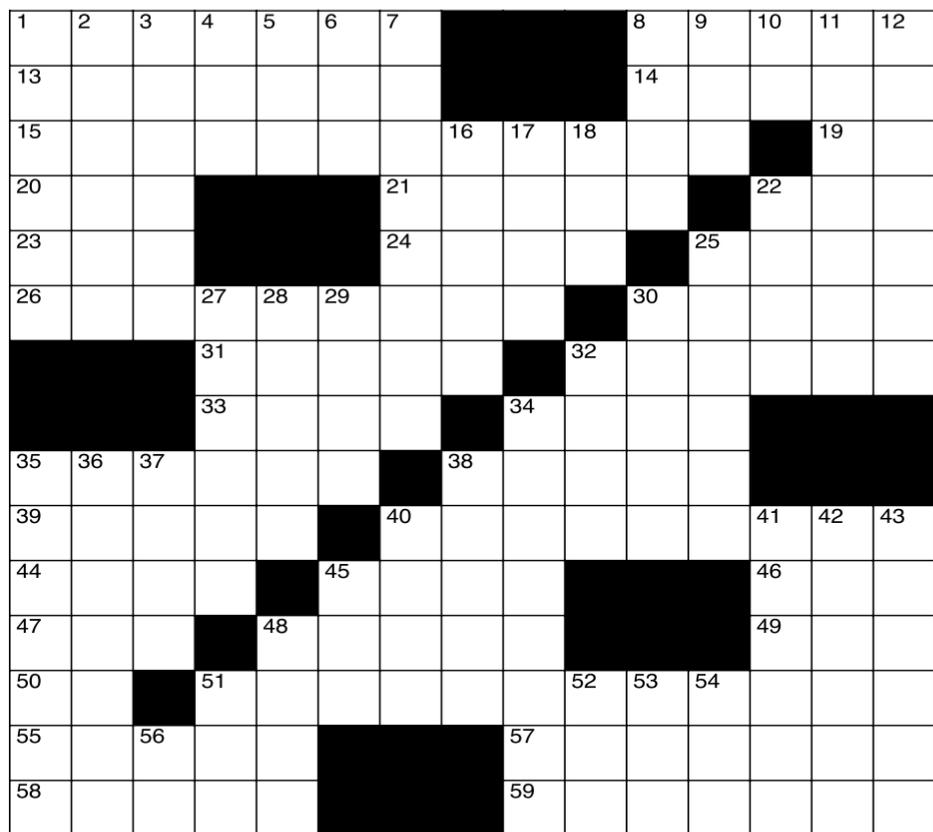
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. ___ de Mornay, actress
- 8. Surrenders
- 13. Omission
- 14. The white poplar
- 15. They become butterflies
- 19. Used to chop
- 20. Select
- 21. Volcanic craters
- 22. Consumer price index
- 23. Utilize
- 24. "True Blood" actress Paquin
- 25. Got up
- 26. Sank in
- 30. Retail
- 31. Giants
- 32. Most bald
- 33. Changes color
- 34. Unit of loudness
- 35. Undresses
- 38. Fathers
- 39. Learned skill
- 40. Remove qualification
- 44. Covered with frost
- 45. Speak up
- 46. Nowhere to be found
- 47. Part of surgery

(abbr.)

- 48. Type of wrap
- 49. Church seating
- 50. Mathematical figure
- 51. College football conference
- 55. Turkish officer title
- 57. Organized body of knowledge
- 58. Smooth and glossy
- 59. Left

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Get back
- 2. Pass or go by
- 3. Having a sharp taste
- 4. Midway between east and southeast
- 5. Cairo Regional Airport
- 6. Peace officer
- 7. Brings to life
- 8. Automotive vehicles
- 9. One point south of due east
- 10. Football position
- 11. Goes by
- 12. Most attractive
- 16. Road divisions
- 17. Not the sea
- 18. Small, faint constellation
- 22. Cabbage

- 25. Least frequent
- 27. Change slightly
- 28. A country in NE Africa
- 29. Metric units of measure
- 30. More coherent
- 32. Make uninteresting
- 34. Nausea
- 35. Institution of Oceanography
- 36. Of little value
- 37. Hindu model of the ideal man
- 38. Biblical exclamation
- 40. You throw it at a board
- 41. Be about to happen
- 42. Brutal
- 43. Opened one's mouth widely
- 45. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
- 48. Saturate
- 51. The woman
- 52. Someone who is highly skilled
- 53. A way to launch an attack on
- 54. Where golfers begin
- 56. Atomic number 58

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Feb. 24 North Isle H-44°/L-34° Rain or Snow Showers Possible	Fri, Feb. 25 North Isle H-46°/L-38° Showers Possible	Sat, Feb. 26 North Isle H-50°/L-39° Showers Possible	Sun, Feb. 27 North Isle H-51°/L-42° Chance of Rain	Mon, Feb. 28 North Isle H-53°/L-43° Chance of Rain	Tues, March 1 North Isle H-54°/L-42° Chance of Rain	Wed, March 2 North Isle H-52°/L-43° Mostly Cloudy
South Isle H-41°/L-33° Rain or Snow Showers Possible	South Isle H-45°/L-34° Showers Possible	South Isle H-48°/L-39° Cloudy	South Isle H-49°/L-40° Chance of Rain	South Isle H-52°/L-41° Chance of Rain	South Isle H-54°/L-42° Chance of Rain	South Isle H-51°/L-41° Mostly Cloudy



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

If you found a genie, what are three wishes you would wish for?



Blake S., 3rd grade

If I found a genie, my first wish would be for a new gaming setup. My second wish would be to ride a roller coaster over Oak Harbor! My third wish would be for my mom to have a crafting room because she loves to craft.

Becket M., Oak Harbor

- 1. More snow!
- 2. That rain was made of Skittles.
- 3. Go to an Elton John and Taron Egerton concert.



Laielle H., Oak Harbor

- 1. I would wish to be a doctor so that I could save the lives of people in need.
- 2. I would want to have a lot of money so that I can take care of my family.
- 3. I would wish for COVID to be gone so I didn't have to wear a mask and people could meet each other again.

Harper H., Oak Harbor

I'd ask for a unicorn, for my family to stay healthy, and to be able to fly!



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tion party, participating in activities like the creation of invitations, distribution of materials to participants, planning appropriate activities or other tasks as needed; Assist with the planning, preparation and execution of agency sponsored match activities, fundraisers, and events as assigned; Basic accounting data gathering and preparation for bookkeeper; Social media planning, execution and maintenance with assistance from other staffers; Administrative assistance as needed to the agency. Agency Support Responsibilities: Utilize educational opportunities and related resources to improve agency service; Promote and maintain cooperative working relationships with other community organizations; Participate in agency events, assists with annual fundraising goals; Establish, monitor and meet goals for new match growth, match length, support contact compliance, and customer satisfaction; Coordinate with other staff members to identify possible partners and partnerships, staff and promote agency events and provide support for other efforts as necessary; Other duties as assigned by the executive director. Job Qualifications and Desired Characteristics: Bachelor's degree is recommended for this position, a degree in social services, human services or related field preferred; Experience with youth service organizations preferred and understanding of child development and family dynamics required; Access to reliable automobile, valid driver's license, auto insurance required; Understanding of issues/barriers that impact children and families from underserved populations; Able to effectively collaborate with staff from all other agency departments; Ability to effectively promote the agency mission and vision, both internally and externally; Ability to work effectively with others who have diverse perspectives, talents, backgrounds, and/or styles, contribute to a team climate in which differences are valued and supported; Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook required, ability to quickly learn and accurately use database systems, and social media; Able to work independently exercising good judgment, decision-making and problem-solving skills; Understanding of confidentiality and ability to maintain strict

confidentiality of sensitive information required; Excellent oral and written communication skills reflecting solid customer service both in-person and via the telephone; Excellent attention to detail and time management skills. Work Environment: The environmental conditions described are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the functions of the job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the functions; Routine office environment; Occasional independent travel. Physical Demands: While performing duties of job, employee is required to stand, walk, sit, reach with hands and arms, talk and hear. Employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 25 lbs. Specific vision abilities required by the job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and the ability to adjust focus. Work environment: The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate. Phone time: Approximately 30 percent of work will be spent on the phone contacting volunteers, parent/guardians, and Littles. The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by individuals assigned to this position. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties, responsibilities, physical demands or required skills. BBBS of Island County may at its discretion add to or change the duties of the position at any time. Employment with BBBS of Island County is "at will," meaning either the employee or BBBS of Island County may end the employment relationship at any time and with or without cause. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTU-

NITY: BBBS Island County is committed to the principle of equal employment opportunity for all qualified individuals. All employment decisions are based on business needs, job requirements and individual qualifications, without regard to race, color, religion, national, social or ethnic origin, sex (including pregnancy), age, physical, mental or sensory disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, marital, civil union or domestic partnership status, past or present military service, family medical history or genetic information, family or parental status, or any other status protected by the laws or regulations in the locations where we operate. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: Applicants as well as employees who are or become disabled must be able to perform the essential duties & responsibilities either unaided or with reasonable accommodation. The organization shall determine reasonable accommodation on a case-by-case basis in accordance with applicable law. COVID-19 considerations: To keep our staff as safe as possible, our office is open by appointment only, and staff have some flexibility to work from home when required (1) Join the Whidbey Island Conservation District team! The Whidbey Island Conservation District (WICD) is seeking a Natural Resource Planner to deliver WICD's conservation programs by providing technical assistance and conservation planning. This full-time, benefitted position serves a critical role sharing scientific expertise and resources with our island community. It is based at the WICD office in Coupeville, Whidbey Island, Wash. We are excited to find an experienced self-starter who is energetic, with a great work

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