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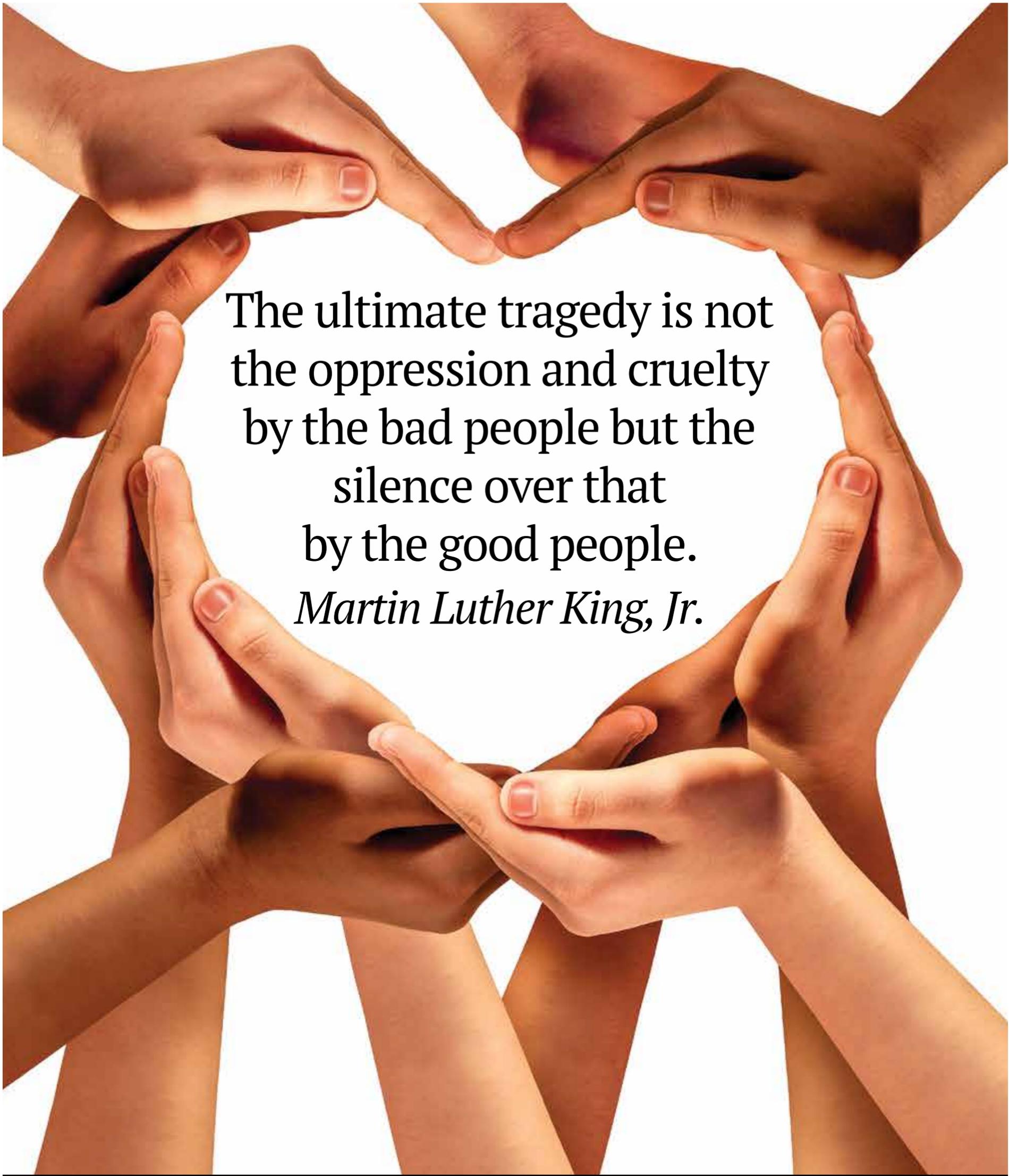
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The ultimate tragedy is not  
the oppression and cruelty  
by the bad people but the  
silence over that  
by the good people.  
*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

More Local Events *inside*

## Racial Inequality Needs to End

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The Oak Harbor Music Festival's Board of Directors announced today that it will cancel the Ninth Annual festival, scheduled for Labor Day Weekend, due to ongoing concerns and uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. "This was an incredibly tough decision," said Board President Cynthia Mason. "We are well aware how much this festival has come to mean to our community. It's so much more than three days of free music. For so many people, it's a touchstone to mark the end of summer; it's a chance to slow down and celebrate friendship and unity and invite thousands to visit our beautiful island and to share this incredible event with us; and it's one of the biggest days of the year for many of our local businesses.

We didn't want to lose all that, especially with the stress and worry the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to the entire world this year. We wanted it to be a celebration of the end of the turmoil. But after painful deliberation we decided to look forward to the 2021 Oak Harbor Music Festival as our opportunity to bring back all that joy."

A statement on the festival's web site and social media notes that the Board's "greatest concern is for the health and safety of the musicians, volunteers, vendors, our generous sponsors and guests who pack SE Pioneer Way each year. Three days of free music bring us close, elbow-to-elbow and heart-to-heart with each other. We cannot imagine a socially distanced Oak Harbor Music Festival."

Mason says plans are already underway to keep the Oak Harbor Music Festival highly visible and to show gratitude to the Whidbey community for the years of support. "Our mission since Day One has been to inspire our community with the power of music." That won't change, she said. "We want our friends and supporters to know: We aren't going away and we won't let you down."

Oak Harbor Music Festival's mission is to inspire our community with the power of music. As a 501(c)(3) organization, the festival has provided scholarships to graduating seniors from all three of Whidbey's high schools for the past seven years.

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# ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



After too many days and nights of watching too many television stations, I feel like a remote control, only with overwhelmed neurons.

Do too many neurons make one neurotic?

Can we all just get in a time capsule and go back to the 50s to ride

our one-speed Schwinn?

A debate between Eisenhower and our sixth distant cousin, Adlai Stevenson, would seem so tame, so pleasurable.

As the weather warriors say, "When the thunder roars, go indoors."

No way, caution breath.

We've been inside long enough.

## Thunderdumb

We never went indoors in Ohio when we had thunder and lightning. If it was warm enough, we put on our bathing suits, grabbed our bikes, and hit every puddle in town.

We were pre-pubescent "puddle hoppers," like those old airlines we crammed in – Ozark, Frontier, Hughes AirWorst, Republic, Allegheny, and more I will remember before I forget again.

TTA was my fave – Tree Top Airlines.

Puddles and kids go together, like birdbaths and birds, beaches and sand, and Les Paul and Mary Ford.

Our parents gave us no rules of instruction about thunder.

Our parents gave us no rules about lightning.

Our parents never taught us the facts of life.

Our parents had twin beds, or at least they did by the time I got there.

Our parents did teach us lots of good stuff.

That good stuff started with showing us kids where the closest library was.

More on all that good stuff next week, if I remember.

Like you, we're moment by moment here.

## Blast off

Hopefully, you were among the many who were able to watch the rocket's red glare last Saturday. Among other things I learned watching everything on NASA, astronauts Doug and Bob took their sons' inflatable dinosaur to the International Space Station.

Their sons are too young to know about Etch-A-Sketch. Had our dad been an astronaut, I would have given him an Etch-A-Sketch to take.

Those things drove me nuts in the back seat of Dad's Chrysler.

Be gone, Etch-A-Sketch.

Memories surfaced for me when the rocket launched as I recalled our 8th grade class. Our junior high public address system was cranked to broadcast Alan Shepherd's first sub-orbital flight in 1961.

I was a bit more excited last Saturday when watching Doug and Bob. Here I was, open-mouthed, standing in front of the TV like a kid at the biggest department store at the shopping center.

Remember shopping centers?

Now they are called malls, but we are not allowed to go.

This space thing is exciting when it is happening. Hope it happens more often.

Thanks NASA. Thanks Elon Musk.

## Elon Place

I have only known one Elon, a great guy from law school.

I also knew a Place, as Elon's last name was Place.

When seeing him near the copying machine where we first year students gathered, I would begin humming *I Know A Place*, Petula Clark's big hit from the 60s.

Remember those lyrics?

The second line of the chorus – "I know a place where we can go."

Elon didn't laugh either. In fact, Elon socially distanced himself before it was popular.

Elon's first law job after we graduated was working for the government in the Philippines.

"What kind of work do you do there, Elon?"

"Well, today I spent a good part of the morning plugging quarters into a Pepsi machine. The local kids had never seen one before."

Bye bye teeth.

I miss Elon. Like several of my running mates from that frightening time of our jurisprudential lives, Mr. Place has moved on.

It is a good thing we have been gifted eternal life.

Elon and the boys are going to have lots to talk about.

## Pan See

My first role model other than Rin Tin Tin was Peter Pan. Maybe one could say Peter Pan was my multicolored cartoon hero, and Rin Tin Tin my four-legged black and white hero.

With the repetitious use of the P word, *Pandemic*, I was forced to break out my 50 year young Webster's dictionary to see what the word *Pan* really meant.

The things I learned made me feel like a panderous ponderer.

Pan was the Greek God of Forests, Pastures, Flocks and Shepherds.

Maybe because Pan looked like a goat, he often created "fear" in his subjects. Needless to say, Pan was not the panacea.

Wonder if he invented pancakes.

The word *pandemic* is rooted in the Greek word *pandemos* (of all the people), "occurring over a wide geographic area and affecting an exceptionally high proportion of the population."

Of no coincidence to linguists who eat linguine, *Pandemonium* with a capital P is the capital of Hell in Dante's *Paradise Lost*.

Maybe we Sunday school kids back in the Midwest were too busy climbing Jacob's ladder to know about Pandemonium.

Drop the capital P and the Greeks have "evil spirits."

The Greeks must have been a fun group. No wonder they had all those fraternities and sororities. Panhellenic lives on.

The best "pan" word I found was *pandowdy*, a deep dish apple desert, spiced, sweetened with sugar, molasses, or maple syrup.

Why not all three?

The Diabetic Trifecta.

*Panhandlers* are defined as accosters on the street who beg. I have friends who have relatives who do this from their driveways.

If *panic* is the fear of Pan, what did he do?

Peter Pan never scared anyone but Mr. Smee.

The visual representation of *Pantagruel* in the upper-left corner is "the unrestrainedly humorous and huge son of Gargantua."

Now there is a gene pool. Would you like that super-sized, Mr. Pantagruel?

Gives new meaning to me for those panting 900 phone numbers.

Do they still have 900 lines?

After I was let go for heavy breathing during a light rain, I never followed up.

Those bounced checks never cleared anyway, but they look good in my picture frame.

I would invite you over to see the checks but I have the driveway blocked.

You know, I sure will be glad when we are out of this pandemic period of ponderous pontifications.

My mind has not thought this much since law school. A lot of good that was. Whom else do you know who has a rubber stamp that says *Retired Notary Public*?

Maybe keep that out of the life tribute, scheduled for 2050 according to my latest Pan Scan.

Just like Robert Costa, the easy going PBS host of *Washington Week*, we have run out of time.

We thank you guests who lasted this long and this far.

Please come back next week for more thoughts on a page, whether they pan out or not.

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

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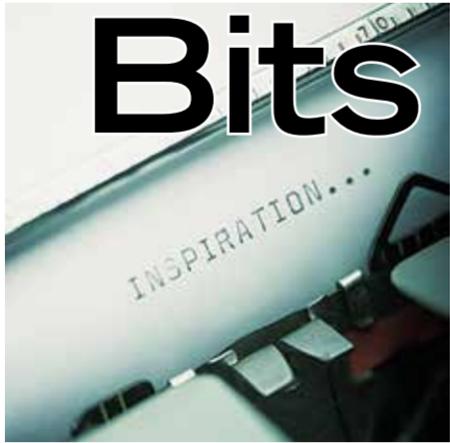
COVID Phase 2 Opening Restrictions: Face coverings required at time of entry. Social distancing protocols in place which includes 6' apart and allowing for 30% of maximum occupancy of in-store shoppers.

WAIF Thrift locations at 465 NE Midway in Oak Harbor and 1660 Roberta in Freeland will remain closed until further notice. All locations at this time are not accepting donations.



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# Bits & Pieces

## WhidbeyHealth Takes Next Steps in Opening Services for Our Community's Health



WhidbeyHealth Primary Care Freeland will resume services with the rest of the clinics Monday.

Life is on pause, but our need for healthcare is not.

Following Governor Inslee's plan to phase-out some stay-at-home restrictions, WhidbeyHealth continues to take steps to meet the healthcare needs of the community. WhidbeyHealth's Primary Care and Specialty clinics will re-open, while maintaining strict safety precautions already in place.

Monday, WhidbeyHealth will re-open:

- Primary Care Freeland at 5486 Harbor Ave.
- Women's Care at 201 NE Birch St., Coupeville
- Surgical Care Consults at 205 South Main St., Coupeville
- The providers of Primary Care Coupeville will remain permanently at Cabot Drive in Oak Harbor (The former location will be used for another clinic to be announced.)
- Primary Care Goldie Street providers and Orthopedic Care will continue seeing patients at Cabot Drive until further notice.
- Walk-In Clinic Clinton is open now

As with all services and areas available to WhidbeyHealth's patients during the Coronavirus pandemic, the reinforcement of protective safety precautions for all patients and staff are the first priority in re-introducing services. Health and safety protocols for staff and patients during any visit will be strictly enforced and will include:

- Temperature screening upon entry to any building
- Patients showing symptoms of respiratory illness (fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat) will be asked to return to their vehicle and call the clinic to complete their check-in. Staff will call you to come in and escort you directly to a treatment room.
- Each patient is allowed one support person to accompany them for the duration of the patient's visit, except in some cases such as surgery or inpatient services. In that case, please speak with your provider.
- Patients will be required to wear a mask on entry to any building
- All staff will be required to wear personal protective equipment (PPE), as the service requires
- Spatial distancing in patient waiting areas will be strictly enforced
- All areas and equipment are included in the rotation of WhidbeyHealth's new Halo Disinfection Systems (An evaporation system which uses a dry-fogging delivery of disinfectant beyond the reach of sprays, wipes or UV lights.)

WhidbeyHealth is a comprehensive healthcare system, offering a network of primary care and specialty clinics available at convenient locations, some offering extended office hours. Having a Primary Care Provider (PCP) can help you stay healthy. If you are in need of a provider, please visit the WhidbeyHealth website at [whidbeyhealth.org](http://whidbeyhealth.org) to find a provider near you.

Stay connected with WhidbeyHealth for current information at [facebook.com/whidbeyhealth](https://facebook.com/whidbeyhealth) or at [whidbeyhealth.org](http://whidbeyhealth.org).

[Submitted by Patricia Duff, Public Relations Officer, WhidbeyHealth]

## All Three Island County Judges Endorse Cliff for Superior Court Judge

Carolyn Cliff, a candidate to replace retiring Superior Court Judge Vickie I. Churchill in the

Nov. 3, 2020 election, has been endorsed by all three Island County judges: Superior Court Judge Alan R. Hancock, who also is retiring, Judge Churchill and District Court Judge William H. Hawkins.

The three judges noted Cliff will make an outstanding judge. She has extensive judicial experience as a judge pro-tem for Island County Superior Court and for Island County District Court, as Superior Court Commissioner, and as Langley Municipal Court Judge.

"The Island County courthouse is my home turf," said Cliff. "I've spent the better part of a career spanning more than 30 years either in that courthouse, or preparing to be in that courthouse, or helping folks settle disputes that otherwise would have landed them in that courthouse."

Judge Churchill endorsed Cliff saying, "I am a big supporter of Carolyn Cliff for my seat on the court. She is very ethical and meticulous."

Judge Hancock noted Cliff "has been an excellent attorney throughout her career, and I've enjoyed having her in my courtroom. She also did a fine job as judge pro-tem and as court commissioner for us."

"Carolyn's judicial experience makes her ready to just step into the position," observed Judge Hawkins. "She listens with an open mind, and without any preconceived bias. She will make an outstanding judge."

[Submitted by Maggie Brown]

## Register Now for South Whidbey Elementary Kindergarten

South Whidbey School District's goal is to register all prospective kindergarten students as soon as possible in order to prepare for the 2020-21 school year. Upon registration, you will be contacted with further information.

For online registration, visit <https://sw.wednet.edu>

For paper registration, packets are available for pickup at the main entrance of the K-4 campus Monday thru Friday, 9:00AM to 3:30PM. Please call 360-221-4600 for more information.

[Submitted by Kim Glandon, South Whidbey Elementary School]

## An Evening With Author Laurie Frankel

Enjoy an evening with award-winning *New York Times* bestselling author Laurie Frankel Thursday, June 11 at 7:00PM. Registration is open for this free online event at [www.sno-isle.org](http://www.sno-isle.org).

Frankel is a recipient of the Washington State Book Award and the Endeavor Award, and author of the Whidbey Reads 2020 selection, *This Is How It Always Is*. Her novels have been translated into more than 25 languages, and all three have been optioned for film or TV. A former college professor, she now writes full time. She was recently named one of the 50 Most Influential Women in Seattle, where she lives with her family and makes good soup.

The program will take the form of an interview and you have the option to include a question when you register to attend. Your question may be used in the interview. No question? No problem. Leave the question field blank and submit your registration as usual.

[Submitted by Marie Byars, Information Assistant, Oak Harbor Library]

## NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting Course Offered

The North Whidbey Sportsmen's Association is offering a series of monthly safety classes to the general public.

The next course, NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting, will be held Friday, June 19 from 6:00 to 9:00PM, continuing June 20 from 9:00AM to 5:00PM at the NWSA range located at 886 Gun Club Rd., off Oak Harbor Rd. This course introduces students to the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for owning and using

a pistol safely. The pistol handling and shooting portion is completed at the NWSA range where students will learn about safe gun handling, pistol shooting fundamentals, and pistol shooting activities. The Basics of Pistol Course will also help prepare the student for participation in other NRA courses. This class includes shooting on the NWSA Pistol Range. The cost of the class is \$35. Students can register online at [nrainstructors.org](http://nrainstructors.org).

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

[Submitted by John Hellmann, NWSA Training Coordinator]

## Skagit Valley College Announces New Instant Chat Feature

Just in time for Summer Quarter registration, Skagit Valley College is pleased to announce UChat, a new instant chat feature designed to easily connect students and prospective students with teams in Enrollment Services, Admissions, TRIO Student Services, Athletics, Counseling and Advising, and Student Equity and Inclusion.

Accessing UChat is simple: to begin a session during chat hours, visit [www.skagit.edu](http://www.skagit.edu) and hover over "Chat With SVC Student Services" on the left. Submit a general question to Student Services or reach a specific office by clicking "Chat With Me!"

Summer Quarter classes start Monday, July 6 and will be offered online and/or in a controlled lab environment. Trending programs include high school completion, Spanish GED and computer classes, and university transfer courses. If you need help paying for college, financial aid, scholarships, and emergency funds are available. For those who may be new to online learning, SVC is offering a FREE College Success Skills for Online Learning class.

For more information, resources, and to get started, visit [www.skagit.edu/summer-2020/](http://www.skagit.edu/summer-2020/)

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

## New Electrostatic Sprayers Speed Process of Sanitizing Buses

Last week, Island Transit started using electrostatic sprayers to sanitize buses in its fleet. Considered a best practice in fighting the spread of COVID-19, using the sprayers will cut the time it takes to sanitize each bus by about five minutes and more thoroughly cover all surfaces of the vehicles.

"We're making every effort to safeguard our operators and passengers from the spread of this virus," says Todd Morrow, Executive Director of Island Transit, adding the agency is dedicated to continuously improving and adapting its procedures and protocols as more is learned about COVID-19. "The electrostatic sprayers make the process of sanitizing the fleet much more efficient."

Since February, Island Transit has been hand sanitizing each bus daily with Clorox Healthcare Hydrogen Peroxide Cleaner Disinfectant, a medical-grade anti-viral disinfectant approved by the Center for Biocide Chemistries to be effective in killing COVID-19.

Island Transit purchased two Hurricane ES sprayers which are used for commercial areas including hotels, schools, warehouses, and medical facilities. The electrostatic sprayers work by charging the disinfectant droplets as they pass through the sprayer nozzle. These charged droplets actively seek out and wrap around the virus, killing it. The sprayer allows for 360-degree coverage of even tough-to-reach areas.

"As Island County starts to re-open certain businesses and services under the Safe Start plan for Washington, we anticipate ridership to slowly return to our buses," says Morrow. "It's important that everyone follow the guidelines for riding the bus, which include social distancing and wearing a face covering."

Health and safety information is posted on each bus and can be found on the agency's website at [www.islandtransit.org/covid-19-response](http://www.islandtransit.org/covid-19-response)

[Submitted by Meg Heppner, Island Transit]

## Letters to the Editor

### Editor,

A lot has changed since I moved to Whidbey Island 42 years ago when there was only one stop light on the entire island! The rural character, the sense of community, and the quality of life drew me in and kept me here ever since.

That's why I'm supporting Melanie Bacon for Island County Commissioner District 1. Calling on her vast experience, Melanie can help strengthen that quality of life by protecting our environment and meeting the needs of all of our citizens, including our most vulnerable. She has a very clear vision for what she wants Island County to look like in 10 years, including the steps the county needs to take to achieve it. I like her vision—and I like the fact that she's planning not just for our Island County of today but also for what Island County should be for generations to come.

I encourage you to visit her web site, [www.melaniebacon.com](http://www.melaniebacon.com) and learn for yourself why Melanie is the best candidate for County Commissioner. You will find in-depth information about her 2030 vision and her vast and relevant job experiences, including her public service in military intelligence with the U.S. Army; as a consultant to tribal governments; as a NOW leader; as a prison chaplain; and so much more.

Melanie is uniquely qualified to step into the role of Island County Commissioner. Island County's Human Resources Director for 10 years, Melanie's job touches every single department, including working closely with Island County Commissioners. She understands health and human resources, planning and community development, environmental issues, law and justice operations, county budget complexities, and the community issues that continue to impact South Whidbey.

During this COVID-19 crisis, Melanie has been tasked to lead internal daily operations at the county, redeploying staff as needed, resolving urgent daily operational issues, and working on solutions to help us recover as quickly and safely as possible. She is a problem solver and a trusted leader. Melanie is the candidate who is most prepared for the job.

You won't find this on her web site, but I happen to know that Melanie is a published author of fiction and was also a writer for *National Lampoon*; a member of the popular Whidbey Island choral group Chanteuse; and a self-described "baton-twirling, tap-dancing, storm-trooping" actress. She raised two sons as a single mother while starting and running a small business, and is now a loving and beloved grandma.

Please join me and vote for Melanie Bacon for Island County Commissioner District 1.

Stacie Burgua  
Treasurer, Elect Melanie Campaign  
Clinton, Wash.

### Editor,

During my tenure with Island County, working as a counselor, I was a part of the Drug Court team and was able to observe and work with Carolyn Cliff when she was serving as judge pro-tem. I found her to be an intelligent, compassionate and caring person, well-suited to be seated on the bench. I would definitely recommend voting for her.

Tim McManus, SUDP Counselor  
Coupeville, Wash.



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**NAS Whidbey SAR Conducts Three Rescues Late Last Week**

A Search and Rescue (SAR) team from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island conducted three rescues in the Cascade Mountains Thursday and Friday of last week.

At about 8:00PM Thursday, May 28, a SAR team was training near Mount Shuksan when they responded to a call to rescue a 17-year-old male hiker near Alta State Park. The crew quickly found the injured hiker and his two companions on a steep slope at an elevation of about 4,000 feet surrounded by 80-foot-tall dead trees. After hoisting the injured hiker and his companions aboard, the SAR crew transported them to Anderson Field in Brewster, Wash. A waiting ambulance then transported the injured hiker to Three Rivers Hospital in Brewster.

In the afternoon of Friday, May 29, the SAR crew responded to a call to rescue a 40-year-old male climber near Mount Baker with a dislocated shoulder. At approximately 2:00PM the hiker was located at about 9,000 feet elevation near the base of the Roman Wall. The SAR crew was able to land near the patient, who was then transported to Peace-Health St. Joseph Medical Center in Bellingham, Wash.

That Friday night, at approximately 10:00PM, the SAR crew received a message to rescue a female hiker who had fallen and broken an arm near Gardner Mountain. After conducting a search of the area, the SAR crew received a message from the local authorities saying the hiker was at the Kangaroo Temple Trailhead parking lot. The SAR crew landed near the parking lot, picked up the patient and transported her to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island SAR has conducted 20 total missions throughout Washington State this year, including three searches, nine rescues and eight medical evacuations.

The Navy SAR unit operates three MH-60S helicopters from NAS Whidbey Island as search and rescue/medical evacuation (SAR)

MEDEVAC) platforms for the EA-18G aircraft as well as other squadrons and personnel assigned to the installation. Pursuant to the National SAR Plan of the United States, the unit may also be used for civil SAR/MEDEVAC needs to the fullest extent practicable on a non-interference basis with primary military duties according to applicable national directives, plans, guidelines and agreements; specifically, the unit may launch in response to tasking by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (based on a Washington State Memorandum of Understanding) for inland missions, and/or tasking by the United States Coast Guard for all other aeronautical and maritime regions, when other assets are unavailable.

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

**Local Business News****Penn Cove Brewing Company Set to Open Inside Ordering**

Beginning Thursday, Penn Cove Brewing Company (PCBC) will be open for inside ordering, limited indoor seating, and the outdoor patios at both locations will be open for your enjoyment.

Penn Cove Brewing Company will be following the state mandated social distancing measures, including 50 percent occupancy, no sitting at the bar and only five people per table. Beer and cider to be consumed on site will be served in plastic cups and there will be a limited food menu.

The Penn Cove Brewing Company Taprooms in Coupeville and Oak Harbor will be open Thursday thru Sunday from 2:00 to 10:00PM beginning Thursday. For more information, visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com)

**Garry Oak Gallery Re-Opening June 5**

Garry Oak Gallery is happy to announce the gallery will be officially re-opening Friday. The Gallery will be open Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 4:00PM. If you want to make an appointment on another day, email the gallery

or text 360-969-2111. Come see new work artists have made during the closure and find the perfect Father's Day gift or graduation gift. Garry Oak Gallery is located at 830 SE Pioneer Way in Oak Harbor. For more information, call 360-240-0222 or visit [www.garryoakgallery.com](http://www.garryoakgallery.com)

**Good Cheer Thrift Stores Re-Opening Soon**

The Good Cheer team has been busy getting its thrift stores ready and is looking forward to a slow, safe start with dates and times to increase when prudent. For everyone's safety, fitting rooms will not be open and there will be no returns during Phase II. The Langley store will open Saturday and will be open every Wednesday and Saturday from 12:00 to 5:00PM. The Ken's Korner store will open Friday, June 13 and will be open every Tuesday and Friday from 12:00 to 5:00PM. Good Cheer will not be taking any donations at the stores at this time. Masks and hand sanitizer are required.

Drop-offs at Good Cheer's distribution center, 2812 Grimm Rd., will begin July 1 and be open Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. Donors are requested to please only bring things they would be willing to buy themselves. Good Cheer does not have the capacity to repair items that don't work well or that are torn or soiled. If Good Cheer can't sell it, it has to go to the dump. Dump fees take money away from the food bank.

For those looking for a great deal on slightly less than perfect items, Good Cheer will be holding its first ever 'Last Chance Sale' Saturday, June 13 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. Prices will begin at rock-bottom and be slashed further at 2:00PM. The goal is to keep it all out of landfills. This will be an outdoor sale held behind the Food Bank and Distribution building at 2812 Grimm Rd. in Langley. Masks and social distancing will be enforced.

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## For many, worship in the Whidbey community continues online

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

From drive-through food drives to online worship services, churches around Whidbey Island have adapted to continue their respective missions and bring services to the surrounding community.

Although Phase II of Washington state's Safe Start program allows for the return of in-person worship services at a 25 percent or 50 person capacity, provided certain safety guidelines are followed, a number of Whidbey Island's congregations will continue to keep services online for the foreseeable future.

Stacy Larsen, executive pastor of Living Word church in Oak Harbor, said the church will continue to hold services in an online format. She said when the church met in person, there were typically about 620 people in attendance each Sunday.

"We are really taking our time to make sure, one, that we can meet all the guidelines as things open up, but two, is it going to be an experience that is worth coming together for?" she said. "And we are just weighing all those options to see what that looks like."

Jim Lindus, senior pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Free-land, said the church, like many others, has a large percentage of senior attendees who are more at risk. He said the church, which hosts about 450 people when meeting on a Sunday, hopes to begin meeting in person later in the year with safety measures in place.

"It is just not worth it for us to take the risk for people (right now)," he said.

Reverend Richard Fuss of Langley United Methodist Church (Langley UMC), said the church will not be resuming in-person services during Phase II, but will continue online streaming.

"We are intentionally being very cautious in our reopening," he said. "Churches have been shown to be 'super-spreaders,' so we want to be as responsible and as thoughtful as we possibly can both for our members and for the wider community. When we do open, it will be in stages and only when we can be assured that we are keeping people safe and healthy."

Reverend Paul Pluth said St. Augustine Catholic Church, which has campuses in Coupeville and Oak Harbor, will not hold Sunday services in person. However, the church is open for prayer two times each week with safety and sanitation measures in place. Confession and Holy Communion are also still available. Pluth said the online services have allowed the church to reach more people than would be possible through normal Sunday gatherings.

"It has taught us to try to do things a new way," Pluth said. "We would never have thought of broadcasting our services and now we are going to make a bigger investment into that because we know that is meaningful to a lot of people. So that is something that will remain even after we are open again."

Lindus said although services have transitioned to an online format, the experience is still engaging for Trinity Lutheran's attendees.

"Our worship experience has been very rich," he said. "We have got a really good team doing the online stuff. We have certainly had more people tuning in to watch online than we



Photo Courtesy of Trinity Lutheran Church  
Even though in-person worship hasn't been available at local churches because of the coronavirus pandemic, congregations have still been busy. Above, members of Trinity Lutheran Church participate in a drive-through food drive for Good Cheer.



Photos Courtesy of Living Word

Living Word church in Oak Harbor continues to provide online services which families can view from in their homes, through the church's website and social media platforms. Here, lead pastor Drew Barnhart leads a live stream for the church.

would have on a Sunday morning, and we have gotten very good feedback on that."

Fuss said holding services online has increased the reach of Langley UMC.

"It is also interesting to note that while our pre-COVID-19 in-person worship averaged a little over 100, our online worship services average around 300 in viewership, with folks connecting from California, Oregon, Texas, Michigan, Georgia and even Wales," he said. "This experience is helping us look anew at what it means to be a modern faith community, which is exciting."

While in-person services are still suspended for some churches on the island, other ways to connect and small group sessions are either already in action or being planned. Lindus said throughout the stay-at-home order, Trinity Lutheran Church connected less vulnerable members with senior churchgoers. Those who were able to leave their homes checked in on the more vulnerable members multiple times a week and helped with everything from getting groceries to picking up mail, he said.

"It has worked really well and what we have found is that the blessing there is that people found new friends," he said.

Larsen said Living Word hopes to take some smaller steps toward coming together again, with plans for church members to host small groups at their homes and to also bring people together to watch online services while following Phase II protocols. Larsen said the church will also be reopening its offices for staff to start to return to the church campus.

"One step that we are hoping to take a little sooner, and that kind of falls in line with Phase II, is to have watch parties," she said. "So rather than everyone at their home by themselves watching the service, maybe host some watch parties in homes once a week where people can come together, still distancing but be in a room together watching the service, just to have it a little closer to human contact."

Community outreach and service also remains important for local churches, Fuss shared. Langley UMC has been supporting local nonprofits and partnering with local restaurants to support people who are food insecure.

"Basically, we have kept on being and doing church even though the church building is closed," he said. "If anything, our service to the community has increased during this important time."

Pluth said the church and its members continue to connect and serve each other and the community.

"It is also a great opportunity for people to practice charity," he said. "People are doing that, they are working with each other, helping out."

Lindus said continued community outreach has been key for Trinity Lutheran Church, and the team has implemented creative ways of serving while also donating money to Good Cheer Food Bank, Helping Hand of South Whidbey, Gifts from the Heart Food Bank and Friends of Friends Medical Support Fund.

"We also did a drive-through food drive one day and everyone came out to give food for Good Cheer and I think as much as that, they also came to see our staff and smile as they drove by in their car when we took the food," he said.

Larsen said Living Word will continue its annual tradition of providing vacation Bible school activities for children. However, this year's format will look different, with families picking up supplies from the church and then completing activities at home. Larsen said there will be a live online event where children can follow along with the singing, dancing, and craft-making activities which would normally be available to them.

"We are really looking forward to that actually, because the fact they will be able to drive in every day and pick up their supplies and wave to their teachers and say hi is just one step closer to being able to be in-person again someday," she said.

In many cases, the reopening of typical Sunday services will be gradual, Fuss said. For Langley UMC, comprehensive safety policies ranging from masks to social distancing and beyond will be in place, Fuss shared.

"There are ways we can connect with God and connect with each other while still keeping one another safe," he said. "We are currently exploring creative options to do this. I do think it will be strange at first to worship with these safety measures in place, but I trust that folks will be adaptable and supportive. Our first call is to love one another, and sometimes that means that we change how we do things. Of course, it will be wonderful to gather in person again but we are determined to be patient to make sure that we do it at the right time and in the right way."





# Life Tributes

## STEPHEN "STEVE" K. NEWMAN



Stephen "Steve" K. Newman, son of Jack and Lee Newman, was born in Yokosuka, Japan Sept. 27, 1955, and passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family April 24, 2020 in Oak Harbor, Wash.

Steve grew up in a Navy family, having lived in Japan, San Diego, Alameda and arriving in Oak Harbor in 1966. He attended Broadview Elementary, Oak Harbor Junior High and graduated from Oak Harbor High School in 1973. Steve joined the U.S. Navy in 1974 and attended boot camp training in San Diego. Following in the family footsteps, he received training as a Personnelman and earned the rate of Personnelman 3rd class and served on the USS Schnectady. After his military service he returned to Washington. He was employed with a cartoon artist company and also worked with computer programming.

Steve had many lifelong friends from the day he arrived in Oak Harbor. He enjoyed holidays and special events with family and friends and remembered so many with greeting cards. Spending time with grandchildren was his greatest joy.

Steve is survived by two daughters, Rebekah and Rachel; grandchildren, Joseph, Karina and Amaya; his former wife, Karen; mother, Lee Newman; brothers, Mick and Pat; sisters, Gwen, Kathy, Monica and Mary; numerous aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews. Steve was preceded in death by his father, Jack Newman Jr., grandparents, brothers, aunt, uncles and a grandson.

Interment with military honors will be held at a later date.

## VICTORIA "VIC" V. VALDEZ

Our beloved Vic passed away May 3, 2020 at Skagit Valley Hospital at the age of 41, after she lost her battle with liver failure. She was born in Colorado and moved here about four years ago, in 2016. She worked as a cook at Arby's during her time here. She is survived by her partner, Tyna Isgrigg, her son, Matthew, and her nephew, Tyler.

Vic was a loving person who was always there for a friend. She would listen to you for hours and knew when you were not telling her everything. She had a deep passion for fishing and football. She could go on for hours and hours about either. She loved to spend hour after hour out at her favorite fishing spot or talk your ear off about football teams. She loved her college football team, the Wisconsin Badgers. She loved her Badgers but also loved her Raiders, Cowboys and Seahawks, also thanks to Russell Wilson being a Badger.

She was a wonderful father figure to our son, who she loved with all her heart. She pushed him and taught him to excel in all his sports activities, especially football. To her, he was the next JJ Watt.

She was really easy to love and is going to be greatly missed. Now, however, she is with the people she loved the most, her mom, brother, and father. I know they received her with open arms and many tears for the hardships she had to live through. She was a fighter all the way to the end and even in her passing she gave our son one last lesson: "Do Not Drink! Son, it will get you! It might not be the way you expect, but it will catch up to you."

Please, no flowers at this time, however contributions in Vic's name can be made toward her final expenses by contacting Elizabeth at Whidbey Memorial Funeral Home.

**Life Tributes can now be found online at [www.whidbeyweekly.com](http://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](mailto:info@whidbeyweekly.com) or call 360-682-2341 to share your prayer requests.*

### A Prayer of National Lamentation

Most holy and merciful Father, our hearts are stricken with grief and anguish over the appalling and unjust loss of George Floyd's life. We are struck down by our own racist society; struck down by politicized indifference; struck down by unrest, violence, looting and destructive mayhem; struck down by old wounds and festering fears. Most holy and merciful Father, is there no end to our madness? Save us from ourselves. Deliver us from our evils. Protect us from our prejudicial penchants, which purvey harm and hinder hope. Teach us the ways of love, acceptance and forgiveness. Only then, can we be truly alive. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

People of Whidbey Island, God has shown us what is good and what is required of us: "Act justly ~ Love mercy ~ Walk humbly with your God." ~Micah 6:8

Pastor David Parker  
OHFUMC



*"We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you"*

**2 Chronicles 20:12**



# Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

## TUESDAY, MAY 5

### 6:16 am, San Juan Ave.

Between Sunday and yesterday, someone turned around his boat, RV and other property and leveled the property. Reporting party states unknown who did this, but likely community members in area, as they sent paperwork indicating this was going to happen.

### 6:38 am, NE Otis St.

Caller advising has three story residence; entire lower level is covered in water. Caller has no idea where it's coming from.

### 11:11 am, Westcliff Dr.

Reporting party states vehicle is speeding; female driver was very rude with reporting party, who approached her.

### 12:21 pm, Wood Rd.

Caller advising someone dropped a load of tires in his driveway, unknown who.

### 12:29 pm, San Juan Ave.

Referencing civil from this morning; states Skatchet Head Community Club member is on his property trying to take reporting party's boat and vehicle. No verbal dispute has occurred.

### 3:07 pm, Hansen Dr.

Advising neighbor threatened reporting party's children who were playing in reporting party's backyard by telling them to get out of her yard. Reporting party states children were not in neighbor's backyard; female was sharpening knife while talking to children, which reporting party felt was threatening.

### 3:43 pm, West Beach Rd.

Reporting party states boyfriend cut power cord to house 45 ago, unknown why he did it.

### 7:37 pm, Wahl Rd.

Requesting call wanting to know if it is legal for someone to sit on their property in open with gun to wait for coyotes.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

### 7:02 pm, SW Terry Rd.

Reporting party requesting welfare check on self. States is at location and brown vehicle keeps coming by and checking out reporting party. Feels uncomfortable.

### 11:30 pm, Keystone Ave.

Reporting party advising hit a pole and car is sinking in pond. Subject currently on top of car and sinking.

## THURSDAY, MAY 7

### 12:39 pm, Newman Rd.

Reporting party advising people having party nearby, doesn't know subjects. States subjects trying to steal her car.

### 4:25 am, Newman Rd.

Advising lives across street, noticed subject drove car into another vehicle, no one seen around either vehicle.

### 12:07 pm, SR 20

Advising male standing in middle of road on SR 20; looks confused.

### 4:11 pm, NE 7th St.

Caller thinks he is being investigated and is wondering why and by whom.

### 5:32 pm, SW Heller St.

Reporting party advising neighbor has camera pointed at reporting party's house. Neighbors accused reporting party of throwing eggs at their house.

## FRIDAY, MAY 8

### 2:42 am, Heller Rd.

Party advising thinks she has eggs in her head. Slurred speech. Gave several different names.

### 8:48 am, Cornet Bay Rd.

Reporting party is fishing at Cornet Bay; advising male is there with confirmed coronavirus; reporting party told male he shouldn't be there and should stand away from reporting party, male is refusing. Reporting party does not know subject's name, advising he is Filipino male, last seen wearing grey clothing.

### 12:50 pm, N Pheasant Run Rd.

Advising stuck in mud flat between Penn Cove and Harrington Lagoon; reporting party is in mud up to her hips.

### 2:06 pm, Golden Ct.

Caller found a "wicked looking" arrow in her backyard, it has three blades on it. Requesting contact.

### 2:39 pm, SR 525

Reporting party advising inflatable pool is blocking northbound lane.

### 5:07 pm, E Crescent Harbor Rd.

Reporting party advising road rage issue. Advising passed motorcycle due to slow speed. Motorcycle then passed reporting party and busted his driver's side mirror.

## SATURDAY, MAY 9

### 3 pm, Lakeside Dr.

Reporting party's friends were diving, looking for his wedding ring, found a vehicle submerged in lake fairly close to boat launch.

## SUNDAY, MAY 10

### 7 am, SR 20

Reporting party advising male subject walking on southbound lane; advising male is wearing hospital gown, walking northbound. Another caller advising subject in hospital gown, last seen just south of Libbey Rd. two minutes ago.

### 10:58 am, 2nd St.

Reporting party advising male subject refusing to put mask on; advising she has to do laundry, subject is "threatening her" by not doing social distancing. Both parties are separated.

### 11:45 am, Harbor View Dr.

Deer in yard attacking reporting party, her kids and her pets; advised to stay inside and keep away from it.

### 1:11 pm, West Beach Rd.

Reporting party advising she woke up a few days ago and found a vein in her arm and thinks people are trying to kill her with heroin in her arm.

### 1:36 pm, SR 20

Male yelling, "I'm causing a disturbance! I want someone to f\*\*\*\*\*g listen to me."

### 4:48 pm, Stewart Rd.

Reporting party requesting law enforcement meet her at Freeland Park in 20 minutes; advising what she would like to discuss is private and she does not want law enforcement at her residence. Refused to give call back number to set up a meeting time.

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



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# Inspiring Islanders

By Susan Knickerbocker



**CRAIG REIDE**

## NO MAN IS AN ISLAND

We can do a little good on our own, but we can do much good when we work along side others. It's important to be aware we all have had some encouragement along the way, so that we will want to help others.

Craig Reide says believing this is what causes him to enjoy being of service. One of his volunteer contributions for 15 years, is with a group of senior age guys in a firewood ministry.

This work gives wood to those who cannot afford to buy it, or do the work themselves.

Reide says, "This is a group venture, it takes all of us, it would never happen if it were just me.

"Each one brings something special to this wood ministry, each one is dedicated and hard working.

"It's a ministry within a ministry, we get more out of helping than we give."

Not only does it take a group of dedicated wood choppers, but it takes people in the community that donate their fallen trees to be split. Darrell and Carol Dyer donate their property for the room to cure and keep all the wood under a large, donated tent. Robin Edgeman and Joann Blaylock handle the administrative work.

"Craig is a great man who helps people in need. Every Tuesday Craig comes into Trinity Lutheran church office," says church volunteer Joann Blalock. "We plan who needs a weekly delivery of fire wood. Then on Wednesdays, he and the wood ministry group cut and split the wood and make the weekly deliveries. They found a way to deliver wood even through snow and the covid virus."

One of the wood volunteers, Stan Day, states, "Craig is very knowledgeable about wood and nature from his Scouting career. He is hardworking and focused, a great guy to work with. All the men in the wood ministry had fascinating careers, so there are interesting discussions and we are a close knit group."

Reide says, "One time, when I delivered wood, I thought that the person could afford to buy wood, from the looks of their home. But I didn't have all the information. I was pre-judging. I learned that isn't my job."

Prejudice comes in many forms, outward appearance, education or non-educated, judging by homes or cars people have, and many other superficial ways.

Reide says, "My job is not to try to be God, but to be his hands and feet. I need to show respect all people, look out and care for the environment, and help where I can. And to always keep in mind I can do little without the help of others."

### More about Craig

Craig Howard Reide  
Birthplace: California  
Spouse: Sharon Reide  
Children: 5  
Grandchildren: 5  
Years on Whidbey: 15  
Hobbies: woodcarving, wood working, model railroads, canoeing, gardening, flint napping

### The Wood Ministry Volunteers

Lynn Dakin, Stan Day, Dave Howe, Ed Huenke, Steve Martin, Tom Nielsen, Rick Posey, John Rees, Dale Tuvey, Ralph Young, property owners Darrell and Carol Dyer, Henry's Tree Service's, volunteer Jim Fox Tree service Robin Edgeman, Joann Blaylock, and many others.

### What Others Have to Say

"Craig is a Native American. He has lived a life of service. He is very concerned about the environment. He is also concerned about the well being of mankind. I attend a Bible study group with Sharon and Craig each Monday at the Pacific Rim facility near Coupeville. Craig is always there early to hand out music and move chairs without being asked. Craig has used his woodworking talents to donate to the Ryther Auction that helps vulnerable children. Craig and Sharon share freely from their orchard and gardens."

~ Baert and Brenda Simmons, volunteers for children

"Craig volunteers on any construction or cleanup projects for non-profits. He would always be available for the asking to help at any time."

~Gary Guernsey, community volunteer

"Craig is a beloved neighbor and mentor of ours. Craig is always willing to help, to share his formidable land, knowledge, garden skills (and tools!). Our garden is full of perennials gifted from Craig and Sharon. Every year we try to put into practice a few more Craig-skills.

Every tree planted in our orchard is there because of his generosity - his expertise in fruit tree planting, pruning and harvesting means our family eats well, and is able to share. For us Craig embodies the wisdom of his Native American heritage and the love of his Christian faith."

~Belinda Griswold, neighbor of the Reide's

"I know Craig Reide to be a kind, generous, and dedicated person. He expresses his faith in action, helping others and caring for the earth. He and Sharon have voluntarily grown hundreds of plants for the Pacific Rim Institute. He is a blessing and a fine example of a Christian man."

~Tom Johnson, Retired local pastor and college professor

"Craig is very caring, thoughtful, dedicated, kind, always having time to help out and listen. He is very hard worker.

As a gardener, we have called Craig many times with questions about veggie gardening. He is an expert. His Christian faith is evident by the way he treats others and is

always willing to help out. Besides that he has a great sense of humor!"

~Linda and Tom Eckhart, community volunteers

"Craig and his wife, Sharon, too, are great neighbors. They know so much about nature, you can ask them anything. Before we moved here full time, Craig would look out for our place here, and attended to our property as needed. He does this for a lot of neighbors. He helps with repairs for those that can't do it for themselves. He is a real giving person."

~Joe and Betty Strawe, Freeland neighbors

"Craig is a leader in the wood ministry committed to the group as well as the ministry itself and the people who benefit from it. His career as Boy Scout executive comes through in his dedicated spirit in all that he does today. He is firm in his convictions, a good man, honest, cares about people, and does not pull punches."

~Pastor Dennis Hanson

"My husband passed away when our granddaughter Olivia was 4 years old. Craig stepped up to be a grandfatherly substitute, including helping with her homework. When she graduated, he carved for her a gorgeous Native American drum, it was truly a museum piece. He is a master carver. He and Sharon cultivate a huge vegetable garden and donate food to those in need. Sharon also donates her quilted expertise. Craig has strong morals, and being prejudice is never a part of those values."

~Pat Sasson, Meerkerk Gardens Board Member



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# State shifts to county-by-county reopening plan

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The Stay Home, Stay Healthy order for Washington state has officially expired and Gov. Jay Inslee's "Safe Start" plan to reopen Washington has now shifted to a county-by-county approach.

"Thanks to Washingtonians pulling together, we can transition fully to our county-by-county approach to safely reopen," Inslee said. "If we remain diligent and committed to more effective ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we will continue to save lives and open up more businesses while protecting our friends and neighbors."

The move, according to Inslee, gives local governments more flexibility and more control over dealing with the COVID-19 situation in their own counties. While there must still be a minimum of three weeks between the shift from one phase of the reopening plan to the next, it means some counties may be able to progress through the phases more rapidly, depending upon the level of infection and whether counties can meet all the health criteria necessary to move forward.

As of June 1, counties can apply to John Wiesman, secretary of the Washington

State Department of Health, who may then approve a county's request to move completely to the next phase or approve only certain activities in the next phase.

Island County moved to Phase II nearly two weeks ago, which means planning is already underway for the possible application to move to Phase III.

"We are already preparing for Phase III but cannot apply until we have been in Phase II a minimum of three weeks," said Commissioner Janet St. Clair. "I will want to continue to monitor the data and assess risk as we move through each phase."

"We will need to watch our metrics over the next couple weeks, and see how our community responds to Phase II," agreed Commissioner Helen Price Johnson. "I do appreciate the process Gov. Inslee has to allow counties to move forward, bringing back jobs and safely opening businesses, with caution."

In his press conference last Friday, Gov. Inslee said the ability to let the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order expire is based on the fact there are new tools to be used in the fight against the "scourge" of the COVID-19 pandemic, such as testing, contact tracing, isolation of those who test positive and the use of face coverings to prevent transmission.

"I consider it really good news that we have now shown that facial coverings can be very effective at protecting the other person," he said. "We are implementing new and effective guidance for workers to wear at a minimum, cloth facial coverings on the job. Employers will need to provide coverings for employees. As well, we're going to see signs asking us to wear face coverings. Please wear



Photo Courtesy of City of Oak Harbor  
As the City of Oak Harbor prepares to reopen its offices in the near future, physical distancing measures have been put in place, such as spacing stickers on the floor and plexiglass shields on counters.



Retailers across the state will be required to provide masks for employees beginning Monday. They are also required to post this sign encouraging patrons to wear masks to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 as Washington's stay at home order expires and the state allows counties to open up in phases.

a face covering, you're helping to protect folks."

This new initiative takes effect Monday. Retailers are also required to post signs encouraging people wear masks. Local jurisdictions and businesses may set more stringent standards requiring everyone wear face masks.

So far only the city of Langley has issued orders requiring people to wear masks in its downtown business district. Island County commissioners say the first opportunity they might have to discuss such a measure would be at the next county board of health meeting June 16.

"I believe that regulating masks would be challenging from an enforcement perspective," St. Clair said. "It is my opinion that government is best first educating the public about risk and how to make responsible choices; then perhaps using incentives as a second step to encourage appropriate behavior, and that our last step in most circumstances should be regulatory. I would hope that peer pressure from our community to both protect our physical health and our economic well-being would enable us to let the public know we are all in this together. If we have businesses not complying with the State public health requirements in our variance application, that could put all businesses at risk of having our approval revoked, especially if our numbers of cases increase."

There has also been no discussion yet at the City of Oak Harbor in terms of requiring people to wear masks. City offices are preparing to reopen (an exact date has not been set) and there have been several safety measures put in place to ensure a safe opening when the time comes. Plexiglass shields have been installed at counters, much like those now in most grocery stores, there are easily accessible hand sanitizing stations and access to certain areas of city hall will be limited, according to the city's public information officer.

"I know Island County has already reopened and we are trying to work closely with Public Health to make sure we are having engaged conversations," said Sabrina Combs. "We're trying to make accommodations to keep people and staff safe. We've put up shields to protect people during transactions, we've marked a pathway to walk in city hall offices, there are stickers on the floor to help enforce physical distancing.

"Basically I am telling everyone to be prepared, to have a mask," Combs continued. "Always have a mask with you, because even if you don't need it at city hall, chances are you will need it elsewhere."

As more and more restaurants and retailers reopen on Whidbey Island and around the state, Inslee encourages everyone to stay vigilant so Washington can continue to get back to business.

"This is something that the more we all do this, the faster we're going to be able to get back to normal and open up all of our activities in the state," he said. "I'm really happy we've got something we can do individually to pitch in here."

At this time, the new mask guidance is not mandatory for customers, unless it is required by individual jurisdictions or retailers.

"We thought we would get greater compliance in this mechanism than an actual order," Inslee said. "We hope they consider why this is a badge of honor and caring about their community and we hope this educational component will actually get us more people wearing masks, so we think it will be effective. We hope that's the case."

As a reminder, even though the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order has expired, vulnerable populations who remain at a higher risk of suffering complications from COVID-19 are still encouraged to stay at home and limit unnecessary interaction with other people. Go to [islandcountywa.gov](http://islandcountywa.gov) or [coronavirus.wa.gov](http://coronavirus.wa.gov) for the latest information.

# Free Masketeers help Whidbey cover up and do good

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

There is a very dedicated group of volunteers on Whidbey Island who have made it their goal to provide medical-style face masks for every adult and child on the island who needs one.

But this group of "free masketeers" – also known as the Whidbey DIYers – is trying to do even more good. The group will hold a curbside mask distribution from 4 to 7 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce and 100 percent of all donations received will go directly to North Whidbey Help House.

Face coverings have been shown to significantly limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus and are a recommended preventative measure, to be used in conjunction with physical distancing and hand washing/sanitizing. Masks are required if you shop in downtown Langley or if you visit a hair salon or see a doctor. Starting Monday, masks are mandatory for all retailers and employees. So masks have become a much sought-after item.

Whidbey DIYers started because of the initial shortage of personal protective equipment for hospital workers and first responders.

"All the people in the group are volunteers who started using their own personal stash of fabric," said Valerie Mascho, one of the group's coordinators and an active duty sailor who also oversees mask distribution on Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. "So we started making a bunch of face masks because essential workers were asking for them."

To date, the 125-plus seamstresses who are a part of Whidbey DIYers have sewn more than 17,000 masks and have distributed them – at no cost – to more than 100 businesses and organizations, including law enforcement, fire departments, medical staff and emergency medical technicians and active duty and civilian personnel on NAS Whidbey Island.

When those needs were satisfied, the group started providing masks to the community at large, but they wanted to see if they could do even more to help.

"It was kind of a natural evolution – we've done this, what's next?" said Jessica Fisher, another Whidbey DIYers coordinator. "The goal became to move on to the rest of the community and figuring out how we could get as many masks to the community as possible. We all agreed we had to help the food banks."

"We figured the need has increased tenfold with the unemployment situation," Mascho said. "Pig Fest raised \$13,000

for North Whidbey Help House, so one of my personal goals is to raise enough to supplement that."

"My motto is go big or go home," laughed Fisher. "None of us imagined it would be like this. We're going to hit 20,000 handmade masks. We set the goal high, but I don't think we imagined doing that. Now we're hoping to raise \$25,000 for all of the Whidbey Island food banks, and I think we can."

Because Whidbey DIYers members live all over the island, organizers decided the best way get masks out to people was to hold distribution drive-throughs at various locations. All donations go to the food bank closest to the site of the drive-through. So far, the drive-through events have raised \$14,000; nearly \$5,000 of that has gone to North Whidbey Help House.

"I have been so overwhelmed by the generosity; I knew this is a generous community, but this is above and beyond," said Jean Weiman, executive director of NWHH. "It's a relief. Not only did we lose Pig Fest but Boeing usually holds a golf tournament that brings in anywhere from \$2,000 - \$4,000, and that is most likely going to be postponed or canceled."

See MASKETEERS continued on page 12



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# Cinema of Shame

Part 1: What we watch when no one's watching

By Carey Ross



It has been a real week, huh?

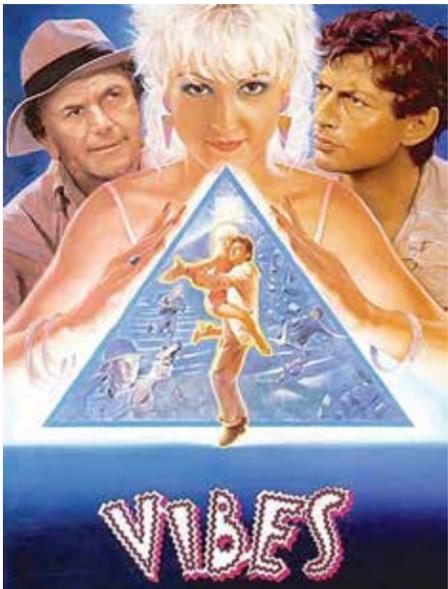
I thought about dedicating this space to films that would educate and inform about racial justice and systemic inequality. If two decades of working for a nonprofit movie theater that works to elevate marginalized voices and hosts a giant documentary film festival each year has taught me anything, it's that film is an excellent, impactful means by which to educate and inspire in a way that's more easily digested than books and less overwhelming than constant monitoring of news media.

And I still might do that. But for right now, what many of us need is to escape, if only for an hour or two. While what's going on in the nation is urgent and needs addressing by all of us if peace is to ever be restored, it's all right to take a bit of time to rest, recharge and refuel for the effort.

Not long ago, I posted a question to my Facebook friends, asking them what their favorite bad movies were. I made it clear that what I was after was not those movies that are terrible, but still kind of hip, but ones that are objectively bad and objectively uncool. I seeded the pot by divulging a couple of my go-to guilt-watches, "He's Just Not That Into You" and "Sleeping With the Enemy" and waited to see what my Facebook world would offer.

In truth, I expected to get a minimal amount of engagement from a few friends. Boy, was I ever wrong. The epic thread my post spawned is closing in on 300 comments—and counting. Turns out, there's a lot of bad cinema out there and my friends unabashedly love it all. I thought I might get enough fodder for one story, but instead I'm pretty sure there's enough gold to be mined from the thread to spawn an entire series devoted to Cinema of Shame. So consider this a first installment and buckle up and enjoy this weird ride.

Most of my friends proffered groan-worthy flicks that if I had not seen, I was at least familiar with. But the very first comment was about a 1988 movie called "Vibes" starring Cyndi Lauper and Jeff Goldblum. After saying, "You can't do much for it," my friend followed it up with a plot synopsis: "Two psychics get hired to find a city of gold, then kidnapped to find a city of gold, but the city of gold is actually aliens."

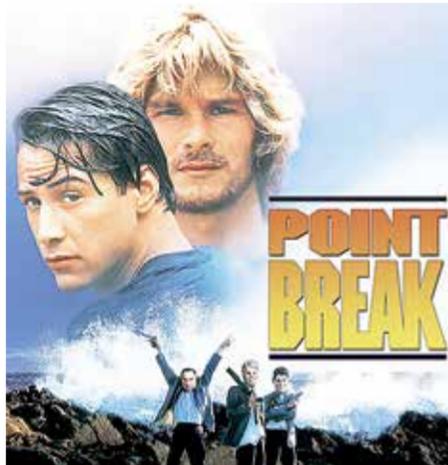


Um, what?

Because this movie sounds "amazing,"

it was immediately met with a comment chorus from people interested in watching it themselves. And this was when my friend divulged that not only had she seen it, but she also owns it, and last I checked, plans for a socially distant watch party were being made.

Going into this exercise, I was sure the actor that would have the most movie entries on the Cinema of Shame list would be Nicolas Cage—and indeed he fared very well, with several of his movies making the list (you know the ones. You love to hate them too). However, I'd underestimated Keanu Reeves, who, in my unofficial tally, was responsible for more of the bad movies on the list than any other person who claims to be an actor. He may have redeemed himself somewhat as the anchor of the "Matrix" and "John Wick" franchises, but we must not forget Keanu has "The Lake House, Constantine, Sweet November, Johnny Mnemonic," and "The Devil's Advocate" in his not-too-distant past. Several folks also mentioned "Point Break" as being a "bad" movie, but I will go to my grave defending the film that spawned characters with such memorable names as Johnny Utah, Bodhi, Roach, Grommet, Warchild—and yet was somehow a movie about surfers (directed by Kathryn Bigelow of "Hurt Locker" fame) instead of a "Mad Max" installment.



Speaking of "Point Break," Patrick Swayze was also notably present all over the list—and not just for the aforementioned "Point Break." Unfortunately, although my friends have great taste in bad movies, they were way off the mark with Swayze. For example, my buddy Jared claimed the original "Red Dawn" to be a shame-watch. But were it not for Swayze, C. Thomas Howell, Lea Thompson, Charlie Sheen, Jennifer Grey, and others, I would not know how to band together with a ragtag group of friends to save the nation from evil Soviet forces intent on starting World War III. Being the mature human I am, I met Jared's comment with a "Wolverines forever, man." A few folks offered up "Roadhouse," which is definitely a Cinema of Shame contender, but I drew a hard line when my friend Aira had the audacity to say "Dirty Dancing" is not good. While I have used the line, "No one puts Baby in the corner" many times since the 1987 classic introduced us to the phrase, never as appropriately as I did in my response to Aira.

Of course, this just barely scratches the surface of the many, many film-filled comments made by my friends. For further fodder, you'll have to check out Cinema of Shame: the Sequel of Shame. Coming to a bad-movie night near you.

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# Let's Dish!

with Kae Harris



## GADGETS GALORE!

Let's just dive right in: what is your favorite kitchen utensil or gadget? Do you have one? With all the cooking and kitchen exploration many of us have been doing over the last couple of months, I was wondering if any of my readers had discovered a love for a useful thing-a-ma-jiggly to help with prep-ping or cooking? I haven't found my favorite yet. I don't think I have one, though I must admit, when making ice cream I have become a big proponent of using an electric handheld mixer, as opposed to a whisk, to render my double cream thick. Whisking things for an extended period gives me cramps in my forearms and I start to worry I'll look like a certain spinach-loving sailor, a cartoon character of course, and you all likely know who I am referring to. Anyway, I then grew curious about where the whisk came from, who invented it. In fact, who invented many kitchen utensils? Let's find out.

### The Whisk

There are several types of whisk and all come complete with their own purpose. First there is the ball whisk, which is used for things like egg whites and the fillings for pies and souffles. In fact, it's a pretty versatile whisk because of the way it's structured. A series of straight 'wires' capped at the end with balls. These balls help to break up ingredients and mix them more fluidly. A ball whisk is also easier to clean than other whisks, which thereby makes

it my favorite. Then we have balloon and French whisks, both of which are excellent at mixing pretty much all kinds of batter. They're difficult to clean though, so...not my favorite. We also have our flat (or roux) whisk, used for sauces and well, roux, as it's flattened shape allows it to "skate" around and scrape the sides of a saucepan with the ease of an ice skater. Okay, this is a contender for favorite whisk in my book, as I make a lot of sauces. The last one I wanted to mention is one once considered antiquated, which seems to be making a bit of a comeback. The coil whisk, which is great at breaking up dry ingredients for sauces or gravies and also mixing ingredients in cups (think chocolate milk or mug cake). Whatever your choice, the whisk is an essential tool for baking aficionados and the everyday cook alike.

### The Garlic Press

Now for some controversy. As much as I admire the whisk and its versatility, I loathe the garlic press with an equal passion. Why? Because it is a one-trick pony that accomplishes a task that can be done as quickly with a knife, microplane or pestle and mortar. The first patent for the garlic press was filed in 1954, but some variation of this monstrosity has existed since, well, the time humans have used garlic in cooking. Do not get me wrong, I LOVE garlic. It is for this reason that I have such an adverse reaction to the garlic press. The garlic

press crushes garlic into pieces so small that when sautéed, they tend to become scorched before they have a chance to perfume the oil. Not a good look. Plus, if I need garlic paste for vinaigrettes, for example, the garlic press does not render the cloves fine enough for this purpose. Frustrating is an understatement. While we're on the topic of frustration, let's talk about the ease of cleaning a garlic press. Did I say ease? I meant the soul-sapping task of removing flecks of minute garlic from the tiniest holes that will never truly be clean. Feel free to write to me to agree, or disagree, on my views of this useless tool from the nether world.

### The Sieve

Dear readers, I have an important question for you. Are you a flour dumper, or are you a little bit more refined, like moi? (I'm not really refined, but that's not really the point.) Anyone with any knowledge of baking knows that sifting your flour is essential to getting the fluffiest, lightest and airiest baked goods. This renders a good sieve invaluable to any kitchen. While fine mesh sifters have existed in various cultures for hundreds of years, the world's first flour sifter was patented in 1835 by John Earnshaw, an American inventor. But the humble sieve is not relegated to only the realm of baking. A "Chinois" is conical in shape with an extremely fine mesh, making it perfect for straining soups, sauces and purees to give a smooth, velvety texture. This tool is a staple in restaurant kitchens, but it is equally useful for the home cook. Another extremely useful "sieve" is the spider, which is ideal for draining foods from hot oil, for example, as well as skimming foam off the top of stocks and broths. This is a kitchen favorite of mine because I have an aversion to burning myself; it's a personal preference. If you haven't been exposed to the majesty of the spider, I highly recommend that you give it a try the next time you deep fry, well, anything!

### The Crock Pot

The Crock Pot has become an institution in the American kitchen. An icon of the 70s, the Crock Pot has made a resurgence in the last few years as a convenient way to cook a wholesome meal for busy people who want to come back to a nice, home-cooked meal at the end of a long day's work. The Crock Pot was invented in 1940 and was branded

under the name of the Naxon Beanery, and homage to its inventor, Irving Nachumsohn, who changed his name to Naxon during World War II to avoid repercussions for having a German-sounding name at the time. His invention was not a commercial success until the patent was sold to Rival Manufacturing, which rebranded and renamed the product the Crock Pot, giving birth to an icon. Today, the Instant Pot is the slow cooker of choice, but it owes its success to the Naxon Beanery. The appeal of the slow cooker lies in being able to toss a bunch of ingredients into one pot, turn it on and forget about it till much later when, voila, a warm, hearty meal is ready to be consumed. My slow cooker has saved me many a time; I tend to prepare a menu for the week and several dinners are made in the morning, left to cook during the day, ready for consumption by my ravenous kids at dinner. Doesn't get better than that. One of my favorite recipes is Slow Cooker Creamy Chicken, that goes perfectly when paired with rice. Using a slow cooker means that chicken breasts can be used instead of thighs, rendering this recipe slightly healthier while retaining its juiciness. You will need:

- 6 chicken breast halves (about 2-3 pounds of chicken)
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 (0.7 oz) package dry Italian dressing mix
- 1 (13.75 oz) can cream of chicken soup
- 1 (8 oz) package cream cheese

Simply combine the first four ingredients in the slow cooker and cook on low for 2-6 hours (refer to your slow-cooker's user manual for cooking times). When done cooking, cut the cream cheese into cubes, stir into the slow cooker and allow to melt for 10 minutes before serving the chicken and sauce over rice (I'm partial to Basmati rice for this particular recipe).

I hope this recipe finds a place in your home and that you've learned some interesting facts about utensils that often go unnoticed. What's your favorite kitchen utensil or gadget? Let me know what you can't do without, what recipes you swear by and any comments in general by emailing me at letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com and we can do what we do best: Dish!

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So it took a weight off my shoulders knowing we're going to survive this year."

Food banks in Coupeville and Langley have also received donations from the Whidbey DIYers.

"Creative and useful projects like the Whidbey DIYers showcase the very best of community," said Carol Squire, executive director of Good Cheer Food Bank and Thrift Stores in Langley. "It's a win-win-win: Good Cheer and other essential services get money, the community gets and wears masks, and the project team and community know they are investing their time and money into something that has immediate positive impact."

Because the local food banks have some purchasing power, the money they receive from mask donations goes a long way toward feeding Whidbey Islanders.

"We can stretch a dollar pretty far," Squire said. "On average, we calculate one pound of food for every \$1.50. We've already received over \$2,000 from Whidbey DIYers, which comes to over 1,300 pounds of food. That is a lot of food!"

One doesn't have to be able to sew to be a part of Whidbey DIYers. In all, there are about 900 people who have volunteered for the group in various ways.

"We have as many as 150 seamstresses, but others want to provide materials, cut out patterns or just ask how they can help," said Mascho. "People have gone and bought us yards of fabric and we've been able to maintain that."

"People donate fabric, elastic, rotary cutter blades, needles, pins," said Fisher. "We have different drop box points, so

people pick and choose what they need. When our seamstresses are done, they drop the finished masks into the basket and we process them."

Fisher said they wear masks and gloves to handle the finished masks, which are washed, dried, ironed and packaged. It has become an efficient, effective, grassroots supply chain. Volunteers have got the distribution system down to a science. Thursday, cars are asked to enter the distribution site at the Chamber via Izett St. Cash donations are dropped into a donation can (bring the exact amount you want to donate - no change can be given), the vehicles pull up and volunteers will assist with mask selection. Adults can get two masks each, children can get one. All those seeking masks must be present, so they can be visually fitted by volunteers. This is especially important for children.

"We don't hand the masks - which are in plastic bags - to people until they've made their final decision, so it's as no-contact as we can get it," said Fisher. "All volunteers wear masks or face shields, and I've heard there may or may not be a T-Rex at this event."

These free masketeer volunteers have worked long and hard to provide for their community and hope the community will return the favor by supporting Whidbey's food banks. There is no minimum donation required.

If someone only has a dollar to their name but still wants to donate, put a dollar in the bucket," said Mascho. "We know not everybody has fulltime jobs. We want everyone to have the protection they need."

"I've cried out of pride over this," admitted Fisher. "I've lived



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey DIYers

Volunteers with Whidbey DIYers have made and distributed 17,000 face masks across Whidbey Island and are hoping to raise \$25,000 in donations for Whidbey's food banks. The next drive-through distribution will be held from 4-7 p.m. Thursday (June 4) at the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce.

here practically my whole life, but I'm not even proud of what I've done, I'm proud of what our community has done."

"The community has pitched in to donate materials to make masks, giving back to those who need them, helping to raise funds for food banks," said Mascho. "The only thing out of our pocket is our time. A lot of us are happy to spend time doing something we know is making a difference."

"This whole time we're going through proves when we are going through something tough, people are willing to take care of their community," said Weiman. "It's a big relief."

Find out more about the Whidbey DIYers on Facebook or go to www.whidbeydiy.com.





# CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)



"A government study showed . . . Uh-oh! That's how war is declared! "War," said Ben Franklin, "is when the government tells you who the enemy is. Revolution is when you decide

that for yourself." In the war on food, were you a low-fat, low-salt, no-sugar conscript? Or a "leave my grandma's recipes the heck alone," revolutionary? Ingredients are still the debate, but now, it's the essential ingredients of liberty. Conscript? Or revolutionary?

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



On our chopping block, this sacred cow: If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Note the bony hips. The sagging udders. The dull bovine stare, flat and stupid. Might this spavined beast be the root cause of mindlessly doing the same thing over and over again, while expecting different results? A fine definition of insanity! Try again, yes, but be smart about it. Innovate! Experiment! Fire up those frontal lobes! But for them, we'd all be cows.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



You've slogged many a footsore mile to get where you're at. Climbed mountains no one should be forced to climb, and you have the blisters to prove it. The occasional rest stop, the views, the valley overlooks, were meager reward, for always on your mind was the endless climb. But look there! Sure-footed and strong of haunch, saddled and waiting for you, a gift horse! Don't ask why or how. Mount up and ride. Your journey just got easier.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)



"... For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health . . ." Traditional wedding vows for many. Whoever penned them knew the journey before it began.

Whatever you're wedded to, be it a spouse, a cause, a career, the path is invariably the same. The ups, the downs, the good times and bad. They're everyone's journey. In the midst of a downer, know that it only makes the coming high seem higher. Here's to love and laughter!

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



When the battle is won, when the hard work is done, that's the time to celebrate victory. It's a time that goes by various names. Depending on your taste and the nature of the triumph, it might be champagne time. Miller time. Beer-thirty. Paul Harvey, with a triumphant tone, spoke for jubilant millions with each announcement of, "It's Fri-day." Whatever your win, whatever your toast, Good job. Well done. Skoal!

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



Didn't nail it the first time? You're not alone. Even highly successful people agree that first-try successes are the happy exception, not the rule. So don't be discouraged. Do-overs are expected. And when all else fails? Dare something new. Get a bigger hammer. Wear higher heels. Do you see? You always have

options. But a carpenter in high heels? Now, that is a really bad day!

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



How many are the ways we join hands! Figuratively, when we collaborate with coworkers from home. Literally, when we shake hands on a deal. As many are the reasons we join hands. To show that we care when walking. To pull each other up. To reassure. To gauge another's strength and health. For fun, for romance, for prayer. In the good times, remember how you got where you are. Holding hands with other hand holders. It's who we are.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



Many are the reasons to fight; some good, some not so good. Fighting to overcome personal weakness is good. To tear another down, for no other reason than the fun of it, not so good. Now in the middle of the good fight, remember: You do not fight alone. You are one in an army of the battle weary, spiritual warriors all. The skirmish is won, but the war goes on. Your best rebel yell--let's hear it!

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. Do you recall those words? Our nation was founded on them. Government was charged with securing them. Whatever your pursuit, the one thing more important than achieving it is, you guessed it, safeguarding them. Let's say it louder. Your freedom is your responsibility. First, last and always, you're in command. Doesn't knowing that make your day? Ours too. Happy trails to you.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



What's the greatest gift you can possess? We would argue that it's a firm knowledge of who you are. Knowing who you are, everything else is a piece of cake. You know what to do.

Where to go. Who to see. Life flows, and you flow with it. Is it your gift to command a garbage scow? Then command it well. A rule of the game, the frosting on the cake, is that talent always rises. You're a confectioner's rose in the making. Just so you know.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



Peanut butter and chocolate. Chocolate and cherries. Chocolate and chilies. Wine and chocolate. Chocolate, chocolate, chocolate. If there's such a thing as a universal match, it's gotta be chocolate! Now to the point. Presently, you are one half of an unlikely match. And sorry, you're not the chocolate. Who's the chocolate, the one who elevates you, who enhances all that you do? Can you guess? Coffee and chocolate, macadamias and chocolate . . .

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



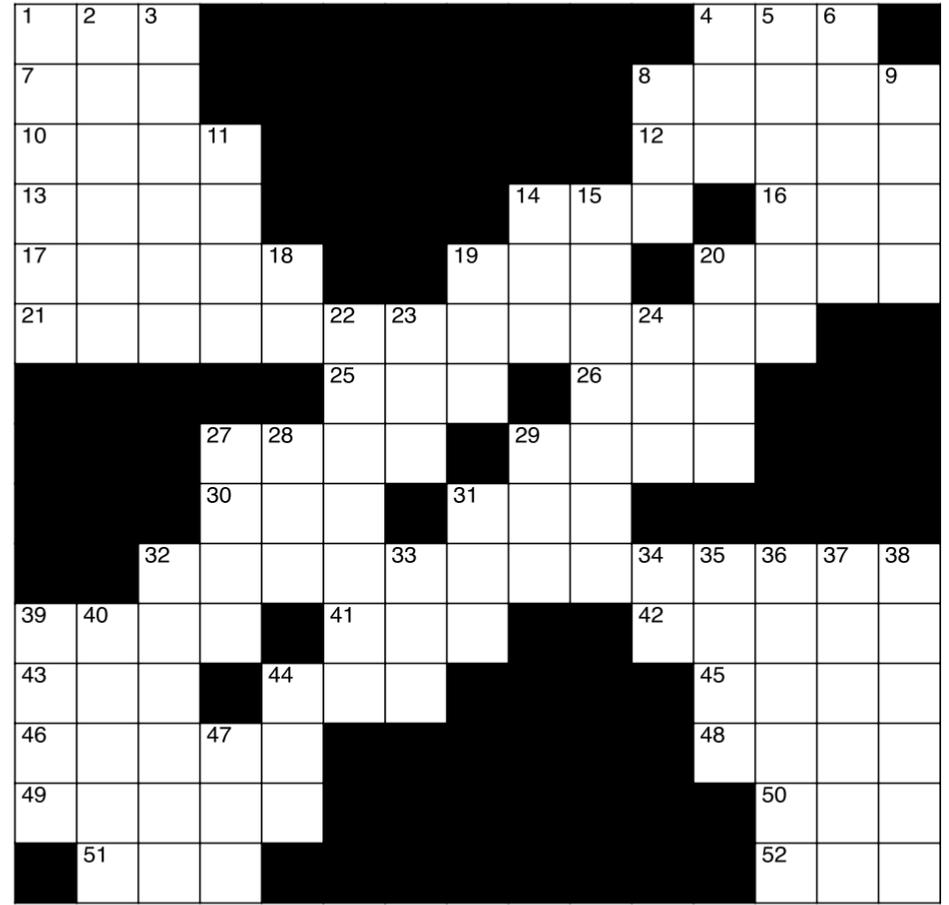
Faceless heros. The usung, who make essential things happen and get no credit. You put your full garbage can by the street, later to be retrieved empty. Who made the pick up? If you saw the man in a check out line, would you know him? Give thanks to the faceless who make the world go 'round. The worker bees who make the honey. No need to put yourself in their place. Chances are, you're one yourself. We salute you.

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# Crossword Puzzle



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Protects from weather
- 4. Superhigh frequency
- 7. Southern constellation
- 8. Swines
- 10. Self-righteously moralistic person
- 12. United Arab Emirates city
- 13. Surinam toad
- 14. Sign language
- 16. Tattoo (slang)
- 17. Makes level
- 19. Sun up in New York
- 20. It must be scratched
- 21. Where people live
- 25. Swiss river
- 26. Buddy
- 27. One of two equal parts of a divisible whole
- 29. Shrek is one
- 30. Egyptian unit of weight
- 31. Fiddler crabs
- 32. Carroll O'Connor's TV wife
- 39. No longer having life

- 41. Former OSS
- 42. A way to emit sound
- 43. Mandela's party
- 44. Adult female chicken
- 45. U. of Miami's mascot
- 46. Southeastern Chinese people
- 48. Casino game
- 49. Amos Alonzo \_\_, US football coach
- 50. Joint connecting two pipes at right angles
- 51. Will Ferrell film
- 52. River in NE Scotland

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Occur
- 2. Show up
- 3. Capital of Taiwan
- 4. Former French coin
- 5. Some are bad
- 6. Monetary unit
- 8. Package (abbr.)
- 9. Indian religious person
- 11. Crew
- 14. Antidiuretic hormone

- 15. Makeshift
- 18. Baseball box score stat
- 19. Make a mistake
- 20. Not moving
- 22. Even distribution of weight
- 23. Clumsy person
- 24. Paddle
- 27. Worked the soil
- 28. Alias
- 29. Plant cultivated in Peru
- 31. Side-blotched lizards genus
- 32. Wild dog
- 33. Immoral act
- 34. Pound
- 35. Manning and Lilly are two
- 36. Put on the shelf for now
- 37. Baltimore ball-player
- 38. Cuddle
- 39. Dashes
- 40. Related on the mother's side
- 44. Witch
- 47. Kilogram force (abbr.)

Answers on page 15

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