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**OUR BACKYARDS ARE WHERE BETTER GROUND BEGINS**

Picture your property. Each plant, each structure, each pathway and drain. Bring it to life in your mind's eye. Your yard is your very own mini ecosystem. That ecosystem includes you, your family, and your pets, and you share it with everything from tiny soil microorganisms all the way up to squirrels and deer.

Rain, snow, and wind affect it, and can even change it by knocking down a tree or flooding a low area of lawn. The impervious surfaces (like driveways and roofs) on which the rain falls, the chemicals used to fight weeds and moss, and the fertility of the soil in which your grass grows all influence your ecosystem.

Your property is also inextricably tied to the larger ecosystems of your neighborhood, your watershed, Whidbey Island, Puget Sound, the Pacific Northwest, and the planet Earth. The activities that occur in your ecosystem affect an ever-larger ecosystem in rings of influence. What you choose to do on your property matters. It matters to the tiny soil microorganisms, and it matters to the entire Pacific Ocean.

There are many actions you can take on your property that have positive effects for you and the greater ecosystem in which you live. One important action is to encourage more natural habitat.

Habitat is a combination of food, water, shelter, and space arranged to meet the needs of wildlife, birds, pollinators, and plants. If you look around your property, you can see what kind of habitat exists there now. Maybe there's a nice bramble patch full of sheltering songbirds. There could be allium and lupine stalks into which solitary native bees burrow to overwinter. Maybe there are areas choked with dandelions and thistle, both plants that love rocky, infertile soil. Where might you be able to encourage habitat for plants and creatures? The types of habitat you choose will determine what lives and thrives there. The more properties that choose to encourage natural habitat, the more space there is for other beings in the ecosystem.

**Native Plants**

Landscaping with native plants is a low-maintenance way to add natural habitat to your yard. Native plants are adapted to our climate and love it here.

They love our rocky soil, our wet winters, and our dry summers. Once they're established in the yard, which can take 2-4 years, they'll grow without any help or complaint. They are drought and pest resistant and provide habitat for a wide variety of species.

To help choose the best plants for your yard, look around at what's growing near you. Whidbey has many unique micro-climates, so noticing healthy, happy plants in your neighboring green spaces will give you clues to what will grow well in your yard.

If you aren't practiced at identifying native plants, there are phone apps that can help by identifying them from pictures. There are also resources on our website at [www.whidbeycd.org/native-plants](http://www.whidbeycd.org/native-plants), and we feature lots of native plants on our Instagram @nativeplants\_everywhere.

**Pollinator Meadows**

Creating habitat for pollinators is as easy and delightful as growing flowers for them. A pollinator meadow provides many of the essential needs of our most common pollinators - solitary native bees. These bees live in little burrows that they make in soil, in stalks and canes of flowers and brambles, and in old logs, and travel only about 500 yards to forage for food. A pollinator meadow can provide a variety of blooms all season long, and when the plants die back in the winter, they provide places for bees in which to burrow and overwinter. Leaving plants to decay over the winter also enriches the soil and protects against erosion.

One way to create a pollinator meadow is with sheet mulching. Choose an area to begin with and lay down cardboard over the grass or vegetation. Add 2-3 inches of soil on top of the cardboard. Between October and early March, broadcast spread your pollinator seed mix over the sheet mulched area. During the growing season, keep an eye on the area for thistle, dandelion, and other opportunistic invasives that may try to take over. Other than select weeding, your meadow should need no maintenance at all. Enjoy the full season of flowers and the sound of buzzing bees!

**Wild Spaces**

A great way to create natural habitat is to encourage wild green spaces on your property. Wild spaces allow plants to interact and grow naturally, working together in their way, with some basic management to incorporate desirable plant species and keep out invasive weed patches. Wild green spaces provide shelter and food for wildlife, protect the soil from erosion and drought, filter storm-water before it reaches the ocean, and give beautiful flowers, berries, and fruit to humans.

Establishing a wild space on your property takes time. Choose a variety of native plants to include in the area if it's converted lawn, or to add to an area that already has trees and shrubs in it. For the first few years, be sure to water new plants during the dry summer months and weed the area as needed. Once the plants are established, they should need almost no maintenance or extra water. Over time, watch the area fill in with plants as well as birds, pollinators, and other wildlife.

It's possible to have both a traditionally cultivated garden that's clean looking, weed free, and carefully tended, as well as a wild space. Deb Wright, a Coupeville resident, is doing just that on her residential lot. She has a cultivated, fenced in garden in the backyard, with Dahlias, Lantana, and Iceland Poppies growing alongside native Columbine and Lupine. The flower garden is bright and colorful and attracts pollinators with its variety of blooms throughout the season.

Beyond the flower garden is where Deb cultivates her native plant garden, with the goal of creating habitat and propagating native plants. The area is filled with vegetation in every color of green, with white splashes of Oceanspray flowers and bright Red Elderberries. Ferns grow tall, as do grasses. A dry riverbed weaves through the lowest area to catch and direct storm water during heavy rains.

To manage the wild area, Deb tries to keep out noxious weeds like Canada Thistle, and invaders like Poison Hemlock. These types of plants can aggressively take over an area, especially if the ground has been recently disturbed. So Deb leaves the native plant garden to its own devices for the most part, creating natural habitat for pollinators and wildlife.

On the south end, Kathy Stetz bought her property knowing she wanted to return it to natural habitat. She removed all the invasives growing there and has created a quarter of an acre of all native wild space. In the rest of her yard, she integrates native plants into the landscape whenever possible. She's also worked to plant hedge rows of red twig dogwood, snowberry, red flowering currant and salal that provide excellent bird habitat.

Lawns, driveways, buildings, parking lots, streets, and sidewalks are all habitat deserts for the wildlife, birds, and pollinators that we need in our greater ecosystem. If each of us takes an area of our property to turn over to natural habitat, our island will continue to be the lush, healthy environment we know and love.

Need help with your natural habitat project? The Whidbey Island Conservation District is here to help! Visit [www.whidbeycd.org](http://www.whidbeycd.org) for resources and to request assistance.

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with Jim Freeman



It took getting my teeth cleaned to learn I do not know how to wear a mask properly. According to my eagle-eyed hygienist, my required mask was inside out and upside down. My hygienist apparently still has all her wisdom teeth.

Inside out and upside down.

Kinda like our lives the last four months.

Are we ready for month five?

### Tool box

The only stanza in any poem I have remembered from my youth is the second verse of R. L. Sharpe's, *A Bag of Tools*.

Feel free to sing along.

*Each is given a bag of tools,  
A shapeless mass,  
A book of rules;  
And each must make-  
Ere life is flown-  
A stumbling block  
Or a stepping stone.*

I first heard this poem recited by my college roomie and frat brother, Skeeter. His fourth grade teacher taught Sharpe's poem to his class back in 1950's St. Louis.

Here is the first stanza.

*Isn't it strange  
That princes and kings,  
And clowns that caper  
In sawdust rings,  
And common people  
Like you and me  
Are builders for eternity?*

This poem means more to me now than ever.

It is a reminder, in a classier way, of the phrase with the 10 most important words each having two letters – *If it is to be, it is up to me*.

When friends stop by to distance themselves on my porch before I request they mask up, I am reminded again it is up to me to make this *mask hysteria* work. Thanks to Chuck of Forks for the terminology.

I suppose I need more mask practice. The down side of this is my having to leave the driveway to get the practice. The caboose deer and bunnies are not enforcing any private property mask up rules.

While my caboose location stagnation is self-imposed, it is getting old. I may not file for an extension.

Maybe I'll start a petition for more stimulus checks. That should be an easy signature acquisition.

However, I'd need a six foot clipboard to work the ferry landing. This would put me in violation unless I just worked the first or last lanes.

On second thought, maybe not. Getting petition signatures all day in the Mukilteo ferry landing, how long would it be before I would tire of the Ivar's red chowder?

More crackers for my people.

### Hold on

Silence may be golden, but it gets old after several months of home sitting. So, to break the silence, often I resort to putting on any TV show as background chatter.

Mom used to start her week day mornings with Dave Garroway, Frank Blair, Jack Lescoulie, and J. Fred Muggs of NBC's *Today* or cranking the kitchen radio with Don McNeil's Breakfast Club.

I miss the days of changing the television stations for Mom and Dad.

I always felt needed.

Changing stations, of which there were only three, 4, 6 and 10, was way more fun than mowing the yard.

Plus, I didn't have to walk as far.

Today I can change stations and volumes while sitting still. While I don't get that youth-driven exercise anymore, it is still more fun than mowing the yard.

The best thing about today's television viewing for me is the commercials.

They have humor, scenery, louder volumes, and

oftentimes, great music.

While I have not been inside a Walmart since buying three six packs of Chocolate Plus Equate last February, I do so enjoy the latest Walmart ad campaign.

The ads I have seen showcase Walmart's medium blue and yellow vested enthusiastic staffers filling shelves while smiling to the tune of Sam and Dave's "Hold On, I'm Comin'."

The energy and excitement of this soul classic is attributable to the Stax-Volt recording artists house band.

While Motown had the Funk Brothers, Stax-Volt had Booker T and the MG's who backed up Sam and Dave, Wilson Pickett, and Otis Redding. The MG's were Steve Cropper on lead guitar, Al Jackson on drums, Donald "Duck" Dunn on bass, and Booker T. Jones on organ.

Sam Moore's incredibly high lead voice coupled with Dave Prater's supporting style added unmatched punch to their always "dramatic fierce conclusions," a description coined by author Lillian Roxon in her *Rock Encyclopedia* (1969).

It may be awhile before I get to Walmart, but thanks to their commercials, I am reminded how great a song "Hold On, I'm Comin'" is.

A bit of trivia about the title. The song was written by the songwriting team of Isaac Hayes and David Porter, who came up with the title of the song spontaneously when Hayes was trying to get Porter to hurry out of the Stax Studios restroom and get back to songwriting.

### Don't answer

Last week I got another education. Like those side car mirrors that say "Objects in mirror are closer than they appear," incoming phone numbers that appear on the phone's caller ID are not necessarily real.

The phone rang.

I saw a local number on the screen that looked familiar. With my memory, they all do.

I answered.

"Hello."

"This is Amazon. We have just renewed your Amazon Prime membership and charged your account the \$149 fee. If you have any question, please push 1."

"Are you really with Amazon?" I asked.

Click.

Later in the day, someone with another 360 number called to let me know there were problems with my Google account.

I have no Google account. I have no Amazon prime account.

So, I called the tech people at Whidbey Telecom.

"How can these people make their phone numbers look local when one can tell from the phone sound quality the call is national or international?"

"They use computers that arbitrarily pick phone numbers with local exchanges that are not real."

I called the number listed on my caller ID. As Whidbey Tel had suggested, the Amazon number was inoperable.

Lesson of the day – No need to get call blocking. These fake callers keep changing their fake numbers. No more do these misfits just call at dinner time. Breakfast and lunch calls are now part of their routine. My tip to you – don't leave them yours.

No passwords. No credit cards. Not even your mother's maiden name.

Next time these fakers call, I'll just say "yes" before I start singing the great 1950's Jimmy Wakely/Margaret Whiting cover, "A Bushel and a Peck."

After I finish singing the chorus, those fake phonies may block my number.

### Caption of the week

One of the cartoons I enjoyed recently in an issue of *Funny Times* had as good a caption as I have ever seen. The cartoonist's depiction showed two ladies sitting at an outdoor table sharing a moment and a couple of beverages.

The caption – "My husband said I should smile more so I divorced him."

I'll most likely think of the cartoon and its creator as soon as you read this.

Hope we all have a week filled with smiles.

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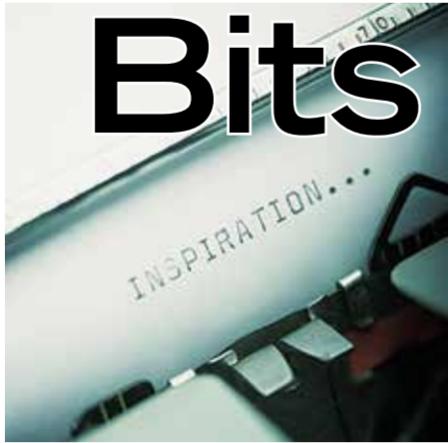
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# Bits & Pieces

## Letters to the Editor

### Editor,

I'm writing in support of Melanie Bacon for Island County Commissioner District 1.

She is the one candidate who has worked closely with the commissioners so knows the depth of their work and responsibilities. As the Human Resources Director for Island County for the last 10 years, Melanie is aware of issues throughout the county including both Whidbey and Camano. She is also aware that commissioners have a near full time responsibility.

In addition to her positive approach to serving Island County citizenry, she is a person who acknowledges and respects all points of view in her decision making. She knows the extent to which the commissioners have influence and decision making powers and where their responsibility is limited. To this end, Melanie has been endorsed by the incumbent, Helen Price Johnson.

Melanie is also a creative person, as indicated by her adjustment of the staffing resources of the county during the pandemic. She is a woman who has written several novels and performed on stage in multiple roles in both north and south Whidbey major theaters. She is able to use imagination and creativity in problem solving and teamwork.

Melanie served in the military and understands the role the military plays in our community.

I heartily support Melanie Bacon for Island County commissioner and encourage everyone to seek more information about her at the website [melaniebacon.com](http://melaniebacon.com) and vote in the primary Aug. 4.

Karen McInerney  
Langley, Wash.

### Editor,

I am a professor at Pacific University in Oregon. I joined the Whidbey community in the fall of 2018. For the last two years, I have been conducting wildlife research on Whidbey through PUO. I was smitten from the start not only by the unique beauty of this area but also by the warmth of the residents. I learned when asked, "How are you?" on walks in the parks or along the beaches is not a simple civility. You had best have a sincere answer: "Fine" will not cut it.

During many of these walks, I continued to run into Carolyn Cliff, who is now running for Island County Superior Court Judge. After an introduction at a community event, a friendship developed, and my walks now often include Carolyn and her standard poodle, Yuki. Carolyn quickly became my "go to" person for all things Whidbey and Camano. Carolyn Cliff has a breadth of knowledge not just in the legal system – she knows us, the Island County community. Carolyn exemplifies the kind of public service and engagement you hope for your elected officials.

I urge you to support Carolyn Cliff for Island County Superior Court Judge.

Heide Island, Ph.D.  
Coupeville, Wash.

### Editor,

Well, folks, we are coming up on election time again. Aug. 4 for the Primary, Sept. 3 for the General. It's time to run a balance sheet to see which way to mark your ballot. Keep in mind the liberals have been in control for around 40

years, so let's take a look at some of the things they have accomplished:

- Almost doubled the state budget in the last eight years.
- Gave themselves a big raise when everybody else was laid off for the virus.
- Raised taxes by almost \$20 billion in last session alone.
- Spent \$5 million taxpayer dollars on a failed vanity campaign.
- Allowed hundreds of millions of dollars to be stolen from the unemployment fund and totally fouled up legitimate claims.
- No fixes in sight for highway congestion.
- Lost federal funding for state mental hospital. (\$53 million)
- Allowed millions of trees to burn because of bad forestry management.
- Corona virus (mis)management
- Mandated teaching pornography to little kids.
- Sixty-two (at last count) lawsuits against the Trump administration, minimal to no prosecution of real criminals.
- Blocked the \$30 license tabs because voters didn't "understand" what they were voting for
- etc., etc., etc.

Hmmmm, maybe it's time to try something else. After all, Einstein said insanity is doing the same thing over and over hoping for a different result.

Plan B might go like this:

The conservative field has many, many candidates that are not career politicians, but have backgrounds in the real world, businesses where they sign the front of the paychecks, trying to meet overbearing regulations, licensing issues, paying taxes instead of mandating them, creating real budgets... you get the idea. A little research on ordinary citizens who want to make things better for all of us might be a good idea. Culp, Brock, Hazelo, Freed, Larkin, Muzzall, Gilday, many more, just Google "[candidate] Wa state," they all have websites so you can get better acquainted.

We have some big problems right now, maybe trying people who do instead of talk might be worth a try.

Rick Kiser  
Oak Harbor, Wash.

### Editor,

Carolyn Cliff has a judicial record of caring for the most vulnerable among us.

Some of the most vulnerable among us are children who must be removed from their homes because they cannot be properly cared for or are experiencing some kind of abuse. I have met many such children as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate. My role was to provide extra eyes and ears for the children, many quite young, and to represent what I thought was in the child's best interests in Island County Juvenile Court.

I came to know Carolyn Cliff quite well when she served as a Juvenile Court commissioner. I came to depend upon Carolyn's meticulous preparation. I admired her thoughtful, deliberate approach. Children rarely were in the courtroom as they were too young, but when older ones were present, Carolyn always spoke directly to them, explaining what was going on and why. She displayed a stern but gentle demeanor.

Those same qualities – her careful preparation and caring, thoughtful, deliberate approach to some of society's most vulnerable – are what convinced me she will make an outstanding Superior Court Judge, to replace Vickie Churchill who is retiring. In Carolyn, voters can elect the candidate with the most judicial experience, one who knows and cares about all Island County residents.

Joan Caldwell  
Coupeville, Wash.

### Editor,

Democrats have controlled our State Government for 40 years, and as our crumbling infra-

structure, higher taxes, and runaway spending demonstrate, it is high time for a change. Those of us in Legislative District 10 have an excellent opportunity to help turn things around with three very principled candidates who care about our community because they are part of it.

Our State Senator Ron Muzzall deserves our vote, as do Bill Bruch and Greg Gilday, who are seeking election to the two House of Representative seats.

Bill Bruch is challenging an incumbent who voted to increase taxes every time a measure came before the Legislature. He also voted yes on the controversial sex education bill. Greg Gilday is running for the open seat left when Norma Smith retired this year. With a constant push to impose even more taxes, including a state income tax, we need Ron Muzzall, Bill Bruch and Greg Gilday to look out for our interests in Olympia. Please vote for our three honorable and dedicated Republican candidates to put our state government back on track to serve the people.

Martha Cantwell  
Oak Harbor, Wash.

### Langley WA Stands for Racial Justice City Council Passes Resolution Advocates Hope will Inspire Other Small Towns

At its meeting Monday, July 6, the City Council in the small Whidbey Island town of Langley unanimously passed a racial justice resolution. The "Commitment to Dismantling Systemic Racism" orients the town's elected leaders toward a world in which Black Lives Matter, and small towns and big cities alike create space for the racially just world so many are calling for today.

In response to sustained community engagement led by community members of color, and the desire to see the town stand with movements rising against police violence and against racism in all its forms, City Council leaders Christy Korrow and Craig Cyr sponsored the resolution. The Council meeting saw very high levels of public participation, with 77 South Whidbey residents in attendance. Community groups and leaders voiced strong support for the resolution, and for the ongoing journey toward a more racially just community.

"People all over this country are rising up for an end to police violence, racism, and inequality," Langley resident Kenesha said. "Here on Whidbey Island, we are no different. We want safety, justice and care in our community. We want investment in health, in real safety, and in schools. People of color on Whidbey Island have raised our voices, and our leaders have followed. That is a good sign. And, we will keep working to ensure that here, as in all places, Black Lives Matter."

"These words needed to be said and made official, and they are needed to show a shift in the local culture," said Phil Jones of Clinton, an unincorporated community just south of Langley. "In particular, it shows a great effort and commitment by dedicated people of color to this community, and who are making it a home for everybody. Let me be clear, however: these are just words, and they only mean something when turned into tangible actions."

"Right on sisters and brothers and grandchildren!" said grandmother Carmen Nantez of Clinton. "Even if the gestures seem paltry, in the huge scope of history making, that is not so. We are making real headway once more. This kind of movement and real change in the narrative has not been seen since the civil rights of the 50s, 60s and 70s. This is a good step that will open the doors for real change. But only if we go for it like our lives depend on it—because they do."

Whidbey Island is contested territory for racial justice, with far-right militia groups playing loud roles in public discourse, even as community members of color and white allies push for a safer and more equitable community island-wide.

"The passage of this resolution gives me hope," said Marnie Jackson of The Whidbey Institute. "I am deeply grateful for the expertise and heart-centered leadership of community members of color who've helped bring Langley to this point, and I challenge community members with white privilege like me to call one another in, stay in this work, and push through discomfort toward real change. Our next actions here on South Whidbey can and should have profound ripples around the region."

Whidbey Island Social Justice Solidarity Net [That] Works (SJS) is a group of residents and advocates pushing for a more just, more sustainable future for Whidbey Island.

[Submitted by Belinda Griswold, Senior Program Director, Resource Media]

### WhidbeyHealth Opens COVID-19 Testing

Responding to Interim Guidance from the Washington State Department of Health, and in partnership with Island County Public Health, WhidbeyHealth has opened three swabbing stations on the island. Specimen collection will be conducted at the Walk-In Clinic Clinton, the Cabot Drive Clinic in Oak Harbor, and at the Medical Center in Coupeville. Testing times and locations are carefully scheduled and pre-registration by phone is required.

Call 911 if you have severe symptoms such as a very high fever, difficulty breathing, or inability to eat or drink.

You can be tested if you register in advance and meet certain criteria, including:

- Having a scheduled elective surgery at an off-island hospital. Ask your provider to fax your order to: 360-678-7631.
- Having attended a group activity with 50 or fewer people and have been notified that someone in the group has recently tested positive for COVID-19, even if you do not feel sick. You do not need to be a WhidbeyHealth patient.
- Running a fever, have developed a cough or lost your sense of smell and you suspect you may have Coronavirus.
- Traveling for convenience or business and need proof of a negative COVID-19 test. Please note since health insurance will not cover testing in this case, you will be responsible for a bill for the test.

Test results will be available within 24-72 hours, depending on the volume at certified laboratories. Patients who test positive will receive a phone call from WhidbeyHealth. All results - including negative results - will be available on the WhidbeyHealth online patient portal. If you do not already have an account on the MyWhidbeyHealth hospital portal, sign up online here: <https://bit.ly/WhidbeyHealth-Portal>. Please register for the hospital portal, not the clinic portal.

To register, call 360-240-4055 Monday to Friday between 7:00AM and 5:00PM. During the call, you will be directed to one of the swabbing stations for a specific time. Upon arrival, please stay in your car. The Clinton and Oak Harbor locations have designated parking spots. At the medical center, follow signs to the drive-through lane near the Health Education Center. Place your car in park and turn off the ignition.

The procedure involves swirling a swab into both nostrils. The swab is about the size of an ordinary Q-tip, much smaller than previous testing technologies.

It is very important to pre-register at 360-240-4055; persons who arrive without registration will not be tested. It is also important to understand testing is subject to the availability of specimen collection supplies and PPE for staff. There have been nationwide shortages of both.

Remember the three W's: wear a mask, wash your hands often, watch your distance. Stay connected with WhidbeyHealth for current information at [facebook.com/whidbeyhealth](https://facebook.com/whidbeyhealth) or at [whidbeyhealth.org](http://whidbeyhealth.org).

[Submitted by Nic Wildeman, Lionfish Creative]

### Lions Club Fruit Sale

The Oak Harbor Lions Club will be selling fresh peaches and apricots daily from 9:00AM



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to 6:00PM until sold out. Look for the yellow trailer in the Oak Harbor Rite Aid parking lot, 31645 SR-20. For more information, visit facebook.com/events/s/opening-day-of-peaches-and-apr/197403428366621/

[Submitted by Teresa Addison, Oak Harbor Lions Club]

**Encourage Your Inner Artist to Shine This Summer**  
**Announcing Civility First's Third Annual Art and Photography Contest**

Civility First and Sno-Isle Libraries invite participants of all ages to submit an original artwork or photograph with the theme of "Choose Civility - Respect Others, Listen, and Be Kind."

Participants will enter the contest in one of the following age categories: children (12 and under), youth (13-18), adult (over 18). A cash prize will be given to the winner and runner-up in each age category. All entries will be submitted electronically.

The Civility First website will exhibit the entries as part of Civility month, October 2020. For complete information about the contest and to enter, please go to [www.civilityfirst.org/art-contest.html](http://www.civilityfirst.org/art-contest.html).

Civility First is a grass-roots movement in Island County promoting courteous public and private dialogue. It is comprised of a group of citizens from across the political spectrum who are concerned about the normalization of uncivil discourse, both online and in other shared spaces. For more information, see [www.civilityfirst.org](http://www.civilityfirst.org).

[Submitted by Elizabeth Guss, Civility First]

**WhidbeyHealth Adds Self-Service Fever-Checking Technology**

Beginning Monday, WhidbeyHealth patients and staff began measuring their own temperature.

No-touch self-service kiosks are located at entrances to all facilities. While the user looks into a small screen, the kiosk will quickly measure their temperature. Anyone with a fever over 100°F will be assisted by a staff member. Those without a fever can pick up a 'temp check' sticker with the current date and proceed inside.

"There are several benefits to the new kiosks," said Tim Waldner, executive director of facilities. "They are more accurate than hand-held sensors. We also have some high-traffic periods as patients arrive for appointments and staff come to work, causing a back-up at some entrances. In addition, automation allows staff to focus their time on patient services."

This is another way WhidbeyHealth creates a safe environment for patients and staff, while quickly identifying someone in need of attention.

[Submitted by Nic Wildeman, Lionfish Creative]

**Whidbey Island Firewise Program Unites Neighbors, Local and Regional Fire Professionals in Collaborative Community Wildfire Preparedness Day**



With summer now in full swing and wildfire season upon us, many landowners and communities are taking proactive action to help reduce their wildfire risk.

One such community is the Pondilla Estates neighborhood, located in the North Whidbey Fire and Rescue District off Libbey Road. A portion of the community's residents came together June 23, alongside professional and volunteer firefighters from the North Whidbey Fire and Rescue (NWFR) and Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and natural resource staff from the Whidbey Island

Conservation District (WICD) and Washington State Parks (WSP), in an exemplary display of collaboration for a "Community Wildfire Preparedness Day." Residents worked alongside fire professionals to prune back vegetation, limb trees, and create areas of defensible space in two distinct parts of the community, as a way to help adapt their landscape to better living with wildfire.

This effort is one of a growing number of communities on Whidbey who are taking advantage of a free and voluntary service known as the Whidbey Island Firewise Program, an outreach and education program focused on wildfire preparedness uniting neighbors together with guidance from a unique partnership between local and regional fire professionals. Created locally in 2016, thanks to a partnership between WICD, DNR, and the local Whidbey rural fire districts, the program is promoted through all agencies in various ways, but resources and requests for assistance can be found at [www.whidbeycd.org/firewise.html](http://www.whidbeycd.org/firewise.html).

"As a wildland firefighter I love the Firewise program," exclaimed Jason McMillen, assistant Salish Fire Unit manager of DNR. As a seasoned firefighter in the region, Jason and his colleagues at the DNR and NWFR are first responders, whose work in responding to fires, and proactively addressing wildfire risk, is important and essential. "The Firewise program brings the community together to help make the neighborhood more resilient if there is a wildfire in or near the community. It also gives the opportunity for the community to build a positive relationship with the firefighters and, most importantly, their neighbors. All this focusing on a common goal - community wildfire preparedness."

Referring to Pondilla Estate's recent Firewise Day, Salish Fire Unit Manager Kirk Troberg mentioned, "It's always refreshing when so many entities, both private and public - and from different levels of government - can come together and accomplish something, and leave all participants happy with the end result."

With Island County having entered Phase III of Governor Inslee's Safe Start the Friday prior, June 23rd's event aligned perfectly with the start of wildfire season to allow residents, firefighters, and natural resource staff to come together safely outdoors with social distancing and accomplish a collaborative and proactive mission of wildfire preparedness within the community. In today's world where connection is craved amidst all the divides, the event displayed dedication and volunteerism that was both refreshing and inspiring - a true showcase of how you can come together, safely, for a cause rooted in helping others.

"The turnout of firefighting volunteers exceeded all expectations," shared Jim O'Connor, captain of North Whidbey Fire and Rescue. "NWFR and DNR working together were able to clear at least two driveways to residences that were blocked by tree limbs which would not allow a fire engine to reach the residence. Now, NWFR engines can reach the homes without causing extensive damage to the apparatus."

A few weeks prior to Pondilla Estates' Wildfire Preparedness Day, the NWFR put out an "all-call" to its volunteers and staff to see who'd be interested in assisting the community. The positive response was inspiring, drawing over 20 NWFR volunteers and staff, including the fire chief, battalion chief, office manager, 911 dispatcher, a host of volunteers throughout the district, and even members of the marine rescue program, who were interested in learning about fire prevention on land. "The mix of people was beyond belief," continued O'Connor. "All NWFR folks felt helping residents in that community was important enough to be there and perform the work. Efforts exerted by all participants were extraordinary. Everyone can be part of the Firewise Program. You don't need special skills, just the desire to devote some time to help your neighbors."

The day began early, and ran late, but showed immense dedication on behalf of all participants - residents and fire professionals alike.

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**Holmes Harbor Rod & Gun Club**  
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# Life Tributes



## William Jordan Oct. 8, 1933 – June 19, 2020



William (Bill) Jordan was born Oct. 8, 1933, in O'Neill, Neb., to William Jordan and Josephine (Metcalfe) Jordan. Bill contracted Polio at the age of 4 and was left with significant right hand and arm weakness. The family moved to the Skagit Valley in 1939. Bill graduated from Sedro Woolley High School. Perhaps due to his physical limitations, Bill developed a strong, thoughtful work ethic and a can-do attitude that enabled him to accomplish nearly anything he put his mind to. Learning construction and repair skills from his father early in life, Bill built several homes and was skillful in nearly any type of design and construction or repair. He farmed in the Skagit Valley and had many interesting stories of adventures and accomplishments.

Bill was hired to work in procurement at NAS Whidbey in 1951 at the age of 18 and took early retirement in 1986 at the age of 53.

Bill married Dorothy (Dottie) Jane Kent in 1969. The story goes they met at work and Bill had to fire Dottie before they could get married. They moved to Whidbey Island in 1970 and eventually bought property on Henni Road. Bill often talked about their home on Henni Road and all his remodeling and building projects. He singlehandedly shoveled out a hole big enough for a septic tank and installed it himself. He and Dottie at one time had three donkeys: Old Jack and Jenny, and their offspring, Tardy. After retiring, Bill and Dottie enjoyed traveling and Bill pursued his woodworking hobby. He made most of the beautiful furniture in their home.

They sold their home on Henni Road in the early 2000s and moved into town to be closer to services. They attended Family Bible Church in Oak Harbor, where Bill received Jesus Christ as his Savior and was baptized. Later, they began attending the San de Fuca Community Chapel and Bill was at the forefront of several remodeling projects. Bill served faithfully on the Chapel's Elder board.

Bill was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dottie, in 2013. He was her only caregiver through her battles with cancer and was by her side in their home when she passed. Bill was also predeceased by both parents and two brothers. He is survived by many close friends, two stepsons and their families, one sister-in-law, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

## RuthAnn K. Gatto Dec. 27, 1932 – June 26, 2020

RuthAnn Kantzer Gatto, 87, died Friday, June 26 at her home in Greenbank from natural causes. RuthAnn was born to Bula B. and Maurice G. Kantzer Dec. 27, 1932, joining her older sister Donna. The early years of their upbringing were spent in Arkansas City, Kan., where their grandfather owned the Kantzer Planning Mill. At the time of World War II, the Kantzer family moved west to Seattle, settling in the Beacon Hill area around 1945. RuthAnn graduated from Cleveland High School in June 1950, and she married Norman Pilgrim in October. They had three children: Maurice (Scooter), Laura Jean, and Paula JoAnn. That marriage ended in 1958.

In 1959 RuthAnn married James Gatto, and son Steven joined the family in July, followed by Anthony in April, 1961, to round out the family of seven. The Gatto family made their home in South Seattle beginning in 1962. The Gattos were not done growing; in 1979, cousin Kelly joined the family. Many summers were spent camping, hiking, and fishing. They bought property at Cascade River Park near Marblemount. Two cabins were built over the years, the Diamond K and the Doll House. Jim and RuthAnn would spend his vacation time there. Working on the property, fishing, hiking and campfires were a family affair, and the source of many happy memories.

RuthAnn was active in the Campfire Girls organization and served as group leader for daughter, Paula, and other neighborhood girls. As a mentor, she provided many craft projects and service activities to work on. RuthAnn also volunteered for the American Cancer Society, raising funds in the neighborhood for cancer research.

After all the kids were on their own, RuthAnn and Jim moved to their property in Greenbank on Whidbey Island. Weekends were spent reclaiming the property from the salmonberries and blackberries. First, there was room for a single wide trailer, then came the barn with loft, and finally the house, designed by son, Anthony, which she called home until her passing. The "Farm," as the family would know it, was off and on home to a horse, cows, pigs, goats, chickens, ducks, peacocks and a goose named Buckwheat - not Mom's favorite. Several summers were spent in Westport, where RuthAnn worked in her daughter Laura's charter office while she took Dad out fishing on the "Blue Eyes."

RuthAnn loved to sew. Around the holidays she could often be found at a craft bazaar somewhere between Whidbey Island and Tokeland selling her lovingly made pillows and table ware, usually joined by one or two of her kids or grandkids. She eventually started a business called Calendar Crafts, selling items she made for every holiday. RuthAnn was an avid Seahawks fan, and a season ticket holder beginning with the Zorn/Largent era. She even caught a football in the stands at one game!

RuthAnn loved gardening and enjoyed planting flowers wherever she lived. She worked at Bell-R Greenhouse in Burien for several years. She also loved dogs and they loved her back. She was the Hummingbird Queen! She collected them in all shapes and sizes, making hummingbirds an easy choice for Christmas, birthday, and Mother's Day gifts. Hummingbird feeders always hung around the porch, and she would save the ones that did not survive the window strikes.

Mostly, RuthAnn loved her family. She was always supportive of her children's different endeavors. She had many neighborhood kids who also called her Mom. For the grandkids, it was a rite of passage when, somewhere between age 9 and 11, they would surpass her 4'8" stature, celebrating the fact they were taller than Grammy.

RuthAnn was preceded in death by her parents; granddaughter, Destini LeVan (1999); and her husband of 53 years, Jim Gatto (2013). She is survived by her children Maurice Pilgrim, Laura Pilgrim

Rust (Randy), Paula Pilgrim Swanson (Phil), Steve Gatto (Debi), Anthony Gatto, and Kelly Larson Polus (John); grandchildren Jeremy (Jen), Steve, Levi (Michelle), Elysia, Ryan (Lissa), Madalynne (Sterling), KatieAnn, Doug and Luke; great-grandchildren Taylor, Riley, Andrew, Leah, Levi, Lacey, Lanae, Liam, Tegan, Grady and Ronan; sister Donna Miles; her brothers-in-law Frank (Diane) Gatto, and Johnny Gatto; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins from the Kantzer, Pilgrim, and Gatto branches of the family tree.

Arrangements were entrusted to Wallin Funeral Home of Oak Harbor. You may visit [www.wallinfuneralhome.com](http://www.wallinfuneralhome.com) to leave memories and condolences for the family. A Celebration of Life gathering was held at the family farm in Greenbank.

## Jacqueline Rosanne Daniels Hepburn Ronning July 27, 1923 – June 22, 2020



Jackie was born at home on her father's birthday (in the home he had built) in Jamestown on the small Conanicut Island in Rhode Island to Cmdr. Joseph Francis Daniels, USN (retired), and Elsie Anne Bollons Daniels. She joined her sister, Stella, and lived in Jamestown until she was nine, when the family moved to England for a year. Then on to Panama for a short time and finally to a new home in Long Beach, Calif. Thirteen days later, she experienced her first earthquake. She had been in her school that was demolished just two hours before the quake.

David Hepburn and Joseph Daniels met to collaborate about a shipyard to build ships to bring timber from Northern California to Southern California - the project didn't work out, but David Hepburn and the beautiful, redheaded Jackie Daniels met. Two months later they were married, March 1, 1941. She was 17. They lived in Glendale, Calif., where son, David Jr., was born in 1942. With World War II raging, Jackie moved with young David back with her parents. David Sr. was in the Army Air Corps and stationed nearby. Pamela was born in 1944 in St. Joseph's Hospital where all nearby servicemen's wives gave birth. Jackie helped her father with a huge Victory Garden growing in the vacant lot next to their home.

Following the war, the young family moved into the small caretaker's house within the Hepburn family-owned Grand View Memorial Park in Glendale. The cemetery and related supply business became David's life work and she helped with the success of Triple H Company. A dream came true in 1949 when Jackie designed a home they then had built in Woodland Hills, Calif. A few years later the family moved back to Glendale to be closer to David's work. Much to their joy, son Richard joined the family in 1954. The family was blessed again in 1957 when daughter Marianne was born to complete the family Jackie always wanted.

It was in the 50s when six couples decided to get together once a month to play a new board game they called Aggravation. Each couple made their own wooden board. This group gathered faithfully for more than 30 years. David and Jackie were such smooth dancers, especially enjoying the music of the up-and-coming Frank Sinatra.

When RVs became motorized, the family became avid motorhome travelers. Jackie started her own business - Lodgemobile Rentals. She was one of the first to rent motorhomes out - many to the movie industry. She envisioned RV parks nationwide to accommodate the motorhomes. Sadly, when Jackie was just 42, David became ill. His illness prevented her from continuing the business. Over the next 30 years she not only nursed him through many critical incidents but was the scientist behind the food and medications that kept David alive. During that time she was proud to own The Fudge Company, a beauty salon. Her final home in Glendale allowed her to use her design and building skills - a beautiful bricked-in patio.

Finally, David's medical costs led to the decision to sell their home and move in with son, Rick, and family in Virginia. Following David's passing in 1995, Jackie moved cross country again to live in a cottage on Whidbey Island, Wash., near daughters, Marianne and Pam, and their families. We can't forget her lifelong love of her dogs.

In 2000, she met Carl Ronning on a blind date. Married in 2002, Jackie and Carl moved to a new home and spent the next six years traveling the world. When home, they enjoyed the friends they gathered with for dinner every Friday night at the local Rod and Gun Club. Following Carl's death in 2008, Jackie returned to the cottage and lived there independently until the last two days of her life. She passed away peacefully in Coupeville, Wash.

Jackie was always proud of her family. Her nieces and nephews recall how she was a mother mentor to them. She welcomed AFS Greek student, Nick Prapopoulos, to join David Jr. for their senior year of high school. Nick remained close to his American 'Mom' until her passing.

She truly had the U.S. Navy in her blood - granddaughter of a USN Civil War sailor; daughter of a 30 year Mustang USN Commander; mother of a USN Captain; grandmother of a USN Lt. Commander; great-grandmother of a USMC Cpl. and a USN Corpsman and grandmother to a US Army Sergeant 1st Class.

Jackie was predeceased by her parents, her sister, Stella, David Hepburn and Carl Ronning. She leaves behind David N. (Bobbi) Hepburn, Pamela (Jack) Kniseley, Rick (Debby) Hepburn and Marianne (Paul) Hatfield; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

Due to the current pandemic, a virtual Zoom memorial service for family and friends will be held on what would have been her 97th birthday, July 27, with Pastor Jim Lindus of Trinity Lutheran Church presiding. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 97, Freeland, WA 98249.

To visit her online guest book please visit [www.wallinfuneralhome.com](http://www.wallinfuneralhome.com).

## Daniel John Saul April 26, 1934 – June 29, 2020



Surrounded by family, Daniel John Saul passed away at home June 29, 2020.

Dan was born April 26, 1934, in Centralia, Wash., to Bernice Kore-ski and Glenn Saul. He grew up in Rainier Valley with sisters, Ann, Beth, and MaryLee. He graduated from O'Dea High School in 1952. Upon graduation, Dan joined the Air Force and served for four years, most of that time in Okinawa, Japan. In 1958, Dan married Berdene Anna Mastick, whom he loved dearly until his last breath.

Dan attended Everett Junior College and Central Washington University. Dan worked as a domestic supply sales representative and a contractor. His last building project was his own retirement home on Whidbey Island, where he and Berdene have lived for the past 23 years. Prior to retirement, they lived in Pasco, Tukwila, Hawaii, and downtown Seattle. While in Tukwila, Dan served eight years as a City Council member. In 1979, Dan helped Tukwila create a sister-city program with Ikawa-cho, Japan. He visited Japan seven or eight times (he

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## Local funeral home seeks acquaintances to attend veteran's memorial service

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The search is on to find anyone who knew retired U.S. Navy Sr. Chief Roy Derrick and can attend his memorial service and burial Tuesday.

The veteran passed away recently but has no known family. Derrick had made arrangements for his own service, and Kelly Davidson at Wallin Funeral Home and Cremation in Oak Harbor is carrying out his wishes. However, she would like to have people attend the services for this 20-year military veteran.

"I hope somehow we are able to reach someone that knew him," Davidson said. "We have wonderful people from the VFW, the American Legion and the Patriot Guard all coming, but none of them knew him; it would be truly wonderful if we located someone who knew him or worked with him who could come to the service. I think it would be meaningful to have someone relay his story and it would be really special to bring somebody in who can speak about him as a person."

Visitation for Derrick is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, with a memorial service at 11 a.m. at Wallin Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Sunnyside Cemetery in Coupeville. Davidson said anyone who may have known Derrick is welcome to attend the visitation, service or burial. Masks and social distancing requirements will be in place as Derrick is laid to rest with full military honors.

The service will be livestreamed on Wallin's Facebook page at 11 a.m., because there are people in Everett who knew Derrick and there is a close friend in Arizona who also knew him, but Davidson said she would really like to have people attend the service in person to pay their respects.

"I've got a soft spot for veterans," she said. "I've got a lot of respect for people who sign on that dotted line, because I did not. Mr. Derrick's last duty station was here at [Naval Air Station] Whidbey Island – there's got to be somebody out there that knows him."

What we do know about Sr. Chief Derrick comes from his

military release form, or DD-214, that summarizes his military service. He enlisted in the Navy in 1968 and attended Basic Sonar School and Fleet Sonar School. He was discharged in 1974 at Pearl Harbor, but reenlisted later that year. Derrick retired in 1989 from his last duty station, NAS Whidbey. As an Ocean Systems Technician Senior Chief (OTMCS) he was likely a plank owner of the Naval Ocean Processing Facility, which was commissioned in 1987. He served with distinction and was awarded several service medals and ribbons.

Personal information, however, is not included in the DD-214, so much of Derrick's life after his retirement is unknown.

"We do know, from the notes made in 1999 when he filled out his pre-need paperwork, that he was divorced," Davidson said. "There were no children listed. We also know there is an estranged brother he hadn't talked to in 30 years and there is a close friend in Arizona who is getting his flag and his Navy ring."

"He has been in Everett the past two years and before that he was at Summerhill," she continued, adding that as far as she can tell, Derrick lived on Whidbey Island following his retirement, but there is no record of work history. "A senior chief is pretty top of the line; there may be several chiefs who may still be active or in the area, so I'm hopeful someone in the area knows him."

Chaplain David G. Lura will be speaking at Derrick's service. He said the military's policy of "no soldier left behind" holds true on the battle field as well as when it is time to be laid to rest.

"As I understand it, Senior Chief Roy Derrick had no family and pre-arranged his own final wishes," Lura said. "He served his country with honor and deserves to be respectfully remembered, including with military honors."

"I know nothing about any religious or spiritual leanings [he may have had], but I do believe in a Shepherd who counts us all as his sheep," Lura continued. "As a Christian Navy Chaplain, I will offer words echoing the Apostle Paul (who

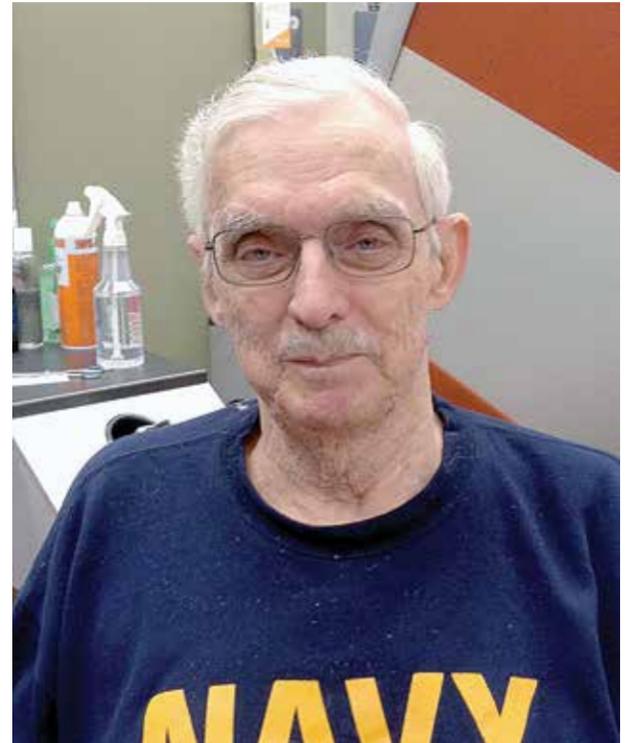


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Funeral services will be held Tuesday for retired Navy Sr. Chief Roy Derrick, but organizers say the veteran has no family or known acquaintances and would like to invite anyone who may have known Derrick, or who wishes to honor his military service, to attend the service or the burial.

was also a tent-maker), who wrote to the people in Corinth (Chapter 5:1): 'Our bodies are like tents that we live in here on earth. But when these tents are destroyed, we know that God will give each of us a place to live. These homes will not be buildings that someone has made, but they are in heaven and will last forever.'

Anyone interested in attending the visitation, funeral service or burial is welcome to contact Davidson at Wallin Funeral Home. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance is limited to 50 people in the chapel and 50 in the lobby. There is no restriction at the graveside service, as it will be outdoors and those attending will be able to practice social distancing measures more easily.

"If anyone wants to reach out ahead of the service, I'm happy to field phone calls of any nature," said Davidson. "I'm happy to coordinate anything to help move this along and give Sr. Chief Derrick the honors and respect he is due."

Although it is not necessary to sign up to attend the services, anyone interested may reach Davidson at Wallin Funeral Home and Cremation by phone at 360-675-3447 or via email at kelly@wallinfuneralhome.com.

"I just have this nagging feeling there's someone out there that knew him and would like to attend," she said.



Photo Courtesy of Wallin Funeral Home and Cremation

Naval veteran Roy Derrick, who served for 20 years, ended his military career as a Sr. Chief here on Whidbey Island, will be laid to rest Tuesday. Organizers hope to find people interested in attending the service.



Photo Courtesy of Wallin Funeral Home and Cremation

Other than his DD-214 military release form and his retirement shadowbox, not much is known about Navy Sr. Chief Roy Derrick, who died recently. He made arrangements for his own services, but organizers at Wallin Funeral Home and Cremation said there is no one known locally to attend the veteran's funeral on Tuesday.



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lost count) and on various sister-city visits he brought along Berdene (twice), his mother, daughter, and two grandsons. Over several decades, Dan and Berdene hosted countless Ikwawa visitors.

Born an adventurer, Dan traveled to destinations near and far. In 1972, he loaded the family into a van and drove to Guatemala; no one forgot that trip. In 1992, Dan traveled with a longtime friend in China where they biked in Shanghai, walked The Great Wall, and traveled by train from Beijing to Moscow. They traveled on to Sweden, Boston, and Seattle to complete an around-the-world excursion. In his retirement, Dan was always planning the next trip – be it a volkswalk excursion through the Canadian Maritime Provinces, a river cruise in Europe or China, or a cross-country motor home trip. Cruising with children and grandchildren to the Caribbean and Alaska was also a popular family event.

For 14 years, "Chef" Dan volunteered at the Soup Kitchen in Langley. With the Tuesday volunteer team, Dan planned, shopped, prepared, and cooked a weekly free meal for the community. At 75 years of age, Dan began posting recipes on a blog he titled Soup's On at the Soup Kitchen (<http://soupson4-40.blogspot.com/>). He posted over 4,400 recipes showcasing an amazing range of flavors and preparations and a variety of international cuisines influenced by his world travels. He took first prize (twice) at the Coupeville Mussel Festival, taught a Thai cooking class, cooked meals for his nephew's (Randy Billick) Christmas tree farm, and had his Stone Soup recipe featured at Whidbey Island's first Slow Food workshop.

Dan loved his friends and family; he led an active and full life. Dan and O'Dea High School alumni continued to meet throughout the years, most recently for their 65th class reunion in 2017. He climbed many mountains, including Mount Rainier (twice) and he ran eight marathons. During retirement he kept busy with his weekly "Romeos" lunch club, water-aerobics group, golf, and volkswalking. His greatest pleasure was cooking for his many friends and family, especially his wife, Berdene. Last November, Dan and Berdene celebrated 61 years of marriage.

Today, he is missed and survived by Berdene Anna Mastick Saul (wife), Sabrina Zoe Clasen (daughter), Trey Clasen (son-in-law), Tanya J. Saul (daughter), Lori Livesay (daughter-in-law), Jonathan Mercado (grandson), David Mercado (grandson), Alex Mercado (granddaughter-in-law), Jeremy Saul Langford (grandson), Bradley Saul Langford (grandson), Beth Deady (sister), MaryLee Lykes (sister), Marjorie Billick (sister-in-law), and many other family members and friends. Celebration of the life of Dan Saul to be announced.

Family and Friends are encouraged to share memories and condolences at [www.whidbeymemorial.com](http://www.whidbeymemorial.com).

**Rosemary "Rosa" Tritt**



Rosemary "Rosa" Tritt passed away peacefully in the family home June 11, 2020 after a brave battle with cancer. She was surrounded by friends, family and lots of love. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, July 11. In lieu of flowers, and to honor Rosa's love of horses, donations in her name can be made to White Phantom Horse Rescue at <https://wpwhr.org> or by calling (509) 486-8020.

**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.*

Heavenly Father we come before you as humble as we know how, giving you the Honor, Praise, and Glory and thanking you for your Grace and Mercy, thanking you for being a comforter in the storm, for such a time as this, thank you for helping us through our struggle, guiding us when we are lost, given us joy in the mist of our sadness, you are forever present, even when our faith is weak your love is strong. But always as you have said in your word, when it seems so dark, you are the light and when trouble arise you send help from the hills, Oh God how excellent is your Love. Amen

~Mins. Roosevelt Rumble USN/RET.

*"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. [6] In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."*

**Proverbs 3:5,6**



**THURSDAY, JUNE 25**

**7:51 am, Humphrey Rd.**

Caller advising someone was using a high powered cross bow; reporting party found an arrow in her backyard this morning.

**10:57 am, Alto Ln.**

Dog missing from location; black and white Chinese Crested Powder Puff, has collar and tags. Missing for past 30 minutes.

**11:45 am, Heller Rd.**

Reporting party advising loose dog running around area, advising dog has foam coming from its mouth.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 26**

**9:27 am, Black Rd.**

Caller states came home yesterday and found horse feces in her driveway; thinks her neighbor who owns horses walked her horse on caller's property. Neighbor's house numbers and name unknown.

**1:19 pm, Dewey Dr.**

Reporting party advising boat on trailer has been blocking driveway. Reporting party is not on speaking terms with owner, does not want to deal with him.

**1:56 pm, Smugglers Cove Rd.**

Reporting party caught a large bee, not sure if related to the ones that were supposed to come over from Africa. Requesting call, not sure what to do with it.

**3:53 pm, Spinnaker Ridge Ln.**

Reporting party states subject tried to break into her house last night; reporting party was too afraid to call 911 and called neighbor instead. No description available, unknown if it was a male or female.

**7:10 pm, Midvale Rd.**

Reporting party is landlord for location. States tenants are being evicted. Neighbor just called and advised tenants are out using chainsaw on trees and other items.

**9:14 pm, Silver Lake Rd.**

Reporting party advising roommate just threw reporting party's food all over the floor, now has locked reporting party out of the residence.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27**

**10:53 am, West Beach Rd.**

Caller advising neighbor sprayed tree with poison.

**2:16 pm, Walker Ave.**

Advising neighbor is building a fence onto reporting party's property.

**7:12 pm, SR 20**

Reporting party advising vehicle pulled into yard, did donut, then left; no plate. Older model Jeep Cherokee.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28**

**8:13 am, SR 20**

Caller advising port-a-potty is locked and no response from inside. No idea who is inside.

**9:54 am, Taylor Rd.**

Sheep are loose in the road; reporting party advising he was trying to get them corralled into the pen; sheep belong at address but homeowners are not there.

**12:08 pm, NW Coveland St.**

Caller states package is by front door outside of post office, states no one wants to investigate it.

**1:28 pm, Jones Rd.**

Reporting party advising saw vehicle hit deer, the deer was in bad shape; driver shot deer six times, drove on Jones toward Ala Spit.

**1:56 pm, Hastings Rd.**

Reporting party advising neighbors are burning something foul; has been ongoing issue for a month.

**3:16 pm, Ander Park Rd.**

Reporting party requesting assistance at location, advising her motorcycle toppled over and she is unable to lift it by herself; advising she has no one with her at location and no neighbors.

**3:53 pm, Shore Ave.**

Reporting party advising four subjects on beach behind location are playing golf at location; reporting party is out with them and they are refusing to leave.

**8:56 pm, Vine Maple Ln.**

Reporting party advising husband is going to location to rip a roof off; not allowed to do this. Reporting party not at location.

**MONDAY, JUNE 29**

**6:50 am, SR 525**

Caller advising raccoon is in center of road and coyote on side of road.

**11:13 am, SR 525**

Reporting party saw tortoise walking up and down sidewalk outside the store; reporting party is upset about it, although employee did say the tortoise belongs there. States this occurred a week ago.

**6:11 pm, SR 20**

Caller states two males were in driveway of a residence off of SR 20 just past Degraff Road southbound, lining up golf balls to hit towards highway.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 30**

**5:38 am, Crescent Dr.**

Reporting party states family is in danger; says people are outside his house and they are after him.

**10:27 am, NW Coveland St.**

Advising customer drove into building.

**1 pm, SW Terry Rd.**

Reporting party advising male screaming and running across road then went and hid in bushes by the Coupeville gym.

**2:06 pm, Main St.**

Advising male at location refusing to leave; male refusing to wear a mask. Requesting he be trespassed.

**5:50 pm, Polnell Rd.**

Reporting party requesting law enforcement respond to location to talk to neighbor who is lighting off "stick of dynamite-type fireworks."

**Wednesday, July 1**

**5:55 am, Spyglass Dr.**

Male subject staying at location; advising he is outside naked, masturbating.

**3:11 pm, Hill Rd.**

Caller advising in AAA magazine, there is an article that said "If you want to have fun, park at Hill Road and watch the Growlers."

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



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**BITS 'N' PIECES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5**

DNR and NWFR fire trucks lined the road, and with brush trimmers, chainsaws, wood chippers, and gloved hands, it was a stunning display of unity in an effort to proactively address one community's unique wildfire risk, something that will benefit both the residents and fire professionals who serve them for years to come.

Josh Etringer, wildfire operations technician 2 of the DNR, and primary coordinator of the event day alongside NWFR's Captain Jim O'Connor, shared that over 12 wildland firefighters representing DNR's Northwest Region on three engine crews were present. From newly acquainted firefighters just beginning their careers to those with more seasoned experience spanning decades, it was an exercise in unity through thoughtful tree thinning, brush clearing, and chipping alongside NWFR volunteers. The coordination and efficiency of tasks at the event was palpable, as DNR and NWFR have experience working alongside each other when responding to wildfire events within the district.

Pondilla Estates borders the greater Fort Ebey State Park, part of the Washington State Parks system. Area Manager of the Central Whidbey State Parks, Chris Holm, was present to show his support as a neighbor to the community, having worked with Firewise Communities in the southwest part of the nation prior to moving here. "As the manager of Fort Ebey State Park, I wholeheartedly encourage and support having a neighboring community actively participating in the Firewise program. The work being done and the partnerships being formed through this program is a demonstrated win-win."

From the community's perspective, resident and Firewise lead Teri Jo Reiger shared, "Tuesday's Firewise Workday was a phenomenal expression of collaborative work in action. Two significant areas of fuel accumulation in the Pondilla Estates neighborhood were transformed in a matter of hours. The DNR crew worked skillfully and efficiently alongside NWFR personnel. Residents who were involved expressed their increased awareness of how much a difference this has made and those who had not yet shown interest responded with awe and gratitude."

When it comes to Whidbey Island, many may not initially think "wildfire," as our fire regimes are much longer and less frequent than those of our neighbors to the east of the Cascades. But with growing awareness of the effects drought-prone summer trends play in wildfire ignition potential – even here in western Washington – there is also growing interest from communities in becoming more aware of how wildfire works on Whidbey and how to best prepare proactively.

Since wildfire ignition and behavior are based on a set of conditions – fuels, weather, and topography – unique to every region, the resources and recommendations of the program are tailored to each community. It follows a framework based on the National Fire Protection Agency's Firewise USA® Program, which outlines five key steps to success for communities – (1) conducting a community wildfire risk assessment, (2) creating a Firewise committee, (3) developing and implementing an education campaign on wildfire science and what residents can do to reduce their risk, (4) engaging neighbors in Firewise Days, and (5) sharing their community's successes to inspire others. Communities can choose to do one or all five steps based on their goals. If they decide to accomplish all five, they can be recognized as official Firewise USA® sites and join a national network of over 1,500 recognized communities, a number that is growing steadily since the national Firewise USA program began in 2002.

"What is great about NFPA's framework is that it offers a structure that my partners and I can adapt in our Whidbey Island Firewise Program to the island's unique wildfire conditions and communities. As planning and fire professionals, we're here solely in a voluntary capacity, to provide support to our communities on wildfire preparedness as they request it," shared Kelsi Mottet, natural resource planner at Whidbey Island Conservation District. "We encourage communities to get together, share ideas,

provide insight, and help them get organized to take action. Through this, wildfire preparedness can happen in a community and, better yet, friendships and trust can be built between neighbors and local firefighters."

June 23rd's collaborative Community Wildfire Preparedness Day has been a culmination of over a year of outreach, education, and collaboration on both residents' and partnering agencies' behalf in the Pondilla Estates community. Having accomplished all five steps, soon residents hope to apply for national Firewise USA® recognition. The most impactful take-away for many has been more about seeing how effective coming together to achieve something as a community can be.

"From the initial introduction of the Firewise program in Pondilla Estates, to the wonderful progress and outcome this past week," shared Reiger. "My sense is that this has shown how many hands can work together, and that taking care of where we live generates connection among neighbors. Firewise embraces action steps for safety and prevention, while fostering an increased appreciation for the beauty of where we live."

[Submitted by Kelsi Mottet, Whidbey Island Conservation District]

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[Submitted by Tiffany Scribner, executive director, BBBSIC]

### Seeking Applicants for Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

The Island County Board of Commissioners is seeking two applicants to serve as at-large members of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

The Board of County Commissioners appoints members to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to three-year terms and renewed by mutual agreement. The Committee consists of seven members: three members representing the businesses required to collect the tax; three members involved in authorized activities receiving revenues and a member of the Board of County Commissioners who will serve as Chair. The Committee meets twice annually, usually in the fall, for the purpose of reviewing requests and making recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on distribution of monies generated by the Lodging Excise Tax.

Interested individuals should provide a letter of interest and resume by mail or email: Island County Board of Commissioners, Attn: Jennifer Roll, Re: Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Vacancy, Post Office Box 5000, Coupeville, WA 98239. Email applications to: [j.roll@island-countywa.gov](mailto:j.roll@island-countywa.gov). Application materials should be received no later than 4:30PM on July 20, 2020. For additional information please phone 360-679-7353 or e-mail Jennifer Roll at the above address.

[Submitted by Jennifer Roll, deputy clerk of the Board]

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An Island County Superior Court ruling overturning approval to build an affordable housing complex in downtown Oak Harbor is being appealed by the Pioneer Way Housing Project and Low Income Housing Institute.

## Decision on Oak Harbor housing project is appealed

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

The battle to build affordable housing in downtown Oak Harbor is not over.

Pioneer Way Housing, LLLP has taken its fight to Division I of the State Court of Appeals in Seattle, filing an appeal asking the court to reverse an Island County Superior Court ruling won by the Oak Harbor Main Street Association, which struck down the Oak Harbor City Council's approval of an application to build an affordable housing complex on Pioneer Way.

It is the latest volley in the ongoing effort to bring a new affordable housing project by the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) of Seattle to Whidbey Island.

"Three levels of City review determined that the project will both comply with all applicable Code requirements and affirmatively further the City's policy goals of enhancing the downtown environment and providing much-needed affordable housing," reads the brief filed June 29. "[Oak Harbor Main Street Association's] claims fail to demonstrate reversible error in any of these determinations. LIHI respectfully asks the Court to reject all of OHMSA's claims and affirm the City's decision approving the Project."

LIHI first submitted its site plan review application and a boundary line adjustment application to build a 50-unit affordable housing apartment complex in October, 2018. The OHMSA objected to the application from the beginning, claiming the project did not meet the city's municipal code requirements. A hearing examiner held a public hearing in June, 2019, later recommending the application be approved. The Oak Harbor City Council ultimately voted to approve the application and BLA Aug. 20, 2019. Construction was slated to begin on the project before the end of the year.

The OHMSA filed a Land Use Petition Act in Island County Superior Court challenging the City Council's decision, arguing the project did not meet code because it was not a true "mixed use" building, but was primarily residential and therefore not allowed in the Central Business District. A Superior Court decision on Feb. 18, 2020 sided with OHMSA and reversed the City's approval of the project. A motion by LIHI for reconsideration of the decision was also denied.

The appeal filed by LIHI with the State Appeals Court asks the court to review the land use decision, claiming OHMSA failed to meet its burden of proof.

"OHMSA asserts that the project is prohibited because it is not a 'mixed use' project; because it contains a 'primary use' of residential units; and because it improperly locates dwelling units on its ground floor," reads the appeal. "These assertions are incorrect and OHMSA's claim fails."

In the appeal, LIHI claims the project does indeed meet the definition of a mixed use development (1,100 square feet of the building has been set aside for retail business, the rest of the building is residential), because city code does not assign a minimum percentage rate of any particular use. The appeal also argues the project cannot be defined as "primarily" residential due to the code's language surrounding the terms "primary" and "accessory" use, and argues the project's dwelling units are properly located to meet the city's code. LIHI also argues the city correctly approved the boundary line adjustment and that the city council's decision did not result in a "de facto" rezoning of the of the project site, as OHMSA claimed, and that the city complied with all procedural requirements in making its decision.

"OHMSA cannot establish...that the City failed to follow a prescribed process or that its review suffered from any procedural defect," the appeal states.

Robin Amadon, development director for LIHI, said she is disappointed the project has been delayed, but is optimistic the non-profit organization will eventually be able to proceed.

"It is very disappointing, but the legal system is available to adjudicate differences and the Oak Harbor Main Street Association chose to object to the project," she told *Whidbey Weekly* via email. "They took a perfectly legal method to do so. LIHI now is respecting the legal process as well in filing our appeal of the Superior Court decision to the State Court of Appeals."

The appeals process is expected to take approximately eight months.

"We hope our appeal is successful and believe we have filed a brief making our case," said Amadon. "Why do we hope our appeal is successful? Because we believe our development will be of benefit to Oak Harbor and we have worked hard and in good faith."

*Whidbey Weekly* reached out to the Oak Harbor Main Street Association and the City of Oak Harbor for their reaction to the appeal, but received no response from either.

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# Drive On In

Summer nights at the Blue Fox

By Carey Ross



I miss the movies.

Oh sure, like everyone else, I've been streaming movies at home nearly constantly, and have gone from having an uneasy and somewhat guilt-inducing relationship with Netflix, Hulu, and the like because of their negative economic impact on movie theaters to being grateful they exist and are available to me.

It's the experience of seeing movies the way they're intended to be seen – on a big screen, at full volume, with an array of snacks as tasty as they are unhealthy – I miss.

And because I am a projectionist at the Pickford Film Center, I miss movies from the other side of the action. I have not been inside a movie house since March 11 – the longest period of time I've gone without darkening a theater door in almost two decades. I never thought I'd say this, but I long to scoop and butter popcorn. Right now, the thought of cleaning up a theater after a sold-out show sounds pretty dreamy. I even miss telling people where the restrooms are.

Going to the movies – even if I'm the one showing them instead of watching them – is my lifeblood. I'm pretty sure if my soul had a scent, it would be freshly popped popcorn.

What I'm saying is it's high time I undertake a cinematic odyssey to Oak Harbor's Blue Fox Drive-In.

I've written about the Blue Fox before, back when they got the go ahead to reopen and start showing movies again. Since then, they've honed their systems to keep traffic flowing and movies showing, while also providing audiences with the safe entertainment experience that has become a necessary fact of life in these COVID times. They're operating at reduced capacity on a reservation-only basis, have provided clear markings to make sure people remain socially distant in common areas, have beefed up their cleaning and sanitizing efforts, and are following mask directives and expect their patrons to do the same.

Despite all of this, the Blue Fox still manages to offer the same high-quality, old-school drive-in experience that has made them a beloved part of their community and beyond, and if there's a better way to have good, clean, safe fun during our COVID summer, I haven't heard of it.

Best of all, a night at the drive-in feels like a return to normalcy, and even if that sensation is only temporary, it's something most of us desperately need.

Since new releases are, well, nonexistent at this point, the Blue Fox has stocked the schedule with

feel-good throwback jams that will not surprise, but are sure to delight.

Fresh off a pair of John Hughes' classics – *Sixteen Candles* and *The Breakfast Club* – the Blue Fox swims into more kid-friendly cinematic waters. The first of two July 16-18 offerings is the 1994 reimagining of *Our Gang*, naturally dubbed *Little Rascals*. Spanky, Alfalfa, and the other members of the He-Man Woman Haters Club get up to all kinds of antics involving go-karts (also a popular Blue Fox staple), whoopee cushions, accidental arson and generally being shown up at every turn by Darla, before coming together for a heart-warming photo finish. The second movie in this cinematic dynamic duo features dinosaurs, but not exactly the kind-ish, gentle-ish variety found in such films as *The Land Before Time* and *The Flintstones*. Instead, moviegoers will journey to fictional Isla Soma, the sister island to fictional Isla Nublar, for *Jurassic Park: The Lost World*. The sequel to the exhilarating-yet-terrifying 1993 dinosaur classic is pretty much a study in "they knew better but they did it anyway" with predictably dire consequences. My takeaway: Dinosaurs are wicked awesome, but it doesn't mean they need to be brought back from extinction, a lesson the *Jurassic Park* series has yet to learn.

From July 19-21, it's an Adam Sandler takeover of the Blue Fox, which could either be very funny or very terrible with little in between. Because the drive-in does not wish to punish its audiences, it will NOT be showing any of the following flicks: *Jack and Jill*, *Grown Ups*, *I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry*, *Pixels*, *Little Nicky*, *Mr. Deeds*, *Click*, or any of the other truly terrible Sandler movies I mercifully left off this list because I don't hate you. Instead, the Blue Fox has opted for two comedies widely acknowledged as being among the actor's more iconic roles (save for his turn in *Uncut Gems*, for which he should've earned an Oscar nod): *Happy Gilmore* and *Billy Madison*. Smart comedies, they are not, but hearing Sandler say, "It's too damn hot for a penguin to be just walkin' around here" will never not be funny.

Also worth noting: By the time you read this, tickets for Blake Shelton's Drive-In Nights concert featuring Gwen Stefani and Trace Adkins will be on sale, and even though the country superstar and his friends will not be appearing in person, this is the closest you're likely to come to attending a country concert for a long while. The showing is expected to sell out, so plan accordingly.

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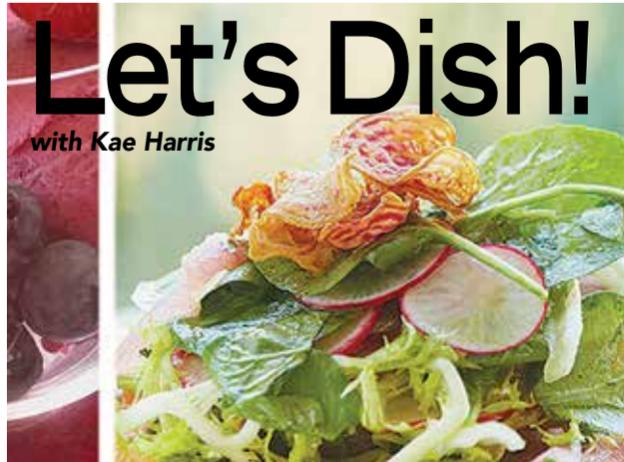


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**WEATHERING THE WORLD WITH WATERMELON**

Everybody knows summertime rings synonymous with crisp, refreshing foods and beverages. I'm thinking of chilled fruit salads and fresh fruit juices or fruit-flavored waters, cold pasta salads, greens of all sorts shading beneath them, delicious additions like walnuts, cranberries, a protein of your choosing and whatever you like to drizzle over it.

How does one find out what fruits and veggies are in season though? A quick browse through the produce section of your local grocery store and glance at the price will tell you well enough what's in season and what isn't. Now, that's how I always figured out my menus for the week and how best to get my kids the recommended daily allowance (RDA) of all the nutrients and minerals to help keep them healthy. I can't actually tell you why I never thought to look it up online (insert eye roll here), I just didn't. Anyway, I happened across this gem of a website and it tells you what fruits and veggies are in season. Not only that, it also tells you when the fruit is ripe – what to look for in terms of what is safe and what to avoid. But wait, there's more! It also tells you what each produce item is nutrient rich in. How awesome is that? This is the website <https://fruitsandveggies.org/stories/season-summer/>.

Anyway, this got me thinking the other day that I really want to make a nice big fruit salad. Whenever it's sunny out, it's the day's way of saying "Hey there, I think you need to make a fruit salad." You really can't go wrong with a fruit salad for anything. It's a crowd pleaser anywhere, anytime; whether in your home or at a barbecue – though, with social distancing, I'd say those are few and far between, if at all, at the moment. Safety first.

A plain old fruit salad is perfect as it is, but what if we can spruce it up a bit, you know, give it a makeover, revamp its look? What does this mean? It could mean anything really. We could get creative with the presentation or maybe we could play around with the ingredients, try new combinations, see if their mingling abilities meld into one big unrecognizable fruit flavor, or if they each stand out and add a distinctive taste to the entire salad.

So, I went with this in mind and okay, it isn't the most thought-outside-of-the-box



idea, but it's still one step up from serving it in a bowl. Borrrrring. I used a hollowed-out watermelon half to serve it. I know, but this salad is not entirely fruit derived. It requires the wobbly texture of jell-o to help make it so much more fun, so the unconventional presentation kind of fits with the less-commonly-used ingredients. Why watermelon? Because I only know one person who doesn't like it and they aren't on my favorite friend list now, but that's beside the point. Watermelons are in season at the moment and therefore, ripe and inexpensive.

The watermelon, believe it or not, has a history dating back some 5,000 years, though you'd have done well to avoid its predecessors. It's wild and uncultivated ancestors had a light green flesh that was not anything like the juicy red stuff we know and love today. Also, it was terribly bitter. And hard. Not really good selling points these days. It was through years of selective breeding across the globe that we were lucky enough to end up with the delectable fruit we have today. The watermelon is believed to have been originally cultivated in Africa and then spread up to the Mediterranean and across to other areas in Europe. Horticulturalists agree on this so far. For anything thereafter, there doesn't seem to be a clear consensus, because 18th century taxonomists are said to have been rather remiss in their duty when it

came to classifying melons. Apparently, the name for the modern watermelon – *Citrullus lanatus* – is not correct, because "lanatus" means "hairy" in Latin. The name was given to start with, to the "hairy" citron melon (*Citrulus amarus*).

There are said to be a couple of contenders vying for the spot of "true ancestor" of the modern watermelon. The citron melon was one, but research suggests it was not, in fact, a candidate because the ancient Egyptians had been cultivating watermelons way before farming began in southern Africa, where the citron melon hails from. The second contender is the egusi melon from western Africa, though this idea has been shot down by certain experts because, they say, the melons were being grown and farmed for something we prefer to do without in watermelons today – the seeds. Although, I remember as a kid seeing how far the seeds could be launched from my mouth outside into the grass in the back yard. Fun times. Carrying on, it is believed a variety of watermelon dubbed gurum or gurma in Sudan and Egypt, respectively, are the true forerunners of today's varieties. They grow wild in the deserts of these two countries still.

We do know watermelons have been a feature at dinner tables for millennia and with good reason. It wasn't necessarily for their flavor – which was hard and bitter or

just plain tasteless. Rather, it was for their rigid skin, which helped prevent the fruit from going bad if stored in cooler areas, to be used for their "water." After all, this was the desert. From there it moved along a route – which people debate to this day, (the Mediterranean, Europe etc. featuring not only in cuisine, but in paintings as well.) It had a kind of celebrity status, for a time. The many, many, thousands of years of being super picky and breeding watermelons specifically to inherit desirable traits, just so we can actually enjoy them, has led us to the beauties we have today. We are lucky!

This being the case, I think it might be appropriate to put to use the flesh of the watermelon and the rind. There are many ways you can do this, but one of my favorites is as follows:

Carefully slice a large watermelon in half. (I cut mine lengthwise). Hollow out by scooping out the flesh and setting aside. Next, in a separate bowl, mix together two 0.6 oz packages of fruit flavored gelatin with 4 cups of boiling water. Stir for 3 to 4 minutes until all the gelatin has dissolved. Stir in the cold water. Refrigerate for an hour to an hour-and-a-half, or until it has just thickened. Next, add chunks of seasonal fruit of your choice (honeydew, strawberry, blueberries, raspberries, apple etc.) to the gelatin and stir. Pour it into the hollowed-out watermelon shells and refrigerate for three more hours or until firm.

To use the remaining watermelon flesh: blend the watermelon together with the juice of one lime, an eighth of a cup of sugar, 1/2 a cup of strawberries and a few mint leaves. If it's too thick, add a little water, apple juice or even a bit of lime-flavored soda. Chill in the refrigerator for a couple of hours, serve with ice and your watermelon fruit gelatin salad and enjoy!

My dear readers, I hope your summer is a safe one and you all stay well! If you try these two recipes, let me know if you like them as much as my friends and family do! Please send all comments, questions and recipes you'd like to share to [letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com](mailto:letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com) and we can dish – get the scoop from the inside of a watermelon this week!

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## ARIES (March 21-April 19)



What's in store this week? What happens when dominoes fall? When well-arranged dominoes fall, imagination comes to life. Colors transform. Pictures emerge. Messages are spelled out. It's all gravity, physics, and artistic line up. Careful, careful line up. Take that to heart. Imagination and line up. Those will decide your week. If you don't like the picture, don't blame gravity and physics. It's your line up.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



"If it ain't broke, don't fix it." That homely philosophy serves well for some of the world's most successful people. What does that have to do with your week? Maybe nothing. But do your clothes need laundering? Your dishes, washing? And have those chores piled up while you dealt with whatever is "broke?" Welcome to the real world. There's always something "broke." Another trait of successful people? They love to fix things.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



As a fitting symbol of noble sacrifice, we nominate the honey bee. All day, every day, from flower to flower the bee goes, gathering, gathering, gathering the precious pollen. Not for itself, but to add bounty to the hive. But the bee's ultimate sacrifice is its sting, for soon after it stings, the bee dies. It dies as it lived: for the hive. How much honey bee nobility is there in you? Good thing, or bad thing? Be ready to present your case.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)



Rules of the road. They're good for getting everyone home faster and safer. When all follow them, that is. And when they don't? Bam! Collision. Rules of the road exist for every area of life. Money. Relationships. All have helpful principles for keeping everyone safe. Are you following them? How about those around you? Are you and a non-follower on a collision course? There's always the horn.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



Still looking for change? While you were digging between your sofa cushions, change of the sort you can tell the grandkids about was looking for you. We trust you've hooked up. Not the 50 cents you wanted, but never mind. The problem now? Convincing the change-resistant to get with the program. Your powers of persuasion are being tested. Are you up to the task? For real change, we must change as one.

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



One of the most famous battle reports of history is Julius Caesar's, "I came, I saw, I conquered." More recently, Pogo reported, "We have met the enemy, and he is us." Asked to report on your own battle, how would you respond? Who is your enemy? Is it "us?" Them? Or a faceless it? Fifty years after Pogo, there is still no consensus. The generals

now raise a key question: How can we defeat an enemy we cannot define?

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



Once upon a time, the rules of life were simple and few. So few, so short, they could be carved on a single piece of stone. Nowadays, it's different. The rules are so many, so complex, they're cranked out on reams of paper that could stack to the Moon, with enough excess to reprint War and Peace. You're expected to keep abreast of it all. Who's fault is that? A clue: Who among us has not said, "There oughta be a law?"

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



An immutable law of nature is that a paper map (remember those?), once unfolded, can never be refolded in exactly the same way. We can neither confirm nor deny that this is the reason we have GPS and Google Maps. What we can say, is that whatever your destination, it will be reached in the same way as folding a map. In small steps, precisely executed and in exact order. The GPS for life success hasn't been invented.

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



Opinions in these scrappy times are like cowboy coffee. Boiled in a tin can over an open fire and served straight, no cream or sugar. Bam. Don't get smoke in your eyes. What's your personal recipe? Holding your own in the cowboy cook off? In debate, do your spurs jingle, jangle, jingle? Fine. Honesty is good. But wanna make a good thing better? Give an inch. Maybe a little lump of sugar?

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



How's it feel to be you? Fantastic? Great! Keep doing what you're doing. The rest of you, stop making life hard. Happiness isn't rocket science. It isn't, but here's the 3-step NASA approach: A fiery launch. A climb to orbit. Enjoy the view. Simple! The climb is the hardest. Dead weight is, well, deadly. NASA says, keep it light. No excess baggage! Got it? Light. Okay, you're cleared to launch, in 3, 2, 1...

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



Some things find their purpose only as pairs. Sunrise and sunset. Noah's animals. The apparent exception? Michael Jackson's single white glove, sold at auction for \$350,000. But appearances are deceiving. Jackson had a problem, a right-hand skin condition, that the glove hid. A problem, a solution. A profitable pairing. Get it? Knock-knock! Your problems aren't problems. Paired with the right solution, they're gold.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



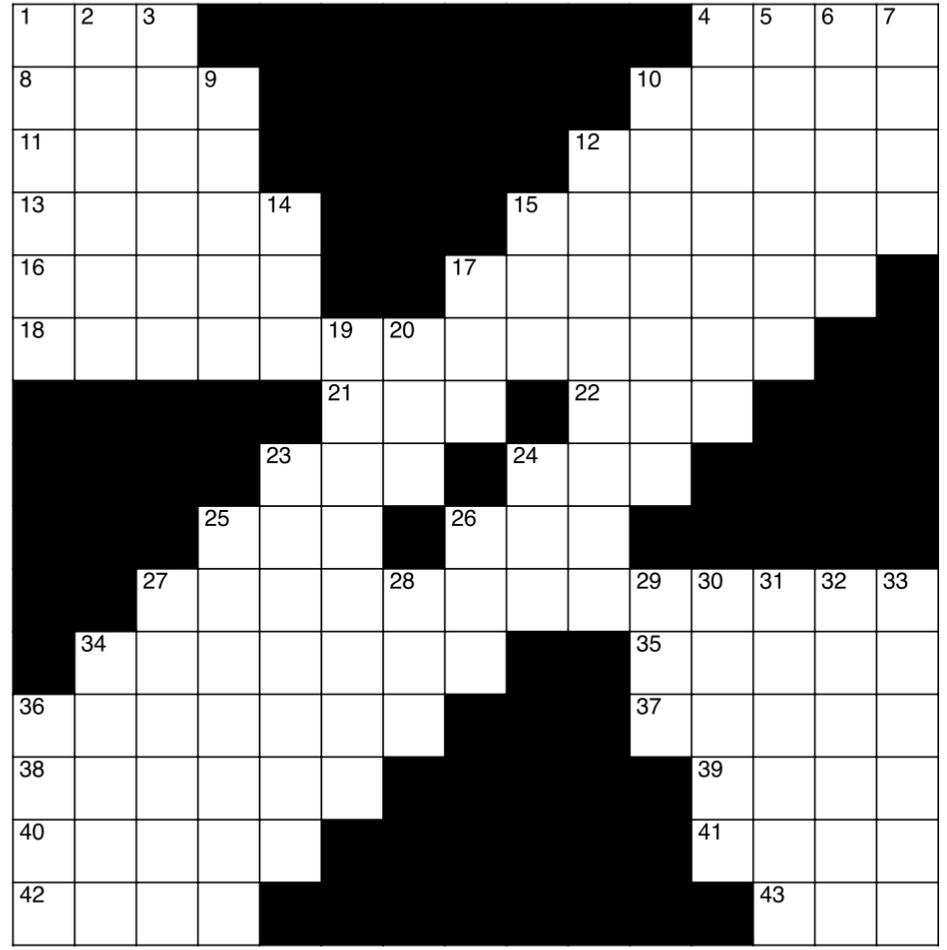
Common sense, or dollars and cents? You have people in either ear, urging you to decide. But it's not a simple either-or question. Your task is to satisfy both needs at once. Common sense and dollars and cents. Not quite the same as rubbing your belly while tapping your head, but close. The hardest part? Convincing yourself that it's possible. Especially true if you've never tried. Put one hand on your belly...

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Chicken Little's knock on the head meant to him that the sky was falling, silly bird. His horoscope showed other possibilities. Don't wait for a knock on the head to ask what's up in your life. Wesley Hallock, as Whidbey Weekly's professional astrologer and horoscope writer, keeps one eye on the sky and alerts us to the prospects each week. To read past columns of Chicken Little and the Astrologer in the Whidbey Weekly, see our Digital Library at www.whidbeyweekly.com.

# Crossword Puzzle



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Sound unit
- 4. Trim by cutting
- 8. Small buffalo
- 10. Ancient manuscript
- 11. Look angry or sullen
- 12. Glum
- 13. Northern Zambia peoples
- 15. Central
- 16. Collector of birds' eggs
- 17. Misbehavior
- 18. Top of the line
- 21. Political action committee
- 22. Have already done
- 23. Al Bundy's wife
- 24. Entertainment channel
- 25. Holiday (informal)
- 26. The common gibbon
- 27. Legendary actress
- 34. Seasoned sausages

- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Ridiculed
- 37. Three-dimensional arrangement
- 38. Emerged
- 39. Type of protein
- 40. Denmark natives
- 41. Leak slowly through
- 42. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 43. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. Form of "to be"
- 15. Cairo Regional Airport
- 17. Partner to cheese
- 19. Sample
- 20. A shirt may have none
- 23. Public gatherings
- 24. Disallow
- 25. Overnight suitcases
- 26. French river
- 27. Where boats dock
- 28. Top of a pot
- 29. Type of drug
- 30. City along the Rhine
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. They go in martinis
- 33. A way to break away
- 34. Intermediate ecological stage
- 36. Baby term for father

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Artistic dancing
- 2. Plenty
- 3. Act leisurely
- 4. Serve as a warning
- 5. Admired lovingly
- 6. Leftover oil from distillation process
- 7. Company officer
- 9. Egyptian unit of capacity
- 10. One transmits information
- 12. Middle layer of

Answers on page 15

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