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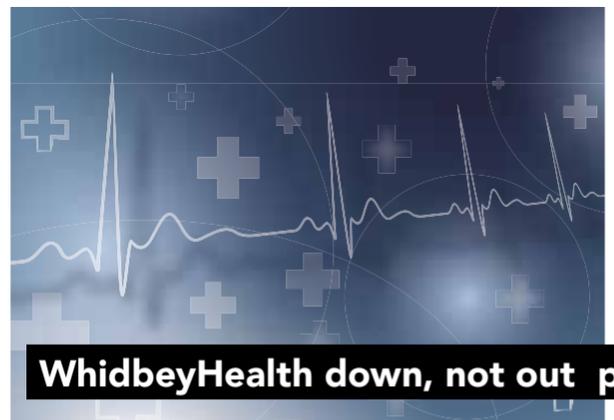
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DECEPTION PASS STATE PARK USHERS IN A NEW SEASON OF FUN



Corinne Boroff Photo Courtesy of Deception Pass State Park
Deception Pass State Park holds its first "Swing the Gates" 5K competitive run, 5K family fun run and 10K team scavenger hunt Saturday, to help open the upcoming park season and the 100th anniversary celebration.

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

For the first time in its 100-year history, Deception Pass State Park is hosting a competitive 5K race, a family fun 5K and a 10K scavenger hunt Saturday beginning at 9 a.m.

While the "Swing the Gates" event is technically new this year, the idea for the race is not, it has just been waiting for its debut.

"This event actually has a history before COVID," explained Corinne Boroff, an Americorps interpretive naturalist at Deception Pass State Park. "It was scheduled to be the third weekend of March in 2020, and then the world shut down."

During all the COVID shutdowns, when indoor activities were restricted, many people turned to state and national parks for safe, outdoor activities in which to participate. Deception Pass saw an average of about three million visitors each year of the pandemic, so even though parks have been open and busy, Boroff said the timing for this particular event signifies the start of a very special season.

"The reason we're calling it 'Swing the Gates' is because it's right around the time when the campground is opening, the lake store is opening and so we're swinging the gates open for the season," she said. "We felt like the name was fitting, because not only are we opening the park season in general, but this is the beginning of the 100th anniversary season."

The original plans for Swing the Gates called for a 5K, but as it has drawn closer to coming to fruition, the plans have grown from one running event to three.

"Initially it was going to be one 5K, for the 100th anniversary, a special event," Boroff said. "Now there are two different 5K events. We've broken it into categories. There's a competitive 5K race for people who really want to run and get a time, but because we are a park and have space, we added the 5K family fun run for those who want to walk or run the course with a dog or a stroller. The competitive run starts at 9 a.m., the family fun run starts at 10 a.m."

An additional element, the 10K team scavenger hunt, which begins at 9:15 a.m., has proven to be very popular and spots are going fast.

"We are so excited for it," said Boroff. "Teams of two-to-four people sign up; one person will have a map of the park area, marked with the first location. Teams have to determine how to get to the first location, where they will receive their next challenge, or clue."

"These are mental challenges," she continued. "You don't need to study, you use your surroundings, maybe interpretive panels, a landmark or park trails to figure it out. Once a team gives the checkpoint person the

correct location, they get the next clue. When teams complete all seven challenges, it's back to the finish line."

While the 5K runs use park roads, the 10K scavenger hunt is a little more free form, according to Boroff.

"Both 5Ks are on the same route," she said. "All three runs begin at the Cranberry Lake parking lot. We're closing that section of the park down so people will get to run down on the road along the lake and back through. For the 10K, all the check points are set, but it's up to the teams to determine the best way to get there. The best way may actually be by using a park trail, which are in good shape for the most part. It's really all about the fun."

"We've had people test run the 10K in particular and they have had a blast," Boroff continued. "It's a beautiful run through the park and a nice place for the community to come together after a couple of hard years."

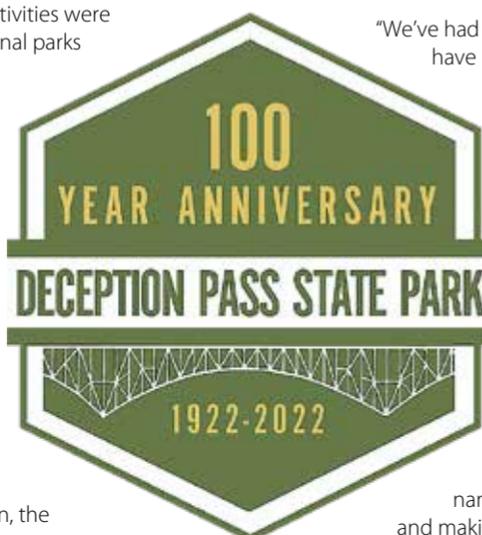
Swing the Gates is the first of 17 special events planned for the park's 100th anniversary. Boroff said it also marks the beginning of a new phase for the Deception Pass Park Foundation, a nonprofit organization which helps supplement special projects and much more for the state park.

"Being the 100th anniversary, the foundation is starting to move into a new phase of fund-raising for a new interpretive center," she said. "They're getting the Deception Pass State Park name and the foundation out into the community and making relationships with the community. Our foundation is so great about giving back to the park – they do a lot of background work and provide funding for educational programs, but the foundation hasn't really taken center stage before, so this is a good introduction for people to everything it does."

Swing the Gates is also a great way for newcomers to get to know the park a bit better and Boroff said it's a great event for 5K newbies.

"I think it's a great first race," she said. "If someone has never done this before, this is a great route. There's a little elevation, it's such a beautiful area, and if you're not interested in the competitive run there's a great option. It's welcoming to so many different types of people and different abilities. It's a great place to start if you want to try out some distance."

For those who don't want to run but would be interested in participating in another way, volunteers are also welcome. Contact Boroff by email at corinee.boroff@parks.wa.gov or call 360-675-3767, ext. 231. Registration for any of the events closes at 5 p.m. Friday. Find information, see route maps or register online at www.runsignup.com/race/wa/oakharbor/swingthegates.



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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 25, 2021.

Today I was on hold so long, the automated music repeated. Kenny G.

meets the organic synthesizer band. *Charlots of Fire* meets airline on-hold music.

I felt so appreciated by the recording guy who reminded me of his appreciation for holding for the person who would be with me as soon as possible, I decided to stay on the line. Sort of an on-hold support program.

The music, albeit elevator type, was so meditative I was able to get much of my desk work done. After 19 minutes, the airline representative appeared. Her name was Danielle, which came in handy because Danielle is the mother of our granddaughters, two of the six reasons for my airline call.

After trying three old confirmation numbers to see if I had any money left to voucher, Danielle disappeared for her official investigation.

Back came the on-hold music for round three.

I was really pleased since the music, part of March madness, made me want to clean the caboose.

Was this like one of those Anthony Robbins cassettes where the music subliminally motivates the procrastinator?

Well, it worked. After 33 minutes of on-hold and off-hold, I was able to verify I had \$51.96 credit remaining.

The credit may not be enough to get me to the granddaughters in Arizona, but it could be enough to get the Whidbey-SeaTac Shuttle to take me to the train station.

Surprise

Have you ever interrupted what you were doing to watch television? Not just any TV, but a program so important to you, you watched it with your mouth open. Like how some of us watched O.J. in his Bronco.

Open mouth, insert shock.

Such is how I felt just hours ago when I walked by my on-too-much television.

Unless I am in total silence, my background noise is the Major League Baseball great games feed from Pluto TV.

Two days ago, I watched Felix Hernandez pitch his perfect game. This was followed by Vin Scully's call of Hideo Nomo's no-hitter in 2007 against the Cubs.

The program that stopped me on the base paths was the rebroadcast of the 2017 Prime Nine Best Baseball Broadcasters.

Growing up in central Ohio, baseball was a radio sport. Dad was not using his weekend off to drive to Cleveland even if Herb Score was pitching.

As a result, the announcer for any baseball team was often as cherished as the team's best players.

The nine selected by Prime Nine were based on the announcer spending a long time with the same team.

In reverse sequence, #9-Curt Gowdy, Red Sox; #8-Phil Rizzuto, Yankees; #7-Harry Caray, Cubs; #6-Harry Kalas, Phillies; #5-Ernie Harwell, Tigers; #4-Jack Buck, Cardinals; #3-Red Barber, Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Yankees; #2-Mel Allen, Yankees; #1-Vin Scully, Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers.

In an interview, Bob Costas said a great announcer had to have "a distinctive and listenable voice."

All together now, Dave Niehaus!

Growing up with such legendary voices still makes me glad my three-speed Schwinn accepted my transistor radio looped on the left side of my handlebars and my Al Kaline ball glove hanging from the other side.

Cherry Coke, anyone?

Shooting hoops

One reason the NCAA tournament is called *March Madness* (an expression coined by broadcasting icon Brent Musburger) is not just because there are so many teams and so many games played in just a few days.

The madness part for me comes from the enhanced frustration I feel as I try to predict the unpredictable.

If the variable factor surfaces in my pulling for teams from cities of my youthful geographics, I am doomed.

Nonetheless, it is still fun to speculate when no money is involved. It is also easier to enjoy the games when you have no dog in the hunt.

Local lore

After Seattle civic leader Eddie Carlson visited Stuttgart, Germany in April 1959, he got an idea. Mr. Carlson, a hotel and restaurant executive, drew the idea on a place mat or a napkin. History has different memories. Eddie's idea was the design for the Space Needle, patterned after the 712 foot tall Stuttgart TV Tower which also has a restaurant on top.

The story is forever fascinating. For more, we recommend *Space Needle: The Spirit of Seattle* by Knute Berger.

You'll love this

Have you ever been guilty of looking at someone your own age and thinking, "Surely I can't look that old?"

My name is Alice Smith and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma, which showed his full name.

Suddenly I remembered a tall, handsome, dark haired boy with the same name who had been in my high school class some 40 odd years ago. Could this be the same guy I had a secret crush on, way back when?

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate.

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School.

"Yes, Yes, I did. I'm a Mustang," he beamed with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1959. Why do you ask?"

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely. Then, that ugly, old, bald, wrinkled, fat, gray, decrepit son-of-a-gun asked, "What did you teach?"

BYOB

Thanks to you readers who keep us laughing with your comedic gifts from unknown sources.

"A 105 year old man is being interviewed for an article on Centenarians, and the reporter asks, 'To what do you attribute your long life?'"

"Well,' he says, 'For better digestion, I drink beer. In case of appetite loss, I drink white wine. In case of high blood pressure, I drink scotch. When I get a cold, I drink Schnapps.'

"When do you drink water?" asked the reporter.

"The old guy thinks for a moment and then says, 'Gee, I don't think I've ever been that sick.'"

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Then with his rearmament complete, what will the next country to be added to the new Soviet Union?

Joseph C. Coomer
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Goosefoot Community Fund to Purchase Property in Langley to Keep in Trust for the Development of Affordable Housing



Goosefoot is in the process of purchasing two adjoining lots in the City of Langley from local residents Cally and JR Fulton. The purpose is to ensure the parcels are reserved for affordable multi-family rental units. While Goosefoot will not be the developer, it will hold the property in trust until a nonprofit developer is identified.

To make the purchase possible, an anonymous couple gifted Goosefoot half of the \$600,000 sale price. The Fultons are giving the nonprofit until March 2023 to raise the remaining balance, crucial to sealing the deal. "We trust Goosefoot to do everything they can to realize the vision we've had of siting affordable housing on this property," states Cally Fulton. "We're ecstatic they stepped up to help us realize our long-held dream!"

Sandra Whiting, Goosefoot's executive director, is pleased a deal could be worked out. "This remarkable collaboration between private individuals and Goosefoot could be the key to making more affordable housing projects happen on South Whidbey. Our community will need to step up and address the housing crisis together. Otherwise, the inconveniences we now face with food services, locating tradespeople and conducting day to day business will seem like child's play."

Goosefoot has been involved in affordable housing for nearly 20 years. Launched in 2000, its "house-cycling moving program" matched 13 land owners with homes destined for demolition due to new construction projects. In 2008, Goosefoot's request to Island County for a zoning variance to build multi-family housing on property they owned in Bayview Corner was denied. As the lack of housing reached crisis proportion, it began looking at properties in the Bayview Rural Area of Intensive Development (RAID), where multi-family housing and mixed-use developments are allowed.

In October 2020, Goosefoot convened a group of landowners in the Bayview RAID to look at the possibility of locating affordable multi-family housing there. In November 2021, results from a feasibility study commissioned by Goosefoot were very informative. However, solutions to septic infrastructure and its affordability have not yet been resolved. Combined with the fact Goosefoot does not own developable land in the Bayview RAID, it needed to re-group on what its next short-term steps would be.

"Our Bayview Vision collaboration and feasibility study provided an important learning opportunity on the challenges and realities of developing affordable housing," according to Chris Salomone, Goosefoot's board president and former community development director for the city of Bellevue. "This land purchase, with all necessary infrastructure in place, will allow us to advance the goal of providing affordable housing."

With regards to Bayview, "nothing is off the table," according to Salomone. "We

mustn't lose sight of the opportunities those properties offer in terms of location, services and access to public transportation."

[Submitted by Marian A. Myszkowski, Goosefoot Community Fund]

Skagit Valley College Announces New President



Dr. Christopher Villa – Photo credit: Skagit Valley College

After an extensive nationwide search, the Skagit Valley College Board of Trustees has appointed Dr. Christopher Villa as the college's seventh president. The board voted unanimously in support of Villa.

"We're excited to welcome Dr. Villa to Skagit Valley College," said Board Chair Flora Perez-Lucatero. "He brings a wealth of experience and commitment to the community college mission. We are looking forward to his leadership in continuing the vision for the college."

Villa is an experienced community college leader who most recently served as president at Portland Community College (PCC)-Rock Creek. He has served an accumulated 12 years as vice president of student services for Los Angeles Mission College, Fresno City College, and Long Beach City College. He earned his bachelor's degree in social ecology from University of California, Irvine, a master's degree in public administration from University of Southern California, and a doctorate in educational leadership and policy from University of Utah. Villa has also served as an adjunct faculty in the Educational Leadership and Policy Studies Department at California State University, Northridge.

"I am deeply honored to have been selected as the next president of Skagit Valley College," said Dr. Villa. "I'm eager to serve the communities of Skagit, Island, and San Juan counties while advancing the college's core themes of equity in access, achievement and community. I look forward to furthering SVC's unwavering commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion in support of the success of all of our students."

As a strong student advocate, he led efforts to improve student outcomes and close opportunity gaps through the Yes to Equitable Student Success (YESS) Initiative, an equity-minded framework grounded in cultural competency and strategic programming. As an equity advocate, Dr. Villa was appointed to the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission Equity Leadership Council, a group of educational leaders who advocate to increase equity in higher education and are experienced in policy development and implementation of equity programs that close equity disparities.

To read Villa's full bio, go to skagit.edu/presidential-search.

[Submitted by Laura Daniali, Director of Strategic Marketing and Communications, SVC]

South Whidbey Fire/EMS Names New Fire Chief

A new fire chief has been hired to lead South Whidbey Fire/EMS beginning April 9. Nicholas Walsh will succeed Chief H.L. "Rusty" Palmer, who announced his retirement last year, having served the department since 2010. The selection was made by the Fire Commissioners following an extensive search and intense interview process.

Walsh leaves his position at the Anacortes Fire Department where he has worked since 2007, most recently in the role as Division Chief of Training and EMS. During his tenure, in addition to his duties, he represented the Anacortes Fire Department on the Skagit County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board and the North Region Trauma Care Council. He also served on the City of Anacortes Emergency Operations Team. During COVID 19, he was assigned to the role of Safety Officer for Skagit County's Emergency Response team.

Walsh was actually born on Whidbey Island but grew up in Skagit County and is excited about joining the island community.

"I like the rural feel of the South Whidbey area in combination with the vibrant towns," he wrote in his application. "It seems the community is very engaged and involved in its government services and community. The value of that cannot be overstated."

South Whidbey Fire/EMS provides emergency services to 15,600 people over 66 square miles. The fire district has both full-time personnel and volunteers, but relies heavily on volunteers to respond to calls reaching a record high of 2,860 in 2021.

[Submitted by Sherrye Wyatt]

Local Business News

Penn Cove Gallery is Looking for Artists

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

Artworks Gallery Welcomes Victoria Castle

Artworks Gallery in the Courtyard on 2nd Street in Langley, is thrilled to announce the arrival of its newest artist, Victoria Castle. Victoria's art reflects her vision of the whimsy and joy in life and in not taking herself too seriously. She has a keen eye, and her sense of humor is expressed in her work. Her mission in life is to bring light, joy, and love into our world. Having done improvisational comedy for years, she learned that creativity flows best when unrestricted. She gets to be the conduit for it to flow through. Victoria works primarily in golden acrylics but enjoys working in all types of mixed media and collage. About her art she says, "I don't think art is a frivolous occupation, but I see it as a service to all humans who do their best with an open heart."

Artworks Gallery is located at 221 2nd Street in Langley. Spring hours are 11:00AM to 4:00PM, Wednesday through Monday, closed Tuesday.

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

Think about it! The Ukraine war is going just as Putin had planned. He rightly assumed NATO and its allies, especially the U.S. with this weak, suffering from dementia and worthless president, would react just like he predicted. All of them would bend over backwards to prevent World War III.

Does anybody bother to think what the Russians are also thinking? Doesn't it dawn on anyone in the west to consider that the Russian people are also hoping the conflict will remain in Ukraine? Consider that the Russian people's fear of WWIII is just as great as the fear is in the west.

Aside from some verbal noise, Putin would do nothing if the west went all out, supplying the Ukrainians with every armament, even our very best.

Remember in the Iraq War, the Iraqis were using Russian tanks which were slaughtered by ours. Predicted it it would be duplicated again this time!

Consider what if the U.S. fired a cruise missile as a "shot over the bow" warning that landed harmlessly in a field outside of Moscow. This would be followed by news releases that we have many thousands more ready to fire, but these would hit numerous targets everywhere in Russia, leveling their buildings and causing numerous casualties, just like the Russians are doing to Ukraine. The picture would change quickly and drastically.

One may bring up the question of a nuclear war. Both sides are acutely aware of the consequences, so it will not even be seriously considered by anyone.

Consider the mindset of the Ukrainian people. It is more important to them that Ukraine survive and remain free, including their children and their children's children, have freedom so they are willing to sacrifice their life in this cause. Predict that one may witness Ukrainians becoming "kamikazes" like the WWII Japanese, sacrificing their life but taking many more Russian soldiers' lives with them.

Our decision makers need to take their blinders off and consider the big picture. At all cost, Putin must be defeated in Ukraine. The American people should also accept the possibility that our military needs to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Ukrainians fighting this black cloud that hangs over so much of the world as long as Putin is in power.

Consider the wealth of Russia and the west that is being sacrificed just for this one man's ambition that could be put to better uses.

Consider a Russia without a Vladimir Putin. A nation that is friends with and respected by all, not hated, despised and sanctioned by most. Consider a Russia that is trusted and can sell all the oil and gas it can produce making it wealthy, not impoverished. It would be a much better Russia and a better world!

Consider if he is successful in conquering Ukraine, then out of a population of over 40 million, he is then free to conscript about a million more soldiers and put



Family Guide

By Amy Hannold

Sea Cadets Squadron Orientation: Looking for a rewarding program for your kids this summer? Come and check out the local unit and meet current cadets and officers of the Orion Squadron. The program offers fun and adventure for young people ages 10-17! Their next meeting is Saturday, March 26, at 1 p.m., at the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge (155 NE Ernst St.). Seating is limited, email orion@seacadets.org to reserve your seat. Visit seacadets.org for more information.

Junior Ranger Programs: Our Whidbey Island State Parks have announced several upcoming opportunities. Junior Ranger events are designed for ages 5 to 12, with an adult. These programs are free; however, a Discover Pass is required for vehicle entry. Pre-registration is required: Central-WhidbeyInterpretation@parks.wa.gov. Participants are encouraged to dress for the weather.

A Tree Says What? will take place at South Whidbey State Park Saturday, March 26, 1 to 2 p.m. Join a park ranger and a Sound Water Stewards naturalist to learn about the trees at the park and how they talk with each other and the world around them.

Barnacle Bonanza at Fort Ebey State Park, April 30, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Ever wonder what lives in those little volcano-shaped shells stuck on

the rocks at the beach? Come to Fort Ebey State Park and learn to live as a barnacle.

Nature Journaling and Seaweed at Possession Point State Park, May 28, 1 to 2 p.m. Explore the amazing varieties of seaweed at Possession Point State Park as you start your own nature journal.

Polliwog Spring Classes for Parents and Children at Whidbey Island Waldorf School: The Waldorf Polliwog program creates a warm, nurturing, supportive environment for children (including expectant parents, babies and toddlers), and their parent or caregiver. There will be a circle time for songs, movement, and a wholesome snack. The five-class series takes place on Saturday mornings from April 30 to June 4. The tuition is \$125 for five classes. For more information and to register: wiws.org.

Garage Sale, Antiques and More at Skagit County Fairgrounds: Vendors galore, live music, great food and many treasures to discover including hand-crafted items, antiques, collectibles, gardening items, and more. Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$4 Admission, \$4 Parking. Skagitcounty.net/garagesale

"Autism Brings Us Together," a Superhero Event: April is Autism Spectrum Disorder Month. Island County Parent to Parent knows

we have all become superheroes surviving the last two years. To celebrate, they are hosting a "Superhero Event" Saturday, April 23, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Fort Nugent Park. The event features a BBQ lunch, scavenger hunt, goodie bags, and arts and crafts. This is an all-ages event for those affected by autism and their families to enjoy the day with others who are on a similar journey. Guests are invited dress up like their favorite character, superhero, princess, etc. To RSVP, email t.wheeler-thompson@islandcountywa.gov or call 360-632-7539.

Discover your Washington State Parks: Friday, April 22, Earth Day, is a "Free Parks Day," no Discover Pass is required. On Whidbey Island, we have five Washington State Parks to explore, and several more are within a short drive from the island. Get outdoors! Park events and information at parks.state.wa.us.

Did you know you can borrow a Discover Pass for one week from any Sno-Isle Library? Just like with all other Sno-Isle Libraries materials, customers are able to request a hold for a Discover Pass to pick up at their preferred library, as part of the "Check Out Washington Program." The passes allow free entrance into state parks and other state-owned land for one week, giving card holders access to millions of acres of state parks and other state public recreation lands. discoverpass.wa.gov/148/Check-Out-Washington

April is for Tulips: Enjoy a month-long celebration featuring a variety of events and beautiful fields in bloom. There are three gardens to view this year, advance tickets are available. Visit tulipfestival.org/growers for tickets and details on each garden's attractions.

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS:

Beaks, Noses, and Bills - A 4-H Club Petting Farm: Visit rabbits, chicks, goats, ponies, ducks and baby pigs. \$5 per person donations are appreciated. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on weekends in April. You will find the petting farm in the parking lot across from Conway Feed and alongside Conway Foods: 18700 Main Street, Conway.

Kiwanis Salmon Barbecue at Hillcrest Park

Lodge: The annual salmon barbecue meals are \$23 for a large portion of salmon and \$20 for a small. It's a full meal with wild caught king salmon, baked potato, coleslaw, garlic bread, drink and ice cream bar. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., beginning April 2.

1717 S 13th St, Mount Vernon.

The 35th Annual Kiwanis Club of La Conner's "Not So Impromptu Tulip Parade:" Saturday, April 9, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Downtown Mount Vernon Street Fair: Friday, April 15 through Sunday, April 17. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Featuring juried arts and crafts vendors from throughout the United States, including painting and fine art, photography, jewelry, clothing, gourmet food stuffs, unique gifts, garden art, children's toys, and more.

Holland Happening Festival: Oak Harbor's signature event returns this year April 30 and May 1, with a new, but old-fashioned, sort of carnival. Groups, businesses and organizations will be hosting booths of carnival games at Windjammer Park, where the street fair and food vendors will also be located. The parade is Saturday at 11 a.m., beginning at the corner of Midway and Pioneer, proceeding down Bayshore Avenue and ending by a cruise down Pioneer Way. oakharborchamber.com

Infant and Early Childhood Conference: The annual conference offers a wide variety of topics covering many aspects of early childhood education and support. This year, the conference will be held via a virtual platform; registration is free. Two keynote sessions and more breakout sessions have been added for this year's conference, which provides high-quality, evidenced-based workshops, and networking opportunities for families and providers to come together to learn, share and advocate on behalf of all young children. Register: leccwa.org/2022/registration.

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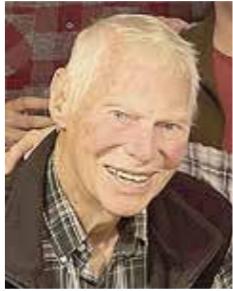


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Bill Strowbridge (William D.)



Bill Strowbridge (William D.), born Aug. 24, 1933, in Alexandria, Ind., died March 11, 2022, at home in rural Oak Harbor, Wash., due to heart failure. Bill was well-loved and was smart, ethical, generous, and compassionate. He married young and had six children. The family was transferred all over with Illinois Bell Telephone and then IBM. In the late 60s, he moved his family to the west coast and worked for a computer company, Sciences Corp. He then held a variety of positions in the IT/computer field. He ended his executive career with Data Products Corp of Woodland Hills, Calif. He began a second career as a mortgage loan officer, which he continued after his move to Oak Harbor in 1994. He volunteered as a DAV driver to Seattle's VA hospital and then drove regularly for Whidbey SeaTac Shuttle when it was getting started.

He was preceded in death by his younger sister and his parents. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Barbara (Duncan); ex-wife, Joyce (Kobel); as well as children Larry (Cynthia), Nancy Burns (Byron), David (Patricia Reeves), Michael (Crystal), and Sarah Harrington. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Bill fell in love with the beauty of the Pacific Northwest and fulfilled his wish to end his days right here. To leave messages or condolences for the Strowbridge family, please visit Bill's memory wall at www.wallinfuneralhome.com, under the obituaries section.

Nancy Lynn Kerzan



Nancy Lynn Kerzan, born March 11, 1949, in Uniontown, Pa., died March 13, 2022.

A longtime resident, Nancy passed away at home on Scatchet Head, Whidbey Island.

Nancy was married in Chicago, Ill., Sept. 1, 1973. She gave birth to her son July 14, 1977.

Nancy enjoyed her time working at Pete Lane's in the Sun Valley Mall and later as an OR scheduler at Moritz Community Hospital. She also loved working at the Ketchum Library, as she was an avid reader. After 20 years in the Wood River Valley, she relocated to Whidbey Island. She loved her dogs and cats.

Nancy was a cancer survivor since 1992.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Rudy Kerzan; son, Radha Kerzan; sister, Mary Dickenson; and brothers Tim Klein and Will Klein.

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

Pam's Prayer Corner

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

A Prayer in Spring

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
To which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends he will,
But which it only needs that we fulfill.

~ Robert Frost

"Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." Hosea 6:3



**SUNDAY, FEB. 6
11:18 am, SR 20**

Advising Verizon has "hijacked" his phone and won't get off line; now he is prevented from making calls.

5:09 pm, Crawford Rd.

Advising subject threatened to kill reporting party; upset over dogs coming into reporting party's yard. No weapons seen.

8:19 pm, Swantown Rd.

Reporting party advising subject is "crawling" around the location wearing all black; skeleton mask on subject's face. Last seen walking through field.

MONDAY, FEB. 7

9:47 am, Goss Lake Rd.

Caller advising has court tomorrow; wants law enforcement to look at papers; wants to know if Chris Angel is a deputy.

10:51 am, SR 20

Female came into location, told reporting party to call law enforcement, stating someone attempted to kidnap her. Female then went back outside.

2:20 pm, Main St.

Customer at location is very intoxicated, crawled on the floor in the liquor department, making customers uncomfortable. Reporting party recognizes customer, does not know her name, unknown associated vehicle

TUESDAY, FEB. 8

3:23 pm, North Bluff Rd.

Requesting call regarding incident 45 minutes ago; female at location was standing alongside roadway and was shaking scissors. Reporting party felt very threatened; has already left the area but concerned she was threatening motorists like that.

9:10 pm, East Harbor Rd.

Reporting party advising 80s or 90s pickup, black truck with broken tail lights, coal rolled her; occurred 20 minutes ago; unknown license plate.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9

7:58 am, Ault Field Rd.

Caller advising of female in underwear; last seen heading towards the base on Langley Boulevard; possibly intoxicated; white female, blonde hair, blue sweater underwear and no shoes.

11:08 am, E Sleeper Rd.

Advising driver was attacked with a broom at address five minutes ago. Advising was hitting the truck with the broom.

1:57 pm, SR 20

Requesting call referencing neighbors using four-wheelers on her property to prevent her from building on it.

2:12 pm, Scenic Heights Rd.

Caller advising just had a car drive through fence and is currently in the pasture; no injuries; no airbag deployment.

5:48 pm, Goss Lake Rd.

Caller states courthouse tried to call her but people are draining her phone down to zero even when plugged in. States phone is now dead and they are keeping it at zero percent They are all doing it. Were caught in yard this morning.

6:11 pm, S Ebey Rd.

Friend and reporting party are on a hike; started at Kettle Trail, ended up at loca-

tion. Reporting party wondering if anyone is able to assist to give her and her friend a ride back to Kettle Trail. States it would take her about two hours to get back to it.

THURSDAY, FEB. 10

4:42 am, Ault Field Rd.

Advising large amount of noise coming from radiation machine near Furniture World and Rings and Things. Reporting party declined medical attention.

3:41 pm, NE Regatta Dr.

Caller advising near bus stop across from Life Church, male is yelling racial slurs.

6:44 pm, Monroe Landing Rd.

Tires in middle of the road; reporting party hit them with his car; no injuries, no airbag deployment; off to the side of the road; hazards are on.

FRIDAY, FEB. 11

4:17 am, Engle Rd.

Female fell asleep in the shower and is now asking for law enforcement to give her a ride home. States she is now wandering around.

10:17 pm, Carriage Heights Ln.

Reporting party states he can't access his phone; when asked if he has an emergency, stated "No, not really." States he won't be able to access his phone in the morning for his alarm.

SATURDAY, FEB. 12

12:16 pm, Golf Course Rd.

Reporting party was out scouting for scenic pictures yesterday and left card with female. Now female's husband calling reporting party and making threats. Said if reporting party ever comes onto property again, "We are going to have problems."

5:15 pm, Mobius Loop

Advising he just found out from his local area he has felony warrant. Wanting to know who put warrant out for him and why.

6:06 pm, Mobius Loop

Advising lost connection due to satellite issues. Calling back, "I am a Cherokee. I am not a hostile."

7:12 pm, SR 20

Reporting male walking on the side of the highway with no pants on. Unknown weapons.

7:49 pm, Surface Rd.

States male ran out of the woods and squatted near reporting party's car 20 minutes ago. Afterwards male ran back into the woods again on Surface Road.

MONDAY, FEB. 14

12:10 am, Cork Ln.

Advising a kid keeps coming around knocking things down and banging with drum sticks. Happened few minutes ago.

8:27 am, North Bluff Rd.

Reporting party advising it looks like female who is always stopping cars in the roadway tried to paint a cross walk onto roadway. Also she tried stopping their vehicle again earlier this morning.

3:39 pm, Pear St.

Reporting suspicious activity in her backyard over past month. Someone defecating and trespassing in her back yard, sleeping in front yard.

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

Insurance and You

By Mary Elizabeth Himes

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

This past March, our household experienced the stress and panic of a water damage claim. Yes, the insurance agent needed to file a claim on her own property. A leak from the hot water flex pipe caused significant damage to flooring, carpet, drywall, insulation, baseboards, sub-floor and vanity, half-bathroom, hallway and living room. The damage happened in a span of 90 minutes. It was happening while my husband watched TV and I was in another room relaxing. We had come home earlier from an overnight stay off island. Ninety minutes of water spraying from an eighth-inch hole; gallons and gallons of water seeped into the carpet, under a wall and under the house. We were so grateful to be home when this happened. This is what insurance policy contracts consider "a sudden expulsion of water," and coverage is provided to repair or replace damage caused by the water to personal property. The plumbing, however, is not covered.

We were able to turn off the water on our own, remove standing water and extract water from the carpet using our carpet cleaning machine. We were frantic to get the water out to reduce any moisture that might settle into the flooring and under the house. We reported the claim and arranged for a company to come and remediate (dry out, remove) water damaged areas. Part of remediation required fans in and under the home to blow for about three straight days. So, we ended up having to stay in a hotel and eat out; this expense is covered under "loss of use" and we were reimbursed by turning in receipts for the hotel and food.

Clean up of our premises of dust and dirt after repairs was also part of the claim, as the carpet removal and dry-wall repairs released dust throughout

the home. It would take a total of four weeks and four different contractors to get our house back in order. We are grateful our coverages were in place and we knew what to do. We handled our duties as insureds by stopping the cause of damage, reporting right away and removing any hazards that would cause additional damage. The claims adjuster from a reputable company was helpful and communicative and our contractors were able to receive their payments in a timely manner. We were treated fairly as insureds and all steps and services were explained to us.

Ironically, I got a call from someone who was having a terrible time with their insurance company and a claim. Unfortunately, this person had chosen a new and easier way to manage her homeowners insurance and used an online app to purchase her coverage. Quick, easy, and less expensive than an agent, no extra chatter, no selling, consumer-friendly. Then she had the claim and found out why cheaper is not always better.

There was no one immediately available to explain her coverages and duties, she was unable to get consultation about whether a claim should be filed and there was no one to come out to SEE what was happening. Most importantly, there was no one to explain to her the limitations of her policy and her responsibilities. Her claim was denied in part, a result of manipulative and confusing wording used in the claim report.

As insureds, we have a responsibility to report claims as soon as they happen. We also have a responsibility to pay attention to signs of damage like mold, rot, moisture and any signs of decay because most policies cover minimal, if any, for these coverages and long-term damage is not covered at all. Look for trouble spots by inspecting the walls inside and out of the home, checking all sink and toilet plumbing connections for leaks and looking around the caulking of showers and bathtubs, as moisture may cause damage over time. Choose a company that provides an agent who can help you understand your coverages when you need it.

Contact your insurance agent for assistance understanding your coverage or contact Mama Bear Insurance Services (dba Safe Harbor Agency) for a simple consultation to help you understand your insurance needs.



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.

Dan Porter Park Clean Up
Saturday, March 26, 10:00AM-2:00PM
7490 Deer Lake Rd, Clinton

Help clean the park in preparation for the Clinton Easter Egg hunt in April. Bring your gloves and small gardening tools if you have them. The Clinton Community Council will bring extra tools and refreshments for the volunteers. For more information, contact info@clintoncommunitycouncil.org or call 360-579-4803 and leave a message.

Live Music - Curtis Moore
Saturday, March 26, 6:00-9:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Singer, songwriter and storyteller Curtis Moore's unique voice infuses Americana, folk, country and blues, creating a unique experience full of stories from his life that will make you laugh and cry. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Best of the Seattle Comedy Competition
Saturday, March 26, 7:30PM
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley

Two of Seattle Comedy Competition's all-stars, Harry J. Riley and Mary Lou

Gamba, team up for a night of laughter you won't forget! For tickets or more information, visit www.WICAonline.org or call 360-221-8268.

Live Music: Carly Ann Calbero
Saturday, April 2, 6:00-9:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

Multi-instrumentalist and songwriter Carly Ann Calbero covers a wide range of music from Adele to Led Zeppelin in addition to her own original songs. Recognized by *Rolling Stone Magazine*, *Seattle Met* and selected by M&M's for her live performances, her vocals - often compared to Brandi Carlile and Joan Baez - are complimented by her dynamic playing style. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Meetings & Organizations

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.

Wellness Walk



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WhidbeyHealth down, but not out



By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

WhidbeyHealth is not going bankrupt.

That is according to officials from the Whidbey Island Public Hospital District. While the financial picture does look grim at the moment, efforts to heal the budget are offering some measure of hope. According to WhidbeyHealth Marketing Manager, Conor O'Brien, officials have been able to extend the district's cash flow long enough to begin seeing revenue from the county property tax levy.

"Our cash position continues to need improvement though, and change coordination is

underway with a number of activities," he said in an email to *Whidbey Weekly* last week.

O'Brien attributes some of the bankruptcy rumors that have been circulating to a recent downgrading of the health district's credit rating issued by Moody's Investor Service.

"In the review, published March 2, Moody's states that unless the hospital district was able to secure \$17 million in liquidity, the district [was] at immediate risk of bankruptcy and unable to pay the March 18th payroll," he said. "WhidbeyHealth, as of March 18 – without the infusion of additional, unplanned liquidity – is

at 15.3 days of operating cash on hand and has 90-day financial projections that do not illustrate bankruptcy and/or the inability to fund payroll."

Additional alarm bells rang earlier in the month when WhidbeyHealth's interim chief financial officer and members of the hospital's board of commissioners appeared before Island County Commissioners to ask whether the county was able to consider co-signing a loan to get the district over its financial hump. While unable to legally make such an arrangement, O'Brien said county commissioners were helpful.

"Following the hospital district commissioners' presentation at the county meeting, our county commissioners went to work, facilitating conversations with Reps. Dave Paul and Ron Muzzall, Rep. Rick Larsen and the governor's office to help explore additional funding options available to the hospital district," he said.

At last week's regular hospital board of commissioners meeting, it was announced county commissioners had been able to arrange payments of tax levy funds to the hospital district as tax payments are made, providing an instant revenue stream, rather than having to wait until April for a lump sum payment. WhidbeyHealth's interim CEO, Mike Layfield, who came on board just over two weeks ago along with health management company HealthTechS3, have also started identifying options that could help the hospital district's financial picture.

"The hospital district can continue to operate without a loan," O'Brien said. "Current 90-day forecasted projections show stability, but not sustainability. Revenue enhancement and cost reduction will continue to be a priority to establish sustainable finances. The hospital district is using 100 days operating cash on hand as the benchmark for this measure."

O'Brien said staffing shortages, which have been an ongoing issue for several months, are still challenging, but there have been no critical shortages that would cause issues or harm in terms of patient care.

"There has not been a mass exodus of employees from WhidbeyHealth," he said. "Understandably, some employees have opted to pursue other opportunities in light of our financial position news. The medical center is short staffed in circulating nurse positions. We are and have been actively recruiting for additional personnel in this field for six months or longer. A number of reasons have contributed to challenges in hiring these positions, not the least of which has been the national nursing shortage and the prevalence of nurses leaving healthcare organizations for "traveler" or "LOCUMS" work – where nurses are contracted at significantly higher hourly rates for specific assignments, traveling around the country to fill needs.

"Being short staffed in the circulating nurse position has led to some overnight shifts without a scheduled circulating nurse," O'Brien continued. "When this has been the case, WhidbeyHealth has optimized staffing to ensure coverage of our peak times for emergency room visits are staffed. The instances when non-peak times could not be staffed, surgical cases are placed on 'divert,' where the patient is stabilized, then transferred to a neighboring facility for care."

O'Brien said surgical care staff are contracted workers who are not employed by WhidbeyHealth. Any surgical care employees who leave are replaced by the service provider. The arrangement is much the same for anesthesiologists.

"WhidbeyHealth has a managed services agreement with Anesthesia Associates Northwest, who employs the hospital district's anesthesia providers," he explained. "Should there be turnover within the pool of providers assigned to WhidbeyHealth, AAN assigns replacement personnel to fill."

While the hospital district's overall financial health is not great at the moment, officials are hopeful they will be able to make progress toward a slow, but hopefully steady, recovery.

"WhidbeyHealth is continuing to work to secure additional operating liquidity and reduce expenses to set a foundation of financial sustainability for the organization and to ensure our patients and community continue to have access to local healthcare," O'Brien said.

Regular meetings of the hospital district's board of commissioners are open to the public and are held the third Thursday of each month at noon, in person and online. More information is available online at whidbeyhealth.org.

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Recipe of the Week

CHOCOLATE BARK GETS A NUTTY UPGRADE

Peanut and chocolate has always been a tasty combination. The saltiness of peanuts pairs well with the sweetness of chocolate, which is why many desserts feature this combination of flavors.

Cakes and cookies may be prime outlets for pairing peanuts and chocolate, but so can homemade candies, like chocolate bark. "Caramelized Peanut Milk Chocolate Bark" from "Chocolate Obsession" (Stewart, Tabori & Chang) by Michael Recchiuti and Fran Gage mixes peanut butter right into the chocolate to give it an extra dose of nutty flavor.

CARAMELIZED PEANUT MILK CHOCOLATE BARK (Makes about 24 pieces)

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| 1 1/2 cups blanched whole peanuts | 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt |
| 1/2 cup granulated cane sugar | 1 cup (10 ounces by weight) tempered 41 percent milk chocolate |
| 2 teaspoons unsalted butter with 82 percent butterfat | 1/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons smooth peanut butter, at room temperature |

Roast and caramelize the nuts:

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line the bottom of a sheet pan with parchment paper. Spread the peanuts on the prepared pan in a single layer. Roast the nuts until they are a medium brown, about 15 minutes.

While the nuts are roasting, put a piece of parchment paper or a nonstick baking liner on a work surface. Measure the sugar and butter and put both of them next to the stove.

As soon as the nuts are roasted, place a medium, heavy-bottomed pot over medium-high heat. Use an unlined copper pot if you have one. When the pot is hot — test it by flicking a drop of water into the pan; it should sizzle and dance across the bottom — immediately add the hot nuts and the sugar. Cook, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, until the sugar liquefies and coats the nuts. If they start to smoke, reduce the heat. When only a few specks of sugar remain unmelted, remove from the heat. Sprinkle the salt over the nuts and add the butter. Stir until the nuts glisten and start to separate from one another.

Scrape the nuts onto the parchment paper or baking liner and spread them apart. Let the nuts cool completely, and then break up the larger pieces. The pieces don't have to be uniform.

Store the nuts in a zippered plastic bag at room temperature if you are not making the bark immediately.

Make the bark:

Line the bottom of an 8-by-12-inch sheet pan with parchment paper. Stir the tempered chocolate and peanut butter together in a medium bowl.

Pour the chocolate into the prepared pan. Spread it evenly with a small offset spatula. Tap the pan on a work surface to even the top.

Sprinkle the caramelized nuts over the chocolate. Tap the pan again to settle the nuts into the chocolate. When the chocolate loses its sheen and starts to set, after about 15 minutes, cut the bark with a sharp knife into 2-inch squares or other fanciful shapes of your choice. Leave the bark at room temperature until it is completely set, about 1 hour, and then separate the pieces.

Store in a cool, dry place, not in the refrigerator.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Spending time alone could be good for you this week, Aries. While working toward your goals, you also are enjoying some much-needed peace and quiet.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Your friends may be pushing you to move forward since you seem to be stuck in the past, Taurus. Don't stay stagnant for too long or you may lose motivation for change.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

A collaboration with someone close to you yields surprising results, Gemini. You may have been looking for inspiration for some time and finally found it.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

Cancer, a longing for adventure points you in all sorts of different directions over the next few days. You have to try on a few different hats to find the right fit.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Leo, a fantastic investment opportunity comes your way but there is a lot of red tape that could get in the way if you let it. Work through all angles to make things happen.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, idolizing someone can have its pluses and minuses. You may have a picture of a person that is impossible to live up to. Temper your expectations.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, a rigid schedule may work for some, but not everyone. Incorporate a little flexibility into your life and others may be flocking to your laid-back style.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Talk to someone about a creative idea that you have had, Scorpio. This person may offer valuable feedback that can guide you as you try to flesh out your idea into something tangible.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you may be interested in having a lot of fun, but someone keeps throwing a wet blanket on your ideas. Don't let it derail your plans.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

It's easy to give opinions and pick sides, but don't get pinned down to a particular position until you've tried several different options, Capricorn. Then you'll have a good idea.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Others may not understand the way you manage money, Aquarius. But you have a clear understanding of your particular brand of logic.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, friends are a strong presence in your life right now and you are very grateful for all that they provide you. Let them know.



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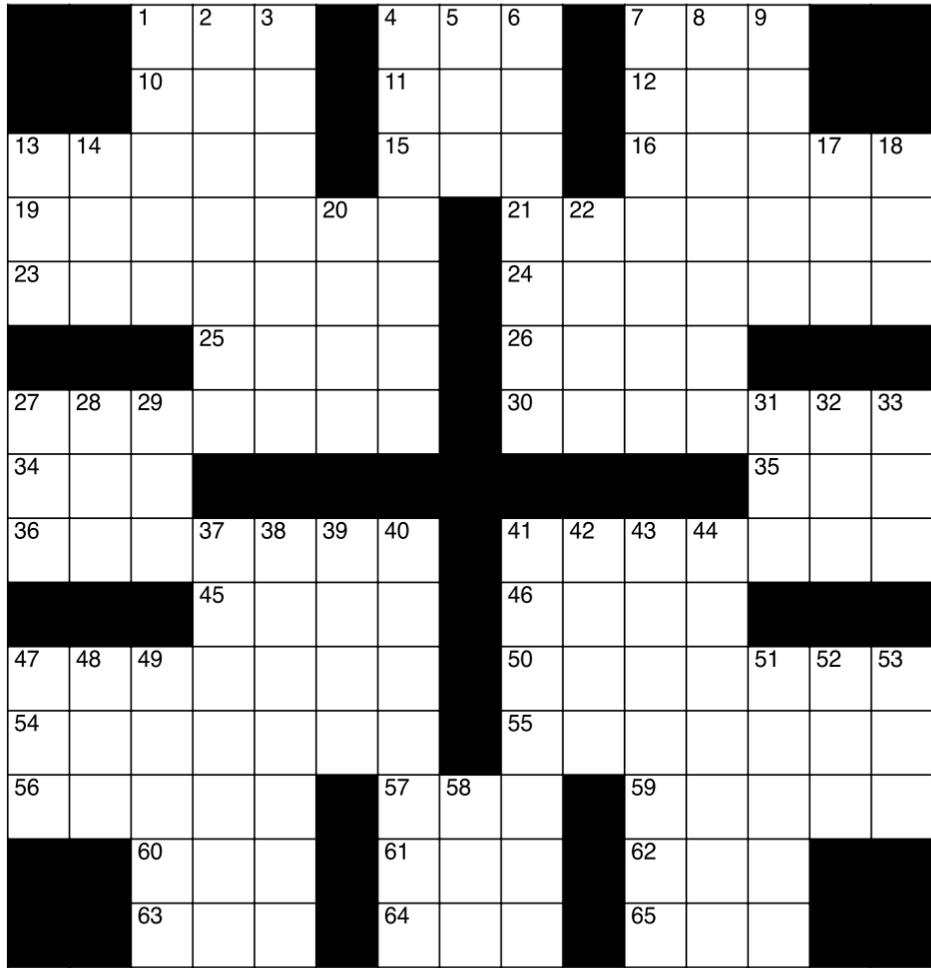


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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Central mail bureau
- 4. Member of the family
- 7. Partner to flow
- 10. ___ Angeles
- 11. Military mailbox
- 12. Patriotic women
- 13. Shallow lake
- 15. Tear apart
- 16. Middle Easterner
- 19. Eat to excess
- 21. Stained
- 23. Certain peoples of equatorial Africa
- 24. 1st day of month
- 25. Skin disease
- 26. Skating figure
- 27. Annelids
- 30. Gracefully slender
- 34. Kids need it
- 35. Swiss river
- 36. Indents
- 41. A sheer fabric of silk or nylon
- 45. Belgian River
- 46. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 47. Originate from
- 50. Rugged mountain ranges
- 54. Made less clean

CLUES DOWN

- 55. Professions
- 56. 3s
- 57. Scarf
- 59. Yellow light
- 60. Bird noise
- 61. Opposite of start
- 62. Bar bill
- 63. Northeastern Mass. cape
- 64. American rocker Snider
- 65. Midway between northeast and east

- 22. Long skirt
- 27. Part of company name
- 28. Drugmaker ___ Lilly
- 29. Electronic counter-measures
- 31. Klutz
- 32. Chinese statesman
- 33. Stir with emotion
- 37. Flat-bottomed boat
- 38. Go-between
- 39. This (Spanish)
- 40. A plot of ground where seedlings are grown before transplanting
- 41. Small waterfall
- 42. Modern tech necessity (abbr.)
- 43. Utter repeatedly
- 44. One of the bravest
- 47. Sun up in New York
- 48. Space station
- 49. Chilean seaport
- 51. Hasidic spiritual leader
- 52. They ___
- 53. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 58. Single unit

Answers on page 11

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, March 24	Fri, March 25	Sat, March 26	Sun, March 27	Mon, March 28	Tues, March 29	Wed, March 30
North Isle H-52°/L-43° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-54°/L-45° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-52°/L-42° Cloudy	North Isle H-53°/L-42° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-52°/L-43° Cloudy; Chance of AM Rain	North Isle H-52°/L-40° Showers Possible	North Isle H-50°/L-42° Rain Possible
South Isle H-51°/L-42° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-58°/L-43° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-52°/L-44° Cloudy	South Isle H-51°/L-41° Cloudy	South Isle H-51°/L-42° Cloudy; Chance of AM Rain	South Isle H-51°/L-40° Showers Possible	South Isle H-51°/L-41° Rain Possible



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An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What is the luckiest thing that has ever happened to you?

Macy W., Oak Harbor



Last Christmas I was at my grandma and grandpa's house and we were playing the game Left, Center, Right with all of my cousins and aunts and uncles.

Everybody starts with \$3 and by the end of the game there is basically a big pile of money that ends up in the center of the table. It came down to me and my Aunt Teri. I ended up winning over \$75! That is definitely the luckiest thing that has ever happened to me.

Seth W., Oak Harbor



The luckiest day of my life was the day I was born. I have the best parents, friends, and family. You could say every day is the luckiest, because when I wake up I

have air in my lungs and I wake up every morning with a kiss from my Mom.

Tori S., Oak Harbor

The luckiest thing that has ever happened to me was getting a new puppy. I got to help name him Zero. He is all white like a ghost. And he is the best thing in the world!



I was able to be there when we adopted him and bring him to his fur-ever home. He is an all-white dog and I suggested we name him after a ghost, like the ghost dog in The Nightmare Before Christmas movie.

Olivia W., Oak Harbor

I went skiing with my dad for the second time in my life up at Mt Baker. I was really nervous I would fall down a lot. I ended up doing great and not falling down at all! I think that's the luckiest day I've ever had.



JJ N., Oak Harbor

The luckiest thing to happen to me has been getting a lot of \$2 bills from Granny, my great grandmother.



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Community Bulletin Board

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Island Shakespeare Festival is seeking new members to join our Board of Directors. We're looking for people who are passionate about high-quality live classical theater and can devote time and energy to support the work of Island Shakespeare Festival's important cultural, social, and fiscal position on Whidbey Island. Our current needs include individuals with backgrounds in the following areas: human resources, donor relations,

finance, as well as other skills related to overseeing a performing arts organization. Board members are asked to provide input and feedback to the Board and staff of ISF, attend one full board meeting per month, serve actively on board committees, and attend activities and events sponsored by ISF. Women and persons of color strongly encouraged to apply. For more information, please contact jeff.natter@island-shakespearefest.org.

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

The Island County Medical Reserve Corps (ICMRC) is a local network of volunteers organized to improve the health and safety of communities on Whidbey and Camano 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.

If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, look no further! When you volunteer at one of the Habitat for Humanity of Island County stores, you are helping local families attain decent, affordable housing. Income from the stores is vital to giving families a path to homeownership. We need people who can

commit to help out in our Oak Harbor or Freeland store at least two-hours per week. Schedules are flexible. Our friendly volunteers provide customer service, help with receiving donated household items and furniture, and maintain the store. We also need drivers and driver helpers who will professionally represent Habitat as they pick up donated items using our trucks. Please call either store for more information. Oak Harbor: 360-675-8733, Freeland: 360-331-6272.

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

Mother Mentors needs volunteers! Oak Harbor families with young children need your help! Volunteer just a couple of hours a week to make a difference in someone's life! To volunteer or get more info, email wamothermentors@gmail.com or call 360-321-1484.

JOB MARKET

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