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ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



Having just seen the new Seattle hockey team flag atop the Space Needle, you won't see me Kraken any jokes about their new name.

Poll tacts

While most of us have voted by now, those readers who

have yet to cast their decision with blue or black ink, may desire some last minute ballot information.

- When in doubt, do not write-in your silly candidate of choice. It really messes up the wonderful county ladies who count all this stuff. How do I know? Because I already got in trouble for it after then county auditor Suzanne Sinclair invited me to Coupeville to apologize for creating that year's primary ballot day-mare by suggesting write-ins to inspire voting fun.
- There are 36 candidates for governor within 15 different party affiliations. There are 36 inches in a yard. Coincidence? This primary is a yard full of barn: 15 Republicans, five Democrats, four Non-party preferences, three Independents, one unaffiliated, and one each for Socialist Workers, Green Party, Propertarianist, American Patriot, Fifth Republic, Cascadia Labor, New-Liberty, and Stand Up America.
- The debates of all 36 candidates for governor have been canceled due to social distancing and short stages.
- The three different party preferences of gubernatorial candidates who may catch your eye sure caught mine. Republican, Trump Republican, and Pre2016Republican show me there is a triangulated choice mechanism in operation. Sort of a *good, better, best* or a *stop, drop, and roll*. "Good things come in three's," someone once said. Yep, it was the Romans – *omne trium perfectum*.
- Two gubernatorial candidates, Tylor Grow and Brian R. Weed, have joined forces to discourage the theft and vandalism of their yard signs. Combination *Grow Weed* signs have been reported near Seattle Mayor Durkan's cul-de-sac. What a bumper sticker it could be if Mr. Grow and Mr. Weed were running mates.
- The gubernatorial candidate Goodspace-guy does not need to wear a mask as he wears a space helmet when in public. If he is unsuccessful for the November run-off, I hope to bid on his space helmet if available on Space-Buy.
- Make sure you take the time to fill in your selected squares completely. Pretend you are coloring at Vacation Bible school or Chuck E. Cheese.

8. For me, voting at home is fun. For me, it is another reason to live in Washington. Voting at home invites voting. Forget "mail-in voting" as the term. I like "at-home voting."

Other supportive reasons – No parking issues. No waiting in line. No cheating needed.

When I vote at home, I play music really loud so I can't hear what I am thinking. I don't want to change my vote at the last minute.

I like to vote while listening to John Philip Sousa's *Washington Post March*, Kate Smith's *God Bless America*, or Willie's *On the Vote Again*.

Whatever you do, enjoy voting. I love it so much that one year I voted in three states.

No worries.

The statute ran, and so did I.

The Freezies

Now that I shop twice a month instead of every day, I buy 14 frozen foods every two

weeks. Nothing says entree on Mom's china like a frozen dinner, microwaved to perfection.

In honor of my renewed appreciation for processed food during this difficult time, my sense is I need to give a shout out to the under appreciated front line workers in the frozen food industry.

For the very first and hopefully last year, we offer awards, *The Freezies*. The categories of our Freezie awards are numerous, and like the inactive ingredients in processed food, too numerous to delineate.

However, along with the assistance of our frozen food judges, Edmondson Reynolds and Sylvia Floss, we warmly share the big winners for 2020.

Fastest frozen food – White Castles are ready in 60 seconds if frozen or 35 seconds if thawed. Both judges refused to rate the White Castle taste, but both recorded 10 out of 10 on burps.

Best emergency frozen food – Michelina's Salisbury steak and potatoes; Reynolds: "Four bites and you are back to work." Floss: "You need to be real hungry. Eat with the lights off."

Most difficult frozen food – Anything requiring 100% high heat for several minutes before stirring already vented or pierced plastic for re-heating at 50% power. Reynolds: "I don't do reduced power." Floss: "My 700 watt microwave has one temperature: almost hot."

Above average frozen foods – Reynolds: "Given the oxymoron of best frozen food, Miss Floss and I agreed to lower to the category of above average." Floss: "Edmondson and I are argued between bites that above average was still a stretch given the products we tested. Hopefully, next year we'll judge *The Cannies* for best canned goods, with or without easy opening.

Third place Freezie – Healthy Choice Cafe Steamers Sweet & Sour Chicken. Reynolds: "Somewhat flavorful; helps to drink." Floss: "I burned my thumbs dumping the food from the plastic bowl to the sauce."

Second place Freezie –Stouffer's Stuffed Peppers. Reynolds: "I should have withdrawn myself given my corn starch allergy. This pepper was stuffed with more than ground beef. Talk about chemicals. I thought I worked for Dupont eating this vertically shaped attempt at home cuisine." Floss: "The whole experience made me want to move back to Solon, Ohio, where Stouffer's stuffs."

First place Freezie – Boston Market Beef Pot Roast. Reynolds: "The Au jus was Grandma-like. The mashed potatoes, even after the recommended counter-clockwise stirring, were extremely clumpy. To salvage the experience, I dumped the potatoes from their plastic section into the half-full pot roast area. The results–like eating an exploded shepherd's pie." Floss: "Reynolds usually talks with his mouth full. As a result, his test results are always too slow."

Short poem

*The quiet seems quieter
The quieter it gets
But since no one is here
I'll just stay in my sweats*

School counselor

Sandy began a job as an elementary school counselor. She was eager to help. One day, during recess, she noticed a girl standing by herself on one side of a playing field while the rest of the kids enjoyed a game of soccer at the other.

Sandy approached the young girl and asked if she was all right. The girl said she was.

A little while later, however, Sandy noticed the girl was in the same spot, still by herself.

Approaching again, Sandy offered, "Would you like me to be your friend?"

The girl hesitated, then said, "Okay," looking at the woman suspiciously. Feeling she was making progress, Sandy then asked, "Why are you standing here all alone?"

"Because," the little girl said with great exasperation, "I'm the goalie!"

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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

My husband and I were in the Arby's drive-through lane Friday, July 17 about noon, admiring the nice light blue pickup in front of us, as it had the same cammo seat covers we did and like-minded decals on the rear window. When the young man pulled away with his order, he gave us a big wave and we waved back. When we got to the drive-through window we were told the fellow in front of us had paid for our lunch! No one has ever done anything like that for us before and we were both shocked and happy, with big grins on our faces. We are senior citizens on a very fixed income and we don't treat ourselves to lunch out very often. At this chaotic point in time, it was so refreshing to know there are really nice people out there who go out of their way to treat strangers with kindness. Thank you very much, it touched our hearts and we're both still smiling.

Young man, if you ever see us around town again, please come over and let us thank you in person, you made us so happy!

Pat Partridge
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Editor,

THIEF WHOEVER YOU ARE!

You don't like a political sign on our property, so you trespass and STEAL the sign. We don't like those who trespass and steal or vandalize signs all over Whidbey Island. You are COWARDS that want to silence our right to the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and consider you have more 'rights' than we do!

Your behavior is disgusting and typical of malcontents left over from the previous administration that continue to meddle in the rule of our country! It smacks of Marxism, not freedom from slavery or dictatorships, current and failed!

Robert Turner
Clinton, Wash.

Editor,

The overwhelmingly splendid sound of geese has returned to Coupeville, marking their seasonal migration southward. In my neighbor-

hood, that means a daily sight to behold of two passes.

In the morning they rise from Crockett Lake and fly to the fields to spend the day fueling up for their migratory journey in a few weeks. In the evening they reverse course to spend the night on a reliable watering hole to rest. Their pathway, hard-wired for generations, seldom wavers; guiding them along the tree line which borders Fort Casey Road; the same exact pathway and altitude the Growlers are assigned when using OLF. Hopefully this year will bring a change to that (potential disaster).

Patricia Dunn
Coupeville, Wash.

Whidbey Islanders,

I strongly urge you to write our Washington State Senator, Ron Muzzall, and strongly recommend a roundabout be built at the intersection of SR 525, Bush Point Road, and Honeymoon Bay Road!

Why?

You may or may not be aware of the fatal accident that occurred this past Monday evening, July 20, at that very perilous intersection. A 17-year-old lad from Clinton was killed and his older brother was seriously injured.

There have been several other serious accidents at that intersection in recent years, all of which would have been prevented by a roundabout. Case(s) in point: The (three) roundabouts WA-DOT installed on SR 20 between Dugualla Bay and Anacortes - at Banta Road, Gibraltar Road, and Sharpes Corner - have prevented more deadly accidents and also maintain an even flow of traffic.

Here is the link to Senator Muzzall's "Contact Me" page: <http://ronmuzzall.src.wastateleg.org/contact-me>

Wayne & Lynn Flaaten
Greenbank, Wash.

Editor,

Fe Mischo is a tireless advocate for community wellness, wholeness, and early childhood education. Fe is a problem-solver and creative team-builder as evidenced by her contributions to the Autism Partnership of Island County, community campus vision, and advocacy for mental health services. Fe listens actively and puts families first. She brings her informed voice, cohesion, and vision to the table. She is an active listener and stands for social justice. Fe Mischo has my strongest endorsement. Go with Mischo for a bright future in Island County!

Amy Y. Garrett, MD, FAAP
Pediatrics of Whidbey Island
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Editor,

Why Melanie Bacon for District 1 Commissioner?

This primary election is unusual because among the Democrats, there is no "bad candi-

date." So, we worry about voter dilution that may, in the Washington State primary system, select two wrong candidates onto the November ballot. I have thought long and hard about this situation and bring forward different reasons why Melanie Bacon is the right Democrat to support for the primary, with the highest promise to elect as District 1 Commissioner to replace Helen Price Johnson. Specifics about Melanie's campaign goals, experience and skills are found at www.melaniebaconcandidate.org Here are other, intangible, reasons to vote for Melanie in the primary, for your careful consideration:

1. Melanie knows and understands every aspect of Island County governance. Her job in human resources brings her in close touch with every department, each with complex rules and relationships, each with diverse responsibilities to serve the public, business, the military, and a foundational tourist industry.
2. Melanie knows and understands the unique dynamics of Island County government; and its peculiarities as well. A commissioner has to intuit what's possible with her fellow commissioners; open meetings rules preclude the sort of brainstorming and informal discussions possible in other occupations and jurisdictions with five or more administrators. Her experience in Island county HR prepares her to be a leader for this unique challenge in which both executive and legislative functions are merged.
3. Melanie knows and understands what has to be done for Island County to more than survive the current COVID-19 crisis plus whatever else is in store for our society around the corner. The complex interdependencies among county, city, and town jurisdictions that make Whidbey Island a unique place to live are no mystery to her; she will be ready on day one to deal with the balancing act that serves both our rural and city dwellers.
4. Melanie knows and understands how to be a progressive administrator with fiscal responsibility; how to thread the needle supporting what people want and need to survive and thrive.
5. Melanie knows and understands the fragility of the environment, importance of climate action, and the delicacy with which to manage taxation, policy incentives, and partnerships, so we create a longterm, sustainable future for Whidbey and Camano residents.

Melanie brings both heart and mind to this unprecedented time, and her values, adaptability, and agility are what Island County in general and the District 1 commissioner, in particular, needs to navigate an unknowable future.

Yes, these are primarily qualitative attributes that supplement hard-earned, day-to-day,

on-the-job experience dealing with how each county function manages its work statement to serve the public. Why is this so important? When a predetermined and clear-cut pathway to climb a mountain is not available, you select the candidate with adaptability, values, and love of the commons to surmount obstacles that may change every day; someone with an inherent nature and skill set to collaborate with peers and other diverse stakeholders on this precious pair of islands. You select the person endorsed by Helen Price Johnson, a predecessor loved and admired by her constituents. You select an intellect and a heart that aligns with yours, and you vote for her.

Signed by and reflecting the personal views of Peter M. Morton
Councilmember, Langley City Council
Langley, Wash.

Editor,

Angie Homola is the perfect candidate for State Representative in the 10th legislative district.

We are health care providers and educators, relying on facts and forums to get to know the candidates. After watching an Indivisible Whidbey interview of the four Democratic candidates competing for this seat, we observed a marked disparity. As voters, we want elected officials who are sharp, knowledgeable about the job, and extremely energetic, Angie Homola prevails "hands down."

As a County Commissioner, Angie worked effectively with local, state and national boards/committees with impressive achievements. Angie has a BS in Architecture, and Masters in Environmental Law and Policy. She worked for years at odd jobs to pay her student loans off. Overall, Angie is well rounded and has volunteered endlessly for her community, donating \$30,000 of her salary to help the county provide needed services. She highly values life as a mother and a military wife. Angie has experience working through Navy and community conflicts, meeting with three base commanders and the Chief of Naval Operations at the Pentagon to collaboratively discuss problems and solutions.

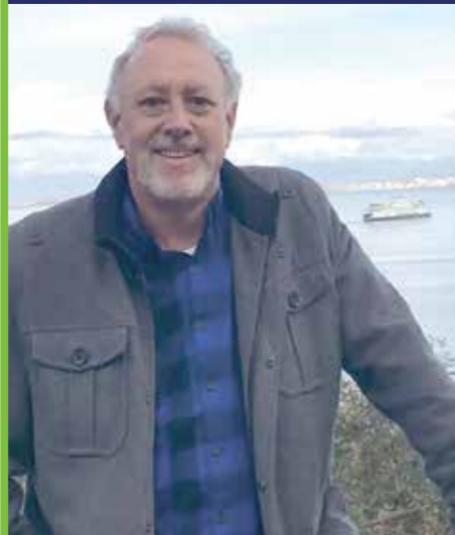
We urge voters to look closely at all candidates. Two candidates are firefighters/EMTs (one served honorably as an elected official) and one is a nurse. These jobs are invaluable, but it takes more than "saving lives" and delivering babies (actually doctors/midwives deliver babies, nurses assist) to understand and implement state level policies.

We need someone who can be effective in Olympia, has an architect's attention to detail for solving problems and implementing effective plans. Angie Homola demonstrates a unique ability to fulfill this need.

Jeffrey H. Davis, MD
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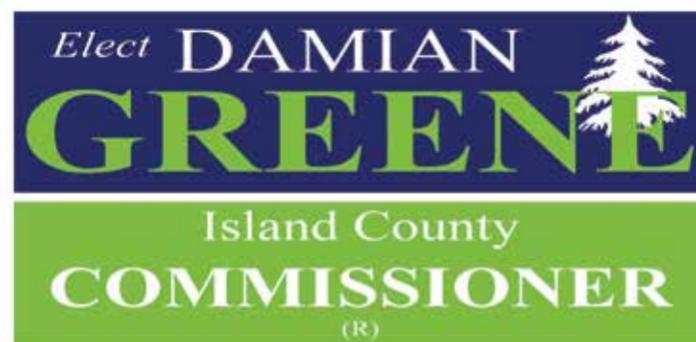


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Editor,

The most important and locally influential government position is that of our County Commissioners. As longtime responsible Whidbey Island residents, and after careful consideration of all candidates' values and experience, we have chosen to fully endorse Damian Greene as Island County Commissioner District 1. He is the only candidate on the ballot who has received endorsement by the Island County Republican Party. Damian has been elected to the South Whidbey School District board of directors for three terms and has proven to be an experienced and effective leader. There is no question he would manage the county with a responsible business approach. As a lifetime Whidbey Island resident, he would push for the best possible quality of life in our community, as well as good stewardship of all we already have.

Before graduating from Central Washington University, he was a graduate of Langley High School. As a former business owner of 25 years, he has worked with many islanders in both residential and commercial insurance. He is the only candidate for this position to have effectively managed a \$20-million budget with over 200 employees (South Whidbey School District). Occasionally being a lone conservative voice, he has been highly effective in making positive changes within our community. While many in the community believed Langley Middle School should have been sold, Damian's pragmatic ideas prevailed, and our historic facility is now generating over \$300,000 annually and benefiting many as the South Whidbey Community Center today.

Damian Greene has a solid understanding of all the major issues and concerns affecting our community, and the type of leadership experience we need to see in our Island County Commissioners. We need to elect a strong local leader like Damian Greene, who has proven he will take positive beneficial stances on local issues that concern the wellbeing of our community. For an excellent and sustainable future, VOTE FOR DAMIAN GREENE.

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- Martin and Traci Winn - Langley, Wash.
- Maureen Greene - Clinton, Wash.
- Jonathan Rich - Greenbank, Wash.
- Rory Savage - Ellensburg, Wash.

Editor,

There's some great candidates for that state representative position, but one stands out. Angie Homola walks the talk, does her homework and has shown time and again the bandwidth, passion and people-centered tenacity to get things done. Things like improving veterans and senior services, passing a resolution to measure and reduce CO2 emissions at the county and starting a nonprofit to preserve natural areas in the district.

As a county commissioner, she championed open and transparent government by putting things like meetings and agendas online and published. Being locally connected and active

within our district for years, she knows our priorities and needs.

Angie prioritizes public and mental health care and helped bring a mental health care clinic to Whidbey and Camano Islands. Speaking of donations, she actually donated, back to the county, over \$30k of her salary and benefits during the 2008 recession.

Angie has actively lobbied in Olympia for those issues we care about, including banning fin fish net pens, improving veterans services, the mental health sales tax to restore levy capacity to local governments, affordable housing and the Growth Management Act.

Best of all, Angie's approachable, articulate and listens - her phone number, not surprisingly, appears right on her home page. She is truly a candidate of the people, not special interests, as evidenced by a review of the public disclosure commission where virtually all of her support is from people within this district. Not the case with all candidates.

Let's get some proven energy working on our side in that state representative position.

Dean Enell
Langley, Wash.

Whidbey Island Lions Club 2nd Annual Swap Meet



The Whidbey Island Lions Club is excited to announce its second annual swap meet at the Blue Fox Drive In. The community swap meet offers the opportunity for businesses, vendors, estate, yard, and garage sellers a chance to reach more buyers by selling their wares at the Blue Fox Drive In. In order to be socially responsible, all vendors will be spaced apart, hand sanitizers will be used, and face masks are required. A \$20 fee will be charged per vendor and all proceeds from the swap meet helps support the Whidbey Island Lions Club programs and projects in our community. The Whidbey Island Lions Club swap meet runs every Saturday in August from 9:00AM to 2:00PM at the Blue Fox Drive In. For more information, please contact the Whidbey Island Lions Club via email at wilclions@gmail.com, call 360-679-9468, or visit https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/whidbeyisland/. Come for the treasures and stay for the movies at the drive in!

[Submitted by Carolyn O'Dell, Whidbey Island Lions Club]

Orca Network Launches "Share The Water" Whale Safe Vessel Program

Orca Network, a Whidbey Island based nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness of the whales of the Pacific Northwest, has just launched its new program "Share the Water" Whale Safe Vessel Program.

For two decades, Orca Network has worked with NOAA Fisheries, Washington State Ferries, the Center for Whale Research, Cascadia Research Collective and others to collect and share whale sightings data throughout the Salish Sea and along the Pacific coast. Through the popular Whale Sighting Network, people throughout the region are engaged through this community science effort to observe, collect and share whale sightings. The Sighting Network provides important data on habitat use and changes over time by multiple whale species, helping to inform agency decisions and management plans for endangered Southern Resident orcas and other species. Orca Network reaches over 170,000 people via Facebook pages, and 14,000 receive weekly whale reports with photos, videos, news, research and links to educational events and materials.

Though Orca Network's Whale Sighting Network has focused on shore-based whale watching and onshore education, outreach to boaters has always been a part of the Sight-

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SUNSHINE ON A CLOUDY DAY

We live in an uncertain world. Claire Rich understands this uncertainty and the fear that can follow, says Whidbey volunteer Judith Scehovic. "Where some hold on tight to their monetary wealth, possessions and time, Claire is strong enough to look past her own needs and give what she has to others. She even seeks out opportunities to do so," says Scehovic. "She shares and even will sacrifice something if it can help another. She does this because she cares. Her desire to contribute to easing a person's suffering comes in many forms."

One of these forms is through mail. Neighbor Sally Hardenberg says, "Claire is known as the 'Sunshine Lady' at St. Hubert Parish in Langley. She has been called this because of her endless get well, birthday, congratulations, sympathy, or thinking of you cards. These aren't just any cards, each one is personalized as she hand writes heartfelt words that always brings comfort or joy. She's helped in annual bazaars, parish council, memorials and anything needed. She has been a wonderful role model to many of us."

Rich, now 92 years old, was raised by her single mother, who divorced when Rich turned 4. "I remember some classmates were not allowed to play with me because I came from a divorced family. It was a different time."

What really saddened her was when she first traveled to the south and saw "whites only" restrooms and "whites only" drinking fountains. "I was horrified. And then when we got on a bus and went to the back to sit, the bus driver yelled at us. He said, 'Get up front where you belong, now, or I can't load the bus!' I was shocked. Looking back I wish I had done something."

"I pray positive changes will result from this current racial unrest and awareness. I pray also for all the front line workers today with this pandemic."

Rich wanted to help people and decided one way was to become a nurse. She and her husband, Harry, moved to Seattle.

Rich and Harry wanted a place to take their children to get out of the city. They purchased a vacant lot on Whidbey, and bought a 1918 caboose to place on it. "When we brought it over on a flatbed, it rode to the island on the ferry Kulshan (made famous by the movie *An Officer and A Gentleman*). The ferry had no roof and you could see it leaning to the side. We almost sunk it!" The caboose is still tucked away on her property, along with the house they later built.

Rich was an only child, and so was Harry, so it was quite a different having seven children of their own. "I thought it would be neat to have a large family; it was a learning experience. Each one is so different."

She recalls going to the home of another mom with several children. "I noticed she had gardeners, a maid, and babysitters. I thought, 'I wonder if she knows how lucky she is?' The next day I thought 'shame on me,' I don't know what another person's life is like. And there are always people better or worse off. My grandfather, who only had a 4th grade education, yet was so wise, taught me not to compare my life with others. Harry and I loved having young people over while our kids were growing up. We often had kids sleeping on our living room couch, floor and deck."

One of her children, Kenny Rich, says he is grateful for the upbringing he had. "Our home was an open door policy and 'strays'



CLAIRE R. RICH

DOB: 4-30-1928 in Trenton, N.J.

Siblings: I was an only child—until age 13, I gained two half sisters.

Education: St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing

Employment: Claire – Nurse and stay-at-home mom; Husband Harry – Air Force Pilot and architect.

Spouse: Harry B. Rich • Married Dec. 30, 1950 - Harry passed away September 2006

Children: Seven, ranging in age from 53 to 69, and many beloved strays

Grandchildren: Two

Great Grandchildren: One

Years on Whidbey: 30 full time, 20 part time

Whidbey people you admire: Cecil Monson (passed away at 103) because his mind was like an encyclopedia, and he was kind to everyone! All the Whidbey people who are kind, good hearted and helpful.

Personal sides:

What does it mean to have class?

"Speak softly and only speak when you have something to say. To really listen and hear others."

What would you like to do over and better?

"Raising my kids. Be a better listener, particularly for the older ones. With seven, it was hectic at home."

What would you like to change in the world?

"More love and acceptance. Less war and intolerance."

One question you would ask God?

"Am I on the right track? How am I doing so far?"

Hardest thing to deal with personally?

"Losing my husband and good friends."

The family's favorite Claire quote:

"Get a warm washcloth and soak it."

"It's become a family joke; whenever we had an ailment, Mom would tell us to get a warm washcloth and soak it. Now, whenever we talk or complain, we say, 'Get a warm washcloth and soak it!' And these days, it seems to apply to all sorts of life situations."

Other Quotes:

"She handles life's twists and turns with patience, persistence and tenacity. She's stoic in the face of her own health issues, you don't hear her mention them, rather she turns outward to those who may need a bit of cheer. And all the while she maintains a sense of responsibility to her family and community. Her heart hurts for humanity's struggles. As to herself, she engenders resilience, she's been through issues before. She offers that if not today a better day is coming."

Lauren Rich, daughter, who lives with Claire.

"Claire is a wonderful friend and spiritual mentor. She is very involved serving at our church. She radiates a calm and joyful presence in all she does."

Janey Parlier, Freeland

"I have a bulging folder with her cards, letters, and notes written to me and all are uplifting. The loss of my husband and son elicited such wonderful words from her. I told her if she doesn't write a motivational book, I will write one about her, using her words. She is closer to me than a sister, so I know she has medical problems that would flatten most people, but she maintains the best attitude you could ever see."

Joan Nelson, Clinton

"Claire is like the other mother, grandmother, auntie or sister you never had and always wanted. She was there for my grandparents and my mother in ways I can never repay. And now for me and my daughter. She shows up with an extra bag of Halloween candy just in case. She's the lantern walking up driveways checking on neighbors in windstorms. She bestows gifts and cheer for occasions, and comforting words in times of sorrow. Claire walks a selfless path."

Lisa Kois, neighbor

were always welcome. Mom is my moral compass, she keeps me grounded. She taught me by living her life in service to others, and how to stay centered in good and rough times. We have shared laughs over deadly serious moments, like caring for dad, and over silly times, reading greeting cards at a store. These are some of the most honest moments I recall having with anyone."

Rich gave up her driver's license when her adult children asked if she had thought of taking a bus. She laughs and says, "I thought I was a good driver, but I took the hint. Of course I miss the independence, but we have to accept and not fight change. It will

be harder if we fight it. There is a lot I miss being able to do, but I need to be grateful for what I can still do. I wouldn't change my age. And there are so many worse off than I am."

Jean Duffy says Rich is a joy to be around. She's the 'Sunshine Lady' at church but also outside of church. "She calls people to check in on them and see if they need anything. And people call her when they want or need to talk to someone. There is no 'fakeness' about Claire."

Duffy says Rich speaks what's in her heart and on her mind. She's an example of keeping a good attitude about life and desire to bring hope and sunshine into others' lives.

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Inslee issues more reopening rollbacks

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Island County is once again among those Phase III counties taking steps back, rather than forward, in Gov. Jay Inslee's Safe Start plan to reopen the economy in the midst of COVID-19.

One week after announcing indoor gatherings must not exceed 10 people, Inslee has issued further rollbacks, set to take effect over the next couple of weeks.

Many of the changes affect restaurants. Beginning today (July 30), restaurants must stop alcohol service at 10 p.m.; must close all game areas such as pool tables, darts and video games; must reduce occupancy to 50 percent and limit table size to five guests; indoor dining at tables is limited to members of the same household. In addition, indoor entertainment centers, such as mini golf, bowling alleys, arcades and card rooms are to remain closed until Phase IV. Movie theaters may operate at 25 percent capacity. Outdoor recreation with up to 50 participants is allowed, but gyms and fitness centers may once again only operate at 25 percent capacity and fitness classes may have no more than 10 people. (In Phase III counties.)

Beginning Aug. 10, (pushed back from Aug. 6) indoor occu-

pancy for weddings and funerals must not exceed 20 percent or 30 people, whichever is less, but only if six feet of distance can be achieved between households. Only ceremonies will be permitted, receptions will be prohibited. Outdoor ceremonies in Phase III counties can allow up to 50 people if social distancing can be maintained and again, receptions will not be permitted.

Inslee said the restrictions are necessary to once again flatten the curve of the still-increasing number of COVID-19 infections.

"We had tremendous success in flattening the curve, but we knew when we began this reopening process we would have to accept and make changes as the facts dictated," Inslee said in a press briefing last week. "At the moment, the only effective tool against this pandemic is to change some of our practices."

In Island County, the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 has risen to 231 (as of Monday evening) – up 14 from last week. County commissioners say following new guidelines now will hopefully help prevent further rollbacks in the near future, but balancing public health and economic health in this unprecedented time is possible.



"This is a tough time for our small businesses," said Commissioner Helen Price Johnson. "It is complicated because the public health must be protected for our economy to recover. These businesses need us to spend our money locally. Everyone can do their part by supporting our local establishments while wearing masks, washing hands, and staying away from big groups."

"I believe that we can work together to protect the health and economic well-being of our community," said Commissioner Janet St. Clair. "While these modifications to Phase III may have a small and/or short term impact, being cautious today protects us from more catastrophic restrictions if the virus gets worse in the future. We have been successful in Island County in keeping our rates relatively low and I hope we can continue that effort. I will also continue our efforts to support the impact to small businesses through actions

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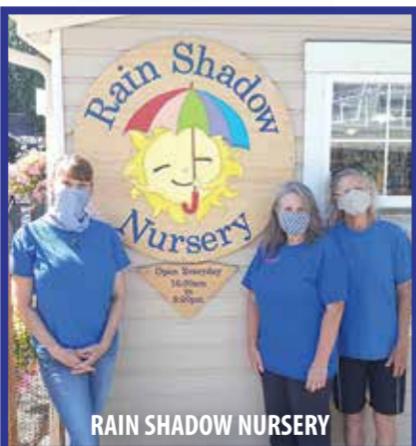
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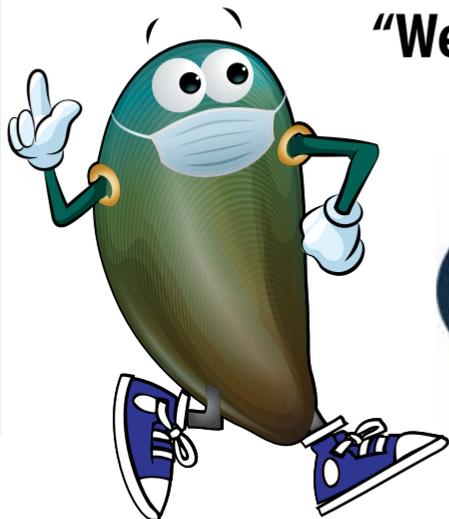
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For Vets Only

Contributed by Dana Sawyers
Whidbey Veterans Resource Center Program Coordinator



Discussing healthcare and medical preferences, current or future caregiving needs and end-of-life planning are often avoided until a sudden need arises. Avoiding all of this is a natural tendency. But not having the knowledge of benefits, who to contact and how, and having important documents in place, creates real problems and possibly becomes very expensive if an adult becomes incapacitated or suddenly passes away. When it comes to medical care preferences and end-of-life issues, the majority of Americans are unprepared. In a recent study, 80 million families reported they had not talked about care choices and end-of-life; 70 percent of end-of-life discussions were only after a traumatic event or health crisis.

Caregiving and medical coordination can be one of life's great challenges as you and your loved one figure out how to adjust to changes in body, mind, schedules and daily life going forward. Making connections and establishing a system of support is essential. The Whidbey Veterans Resource Center provides information and access to services and benefits, and connections to programs for caregiver support, home care and other programs. For veterans who do not have family in the area, WVRC volunteers and members can provide a network of peer support, local community connections and VA programs. The VA caregiver support services were given additional funding in the recent Mission Act; the legislation can be challenging to navigate and the VA has local contacts to clarify eligibilities.

In addition to assisting with benefits and other VA information, the WVRC recommends essential documents, why they're necessary and how they are related to veterans benefits, healthcare, compensation and pension. These are important whether the veteran uses VA healthcare or community care, and not just for service connected or disabled; but for all veterans and spouses.

VA Advance Directive Durable Power Of Attorney for Health Care and Living Will (VA form 10-0187 is online as a fillable pdf – use the va.gov link): This is filed with providers (keep a copy with the veteran, too). A primary and alternate healthcare agent can be listed. Advanced healthcare directives/living wills are instructions provided by you, for your providers, family and friends to be aware and commit to supporting you when needed.

POLST form: Filled out by your doctor with you, this form outlines your wishes for emergency care, and is a doctor's order for elderly, frail or the seriously ill. The POLST form should be posted with medications or on the refrigerator (EMS will check the side of the fridge). Keep a copy with the advance directive and take with you if you travel. This is helpful for you, your family and EMS.

Healthcare Power of Attorney: A healthcare POA comes into effect if you are incapacitated and you are no longer able to make medical decisions on your own. It can be temporary or long term. Talking about this so your family and friends know your care preferences, beliefs and values and end of life wishes can ease decisions and stress in the time to focus on the loved one. In addition to the Advance Directive, a POA can name more than one person, for instance local friend, partner, family members or other designee.

Will: * Finally, a will is critical. A will states your wishes regarding your estate, for your spouse, family and friends after passing. *The WVRC does not provide wills or legal advice.

The WVRC can provide information about VA end-of-life benefits and financial aid. Veterans and spouses can be laid to rest (burial or ashes) together in VA cemeteries, and split remains are allowed when requested (when part of ashes are kept or scattered).

It is so important to cover these types of issues before a crisis. Take advantage of the time you have now and set aside time to discuss healthcare preferences, caregiving needs and end-of-life planning with your loved one, and ensure the necessary paperwork is in place.

For VA healthcare and support services, caregiver support and end-of-life benefits the WVRC can provide information via phone or video calls. If you would be interested in a call-in or video information forum about these topics or other benefits, please email whidbeyvrc@gmail.com or call 360-331-8081.

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TUESDAY, JULY 7

5:45 am, Cedar View Dr.

Reporting party advising ongoing issue law enforcement is aware of; advising two subjects were on his roof all night doing a harassment campaign and trying to get into house via bathroom skylight.

10:15 am, SR 20

Reporting party advising female showed up at location with swollen face, claiming to be drugged; advising the female would not give any further information. Bright orange jacket, loose floral pants.

10:4 am, E Troxell Rd.

Deceased deer for pick up approximately 400 feet east of location on water side of road; marked area with beer can.

11:05 am, SR 525

Reporting party states they are driving in ferry lane and semi merged into lane and hit the side of the car.

12:11 pm, Rhododendron Dr.

Reporting party advising saw woman walking on SR 20 and Monkey Hill Rd.; orange jacket and blue flowery pants. Reporting party states he drove woman home to address. Looks like she is having an allergic reaction to something.

2:45 pm, Mobius Loop

Reporting party states doesn't have phone. Asked if Sheriff was in this afternoon, then stated he had a message for him. "He's got an ex-deputy that is in a world of trouble, a world of trouble. His whole gene pool, his whole family is in a world of trouble."

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

3:56 am, Dead Goat Rd.

Reporting party states someone is in their house; doesn't know who they are. Think they're in the kitchen. Reporting party is in bedroom. States he was there last night but didn't call it in.

5:30 am, SR 20

Advising loose horses on highway; unknown how many or what direction of travel, will try to hail driver again and recall.

11:24 am, Moonlight Dr.

Caller states neighbor behind caller, in own yard, started screaming at caller and her children, using profanities. States male possibly lives on Brainers.

6:12 pm, Taylor Rd.

Reporting sheep in roadway.

6:48 pm, Maxwellton Rd.

Reporting goats in road on Maxwellton.

7:40 pm, Brainers Rd.

Neighbor threatened caller. Told caller if they spoke to his wife "in that way again," he would "do terrible things." Requesting call, no weapons.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

1:07 am, Goss Lake Rd.

Reporting party states subject is rocking reporting party's motorhome. Reporting party is inside motorhome, subject is outside of motorhome rocking it.

3:33 am, E Sleeper Rd.

Reporting party advising was at trailhead at end of Sleeper Road and there is a very foul smell in the area. States smells like something dead.

5:07 am, Mobius Loop

Male subject on line; "What year did the city pier burn? You're paying for it now and you will continue to pay for it." Line disconnected.

3:28 pm, Sycamore Rd.

Reporting party advising subjects stole trees and moved property line; male very irate. Unknown who subjects are.

7:08 pm, Mobius Loop

Caller on business line inquiring if caller has heard of recent supreme court ruling. Slurred speech. States would like subject put into jail for lying. Just "pick him up and put him in jail;" will check back Monday to see if it's been done.

8:50 pm, Penn Cove Rd.

Caller advising neighbors at location have been burning since noon. States she can hardly breathe and it's also causing her cat to cough. Making everyone uncomfortable. Denied aid.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

2:17 pm, Orchard Loop

Reporting party's son took off through his window in past 2.5 hours; in a car with some female who is supposed to have an interlock but doesn't.

6:05 pm, Hoffman Rd.

Reporting male on property refusing to leave. Male told reporting party he is paying respects to his grandfather; also stated it is a public road. Reporting party advising it is private.

6:20 pm, Maxwellton Rd.

Herd of goats in roadway in area of location; approximately 10-12.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

10:11 am, East Harbor Rd.

Reporting party is having issue with "volatile" employee at an address in Freeland; refused to give further information about name of store or situation, just wanting to ask deputy some questions.

11:42 am, SR 525

Requesting call. States male who lives in motorhome on property thinks he can come in and out of reporting party's mobile home. Wants to know what to do.

1:09 pm, Westwood Pl.

Reporting party states neighbor won't leave his property.

4:33 pm, SR 20

Gold Honda Accord with Florida plates, almost hit motorcycle. SR 20 and north MP38, grey sedan swerving. Almost going off road.

5:23 pm, Monkey Hill Rd.

Caller states vehicle drove through fence; male driver claiming non-injury, is sitting on back of vehicle. States he is waiting for tow. Gold sedan unknown make or model.

7:38 pm, West Beach Rd.

Reporting party states political signs have been taken from location. Also taken from another location - Fort Nugent and Swantown Roads - replaced with Democratic sign.

8:16 pm, Sunrise Park Way

Reporting party states her daughter is about to be kidnapped; line disconnected.

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



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ing Network. For years Orca Network has provided education to watercraft operators through distribution of Be Whale Wise materials, frequent postings of whale safe vessel etiquette on social media, its website, and weekly whale reports, and outreach to tens of thousands through the Langley Whale Center, community events and workshops. Said one member of the Sighting Network, "The sighting reports arriving in my inbox are always interesting and encourage me to be a more careful, sensitive boater." All of the education, outreach and advocacy done by Orca Network focuses on helping people in the Salish Sea make a real connection with the whales - so they want to learn more about them, which leads people to care and take action to help the whales.

One "side effect" of the Whale Sighting Network has been many eyes on the whales from shore, watching and reporting on not only the whales, but the behavior of vessels/watercraft around them. Orca Network refers all complaints to NOAA enforcement and the Be Whale Wise website, where observed infractions and/or harassment can be reported. The vessel/whale issue has become so polarized in the Salish Sea, the result has been many people becoming angry with all watercraft of every type, regardless of their behavior. Given people and the whales all live in an urban waterway, where there will always be many watercraft or vessels on the water; Orca Network thinks there is a better approach.

Orca Network would love to see increased efforts in education, awareness, and enforcement for recreational watercraft of all types, particularly in the narrower inland waters of Puget Sound. Extended visits by Transient/Bigg's orcas, humpback and gray whales are increasing, especially during spring and summer boating seasons; and Southern Resident orcas rely on Puget Sound for late fall/early winter foraging. The situations observed in Puget Sound the past few weeks clearly demonstrate more needs to be done to address this issue. "What we are seeing in

Puget Sound is the perfect storm of an increasing human population and associated increase in recreational and marine traffic, along with greatly increased use of this same habitat by several species of whales" said Orca Network's co-founder Susan Berta.

Orca Network received partial funding from Patagonia's Seattle store for its "Share the Water" Whale Safe Vessel Program early this year, and have been in discussions with regional ports and other partners about this program as one of several ways to increase safety for whales and vessel operators in Puget Sound. The COVID-19 pandemic has slowed this process and averted some hoped-for funds, but Orca Network has decided to move forward with the launch of the program, beginning with the distribution of materials and a series of webinars beginning in August.

Orca Network believes education is key as a proactive approach and often is better than enforcement alone. Through the use of the Share the Water Facebook page and distribution of Whale Safe Vessel information including Be Whale Wise, Washington State Parks Orca Safe boating stickers, and Share the Water information cards (which will include resources on regulations, where to report whale sightings and harassment, and where to report marine mammal strandings) Orca Network can continue to broaden its education and outreach to help others adopt safe etiquette when around whales on the water. By educating and engaging vessel operators about whales and marine mammals in the waters around them, Orca Network believes they will be motivated to be more careful boaters, and be inspired to learn more and take action to help the whales of the Salish Sea.

In the coming weeks Orca Network will begin distributing Share the Water Information and reaching out to ports, marinas and boating and yacht clubs throughout Puget Sound, and will be holding a series of Whale Safe Vessel Webinars. Check out the Orca Network and Share the Water Facebook pages, and its website "Sightings" page for more informa-

tion and to sign up for Orca Network's Whale reports. Please report whales to the Whale Sighting Network at 1-866-ORCANET, info@orcanetwork.org or on the Orca Network Facebook page. www.OrcaNetwork.org

[Submitted by Susan Berta, Orca Network]

Skagit Valley College Selects Mitch Freeman as its New Athletic Director

Mitch Freeman, SVC's new Athletic Director, is ready to take the Cardinals to the next level.

Freeman brings more than 15 years of experience to the Skagit program, including men's basketball coaching and leadership positions with the Seattle University Redhawks and the Cal Poly University Mustangs. He also served as Men's Basketball Head Coach and Assistant Athletic Director for the Peninsula College Pirates. Most recently, Mitch served as Men's Basketball Head Coach for the Corban University Warriors. In his two years at the helm at Corban, Freeman led the Warriors to a record of 34-27 (.557), headlined by a 21-9 campaign in 2018-19.

"Mitch Freeman's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion is a perfect fit for our athletic programs at SVC," said Dr. Claire Peinado, Vice President for Student Services. "His focus on excellence will help shape and mentor our student-athletes, both on the field and in the classroom."

Freeman is joining a rich athletic tradition with the Cardinals that dates back to the College's founding in 1926. Sports offered that first year were basketball and tennis with approximately a dozen players. Today, Skagit's program includes nine sports with nearly 160 student-athletes. The opportunity to engage in athletics enriches the students' college experience and enhances SVC's campus culture.

Mitch Freeman earned a Bachelor's in Kinesiology in 2004 and a Certified Secondary Education Teacher certificate in 2005, both from Washington State University. He earned a Master's in Educational Administration from Grand Canyon University in 2008. He also

spent three years teaching in the Seattle and Marysville school districts.

Skagit Valley College is a member of the Northwest Athletic Conference, which consists of two year colleges in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and one college in British Columbia.

To stay connected with the Cardinals Fan Zone, visit <https://athletics.skagit.edu/>

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

Encourage Your Inner Artist to Shine This Summer Announcing Civility First's Third Annual Art & 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, & Be Kind."

Participants will enter the contest in one of the following age categories: children (12 & 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 <https://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

[Submitted by Elizabeth Guss, Civility First]

NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting Course Offered

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

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The WIAA has released an updated, tentative calendar for the 2020-2021 athletic year. Adjustments to the schedule include moving volleyball, football, girls soccer, and 1B/2B boys soccer to an additional spring season.

WIAA releases tentative plan for high school athletics

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

As back-to-school season approaches, questions about what the 2020-2021 school year will look like in the wake of COVID-19 continue to grow, and the athletic aspect is no different. As of July 21, the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) released a statement including a plan for athletic activities which included keeping low-risk sports in the fall season, while moving what are considered moderate or high-risk activities to an additional spring season.

The WIAA's plan includes cross country, slowpitch softball, and alternative seasons for tennis and golf as the first season of four starting Sept. 7. Depending on guidelines from the Department of Health, the first season may also include girls swim and dive. Girls soccer, 1B/2B boys soccer, volleyball and football have been moved to a third season in the spring of 2021. For a full list and tentative calendar, visit wiaa.com.

Mick Hoffman, executive director of the WIAA, said the organization aims to provide safe ways for youth to participate in athletics in the upcoming year.

"Since March, the philosophy of our association has been to allow students every chance to participate," he said. "We've asked our executive board and planning committees to be as creative as possible in allowing for those opportunities. These are tough and unprecedented decisions to make, but it has been inspiring to see so many people around the state come together to work on behalf of students."

Greg Whitmore, the board president for WIAA, said the association sees the importance of athletics and has been working to provide students with the chance to safely play their respective sports in the upcoming year.

"Again the whole goal, knowing all of us have recognized the value of athletics in our kids' world, in their education, in their mental health, it becomes a balancing act: how do we keep kids safe and how do we take care of the mental health aspect of it by offering athletics?" he said. "That was our

focus all year, and obviously we are at the mercy of COVID-19 and science and some of our guidelines given to us by the state Department of Health."

At the local level, Mike Lonborg, a soccer coach for Oak Harbor High School and president of the North Whidbey Soccer Club (NWSC), said keeping youth active remains a high priority.

"From what I have seen, kids that are active and doing things are better off socially, physically, emotionally, and across all the other spectrums," he said. "I think sports and activities are really imperative for kids' growth and I hope people remember that."

Hoffman said although tentative dates have been set for each season, as information and guidelines change, the WIAA will continue to alter plans as necessary.

"It is an incredibly fluid situation, and where we are at now could change tomorrow, it could change in a minute," he said.

Whitmore said the ability to stay up to date and work with new information will be key in the upcoming year.

"Certainly, we are going to do all we can to maintain all the sports and provide opportunities," he said. "We know it may involve some rule changes at times, we will have to be flexible."

Lonborg said the new schedule, which features abbreviated seasons, will require adaptation on the part of coaches, players and all involved.

"When the season hits, if it does hit, it is going to be fast and furious," he said. "We usually have a 16-game season and I am not sure how they are going to work getting 10 practices in before you start playing matches, but from what I have seen it is only a seven-week season. I am not sure how they are going to get games in and practices in and then have playoffs."

Hoffman said the WIAA will continue providing updates as schools continue to refine their plans and new guidelines from state and health organizations become available. The board for WIAA will continue meeting

to develop plans and criteria for what needs to happen for fall and future sports to take place, including how many counties will have to be in later phases and other benchmarks, he said.

"Because this is happening so incredibly fast, we want to make sure we are giving information for schools to plan, but also make sure everybody understands that when you look at the dates, those are definitely written in pencil," he said.

Lonborg said at the recreational and club level, the outlook for the NWSC's Select Soccer Program and Recreational (REC) Soccer Program seasons is uncertain. He said the league faces considerations of referee availability and the potential limitations to play opponents from other counties for the Select Soccer Program.

"We were holding out hope for a season and no official decision has been made by the

board," he said. "I think chances are pretty solid that we will not end up having a REC season and I do not necessarily foresee us having a Select season either."

Lonborg said in addition to the changes presented by COVID-19, high school athletics on the island will undergo other transitions as well, with Oak Harbor High School joining the Northwest Conference after formerly being a part of the Wesco conference, and Coupeville High School moving from a 1A to 2B classification.

"There is a lot of change with the leagues," he said.

Lonborg said no matter what the coming seasons bring, the top priority of schools, coaches, and all involved is keeping athletic participants safe.

"We want to protect kids the best we can and I think the WIAA is," he said.



Photo Courtesy of the North Whidbey Soccer Club

The North Whidbey Soccer Club provides youth in the community with the opportunity to build sportsmanship and soccer skills through its Recreational Soccer Program and Select Soccer Program. Mike Lonborg, president of the club's board of directors, said the board has not yet come to a final decision about holding upcoming seasons. (Photo from 2019)



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The next course -- NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting -- will be held Friday, August 14 from 6:00 to 9:00PM and continuing on August 15 from 9:00AM to 5:00PM at the NWSA range located at 886 Gun Club Road in Oak Harbor. This course introduces students to the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for owning and using a pistol safely. The pistol handling and shooting portion is completed at the NWSA range where students will learn about safe gun handling, pistol shooting fundamentals, and pistol shooting activities. The Basics of Pistol Course will also help prepare the student for participation in other NRA courses. This class includes shooting on the NWSA Pistol Range. The cost of the class is \$35. Students can register online at nrainstructors.org.

For questions or to register, call NRA instructor John Hellmann at 360-675-8397 or email NWSA.Training@gmail.com. Additional information can be found at www.northwhidbeysportsmen.org.

[Submitted by John Hellmann, NWSA Training Coordinator]

Skagit Valley College Whidbey Island Campus Announces Faculty of the Year Awards and the Staff of the Year Awards

Skagit Valley College Whidbey Island Campus is proud to announce its Faculty of the Year Awards and the Staff of the Year Awards for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Each year, SVC Whidbey Island Campus students select and recognize faculty and staff members who demonstrate exceptional performance inside and outside the classroom.

This year, Faculty of the Year Awards were presented to Jason "Jae" Stewart, American Sign Language instructor, and Dinty Musk, Chemistry instructor.

This year, Staff of the Year Awards were presented to Liesl Johnson, Program Coordinator in Disability Access Services, TRiO, and Tutoring Center, and Erin Shiflett, Educational Planner.

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

Please Leave the Seal Pups Alone



It is once again seal pupping season in the Salish Sea, and the Central Puget Sound Marine Mammal Stranding Network and NOAA Fisheries ask beach goers to follow the regulations regarding seals and seal pups on the beach and to please Share the Shore!

Seal pups are born in our inland waters June through August. There are 3,000-5,000 harbor seal pups born in Washington inland waters

each year. Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, harbor seal populations have recovered to healthy numbers and their population is at carrying capacity (maximum population size of the species that the environment can sustain indefinitely).

Nursing pups remain with their mothers for four to six weeks and are then weaned to forage and survive on their own. Harbor seal pups may haul out in the same place for several days or weeks at a time; this does not mean they are abandoned. Pups that are being weaned must learn to survive and forage for food. Weaned pups will spend extended hours on shore resting and regulating their body temperature. Please respect nature's role. Up to 50 percent of the pups born will not survive their first year of life.

Many harbor seal pups are too young to have developed protective wariness (escape response) and may not flee when approached while resting and warming up on shore. Harbor seals use log booms, docks, and shoreline habitat on a daily basis to rest and regulate their body temperature.

Please Share the Shore - stay back 100 yards if possible, keep your dogs on a leash, and if the animal is injured call the Central Puget Sound Marine Mammal Stranding Network 1-866-ORCANET (866-672-2638) for Island, Skagit, and Port Susan beaches; or call NOAA Fisheries Regional hotline at 1-866-767-6114 for pups in other areas of the Salish Sea.

Harbor seals (and all marine mammals) are protected by law under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Federal marine mammal regulations prohibit harassing seals to reduce human disturbance of important life processes. Don't touch seal pups! The best thing you can do is to leave the animal alone, its best chance for survival is in the wild.

For more information about harbor seal pups in Washington State please read NOAA Fisheries "Share the Shore with Harbor Seal Pups" http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/publications/protected_species/marine_mammals/pinnipeds/6.7.2016_share_the_shore_harbor_seal_pups.pdf

For more information on marine mammals and the Central Puget Sound Marine Mammal Stranding Network, go to: www.orcanetwork.org/strandings.html or visit the Langley Whale Center at 105 Anthes in Langley, Wash. (currently open two days/week due to COVID - call 360-221-7505).

[Submitted by Susan Berta, Orca Network]

Island County CARES

Island County has been awarded funds through the state's Coronavirus Relief Funds. The funds are available under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") in response to the COVID-19 crisis. In order to qualify for these funds, individuals and families must be impacted by COVID-19.

Island County Board of County Commissioners authorized the use of these funds for the following:

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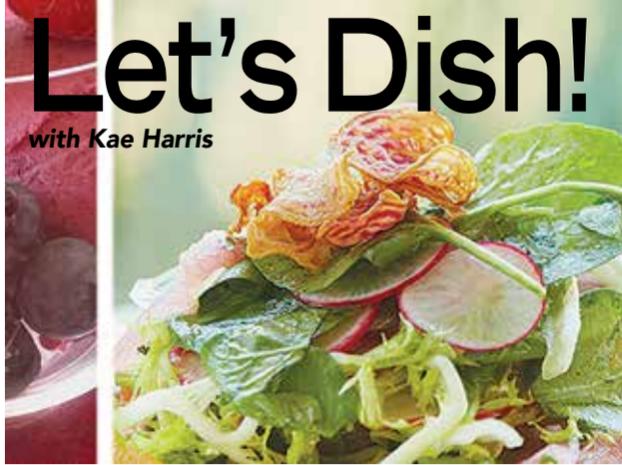
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DIPPING ETIQUETTE: IT REALLY IS A THING!

Summer is upon us and all things related are indulged in and enjoyed. I hope that's the case at any rate, especially since everything isn't quite so normal. Hanging out in large groups is discouraged at this moment in time, so perhaps those backyard barbecues aren't quite as crowded as before. That's okay, it doesn't mean you can't enjoy the same food and beverages you'd normally have at a large summer get-together; it just means you have to adjust your portion size (maybe) and eat together over a conference call.

So, last time we discussed anything about what rings synonymous with summer, I decided watermelon was where it was at. This issue, it's all about dip. Not the chew tobacco; the actual dips that you scoop up with another food. I love dips. I don't know anyone who doesn't, actually. Except for my oldest daughter, come to think of it. She hates dip of any kind and prefers her food to be eaten sans any sauce of any kind, all bland and dry and boring. Each to their own. Now, I wondered, since she dislikes it so much, not only if she was adopted (she isn't, but everyone else in the family cannot eat anything without a dipping sauce or dip) but where dips originated.

I commenced researching and happened across an awesome website which informed me the word dip is an old German derivation of the word d(e)up – meaning “hollow” or “deep.” Makes no sense, right? Bear with me now. So, the old English verb for this word is apparently *dypan* (dyppan) and is said to have meant literally, “to immerse.” Whatever the case is, this derivation is completely understandable – we immerse things in dip. Then I decided I really wanted

to know what the first dip actually was (if it's even possible to trace that back throughout history) and turns out the general consensus is it was hummus. Historical sources suggest hummus dates as far back as the 13th century and its progenitor hailed from Egypt. Some outliers on the subject feel that it was actually the Greeks who made the first hummus and because everything in food history is so convoluted, we can't be certain. Of course, trade routes between Egypt and Greece were established and further throughout the Middle East, so we are bound to see an overlap of cuisines – think vine leaves, baklava and none other than hummus.

Hummus is ground up chickpeas and today we often find additions such as garlic, red peppers, chili and olive paste to name but a few, in the dip. Personally, I like the garlic one; the almost meaty flavor of the garbanzo beans blended with the potent kick garlic adds to anything and pairs most appropriately. It's a fantastic crowd pleaser and you can eat it with just about anything: carrots, celery, cucumber, flat bread, tortilla chips, crackers and so on. You'll figure out what you like to dip into your hummus, but the point is, other food items are used as a vehicle to transport the dip into your mouth.

And then this got me thinking - is there a certain type of dip etiquette one has to abide by in order to eat dip the “right” way? When you're by yourself, I don't think so, no. You don't have to share with anyone, so it isn't that big a deal if your fingertips accidentally touch the dip. Now, if you are two people, there are some general rules of the road. I did my research, asked my friends and family their thoughts on the matter and here's what I found: If there are two of you, it's whoever is sitting on the right-hand side who gets first dip. Right hand side of what, though? The

dip, I guess; but where the dip is located in space and time would make the right hand side all relative, so no that doesn't work. Furthermore, what if you're facing one another? It's the person who has their food item ready to dip first that gets to immerse it first. Okay, now if they are a fast eater and they have immersed their dipping vehicle first and they're ready to go again before the second person has had their turn, then it defers to the one-for-one rule – even if the first person has to wait an eternity: it's about etiquette, you know.

Next up is the “nothing left behind” rule. Don't ever, ever, ever leave behind bits of your dip vehicle behind in the actual dip. If your chip, cracker or bread breaks, retrieve it by using another cracker, chip or piece of bread to scoop it up with. Simple. Problem solved.

Anyway, apparently, there is a dip hierarchy and you have to observe it. I've never heard of it so I must be a rather uncouth, barbarian dipper. It's suggested that you don't take multiple dips to an event, especially if you know someone else is going to be preparing a dip. That's heresy. The more dips the merrier! Everyone likes sampling lots of different things, so I don't agree with this rule.

Now, lastly and possibly the most important rule of dippingdom is this: NEVER, ever, ever, ever double dip. Why? Well, because perhaps not everyone outside of yourself wants to share germs and if your chip, cracker, veggie stick or bread has been slobbered all over, and re-submerged into the dip, I daresay other dip eaters will not feel so inclined to eat any afterwards and they may even be a tad annoyed. There are exceptions to every rule however, so double dipping is perfectly fine if you're by yourself, a portion of it is spooned onto your plate, or you are under

the age of 5. If none of these criteria can be met, you will have to just refrain from double dipping. Unless of course, you are trying to keep others away from the dip...I do not encourage nor condone this – especially in the times we live in now.

Dear readers, I am including a recipe for a corn dip. It is after all, summertime and corn is something you are likely to find at a summertime barbecue, right? It is also, quite honestly, delicious. I do hope you try it and if you do, you like it as much as I do! Please feel free to write in and share dip recipes you know and love; I'm always on the hunt for new tried and tested recipes. You can send those in, along with any comments and questions to letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com and we'll do just that and Dish!

Delicious Corn Dip

- 3 cans whole kernel corn
- 1 can (7 oz) diced green chiles
- 1 can (6 oz) diced jalapenos, drained with 2 tablespoons liquid reserved
- 2/3 cup chopped green onion
- 1 cup chopped red, yellow and/or green pepper
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 package shredded cheddar (16 oz) – anything from mild to sharp

In a large bowl, combine all the ingredients. Mix very well and chill in the refrigerator for 2 to 3 hours before serving. Serve with corn tortilla chips and enjoy!

www.ilovedip.com/dip-etiquette.html

To read past columns of *Let's Dish* in the *Whidbey Weekly*, see our Digital Library at www.whidbeyweekly.com.

GUEST COLUMN

By **Maribeth Crandell**

Rocking the Face Mask

I've heard lots of dismal news about the pandemic, the public health crisis, the economic disaster, a lot of people are sick, or out of work, or trying to work with kids at home. People are suffering.

Yet, at the same time, there are a lot of positive things going on. People are reaching out (from 6 feet away) to get to know and help their neighbors. More folks are out walking and biking, getting health benefits and enjoying their surroundings. Birdwatching has taken off as a competitive sport!

Recently, my neighbor told me about a woman electrician. She wears a face mask as is required at her job. But being the only woman among many men in her workplace, she applies bright red lipstick to hers at the start of each day. Way to rock the face mask!

The Governor has made face masks mandatory when in public. Some people with real creativity and style, are coming up with amazing face shields and masks that reflect their unique, fun-loving personality. You could wear a tie-dyed bandanna or an edgy dark one. One man I saw wore a face mask with a handsome goatee painted on it. (He probably hadn't shaved in a week.) The cashiers at the grocery store have decorated their face shields with flowers on top or giant eyebrows. I suppose you could add antennae, or hearts, or Yoda ears. It's hard to tell while I'm wearing my face mask, but this makes me smile. I want to give you all a big virtual hug for helping our community stay safe and strong and open for business.

I work for Island Transit and wear a face mask both in the office building and



whenever I'm on the bus. Island Transit works hard to keep the buses clean, and has a new schedule with more frequency on our most popular routes to allow proper distancing. Face masks are required on the buses now, as it's a public place. So we're offering free face masks for our riders. We have the common blue papery ones, as well as some styling neck gaiters that come in lots of colors and patterns. You can wear them as a scarf until you come on the bus. Then you just pull it up over your nose and mouth to be safe and courteous and smart. They're a fashion accessory. Rock the face mask with whatever style you choose.



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CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

ARIES (March 21-April 19)



Indecision. Long the La Brea Tar Pit of love, romantic indecision has created more triangles than Euclide's geometry. The dangers of indecision, and how to avoid it, are the subject of countless books. But wait. Indecision is not without its benefits. Indecision at the ice cream parlor gave us rainbow sherbet and Neapolitan ice cream. At the breakfast table, the dry cereal variety pack. Indecision, boon or bane to your week? You decide.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



Cats run; dogs give chase. That's the way of things. Yet, some dogs and cats coexist under the same roof, peacefully. Reconcile. The question of peace between natural combatants is an easy one. When a dog and cat make peace, be sure there's a peaceful hand present to guide them. The world is always looking for peaceful hands. Every day is an audition for the role. Are you ready for your screentest?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



Would you buy a cheap parachute? Not if you value your life! There are times when only excellence will do. Would you have a cheap victory? Or is the call to battle a call for excellence? A call to, "fight the good fight," in the words of earlier times. In those days, a victory lacking moral and spiritual values was no victory at all. Are we now remembering that cheap victory is like a parachute that does not open? Both have an unhappy end.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)



Busy, busy! But at what? Oh, just faithfully tending to business! Are you sure? It's quite a fine line, these days, between tending to one's business and meddling in the business of others. And should you cross that line, even accidentally and by the tiniest bit . . . well, you'll hear about it. In loud and exacting terms. You don't want to go down that road, now, do you? So mind your p's and q's. Only yours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



How did you get money as a kid? Scrap for bottle deposits? Get an allowance from your parents? Did you have to work for it? You probably learned early that money doesn't grow on trees. And now? Your numbers are bigger, but how much has changed? For most, not much. We still scrap. Still earn our allowances, even if they have other names. But there are exceptions. Do you study them? The ones who it seems do have money trees?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



Down on your luck? It could be worse. You could be playing exhibition basketball for the Washington Generals. The team's last win against the Harlem Globetrotters was in 1971. Kids cried and fans booed, making the victory a hollow one. The takeaway for you? A

win is always possible, even when the game is stacked against you. But in the end, faithfully playing your assigned role might prove more satisfying.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



Necessity is said to be the mother of Invention. But what about Invention's father? What about cousins and offspring? Do any of them figure in your week? Possibly. So it's worth

mentioning that Invention's first cousin is Gizmo, who is the brainchild of Gadget. By marriage those two became Gimmick, late heiress of the Dooickey fortune, and Contraption, of the famous Contrivance clan. And Invention's father? Definitely a Doodad.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



Gaggle, skein, plump, salt. Collate and define. A gaggle is a flock of geese not in flight. A gaggle taking wing becomes a skein, the migratory wedge. The wedge tightly bunched becomes

a plump. The plump back on the ground, a gaggle. Bonus round: Eight 50-pound bags of salt are called what? A gaggle. The takeaway? Just when you think you have the system figured, a wild curve will show that you don't.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



Oh, the Terrible Twos. The childish hitting, kicking, and throwing things. The screaming, crying and mood swings. The public tantrums, opinionated and defiant. Best way to cope? Don't

give in to demands, say child psychologists. Stay calm and offer an age-appropriate choice, such as, "You can storm the capital or burn a dumpster, but you can't have both." Nobody said raising children was easy. You do the best you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



How do you get your face on a monument? How do you cross a river? Crossing a river is simple. Wade in, stand strong and tall, braced against the current, and inch your way

across. This is how people get their faces on monuments. Nobody said they were perfect. They just stood strong and tall. All you want is peace at home? What works in the river, works at home, too. Be strong. Stand tall.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



Misunderstandings are like bricks. How? Stack them. Stack them, one by one. Stack them, one by one, with never a question. Stack them, one by one, with never a question

about the foundation on which you build. Stack them, one by one, with never a question about the foundation on which you build, and soon you'll have an edifice that rivals the house that Jack built. Stack them, one by one . . .

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



Every good story has a villain. The stronger the villain, the better the story. In the story of your life, who, or what, is your villain? Is it an open villain? Or a crafty villain that pretends to be

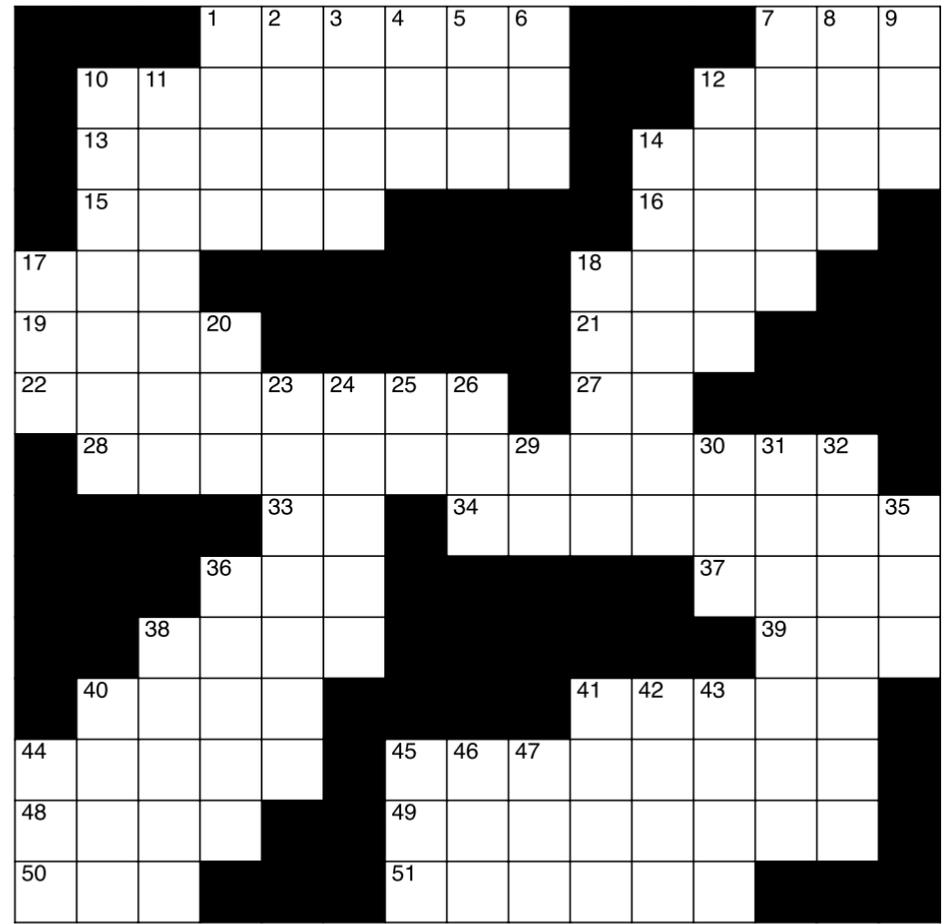
a friend? What's at stake if your villain wins? And if you win, what then? Are you ready to let the old villain go, so you can pick a new one? You have to have a villain, you know. Every good story has a villain.

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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. African nation
- 7. ___ fi (slang)
- 10. Not arranged according to size
- 12. A demand for a show of hands in a card game
- 13. Having a play of lustrous rainbow-like colors
- 14. Panama has one
- 15. Taking legal action
- 16. Top of the body
- 17. Part of (abbr.)
- 18. Soul and calypso song
- 19. Murres
- 21. Irish river
- 22. Accepts as true
- 27. The Bay State
- 28. 1950s Hollywood icon
- 33. Blood type
- 34. In a way, became lost
- 36. Large primate
- 37. A spongelike cake leavened with yeast
- 38. Mama ___, folk singer
- 39. Visual metaphor (computers)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cylindrical sacs
- 2. Extinct North Germanic language
- 3. Late rocker Allman
- 4. Word element meaning ear
- 5. Amino acid (abbr.)
- 6. Promotions
- 7. Actress Lathan
- 8. Clothed
- 9. Unwell
- 10. Loosen
- 11. Cephalopod mollusks
- 12. ___ at Obdurata: Harmful papal bull

- 14. Musical composition
- 17. Irish bar
- 18. Greek island
- 20. Afflict
- 23. Goes by
- 24. Ambience
- 25. Video game manufacturer
- 26. Surplus Marketing Administration
- 29. Football position
- 30. Electronic musical style (abbr.)
- 31. Furniture with open shelves
- 32. Clouds of gas in outer space
- 35. Indian midwife
- 36. Packers' signal caller
- 38. Secret political clique
- 40. Cry weakly
- 41. Gomer ___, marine
- 42. Academic Bill of Rights
- 43. Negatives
- 44. Hip hop icon Kool Moe ___

Answers on page 19

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, July 30	Fri, July 31	Sat, August 1	Sun, August 2	Mon, August 3	Tues, August 4	Wed, August 5
North Isle H-70°/L-52° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-70°/L-54° Mostly Sunny	North Isle H-72°/L-54° Partly Sunny PM Showers	North Isle H-71°/L-54° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-71°/L-54° Mostly Sunny	North Isle H-71°/L-54° Mostly Sunny	North Isle H-72°/L-54° Plenty of Sunshine
South Isle H-72°/L-57° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-74°/L-56° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-76°/L-57° Partly Sunny PM Showers	South Isle H-78°/L-56° Cloudy	South Isle H-78°/L-56° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-78°/L-56° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-77°/L-56° Warm and Sunny

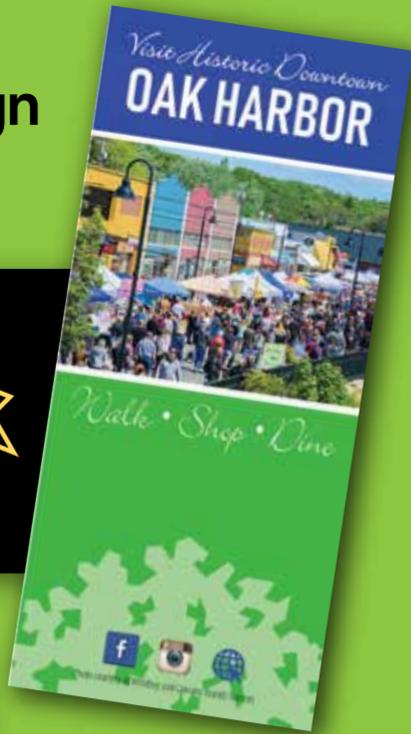


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Rent, Mortgage, Utility Assistance: 360-678-8284 (Housing Support Center)

If your household income has decreased as a direct result of COVID-19, and you are in arrears or unable to pay in full the pending rent/mortgage installment you may be eligible for assistance.

Funds will be distributed in the form of rent, mortgage, or utility payments on behalf of households whose primary residence is within Island County.

Documents to verify identity and income and a brief screening to determine program eligibility for this financial assistance must be confirmed before issuing payment on behalf of a household.

Human Services Helpline: 360-678-2346

- Help to access unemployment benefits, available food resources and other basic needs
- Individual, Child and Family behavioral health supports:
 - Addressing mental health and substance use needs through brief services
 - Help in connecting with health care providers, long term counseling, other behavioral health needs

Community education: 360-678-8294

- Support groups for seniors, parents, essential workers, etc.
- Talks/presentations to community organizations and other needs that the community may identify

All programs are short term, ending Oct. 31.

Please inquire early in order to take advantage of these resources.

All of the above programs can also be easily accessed through an online referral form: www.cognitofrms.com/IslandCounty1/COVID19ReferralForServices

[Submitted by Virginia Shaddy, Clerk of the Board]

Seeking Applicants For Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee

The Island County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants to serve on the Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee. A citizen representative is needed from Commissioner District 2 (Oak Harbor). Applicants must reside within the area they are representing.

The TAC meets on the second Thursday of every month with the task of coordinating among agencies, communities and other stakeholders to develop regional transportation priorities, address concerns, and to recommend project and planning solutions. The TAC advises the Executive Board regarding annual work programs, policy development, project selections and other regional transportation issues. The TAC is made up of three citizens (one from each Commissioner district), engineers and planners from local jurisdictions, WSDOT, port districts and Island Transit.

Application materials may be obtained by contacting Susan Driver at 360-678-7959 or by email at mail to: s.driver@islandcountywa.gov.

Applications materials should be returned to:

Susan Driver
IRTPO Technical Advisory Committee Vacancies
P.O. Box 5000
Coupeville, WA 98239

Application materials should be received no later than 4:30PM Aug. 22.

[Submitted by Jennifer Roll, Deputy Clerk of the Board]

Seeking Applicants for Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve Trust Board

The Island County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants to serve on the Trust Board of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve.

The National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-625, Section 508(a) (92 Stat.3507) established Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve to protect, preserve and

interpret the nationally significant historical resources of the Central Whidbey Island Historic District. A nine-member Trust Board representing the National Park Service, Washington State Parks, Island County, and the Town of Coupeville provides for collaborative management and administration of the Reserve.

The Island County Board of Commissioners appoints four members to the Trust Board to serve four-year terms, which may be renewed by mutual agreement.

Interested individuals should provide a letter of interest and statement of qualifications by mail or email to:

Island County Board of Commissioners
Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve
Trust Board Vacancy
P.O. Box 5000
Coupeville, WA 98239

Please email applications to j.roll@island-countywa.gov

Application materials should be received no later than 4:30PM Aug. 22. 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]

Local Business News

Whimsies Has Reopened

Whimsies, located at 830 SE Pioneer Way in Oak Harbor, has been rearranging the shop and has added something new. Vicki Yount has turned The Studio area into a boutique with selected women's accessories, jewelry and clothing.

Whimsies still carries pottery from Carol Rhodes and Stacy Murphy; Cathy Goldizen's sparkling mermaid jewelry, hand painted rocks, boxes, notebooks and more; Barbara Cargill's lavender sachets, crocheted shawls and more; Adrienne Bennett's woven bead bracelets; Sharon Tryon's paintings; Sherry Shipley's prints and cards; Vicki Yount's photography, wall art and mosaics; Carol Cuminale's framed calligraphy prints and cards; Pam Doph's earrings, and more. Recently, new artists have joined the unique shop. Basket Works' Reggie Kastler has brought in a collection of her popular and colorful baskets and designer Susan Buckmaster has added fabulous hats and fascinators.

Charlotte Gray's mosaics are available for purchase and her classes will resume with individual sessions and/or very small classes by arrangement. If you've always wanted to try mosaic art, now is the time for one-on-one learning.

Don't forget, Whimsies also carries five varieties of teas, both loose leaf and tea sachets and TeaDrops, as well and a wide variety of vintage teacups.

Whimsies is currently open Wednesday through Saturday from 10:30AM to 4:00PM. For more information, call 369-682-2468 or email victoriacharlotte21@yahoo.com

Artworks Gallery Moves to Langley

Just about every major art medium is represented in the works of the 15 artists who are members of the Artworks Gallery in Langley Village. The gallery, at the back of Langley Village across from Ultra House, is having its grand opening this Saturday, from 11:00AM to 4:00PM.

Before the opportunity presented itself, members of the gallery were already thinking about moving from Greenbank to Langley. The move fits into Langley's place as the art center of Whidbey Island. Recently, Langley was named a "Creative Art District" by Washington State, a designation that is not only important, but adds to the likelihood of more tourists coming to the community to experience the art life in the town.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of Artworks Gallery. As members have settled into life in the Langley community, the members of the gallery have been impressed with the cooperative feeling of other art galleries in the area, as well as other businesses in Langley.

Gallery hours, beginning next week will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11:00AM to 4:00PM.





Sinapati Junior Tali

Sept. 20, 1975 – June 24, 2020



Sinapati was named after our father, who passed away along with our mother in 1999 in Pago Pago, American Samoa. Sinapati liked to go by his middle name, Junior, and the only time he used his actual first name was in school and for his medical appointments.

Junior was an athletic person, as were my two older brothers, Peo and Bev. Junior had a life-changing accident when he was about 12 years old. He went with the village kids to swim at the waterfall next to our Aunt Snookie Walker's house in Pago Pago Village. He tumbled down the waterfall, breaking his hips and hitting his head, causing brain damage. Still, this did not slow him down. During the 1980s, Junior won eight gold medals in the Special Olympic Games that were held in American Samoa.

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Junior was very intelligent. Our mother said he won first place at Samoan Bible School from first to eighth grade. His life was changed forever after his fall over the waterfall. He was still very athletic and loved games like billiards or pool, basketball, volleyball, ping pong, chess, video games as well as simple card games, Rummy being his favorite. He taught me how to play and it is instilled in me.

He was loved by everyone who knew him. He was an intelligent, loving, caring, generous, and humorous person. He showed his love for his family by always helping out, mowing the lawn, washing the dishes and many other chores.

As wonderful as he was, he could be very hard-headed at times and often would only listen to his two older brothers. In January of 2004, I came to live in America with Peo to help take care of Junior. That year he had hip replacement surgery. He recalled later that he could hear the doctors working on him, hammering something, so he was never eager to have the surgery on his other leg. Later that same year, Peo's living situation changed and Junior and I went in separate directions. He went to live with our first cousin, Pisila Kupu Wily, and her kids. Our oldest brother, Peo, passed away and was buried in Spanaway, Wash., in 2013.

From then on Junior lived off and on between nursing homes and Api/Abby (our youngest brother) until he decided to move to Oak Harbor, Wash., to be closer to Api/Abby and myself, Linda, his younger sister.

Junior was diabetic, had hypertension and started dialysis a few years back. By the time Junior and I moved to Tacoma, Junior had suffered from these ailments for a while. It didn't help matters that he was a heavy smoker, having started back in high school, and he liked to drink on and off. These two things did not help his health situation and it resulted in having a few heart attacks and strokes around 2014, which brought him to the point of needing the kidney dialysis.

Junior loved spending time with his family, especially all of his nephews and nieces from his two older brothers. They always said they were our kids too.

We were all so blessed that on June 20-21 we were able to have his "Going Home" celebration. All of us who are nearby gathered together to say goodbye. We laughed, we cried, sang songs and enjoyed tons of good fellowship together. We are all so grateful for this time we shared with him. After the party, as Abby and I continued to take care of him, we noticed a rapid change in his body. June 23, our older brother, Bev, called for an update and we contacted all the family members, including all the nieces and nephews, so Junior could bless each one of them.

June 24, 2020, our beloved Junior passed away quietly while I was on the phone and Abby was asleep in the chair next to his bed. We looked up and he had gone home to Jesus. We are so grateful to know he's at home with Jesus and we will see him again one day when we join him.

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and condolences at www.whidbeymemorial.com.

Catherine Agnes Kiefer

June 2, 1931 – July 19, 2020



Catherine "Katie" Agnes Kiefer, 89, passed away July 19, 2020 in Bonney Lake, Wash., surrounded by her loving family.

Katie was born June 2, 1931 in Albuquerque, N.M., to Lavena Higgins and Joseph Kolb. She graduated from North High in Denver, Colo., in 1949. Katie married U.S. Navy Sailor, Joseph Kiefer Jr., in 1954. She was a loving mother to five. Katie lived in Oak Harbor, Wash., for 48 years, from 1969 to 2017. During her lifetime, she worked as a soda jerk, a switchboard operator, a housewife, and an Avon lady. She visited all of the 50 states. She attended St. Augustine Catholic Church in Oak Harbor. Katie was active with the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and Right to Life.

Katie is survived by her son, Lawrence (Darlene) Kiefer of Camano Island, Wash., daughter, Linda (Ron) Macoubrie of Bonney Lake, son, Joseph (Peggy) Kiefer of Chugiak, Alaska, daughter, Catherine (Larry) Jacobs of Commiskey, Ind., son, James (Oksana) Kiefer of New York, N.Y., and many grand, great-grand and great-great-grandchildren.

Katie was laid to rest at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Wash., July 23. She will be placed with her husband, Joseph Kiefer Jr. The family intends to hold a memorial service in Oak Harbor at a later date.

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



Ron Apgar passed away peacefully Sunday, July 26 with his devoted wife, Laura, by his side, holding his hand.

Ron and Laura moved to Oak Harbor in 2004 and were instantly welcomed into the community. They embraced the community with equal fervor. Their Paint Your World customers became friends and family and the relationships formed over the years are deeply cherished. Laura plans on remaining in Oak Harbor and part of the community Ron loved so much.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to one of Mr. Ron's favorite nonprofit organizations, North Whidbey Help House 1901 SE Hathaway St, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Pam's Prayer Corner

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

God, we trust that you are good and do good. Teach us to be your faithful people in this time of global crisis. Help us to follow in the footsteps of our faithful shepherd, Jesus, who laid down his life for the sake of love. Glorify his name as you equip us with everything needed for doing your will. Amen.

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Romans 8:18



When You Wish Upon A Star . . .

By **Melanie Hammons** Whidbey Weekly

Early July brings Whidbey Islanders something we look forward to every year - a sky full of colorful Independence Day fireworks. It almost wouldn't be summer without it.

But it's rare indeed to close out the month in equally spectacular fashion, especially with a cosmic display that only comes around once every 6,800 years or so.

This year, the natural, nighttime beauty of our summer skies showcased the Neowise Comet. It's a celestial treat that has certainly lived up to its advance billing and that's not just because it's such an uncommon event, says Bob Scott, Island County Astronomical Society (ICAS) president.

"This is the best comet in years," Scott said. "Unlike some others, this one can easily be

viewed without a telescope: But if you have a telescope, or even a pair of binoculars, that's even better."

Other comets are more well-known; astronomers have studied Halley's comet for years. In contrast, Neowise's discovery is far more recent, only dating to late March of this year, said Scott.

Interested in watching the stars, but don't own a telescope? Many public libraries now loan them for two-week check-outs, said Scott. "In 2014, the state of New Hampshire pioneered a successful library telescope program. It's now been adopted by other states, as well."

Would-be star-gazers can spot a surprising multitude of nighttime events right from their own backyards. But the key to catching



Andy Nielson Photo Courtesy of Island County Astronomical Society
In-person star parties may be on hold for now, but members of Island County Astronomical Society regularly help those interested in the stars get a good look at the night sky.

the most favorable glimpse of a comet, or any star event, is a clear, dark sky.

"Parks are good, but many close after sunset," said Scott. "The great thing is, bright objects don't require it to be too dark."

"Don't forget the Moon. It is bright and easy to find, and you don't require an exceptionally dark place to view from," he continued. "There are over 100 things you can see with a telescope, even from a light-polluted city such as Los Angeles."

As July draws to a close, so goes the opportunity to catch a glimpse of Neowise before it disappears from view. However, right on the heels of Neowise's exit, other cosmic events await, says Scott.

One of the best-known is the Perseid meteor shower, an annual occurrence due to peak August 11, 12 and 13 this year. "The quarter moon will come up around midnight, with the 13th being the darkest," said Scott.

Members of ICAS are deeply committed to sharing their passion for astronomy with the public. They provide guest speakers to schools and libraries, donate telescopes to participating libraries and, in the past, have hosted public star parties at Fort Casey, Fort Nugent Park and Deception Pass State Park.

The ICAS monthly meetings include both local and out-of-state members; new members are always welcome. Visitors are also invited to attend the meetings, which have currently moved online.

The ICAS website hosts a wealth of information, including viewing tips, for anyone interested. The star parties are on hold, for now, but Scott and other ICAS members hope these can resume soon.

Until then, watching the stars in your own backyard is a wonderful way to spend a summer evening. But you never know where that will lead to, said Scott.

"On my 50th birthday, I viewed the lunar eclipse from my backyard deck. All I had was a spotting-scope from a hunting rifle. But from then on, I was hooked. Now I own four or five telescopes of my own."



Photo Courtesy of Tony Edwards, Island County Astronomical Society
Seeing Comet Neowise in the night sky during late July has been a once in 6,800-year experience. While optimum viewing of the comet has passed, there are plenty of things people can see and enjoy without the aid of high-powered telescopes.



Photo Courtesy of Elan Hammons
As chances to see the comet Neowise light up the night sky wane, local star-gazing enthusiasts say there are many more natural phenomenon to watch for in August.

DID YOU KNOW?

The acronym "Neowise" stands for Near-Earth Object Wide-Field Infrared Survey Explorer, a NASA telescope.

Island County Astronomical Society contact information:
www.icas-wa.org

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such as our sharing of CARES funding to support economic recovery."

Island County Commissioner Jill Johnson said the spread of the virus is concerning, but residents can do a lot to keep the transmission rate low.

"There are simple steps," she said. "If you are high risk, stay at home and operate as if the 'Stay Home, Stay Healthy' order is still in effect. Do not travel. Just don't do it. Stay as close to home as possible, especially avoid traveling to known high risk areas. Do not host friends or family from out of town, especially if they are coming from high-exposure counties. Most of our new cases have involved family members who have brought this from other places and exposed their family members here."

"We need to behave like we are in Phase I and use our Phase III freedoms responsibly, or we can get shut down," Johnson continued. "And I am not sure our businesses can survive another round of shutdowns. It makes me sick to my stomach just thinking about it."

Despite tougher restrictions being put back in place, many restaurants have worked to perfect their takeout and curb-

side/delivery options for customers. One Oak Harbor restaurant owner said they will simply continue to operate as they have since the pandemic started.

"In order for us to maintain the six-foot separation, we were already operating at less than 50 percent seating capacity, so there's no change there," said Tim Ryan. He and his wife, Sonna, own The BBQ Joint.

"Customers and staff are wearing masks except when seated and eating," he continued. "We do have a loyal following and continue to have a strong takeout and curbside pickup business. We're taking it one day at a time and hope for no more restrictions."

Those businesses that are eligible to apply for CARES grant funding can check the Island County website at island-countywa.gov for more information about seeking that assistance. If the federal government passes another relief package, it is possible there could be more help ahead for local businesses.

The governor also extended the moratorium on evictions until October 15 and State Secretary of Health John Wiesman announced stronger mandatory masking requirements,

effective last Saturday. Masks are now required in all shared spaces, such as hallways, elevators, etc.

"It's pretty much any time you're outside of your house, where you're likely to come in contact with folks, that we really want people masking up," he said. "The science is showing that's the thing we need to do and we're really encouraged by what we're seeing in communities that are masking up. We know that it works and we know Washingtonians want to do what works, so that's what we're looking forward to."

While the new rollbacks will be painful for many businesses, the governor said they are necessary.

"We're taking some relatively modest steps...in hopes to avoid big, big shutdowns in the coming weeks and months," Inslee said. "We have to get down the infection rate of this pandemic if we're to have any hope of restoring the kind of economy that we need."

Go to coronavirus.wa.gov or islandcountywa.gov for the latest Coronavirus and Safe Start information.



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Drive-In Dreams

Have screen, will travel



As an employee of the Pickford Film Center, the only question I have gotten more often than "When will you reopen?" has been "Can the Pickford do a drive-in while you're closed?" That second inquiry has come both via the internet and in real life, and is typically followed by an offer of help in whatever capacity needed to make these drive-in dreams a reality.

Turns out, pretty much the minute the Pickford went dark in mid-March, we began to plot, plan and scheme about how we could show movies to the public somewhere, anywhere. We knew our own theaters were not an option--nor did we want them to be as we are committed to keeping patrons, volunteers and staff safe from the effects of COVID-19. After a rapid cycle through all available options, it was glaringly evident there was only one available option: the Pickford needed to morph into a drive-in movie theater.

But where would we do it?

I'd like to think that my saying, "Why not use the old drive-in site?" during a Pickford staff Zoom lunch was the catalyst for what came next, but it's probable if not likely that idea was already all over the drawing board by the time I made my completely obvious suggestion.

For those who have not lived in Bellingham for the past 15 or so years, the "old drive-in" was the Samish Twin Drive-In, which was located in the spot now home to the Lincoln Creek Park and Ride. It had two screens, room for 575 cars, and was an excellent way to see movies for three-plus decades until it closed in 2003 and was bought by Western Washington University, who transformed it into the much-needed park and ride in 2004.

Since then, every so often someone floats the idea of appealing to WWU to return what is now an expansive parking lot to its former drive-in glory during the summer when the park and ride is underutilized. But those plans typically stall out due to the fact that erecting an outdoor movie theater, even on a temporary basis, requires an enormous--and expensive--outlay of equipment, expertise and infrastructure.

It just so happens the Pickford has in its possession all of the aforementioned items needed--from the giant inflatable screen and powerful projector right on down to the popcorn machine--and we love to amass our army of staff and volunteers to deploy them whenever and wherever we can. Our official motto might be "More than movies," but I've joked on occasion that it should really be "Have screen, will travel" given the number of weird and wacky places we've shown movies during our two decades of existence.

All that remained was to get buyoff from WWU and we could transform our bumper summer of 2020 into our drive-in dream come true.

Since the Pickford has an established relationship with WWU, particularly through AS Productions and the Alumni Association, the theater got more than just permission, it also got full-fledged partners for all movie night shenanigans. After picking films, nailing down logistics including the COVID-19 safety measures that are at the forefront of all considerations these days, they unleashed WWU's Summer Drive-In upon a very bored and grateful public.

When ticket sales went live Fri., Feb. 24, it came with a directive to buy early because both nights of the event were expected to sell out. Truer predictions have never been made, as not long after that came word that no more tickets were left for the Fri., July 31 double feature of *Jurassic Park* and *Get Out*. As I'm writing this, tickets for Saturday's showing of *Men in Black* and *The Matrix* are still available, but going fast, so if you'd like to partake, hie thyself to thy computing device and make a reservation. (Update: Saturday's showing is now also sold out. Well done, drive-in fans.) Given how quickly people are jumping on the WWU/PFC collaborative entertainment effort, I have to imagine further plans are hatching to possibly add future dates.

After all, have screen, will travel.

For more information about WWU's Summer Drive-In, see www.alumni.wvu.edu/all-events. To keep an eye on what the Pickford is up to, head to www.pickfordfilmcenter.org.

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