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## My oh my, just check out Musselfest 2022!

By **Melanie Hammons** Whidbey Weekly

They're a gourmet shellfish lover's delight, showing up on menus of some of the fanciest eateries of the world. And they're all yours for the tasting at this year's Musselfest in Coupeville Saturday and Sunday.

Although this year's festival is somewhat scaled back due to the pandemic, things like the boat ride to the mussel beds, chowder tasting competition and kid-friendly activities still promise to



Photo Courtesy of Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association

*The Penn Cove Musselfest is back Saturday and Sunday with an in-person celebration of the bold, the briny and the blue, although it will not be as crowded as years past due to health and safety measures. Still, there will be plenty of chowder, spirits, music and fun to enjoy.*

make it an extra-fun weekend, said Musselfest organizer Vickie Chambers, with the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association.

"We want to emphasize to everyone that this is a free event," she said. "While there's a cost for some activities, such as the mussel bed tour, chowder tastings and kids' scavenger hunt, there's no ticket purchase needed just to come out and enjoy the weekend with us. Front Street activities along Coupeville's historic waterfront will include opportunities to visit local merchants, tattoo artists, food vendors and maybe even a mermaid or two."

Chambers says the festival first began as a way to recognize the restaurants and other brick-and-mortar businesses along Coupeville's historic waterfront, but it's grown to become much more than that.

"What started as a way to encourage people to come out and eat mussels and chowder during the gray winter months, has become a sort of kick-off event for Whidbey Island fun and tourism," she said. "It reminds us that good weather is on its way, that summer's coming."

Penn Cove mussels take the whole concept of "locavore" and bring it right home to Whidbey Island. Here, one can enjoy the sea's bounty, plus sample locally-based restaurants' take on chowder featuring the noteworthy shellfish. Since the festival is at its heart a competition too, no two samples are alike, but all are certain to be savory delights. Chowder tastings on Saturday



Photo Courtesy of Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association

*Mussels, anyone? Musselfest is back Saturday and Sunday, but tickets to this tasty Coupeville tradition are limited. Visit [thepenncovemusselsfestival.com](http://thepenncovemusselsfestival.com) to learn more or to buy tickets.*

and Sunday are to be held entirely in the downtown area.

Even when one purchases certified "locally grown" food, it's rare indeed to actually lay eyes on it while it's growing. But that's not the case at all for "Coupeville-grown" Penn Cove mussels, Chambers said.

"If you walk half-way out on the wharf and look to the west, you'll see at a distance what appear to be just wooden rafts. But they're more than meets the eye. These are mussel beds that are being nurtured, cultivated to produce next year's harvest of mussel shellfish," she said.

See **MUSSELFEST** continued on page 8

## WhidbeyHealth names interim CEO

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

The Whidbey Island Public Hospital District board of commissioners has selected a company called HealthTechS3 Management to provide someone to fill the role as interim Chief Executive Officer of WhidbeyHealth, following the recent termination of CEO Ron Telles' contract.

Should the board of commissioners approve a pending contract with HealthTechS3, that company would appoint Michael Layfield as WhidbeyHealth's interim CEO. Layfield, an employee of HealthTechS3, is expected to begin work at WhidbeyHealth sometime this week, following contract approval by the board.

"The board and I are confident that HealthTech is the right partnership to help turn around the district's financial position," board president Ron Wallin said in a press release last week from WhidbeyHealth. "They have a track record of successfully supporting integrated critical access health care systems, while ensuring strategic goals and patient experience needs are met."

According to WhidbeyHealth Marketing Manager Conor O'Brien, it is not unusual to hire a management company.

"What we are seeing now is a growing prevalence in small community, rural, critical access health care organizations to partner with a management services provider," he said in an email to *Whidbey Weekly*. "These partnerships have a benefit beyond staffing needs. Services like operational assessments, productivity and staffing, purchasing and supply chain, revenue cycle, and more are available as part of the management agreement. Essentially, WhidbeyHealth gains access to the resources and leverage that the managed services provider has built."

The proposed agreement with HealthTech is



for \$350,000 annually, paid in 12 equal monthly payments, with separate compensation for Layfield at an additional 30 percent, or \$105,000, in salary and benefits. That adds up to \$455,000 annually. Telles' contract with WhidbeyHealth was \$430,000 annually. It's expected Layfield's services would be necessary for approximately six months, but terms of the contract could still be adjusted, according to O'Brien.

"The district and board are currently in the process of finalizing the details of the proposal with HealthTechS3," he said. "Until the agreement is finalized, fees and term may be adjusted."

In mid-February, WhidbeyHealth announced the elimination of several administrative positions as part of an "organizational restructuring" plan to help improve the hospital district's long-term financial stability. The announcement of Telles' firing came a week later.

Like many other rural hospital districts around the country, WhidbeyHealth has been struggling financially. The interim Chief Financial Officer, Jim Childers, presented the district's current financial status to the board of commissioners at February's regular meeting. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gC1XOeelde0>) The added costs of the pandemic did not help the district's financial situation.

"The high costs associated with the hospital district's actions throughout the pandemic certainly contributed to the current financial difficulties," said O'Brien. "In 2020, there was a significant financial impact for the year, with intermittent closure to many of our operating revenue generating services, like non-emergency surgical procedures, orthopedic care, rehabilitation care, sleep care, etc. It is a much

more challenging environment for local rural health care than it has been in the past."

According to last Friday's press release Layfield has been selected by HealthTech to fill the CEO position because he has over 35 years of experience in the healthcare industry. But O'Brien said there is some flexibility should HealthTech's pick not be a good fit.

"Mr. Layfield is an employee of HealthTechS3," he said. "HealthTechS3 has other individuals in senior leadership positions within their company. When the board appoints HealthTechS3 as our management services partner, HealthTech will work to fulfill the district's needs by placing Mr. Layfield at WhidbeyHealth based on our needs and the identified specific experience needed to address our needs. Should something not work, from a program implementation to personnel implementation, the management services company will regroup and deploy an alternative solution to meet the needs of WhidbeyHealth."

HealthTechS3 is a 50-year-old company based in Brentwood, Tenn. It has clients across the U.S. O'Brien said members of the board, medical staff and administration reviewed the management services proposals and were united in their selection of HealthTech.

"[HealthTechS3 has] a superior track record of implementing successful and impactful change and has experience addressing and turning around challenging financial states," he said. "It is important to note that while the board believes Mr. Layfield will have success based on his track record, the district is not contracting with Mr. Layfield, but rather HealthTechS3 and the breadth of resources it has to support Critical Access health care like we have on Whidbey Island."

Find more information at [whidbeyhealth.org](http://whidbeyhealth.org).

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# ON TRACK

With Jim Freeman



Jim Freeman decided to go back on vacation for awhile longer. This column originally ran March 2, 2017.

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Do you like to wake up early? Ever since being blood-line encouraged to help my big brother deliver

the *Columbus Dispatch* Sunday mornings about 3:30, I have not been too fond of early morning activity.

Those were the days. Because the Sunday morning paper weighed more than I did, Dad had to drive his Chrysler, with the front and back seats filled with papers, down Northwest Boulevard in Columbus while my brother grabbed the papers from the little red wagon I pulled down the sidewalk.

Dad, of course, knowing few neighbors would see him at that time of the day, wore his bathrobe while driving. There was no real reason for Dad to wear his Sunday go-to-meeting clothes until after breakfast when we all got ready for church.

Last Sunday, I was reminded of those early mornings in the winter cold of Ohio when I drove to Everett to speak at the Everett Unity Center for Positive Living. Being concerned I might sleep too late to catch the right ferry, I woke at 2:45 in the morning, to make certain I would be on the 8 o'clock boat assuring my arrival in Everett before nine.

While the early bird may get the worm, the early guest speaker gets the parking space. In fact, with snow on the ground, the worms were not available for early pick up by any birds.

Driving up or down a windy road, with big flaked snow falling on the Douglas firs in the quiet of a Sunday morning, can be a real reminder of nature's peace. The morning quiet. Nothing quite like it, unless you are still asleep.

## Jazz Time

Friday, March 17, at 7:30 P.M., celebrate St. Patrick's Day with all six of the Whidbey Island middle school and high school jazz bands as they congregate at the South Whidbey High School auditorium for the 18th Annual Whidbey Jazz Fest.

Proceeds from the ticket sales provide college scholarships for selected seniors who continue their musical education.

Sponsored by the Whidbey Island Jazz Society, these showcases have generated over \$85,000 in scholarships.

## Hollywood quotes

Growing up, the Academy Awards was the most important event in my life other than another Dodger/Yankee World Series. Seeing Bob Hope make fun of the movie stars on our 12-inch RCA black and white was the best. We got to sit in the front row.

Mom always made my sister and me go to bed early so we could wake up two hours later to watch. Sort of a pre-Oscar nap. I think Mom just wanted to calm us down.

While none of the Academy Award shows I saw as a kid were as crazy as last Sunday's envelope frenzy, those shows from the 50s and 60s reminded me of some of the crazy quotes attributed to Hollywood legends. A superb source of these quotes can be found in *Frankly, My Dear*, a book of Hollywood quips, by Shelley Klein. A few of my faves follow.

"Hollywood is a great place to live if you happen to be an orange." *Fred Allen*

"A celebrity is a person who works hard all his life to become well known and then goes through back streets wearing dark glasses to avoid being recognized." *Fred Allen*

"I'm no actor and I have sixty-four pictures to prove it." *Victor Mature*

"I don't go for this Method-acting stuff. I'm never going to be a Meryl Streep. But then, she'll never be a Dolly Parton." *Dolly Parton*

"Five stages in the life of an actor: (1) Who's Mary Astor? (2) Get me Mary Astor. (3) Get me a

Mary Astor type. (4) Get me a young Mary Astor. (5) Who's Mary Astor?" *Mary Astor*

"Listen, I got three expressions: looking left, looking right, and looking straight ahead." *Robert Mitchum*

"Know your lines and don't bump into the furniture." *Spencer Tracy*

"I must have gone through \$10 million during my career. Part of the loot went for gambling, part for horses, and part for women. The rest I spent foolishly." *George Raft*

"My fourth husband and I had tremendous fights. He used his fists more than his mouth. They ought to rewrite the ceremony: 'In sickness and in hell...'" *Bette Davis*

"My marriage license reads, 'To whom it may concern.'" *Mickey Rooney, married eight times*

"He had a reputation for being difficult. While making *Full Metal Jacket*, a production assistant was seen repeatedly kicking the set and muttering, 'Think of the mortgage, think of the mortgage.'" *John Baxter on Stanley Kubrick*

"Back when Charlton Heston had hair, they say that he supposedly went to a barbershop in Hollywood where the barber asked how he'd like his hair cut. Charlton reportedly answered, 'In complete silence.'" *Edward G. Robinson*

"I'd rather watch old Doris Day movies than the Oscars." *Orson Welles*

"Welcome to the Academy Awards, or as it's known in my house, Passover." *Bob Hope, introducing the 1978 ceremony.*

"I was banned from the Beverly Hills swimming club because I'm Jewish. 'My son's only half Jewish,' I told them, 'so could he go in up to his waist?'" *Groucho Marx*

## Hollywood history

For you folks who like West Coast trivia, how about the first name of Los Angeles, founded in September 4, 1781 by Felipe de Neve, first Governor of the Californias, then under Spanish rule?

Here we go – *El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula*, or "the Village of Our Lady the Queen of the Angels of the Little Portion."

All of a sudden, Sequim seems pretty easy.

Here is another show-stopper, the Hollywood Sign sponsors, listed on page 24 of *Frankly, My Dear*.

The H was bank-rolled by Terrence Donnelly, publisher of the *Hollywood Independent Weekly*.

Italian movie producer Giovanni Mazza paid for the first O.

Les Kelley, creator of the *Kelley Blue Book*, sponsored the first L.

The second L in the Hollywood sign was courtesy of cowboy legend and business magnate, Gene Autry.

The Y was dedicated to Hugh Hefner, while Andy Williams paid for the W.

Rock singer Alice Cooper bought the next to last O in honor of Groucho Marx.

Warner Brothers Records paid for the final O.

Businessman Dennis Lidtke bankrolled the final D.

How's that for unnecessary information that is still cool?

## Flip off

After too many years and too many texts, I have finally tossed my flip phone into the shredder. Enough is enough. When I bought the phone many years ago from the Jitterbuggers, it was for emergency use only. That emergency stuff lasted until the world started texting me.

After tiring of trying to locate the little bitty letters on one or more of the little bitty eight number buttons on the flip, I began writing my text responses on three by five cards, then taking a picture of my prose, and hitting send.

Having been accused of rude and inappropriate texting by the Text Police, I am now locked in land lines forever.

My last text—*Bye bye selfie, no more cell fee.* Of course, if I get real lonely, I may have to start a Text Withdrawal support group.

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

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## LIVE MUSIC LINE UP

MUSSELFEST WEEKEND 2022  
Coupeville Taproom

**FRIDAY MARCH 4TH**

7PM    IKE & THE OLD MAN

**SATURDAY MARCH 5TH**

1PM    NATHANIEL TALBOT DUO

3PM    GIDEON FREUDMANN

5:30PM    JOHNNY BETTS

8PM    DOCTOR SAVAGE

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# Bits & Pieces

## Mount Baker Orchid Society (MBOS) Holds Annual Show and Sale

Mount Baker Orchid Society (MBOS) holds its annual Show and Sale at a new location this year, Christianson's Nursery, 15806 Best Rd., Mt. Vernon, Wash. Saturday from 11:00AM to 6:00PM and Sunday from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. March 5, accredited judges of the American Orchid Society will be judging show plants.

Lots of orchid plants will be on sale by Christianson's, as well as orchid vendors Jolah's Orchids of Oregon, the NW Orchid Society of Seattle and MBOS members. Members of the public may bring both their questions and plants for evaluation. Re-potting is available for a donation.

Classes about the care, feeding and re-blooming orchids will be held both Saturday at 3:00PM and Sunday at 1:00PM, and an "orchid doctor" will be available to answer questions during the show. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit <https://nwos.org/mt-baker-orchid-society-orchid-show-march-5-6/>.

[Submitted by Harvey R Brenneise]

## Register Now for Spring Quarter Classes at Skagit Valley College

Save your spot – Classes are filling quickly

Now is the time to sign up for spring quarter classes at Skagit Valley College. Register early to get the classes you want when you want them.

SVC's online processes make it quick and easy to apply and enroll. Apply for admission at no cost, view the spring class schedule, and register – all online at [skagit.edu/spring2022](http://skagit.edu/spring2022).

Daytime, evening and online classes are available. Spring quarter begins Monday, April 4 and ends Friday, June 17.

Spotlight on spring classes:

- Automotive — Gain industry skills in the classroom and on-campus shop with real-life automotive projects and repairs. ASE Education Foundation accredited program.
  - Auto Parts/Service Specialist (AT 201) TTh | 12:30-2:00PM | 3 Cr | In person  
Training in skills necessary to gain employment in the automotive parts and sales industry, and as a service writer in all types of repair facilities.
  - Automotive HVAC Systems (AT 206) MTWThF | 7:00-11:30am | 4 Cr | In person  
Operation, diagnosis, service, and repair of automotive HVAC systems, including air conditioning, heater systems, climate control, and related electrical circuits.
- Manufacturing — Get hands-on training in our expanded, million-dollar production lab where you'll learn through a unique on-the-job experience.
  - Industrial Safety (MANF 120) 8:30am-4:30pm | Sa | 2 Cr | Hybrid (Class meets on ground and online.)  
Safety topics and practices including personal protective equipment, material handling, machine guarding, fire prevention, hazard identification and control, and safety inspection practices.

– Print Reading in Manufacturing (MANF 140) | 2:45-4:15pm | T | 3 Cr | In person

Fundamentals of blueprint reading emphasizing industrial drawings used in manufacturing.

- New! Information Management and Data Science — Learn from industry experts to launch your career in today's fast-paced, cloud-based world.

– Exploring Data Science and Technological Applications (IMDS 105) 9:30am-12:20pm | F | 5 Cr | Online

Building on foundational skills in IMDS, this course provides next-step introduction to intermediate and advanced concepts such as working with data analytics and data visualization.

– Cooperative Education | IMDS 199 Arr (Class time arranged with instructor) | 5 Cr | Web Enhanced

Cooperative Education is a work-based learning program that helps students to bridge the gap between classroom theory and practical work skills.

View the spring quarter class schedule at [skagit.edu/spring2022](http://skagit.edu/spring2022).

[Submitted by Arden Ainley, Assistant Director of Strategic Marketing and Communications, SVC]

## Whidbey Reads 2022 Explores the Asian Experience in America

This year's 20th anniversary of Whidbey Reads celebrates the Asian American experience with online events in March and April that culminate April 27 in a conversation with Charles Yu, author of 2021 National Book Award winner "Interior Chinatown."

Avid readers have gathered each spring since 2003 for Whidbey Reads events to celebrate a selected book title and participate in related events to explore the themes the title raises.

The pandemic means all Whidbey Reads events will be online for the third year running, but event organizer Marie Byars sees a silver lining.

"The program is called 'Whidbey Reads,' but you don't have to live on Whidbey Island to participate," said Byars, an Information Assistant at Oak Harbor Library.

Yu's latest novel speaks to the racial stereotypes endured by Asian Americans, with unexpected humor and biting satire.

"One of our Whidbey Reads team members said it's the funniest book about racism they've ever read," Byars said.

Yu's story follows the form of a screenplay whose protagonist, Willis Wu, is a struggling actor. Willis dreams of expanding his bit-part screen roles beyond background "delivery guy" characters to a more prominent "Kung Fu guy" with more screen presence. He comes to see that even "Kung Fu guy" remains a Hollywood stereotype that shortchanges his potential.

Whidbey Reads officially kicks off at 10:00AM Wednesday, March 16, with Bruce Lee's Continued Influence for the 21st Century – A Bruce Lee Foundation Discussion. It's a look at the influence of the legendary Bruce Lee, who popularized martial arts in the U.S. Shannon Lee discusses her father's life, philosophy and continued legacy as it relates to current issues of representation, identity, self-worth, and unity.

Whidbey Reads shifts to humor with Laughing Matters: Asian Americans, Comedy, and Inclusion at 6:30PM, Tuesday, March 29. In this Humanities Washington presentation, University of Washington Professor Michelle Liu uses clips of comedians and cartoons to explore how Asian

Americans have experimented with humor to address racial stereotypes.

April 11 at 3:00PM, Wing Luke Museum staff take you through the historically preserved spaces of their Seattle building, the East Kong Yick historic hotel. Built in 1910, the multi-use building housed commercial spaces below the Freeman Hotel and Chinese Family Association Halls on the upper floors.

Please register in advance to receive a reminder email for all these Whidbey Reads events. [www.sno-isle.org](http://www.sno-isle.org)

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

## A NOVEL IDEA – Listening to Music thru Storytelling

Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra presents "A NOVEL IDEA – Listening to Music thru Storytelling" March 19, 3:00PM at The First Reformed Church of Oak Harbor and March 20, 3:00PM at Island Church of Whidbey in Langley. The orchestra will be led by Music Director Anna Edwards and Assistant Conductor Sebastian Serrano-Ayala.

Like the pages of a great novel, music evokes a sense of imagination and pure wonderment. Join Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra on a journey through some truly exceptional composers and their works, including:

- Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, a late 19th/early 20th century English composer of mixed-race who was also a conductor and political activist fighting against racial prejudice.
- Joseph Bologne "Chevalier de Saint-Georges", the son of an enslaved woman of Senegalese origin and a French plantation owner, a contemporary of Mozart and Haydn, champion fencer and music instructor of Marie Antoinette.
- Vivian Fine, an influentially prolific American composer who made her professional composition debut at Carnegie Hall in 1929, at the age of 16.

To enhance the experience, Marta Zekan (former KING-FM radio host), will take participants on a journey to explore unique and perhaps surprising narratives that are right out of the pages of a classic novel. Kind of like a book club, with musicians! The music of George Harrison, Antonín Dvořák, Pyotr Tchaikovsky and Gerald Finzi are also on the program.

In an effort to make the concert-going experience affordable and accessible to all, Saratoga Orchestra has maintained its pre-pandemic ticket prices. \$25 for adults, \$20 for senior and military and students 17 and under free. This is a great opportunity for families to attend. Perhaps you have the next W.A. Mozart or Florence Price living in your household and you don't even know it! Advanced ticket sales at: Click Music in Oak Harbor, bayleaf in Coupeville, Blue Sound Music in Langley. Day-of events box office opens one hour prior to each concert.

Visit: [www.sowhidbey.com](http://www.sowhidbey.com) for further information and the latest COVID-19 attendance policies.

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

# Financial advisors can help reduce anxiety

The long-running coronavirus pandemic has fueled a lot of anxieties – including financial ones. But some people have had far fewer worries than others.

Consider this: Among those investors who work with a financial advisor, 84% said that doing so gave them a greater sense of comfort about their finances during the pandemic, according to a survey from Age Wave and Edward Jones.

Of course, many people experience investment-related fears even without a global health crisis, and that's probably not surprising, given the periodic volatility of the financial markets. But financial guidance can come in handy during relatively normal times, too.

A financial professional can help you ...

... *Look past the headlines* – Inflation, interest rates, pandemics, elections – there's always something in the news that could affect the investment world in the short term. But by helping you construct a portfolio that's built for the long term and reflects your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, a financial advisor can enable you to look past the headlines.

... *Avoid emotional decisions* – Many people let their emotions drive their investment choices. When the market goes through a downturn and the value of their investments drops, they sell to "cut losses," even though these same investments may still have good business fundamentals and promising futures. Conversely, when the market is on an uptick, some people chase after "hot" investments, even when they become overpriced and may have very little room to grow. But a financial advisor can help keep you from making these fear- and greed-based actions by only recommending moves that make sense for your situation.

... *Work toward multiple goals* – At various times in your life, you may have simultaneous financial goals. For example, you could be investing for a retirement that's decades away, while also trying to save for a child's college education. A financial professional can suggest ways you can keep working toward both objectives, in terms of how much money you can afford to invest and what types of savings and investment vehicles you should consider.

... *Prepare for the unexpected* – Most of us did not need a pandemic to remind us that unexpected events can happen in our lives – and some of these events can have serious financial impacts on us and our loved ones. Do you have adequate life insurance? How about disability insurance? And if you ever needed some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home, how would you pay for it? A financial advisor can evaluate your protection needs and recommend appropriate solutions that fit within your overall financial strategy.

... *Adapt to changing circumstances* – Over time, many things may change in your life – your job, your family situation, your retirement plans, and so on. A financial professional can help you adjust your financial strategy in response to these changes. Achieving your financial goals may present challenges, but it doesn't have to cause you years of worry and distress – as long as you get the help you need.

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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.

### Shop Out for Kids

Sunday, March 13, 11:00AM-5:30PM

Monday, March 14, 11:00AM-5:30PM

A Touch of Dutch, Coupeville

It's time for all things Dutch! Check out the chocolate gold coins, licorice and all kinds of wonderful items. A portion of the day's sales will be donated to the Coupeville School Foundation which provides an extra measure of support to the Coupeville schools through teacher grants, scholarships and the Promise Fund. A Touch of Dutch is located at 11 NW Front St.

### Live Music: The Sea Notes

Friday, March 18, 6:30-9:00PM

Orlando's BBQ, Oak Harbor

No Cover

Featuring vocalist Valetta Faye. Orlando's is located at 656 SE Bayshore Dr, Ste 1. For more information, email colschwalbe@gmail.com.

### 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.

### Classes, Seminars and Workshops

#### Medicare Advantage Plans

Thursday, March 10, 2:00PM

Zoom Seminar

Island Senior Resources is hosting a workshop for people who want to switch from one Medicare Advantage Plan to another, or switch to original Medicare. Deadline to change is March 31. If you would like to explore your options, contact ISR to register: senior-resources.org/calendar and click the event date; or call 360-321-1600 or 360-678-3373, both Ext. 0.

#### Fruit Tree Pruning

Saturday, March 12, 10:00AM-1:00PM

South Whidbey Tilth, Langley

Gary Ingram will teach an on-site class on pruning trees for high fruit production. There will be a lecture followed by hands-on learning. The class will meet outside the Tilth classroom (first building on the left at the end of the driveway). Bring pruners and wear weather-appropriate clothing. \$5 for members and \$15 for non-members (cash, check or card payable on the day of the class). R.S.V.P. to education@southwhidbeytilth.org. South Whidbey Tilth is located at 2812 Thompson Rd.

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**Jennifer "Jen" Helen Rivas**



Jennifer "Jen" Helen Rivas passed away peacefully at her home Feb. 17, 2022.

Jen was born in Amarillo, Texas April 20, 1982, and lived almost her entire life in Oak Harbor, Wash. Jen is survived by her parents, Dan and Christine, and her siblings, Jason Freeman, Joanna Hennessey, Patricia Rivas, and Daniel A. Rivas.

Jen graduated from Oak Harbor High School in 2001. She was an avid collector of little figures and DVD's.

Jen loved animals, especially her two rescue horses and her dog ,Lacey, who we adopted from a dark existence in Iran. She loved

bowling with her friends and family. Her favorite places to visit were Fort Casey; a place she loved to go to since she was a very small child, wandering into the darkest spaces doing her best "spooky" impersonations. Jen would regularly be seen shopping at Island Thrift where she found many of her treasures and met many of her friends.

A celebration of her very special life will take place Friday at 1 p.m. at Wallin-Stucky Funeral Home in Oak Harbor.

**Jean Yoneko (Yamasaki) Carpenter**



It is with extreme sadness that we announce the passing of Jean Yoneko (Yamasaki) Carpenter. Jean's family was unprepared for this loss as she passed unexpectedly Feb. 17, 2022, in her hometown of Oak Harbor, Wash. She was an extraordinary soul and will be desperately missed by those she left behind.

Jean was born June 20, 1942, at the Santa Anita Assembly Center, where her family was detained before being transferred with other Japanese Americans to an internment camp at Heart Mountain, Wyo., during World War II. After the war, she grew up in southern California. She had been a member of the Oak Harbor community since 1971, when she moved there with her

husband and four young children.

Although a very private person, Jean enjoyed watching her children and grandchildren play sports and was a huge fan of the Seahawks, Husky and Cougar football and Mariners. She also enjoyed her walks, the beach, Japanese food, and baking (she had a bit of a sweet tooth). She was a free spirit, kind, generous, stubborn, tough yet compassionate. Jean had a great sense of humor and beautiful laugh and smile. She made her whole family laugh with her silly sayings, expressive gestures, and her ability to laugh at herself. She loved music, especially the oldies; everything from Elvis Presley to The Beach Boys to Simon & Garfunkel.

Her family was her sole focus, and she worried over and took care of its members until the end, sometimes to the exclusion of her own needs and despite all their quirks and disfunction. She was proud of them, rooted for them, protected them, resented them, forgave them and always kept on loving them.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Allan Carpenter; her four children, Gary Carpenter (Nancy), Carolyn Carpenter, Scott Carpenter (Sage), and Patti Carpenter Murray; her grandchildren, Kevin Murray, Allison Murray, Harlee Carpenter, Avery Carpenter, and Laila Carpenter; three of her sisters, a brother-in-law, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Our hearts are so broken by this unexpected loss. She was one of a kind and to be loved by her was to be truly blessed.

*"You never said I'm leaving, you never said goodbye.  
You were gone before we knew it, and only God knew why.  
A million times we needed you, a million times we cried.  
If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died.  
In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still.  
In our hearts you hold a place that no one could ever fill.  
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone.  
For part of us went with you, the day God took you home."*

- Author Unknown.

**Paige Allison Young**



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

Paige is survived by her daughter, Devon Romero (Michael); three grandchildren, Alyssa, Brody and Killian; her daughter Lindsey Berrigan; sisters Tracie Anderson and Leslie Kramer (Gary); and many nieces and nephews.

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

**Life Tributes can now be found  
online at [www.whidbeyweekly.com](http://www.whidbeyweekly.com)**

**SUNDAY, JAN. 9**

**12:55 pm, Heller Rd.**

States neighbor just called reporting party and said "People were out there taking the skirting off" from around the trailer.

**1:33 am, S Main St.**

Reporting party advising second night this occurred; strangers come with a light that can burn your retina out. Unknown if they are still there. Were outside of the house.

**7:13 pm, S Main St.**

Reporting party advising wants follow up from law enforcement regarding last night; is afraid to sleep in her room. Wants to talk to law enforcement to see if they found the subjects who were shining lasers into her retinas.

**MONDAY, JAN. 10**

**4:51 pm, Saratoga Rd.**

Advising cow and calf trotting down road; in roadway, heading towards the Catholic church.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 11**

**3:46 am, Deer Lake Rd.**

Reporting party advising his vehicle is constantly being damaged; tonight his air filter is smashed; thinks someone is messing with him. Has happened over the past two months.

**6:29 am, Mountain View Ln.**

Just occurred, someone broke into his car; broke the windshield wiper stick. Reporting party advising he heard someone, looked out and someone was running away.

**10:47 am, Goldie Rd.**

Boyfriend's ex-wife walked into residence and started recording reporting party, occurred 30 minutes ago. Advising there without permission.

**8:13 am, Crestmont Pl.**

Neighbor put up security cameras that aim into reporting party's yard. Cameras have been up since Dec. 15, 2021.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12**

**11:27 am, Lakeside Dr.**

Reporting party is executor of father's estate and has recently found out that sister took an RPG and sold it.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 13**

**7:55 am, Sandberg Ln.**

Reporting party advising of difference of opinion between she and her husband regarding deceased dog. States is being denied contact via phone with dog's care. States husband is threatening her in a passive aggressive way.

**9 am, Libbey Rd.**

Reporting party housesitting her daughter's residence at location and there are three goats in the yard. Unknown where they belong.

**8:08 pm, Mobius Loop**

Caller states thinks someone has been hiding from Island County Sherriff's Office to avoid being served; thinks female is home now. Unknown name.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 14**

**3:47 am, NE Parker Rd.**

States heard two loud explosions that caused the glass in her bedroom to

shake. Two explosions, two to three minutes apart.

**9:06 am, East Harbor Rd.**

Caller wants law enforcement to know that subject has 15 guns and cocaine. Wants law enforcement to look into how he obtained all those weapons due to his mental health issues.

**4:29 pm, E Squire Rd.**

Party requesting phone call; has a question on whether it is legal to smoke inside a grocery store.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 15**

**9:48 am, Sandberg Ln.**

Female caller with gruff, barely understandable voice advising doesn't know location of emergency. States at the Goose was spiritually raped. Advised she wanted an ambulance earlier, but she was denied. Yelling obscenities at call-taker. Denied aid two times.

**12:22 pm, Sandberg Ln.**

Skagit County transfer; states ICOM needs to tell Washington State Patrol and Island County Sherriff's Office to stop recycling people. Yelling about how there is a criminal being hidden out in Island County. Criminal is from Yakima. When asked where at, caller mentioned her husband's name. Yelling profanities. Speaking so loud, difficult to understand.

**7:08 pm, SW Orcas St.**

Advising someone just tried to kick down reporting party's front door. Suspect left on foot.

**7:29 pm, SW Regency Dr.**

Advising someone tried to kick reporting party's door in twice. Occurred just now.

**MONDAY, JAN. 17**

**11:07:pm SR 20**

Reporting party advising of a black Lexus with lane travel; almost hit a car in front of them; shining a flashlight into the reporting party's windshield. Can no longer see the vehicle.

**11:17 am, Sidney St.**

Reporting party advising "It's happening right now;" does not feel safe. Says roommate is putting body parts on the bed.

**12:20 pm, Orchard Loop**

Reporting party wanting law enforcement advice about riding a motorcycle without endorsement or insurance. Reporting party available via phone.

**1:40 pm, Jones Rd.**

Caller advising email received regarding package to be delivered; package has not been received yet; concerned it will not make it.

**2:08 pm, Log Cabin Rd.**

Reporting party advising someone is pretending to be the owner.

**10:46 pm, NE 3rd St.**

Reporting party advising there are people in her basement; advising she doesn't know who they are; advising she left home for a minute and came back and they were there. Reporting party advising she just moved to the location and lives alone.

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



COUNTY LAKES TO FISH

The west side of the Cascade mountain range has many lakes that offer the Island Angler the opportunity to fish for everything from rainbow trout to black and white crappie. The problem for me is finding the time to go and fish all the lakes. Let's take a look at the counties and the lakes near to us. Before I get started, keep in mind to always check the Washington State regulations for any restrictions, such as, whether combustion engines are allowed, speed limits and open seasons (some of the lakes are not open year-round).

Island County:

- **Goss Lake:** (camp lake) 40.7 surface acres located 3 miles west of Langley on Whidbey Island. Rainbow and cutthroat trout get planted in the spring and summer and grass carp have been seen milling around on the surface along the warm grassy summertime shoreline.
- **Lone Lake:** 101 surface acres located 2.5 miles southwest of Langley on Whidbey Island, about a mile away from Goss Lake. Lone Lake is the biggest lake on the south of Whidbey. I have fished this lake many times over the years. There is good rainbow trout fishing in the spring and summer. This lake is open year-round so some good fall fishing can happen here as well. I have heard catfish have been taken from this lake but I have never hooked one. I normally troll this lake for trout.
- **Deer Lake:** 80 surface acres Located 1 mile west of Clinton on the south end of Whidbey Island. Combustion engines were allowed on this lake in years past but be sure to confirm this. Electric trolling motors and oars may be your only options now. This lake has rainbows and cutthroats and because of the seasonal openings, it can produce some nice hold-over trout during the off season that will be eager to bite when the season reopens.
- **Cranberry Lake:** 125 surface acres located in Deception State Park near the north end of Whidbey Island. This lake is open year-round, and I sometimes refer to this lake as "black Friday Lake," because the state usually plants a nice batch of 1- to 3-pound rainbows here in late November. This is a non-combustion engine lake and the boat ramp is located on the west end. The persistent easterly wind coming off the Puget Sound can quickly push you to the east end of the lake so be sure you have enough battery power left to get you back to the ramp.

Skagit County:

- **Pass Lake:** 98 surface acres located on the north side of Deception Pass Bridge. This is a fly-fishing catch-and-release-only Lake; this small lake has German brown trout and rainbows in it. Over the past few years during the hottest months, this lake has had an algae bloom that has closed the lake for a few days to weeks, so fish this lake when the water is still cold. This lake gets lots of fishermen when the local insects begin to hatch. Both sinking and dry surface flies will catch fish.
- **Lake Erie:** 113 surface acres located 4 miles south of Anacortes. This lake, like

many of the other small lakes, can be difficult to find fishable bank access due to thick, brushy areas or private property. A kayak or small aluminum boat is the ticket to fishing the entire lake. Rainbows and yellow perch are caught from this small, secluded lake each year.

- **Heart Lake:** 103 surface acres located 3.5 miles south of Anacortes. During the last Saturday in April when this lake opens, trout fishing is fantastic, (power bait or worms). This is one of the small lakes that has more than average bank fishing access. The only draw-back to this is the little lake can get crowded pretty fast. This is a good lake to take young anglers fishing but be prepared to be patient with fellow fishermen.
- **Campbell Lake:** 410 surface acres located 5 miles south of Anacortes. Hard to miss this beautiful lake with an island in the middle. This lake is open year-round and allows combustion engines. This is where I caught my first large-mouth bass in Washington; an old fishing buddy and I pitched a black and blue rubber jig along docks and seawalls to land six bass before we headed to work. This lake gets stocked with rainbow and cutthroat trout in the spring and fall.
- **McMurray Lake:** 158 surface acres located 9 miles northwest of Arlington. This lake is known for crappie, yellow perch and trout. I have not fished this lake but people have told me the bite can be hot or cold, but that is all fishing, right? Troll for trout to put on the grill, or still fish for perch and crappie fillets to build a stack of fish tacos.
- **Cavanaugh Lake:** 843 surface acres located 10 miles northeast of Arlington. This lake is home to not only trout, it has kokanee (land-locked sockeye salmon) and largemouth bass. This lake is big enough that you don't feel like you're fishing on top of each other; however, look for the boats to stitch together where the fish are.
- **Clear Lake:** 403 surface acres located 3 miles south of Sedro Woolley. My neighbor would rave about the trout fishing in this lake in the late 1990s. He said slow troll about three boat lengths away from the shoreline with f-4 size flatfish or a small bullet weight in front of a 50/50 chrome and brass dicknite spoon. This lake has the potential to get busy so as always, be patient with fellow fishermen.

I have only scratched the surface with the 11 lakes above that are close to us. There are so many other lake opportunities for an Island Angler throughout the year, take some time and do a little research on the lakes that grab your attention, figure out a float-plan and just go fish! It sure beats weed whacking or shoveling snow. Our licenses will expire March 31 and most places have the 2022/2023 paperwork available now. I know it's hard to justify spending money in March when the new regulations the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will most likely change mid-season on the "emergency rule change page" doesn't hit the streets until June, but if you are an avid angler, avoid the rush and think about buying now.

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# Whidbey Weekly publisher appointed to Oak Harbor city council

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

Eric Marshall, owner and publisher of *Whidbey Weekly*, has been appointed to the Oak Harbor city council, filling the Position 3 seat left vacant following council member Jeff Mack's resignation in December.

Out of eight applications to fill the open seat, four candidates were selected to be interviewed during the council's workshop last week, including Marshall, Ronnie Wright, Fe Mischo and John Chaszar, after which the council met in executive session to discuss the appointment. When the workshop resumed, motions were made to nominate Marshall and Wright. Marshall received four votes out of six and was immediately sworn into office. He will serve the remainder of Mack's term.

Marshall has lived on Whidbey Island since he was a young child, is a longtime member of the business community as well as youth football and high school football coach. He has served on the Oak Harbor planning commission since 2020. While he had no immediate plans to become a city council member, he said his predecessor encouraged him to apply for the vacancy.

"The main reason I decided to seek this appointment is I love Oak Harbor and Whidbey Island," Marshall said. "This is where my wife and I each grew up and where we chose to raise our family. I believe the best way to improve your community is to get involved through voting and volunteerism. My entire adult life I've tried to pay attention to who is



Photo Courtesy of City of Oak Harbor  
**Eric Marshall takes the oath of office administered by Oak Harbor City Clerk Julie Lindsey last week to become the newest addition to the Oak Harbor city council.**

representing us and the decisions being made that will potentially affect us.

"For the past few years, I've been looking through the council packets prior to each meeting and since joining the planning commission, I have been able to get a small sense of what's required of a council member," he continued. "When Jeff Mack resigned his position, he brought me a copy of his resignation letter and encouraged me to apply. In the days that followed, I was encouraged to apply by a number of community members, so I decided to go for it."

Marshall joins fellow council members Beth Munns, Jim Woessner, Tara Hizon, Bryan Stucky, Shane Hoffmire and Dan Evans, making him the fourth new member in as many months.

"Council has a number of new members this year," he noted. "I hope to be another fresh set

of eyes on the challenges and opportunities our city has. I am coming into this position with an open mind and willingness to learn. I will read our packets thoroughly, ask questions and do my research.

"I'm only one person, but I'm eager to work with my fellow council members and city staff to move our city forward," Marshall continued. "Working to help curb the scheduled [utility] rate increases, develop the Harbor Heights project, increase our inventory of affordable workforce housing and dredging our harbor are just some of the projects I'm hoping to have an impact on."

From his perspective, Marshall said one of the biggest challenges facing the council is to get the public more involved in and more aware of what is happening in the city.

"From what I've seen, this current council hears the input it receives," he said. "However, it doesn't appear council receives much input. Many times, items on the agenda receive no public comment, either in person or online. I hope to increase public comments, I'd like to hear from the people we are here to represent."

Marshall said he believes Oak Harbor's waterfront is the city's biggest asset, as well as its most underutilized. When asked what he is most looking forward to about his new role, his response was simple.

"Serving my community," he said.

You can reach council member Marshall via email at [emarshall@oakharbor.org](mailto:emarshall@oakharbor.org).



Photo Courtesy of Washington Governor's Office  
**Washington Gov. Jay Inslee has announced the state's mask mandate will be lifted for most indoor public spaces March 12, just over a week earlier than originally planned.**

## Mask mandate to be lifted earlier than first announced

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

Gov. Jay Inslee announced Monday an even earlier end to the state's mask mandate.

Effective at 12 a.m. March 12, masks will no longer be required in most indoor settings, including schools, childcare facilities, libraries, restaurants and bars, churches, gyms and indoor athletic facilities, grocery stores and retail establishments.

Masks WILL still be required in healthcare and medical/dental facilities, long term care facilities and correctional facilities. The federal mask requirement for public transportation also remains in effect. Private businesses and local governments and health jurisdictions may still require masks for employees, customers or residents.

"We've continued to monitor data from our state Department of Health and have determined we are able to adjust the timing of our statewide mask requirement," Inslee said in a joint statement released Monday morning. "While this represents another step forward for Washingtonians, we must still be mindful that many within our communities remain vulnerable. Many businesses and families will continue choosing to wear masks, because we've learned how effective they are at keeping one another safe. As we transition to this next phase, we will continue to move forward together carefully and cautiously."

Inslee had earlier announced the mask mandate would be lifted March 21, but in a press conference Monday afternoon, he expressed confidence the number of cases of COVID and hospitalizations will continue to decline.

"Our epigraph has shown a very significant decline in the last month and we've seen a consistent level of reduction, which has continued in the last couple of weeks," he said. "Obviously the virus is still active in our state, but we are confident that decline will continue, which allows us to make a decision today to accelerate the date."

"This updated timeline is a direct result of following the science and also after careful review of the CDC and its guidance that was released last Friday," said Dr. Umair Shah, Washington State Secretary of Health. "This has been a tough two years for everyone, we know that. But those who have gotten their vaccine, worn their masks and followed public health guidance during this time, I really just want to say 'thank you' to all of you for doing so."

"However, this is not a time to throw caution to the wind," Shah continued. "Remember, the pandemic is not over. While we will no longer require masks in most places, we know a mask still offers protection. We also want to remember that as the state lifts our statewide requirements, our local health jurisdictions, local health officers and businesses have the right to enact their own policies related to masks as they see fit."

Updated safety measures for K-12 schools are expected to be announced by the state DOH next week.



Photo Courtesy of Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association  
**The Penn Cove MusselFest is the only opportunity of the year to see how Penn Cove Shellfish farms its world famous mussels. Tours are offered Saturday and Sunday.**

### MUSSELFEST continued from page 2

Chambers says the boat trip out to the mussel beds is her favorite part of the celebration. The opportunity to observe Penn Cove Shellfish's farm operation is well worth the price of the ticket purchase, she said.

"MusselFest is the only chance for the public to get an up close and personal tour of the beds," she said. "That's the only time they're open to the public like that, and it only happens once a year."

The mussels that are transformed into great-tasting food selections are just the beginning of the festival attractions. It wouldn't be a party without the spirits to go along with it, which is why longtime attendees look forward to the beer and wine garden, too. This is hosted by the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association on Saturday and Sunday, outdoors in the parking lot of the Coupeville Recreation Hall. Entry to the venue requires either proof of COVID vaccination and/or a negative test taken within 72 hours of the event.

Culinary dishes served in a friendly, outdoor atmosphere, to the accompaniment of live music just upped the ante a couple of notches higher. Enter a line-up of vocalists and bands who'll be offering musical selections ranging from bluegrass, acoustic rock, western swing, jazz, and early rock. Keep an eye and ear out for Whidbey Island's own beloved Shifty Sailors, too.

Chambers says she believes people are yearning to return to the outdoors, and fresh air, to herald the soon-arrival of spring.

"MusselFest was always designed to get people out of the house, following the long, gray months of winter. But last year's MusselFest (2021) had to cancel, sadly, due to the pandemic. That's why we believe folks will be extra excited to see what's in store this year. And our hope is that by next year, we'll see a full roster of all the other things we've come to love about this event," she said.

There are a few changes related to safe health practices to be aware of during MusselFest. Shuttle bus service will not be available this year. Ticket sales, including for the boat ride tour to the mussel beds, are online only, no in-person transactions. And in keeping with limiting attendance numbers, only a total of 1,000 tickets can be issued this year for the chowder tasting. That's 600 for Saturday, and 400 hundred on Sunday. The website [thepenncovemusselifestival.com](http://thepenncovemusselifestival.com) gives comprehensive guidelines.

Like the famed golden tickets of the movie "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," tickets for this year's MusselFest are sure to be in high demand. Since the online tickets are already selling briskly, MusselFest organizers urge everyone to check out the website, before the 1,000 tickets sell out. They hope people from all over will drop by to taste chowder and enjoy some fun together.

For more information about MusselFest, Vickie Chambers may be contacted at [coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com](http://coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com).



# Recipe of the Week

## SPICE-UP GRILLED PORK FOR DINNER TONIGHT

Those looking to eat healthier should not just consider the ingredients they choose but the cooking methods. Grilling food is a smart choice for keeping calories down and limiting saturated fats. Grilling can take place outdoors or on a cast-iron grilling pan right on the stovetop.

Even though people may think of chicken or burgers as foods for grilling, don't overlook lean pork as well. This recipe for "Fiery Grilled Pork Tenderloin" from "Cooking Light Fresh Food Superfast" (Oxmoor House) by the Cooking Light Editors, gives a double shot of peppery punch. Serve it with any grilled vegetable of choice, such as squash, zucchini or eggplant.



### FIERY GRILLED PORK TENDERLOIN

(Yield: 4 servings)

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|---|-------------------------|
| 1 pound pork tenderloin   | 1 tsp. dark brown sugar |
| 2 tsps. olive oil   | 1/2 tsp. garlic powder  |
| 1-1/2 Tbsp. ground black and red pepper blend (such as McCormick Hot Shot!) | 1/4 tsp. salt           |
|   | Cooking spray           |

Preheat grill.  
Pat pork dry with paper towels. Rub oil over pork.

Combine pepper blend and next three ingredients; rub over pork. Lay pork on grill rack coated with cooking spray. Grill 20 minutes or until a thermometer registers 160° F (slightly pink), turning once. Remove pork from grill; let stand 5 minutes. Cut pork diagonally into 1/2-inch slices. Serving size is 3 ounces.



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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, an exciting relationship may soon develop after you socialize with friends. If you already are involved romantically, someone you meet could be an important ally.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
Unexpected changes are the name of the game this week, Taurus. This could mean anything from learning a new skill to having to train a new coworker.

**GEMINI - May 22/June 21**  
Gemini, there's potential to meet someone interesting on a trip you will be taking shortly. Strike up conversations with those around you, as you never know what will happen.

**CANCER - June 22/July 22**  
Cancer, do not be discouraged when something seems like an insurmountable task. You just have to find the right help and then you'll quickly master the job.

**LEO - July 23/Aug 23**  
An unexpected phone call or text from someone in your past could come your way soon, Leo. Whatever the news, don't let it scare you. You'll do fine.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
A significant sum of money could be coming your way shortly, Virgo. It may be a bonus or some sort of repayment. Be pleased at the windfall and utilize it wisely.

**FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**  
FEBRUARY 27: Josh Groban, Singer (41)  
MARCH 1: Jensen Ackles, Actor (44)  
MARCH 3: Camila Cabello, Singer (25)  
MARCH 5: Eva Mendes, Actress (48)

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, an exciting group activity involving a number of your friends is on the horizon. You may be wondering whether to go. Don't pass up the opportunity.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Exciting prospects and fortunate events seem to be in your orbit, Scorpio. Enjoy this bit of good luck that garners much of your attention and could have further benefits.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, are you feeling adventurous lately? Now may be a good time to enter a race or try something daring, like sky diving. Let your instincts guide your decision.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Your mind is attuned to learning new lessons. If time permits, enroll in some college courses or explore trade school offerings. This will enable you to expand your mind.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
This is a good week to travel or to make the arrangements for it, Aquarius. The journey promises to be an exciting time that you will remember for a while.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, bizarre dreams may invade your comfort levels. Don't try to analyze their meaning too much, but be aware of symbolism.

FEBRUARY 28: Luka Doncic, Athlete (23)  
MARCH 2: Rebel Wilson, Actress (42)  
MARCH 4: Draymond Green, Athlete (32)

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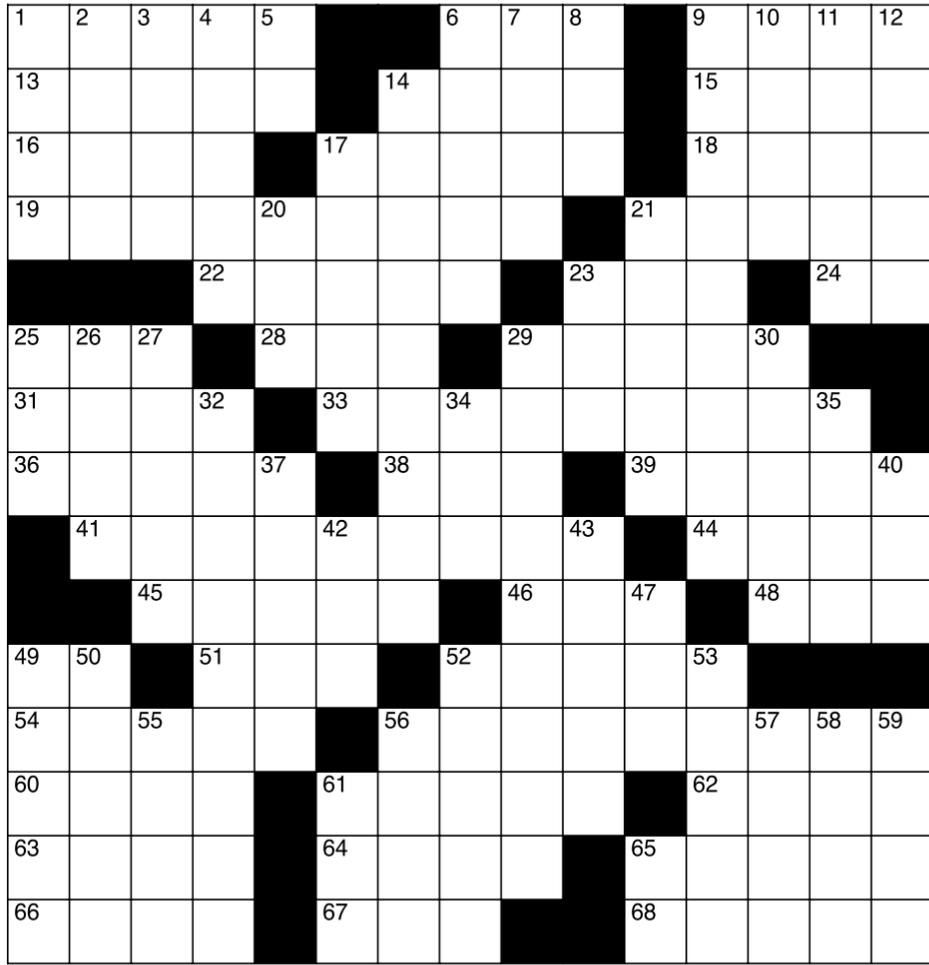
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# Crossword Puzzle



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Hillsides
- 6. A way to ingest
- 9. Large number
- 13. Southeastern Minnesota city
- 14. Cronies
- 15. Having sufficient skill, knowledge
- 16. Supplements with difficulty
- 17. Former VP nominee Palin
- 18. Cambodian monetary unit
- 19. Where coaches work
- 21. Secret political clique
- 22. A type of lute
- 23. Tan
- 24. Empire State
- 25. Where golfers begin
- 28. For each
- 29. Muslim inhabitants of the Philippines
- 31. Bird genus
- 33. Popular Dave Matthews Band song
- 36. Domesticates
- 38. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- 39. Asian antelope
- 41. One who takes apart
- 44. Kin
- 45. Dresses
- 46. Says something about you (abbr.)
- 48. Doctor of Education

- 49. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- 51. Overcharge
- 52. Sailboats
- 54. Indian musical patterns
- 56. Predisposition to a condition
- 60. Share a common boundary with
- 61. Wide
- 62. Skin disease
- 63. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 64. Source of the Blue Nile
- 65. Instrument
- 66. Red deer
- 67. Unidentified flying object
- 68. Bar or prelude

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Flying insects
- 2. Strong alcoholic spirit
- 3. Old
- 4. Moves in slowly
- 5. Symbol for tin
- 6. Having certain appendages
- 7. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 8. Type of hormone (abbr.)
- 9. One with an unjustified mistrust
- 10. Hebrew calendar month
- 11. Pure
- 12. LSU football coach
- 14. Unbroken views
- 17. Fathers
- 20. Part of a race
- 21. Hairstyle
- 23. Fifth note of a major scale
- 25. Body art
- 26. Amounts of time
- 27. Designed chairs
- 29. Sensational dramatic piece
- 30. Arrangement of steps
- 32. Classifies
- 34. Young child
- 35. Oh, no!
- 37. Astronomical period of about 18 years
- 40. Not or
- 42. Poke fun at
- 43. Consisting of roots
- 47. "\_\_\_ Humbug!"
- 49. A way to remove
- 50. A confusion of voices and other sounds
- 52. Keyed instrument
- 53. Varnishes
- 55. Unpleasantly sticky substance
- 56. Unable to hear
- 57. A short erect tail
- 58. Indicates interest
- 59. Flow or leak through
- 61. British thermal unit
- 65. Iron

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## YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, March 3	Fri, March 4	Sat, March 5	Sun, March 6	Mon, March 7	Tues, March 8	Wed, March 9
North Isle H-50°/L-37° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-48°/L-37° Showers Possible	North Isle H-47°/L-38° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-48°/L-37° Cloudy	North Isle H-48°/L-36° Cloudy	North Isle H-49°/L-38° Chance of Showers	North Isle H-49°/L-40° Partly Sunny
South Isle H-47°/L-36° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-48°/L-37° Showers Possible	South Isle H-46°/L-35° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-48°/L-34° Cloudy	South Isle H-46°/L-37° Cloudy	South Isle H-48°/L-38° Chance of Showers	South Isle H-49°/L-37° Partly Sunny



# OUR Community

## An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given?



### Jackie Huerta, Oak Harbor

This advice came from my mother, Jean Zanini Catanio. She actually always taught this through my life, but it really hit home when I was 21 years old. I was a young wife with two children, working a full-time job, married to my high school sweetheart who was a young Navy sailor. Overwhelming at times. My mother sat me down as she did and said "Daughter, always remember that there are no coincidences in the world; everything happens for a reason and in that reason is Love! All will be right in your world because love conquers all!" I believed it then and now. As long as you show love and know the path that you are on has been chosen, all will be well.

### Debbie Metz, Langley

Some of the best advice I got was from my mom, Rose. She always says "Keep smiling," and it has always stuck with me. The reason I love it is that having a positive outlook always makes life brighter! Optimism is a gift: appreciation and gratitude for each moment and for each human being! It's one of Phyllis Diller's quotes, too, "A smile is a curve that sets everything straight." Another one of my best advice mantras is to "treat each other the way you want to be treated." Treating anyone and everyone with kindness is what it's all about!



### Roosevelt Rumble, Oak Harbor

When I was preparing to head off into the military my mother pulled me to the side and prayed over me; afterwards she spoke the following things that changed my life: Always trust in God; love conquers all; learn to love the unlovable; see to others' needs before your own; don't let the color of your skin deny you; and you were born to lead but stay humble, unselfish and always follow the will of God and the plan he has for your life. So as a badge of faith, I have carried that all the days of my life.

### Shawn Huston, Coupeville

I would say that the best piece of advice I have ever received is to create a physical list for accountability when undertaking a (new) task. Break things into steps and focus on the step at hand/at the top of your list. There is a satisfaction in crossing something off of your list and being able to reorient yourself towards the next task. This is something that I find myself doing.



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# Community Bulletin Board

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The Island County Medical Reserve Corps (ICMRC) is a local network of volunteers organized to improve the health and safety of communities on Whidbey and Camano Islands. Volunteers primarily include medical and public health professionals but other volunteers who have no healthcare backgrounds are also utilized. MRC responds to local emergencies such as natural disasters and public health emergencies. If you are interested in volunteering please contact us at Island County MRC website for application and information.

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

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