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## Memorial golf tournament tees off for charity



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*The Fourth Annual Bennett Boyles Memorial Golf Tournament continues to honor Bennett Boyles' memory and supports causes including the Whidbey-Health Foundation and the Community Foundation for Coupeville Public Schools. Pictured here, Marc Aparicio, one of Penn Cove Brewing Company's owners, plays a round at a past tournament.*

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

Golfers of all skill levels will have the chance to golf for a cause at the Fourth Annual Bennett Boyles Memorial Golf Tournament, which will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Whidbey Golf Club in Oak Harbor.

Mitch Aparicio, one of the owners of Penn Cove Brewing Company and an organizer of the tournament, said the event was founded by Penn Cove Brewing Company in 2016

as a way to support Bennett Boyles and his family as the middle schooler underwent treatment for cancer. Now, the event is a way to honor his memory, and funds raised support the WhidbeyHealth Foundation and a scholarship fund for Bennett's Coupeville High School graduating class of 2022 through the Community Foundation for Coupeville Public Schools.

"Early on, we had an opportunity to know

Bennett through the sports he did through the local newspaper, and it came to our attention that he was battling cancer," he said. "The first year was really just to try to raise some funds to help his family and that is how it started. We teamed up with the WhidbeyHealth Foundation that provides funds to families in the local community and after he passed, we continued to do it in his memory."

Helen Taylor, executive director of the WhidbeyHealth Foundation, said the organizers of the tournament have had to adapt to make the event possible while carefully following safety measures.

"We are honored and impressed that Penn Cove Brewing Company has taken it upon themselves, with all that they are doing, with all that they are growing, with all that they are creating, to continue and tackle the safety issues and push forward to make this tournament happen," she said. "I could not be more impressed with them. It would be easy to say, 'We will skip it this year,' and they did not do that. They are stepping up instead of stepping back and we could not be more grateful."

Aparicio said in the wake of COVID-19, the event has made several adjustments. Participants will be asked to wear masks, social distance and follow the rules laid out for golf courses at this time. As well, Aparicio said registration will be online to prevent having a check-in line the day of the event, and the usual post-event awards ceremony and raffle will be held online.

"I think everybody will follow guidelines," he said. "We will have people play a round of golf like they did last year, we will just sacrifice having a get-together, but we will still raise as much as we can just like we wanted to."

Taylor said this year's fundraising will go to support the pediatric rehabilitation services branch of the WhidbeyHealth Foundation,

which was chosen by Bennett's mother, Lucienne Rivera. In past years, the funds raised have also gone to WhidbeyHealth Cancer Care.

"It (pediatric rehabilitation) was something that benefitted Bennett when he was ill and also will benefit kids from one end of the island to the other," Taylor said.

Aparicio said the event has grown each year, and this year the event's organizers hope the same trend continues.

"We have got ambitious goals this year," he said. "But the support has been amazing and it kind of echoes what our values and philosophies are, giving back to something like that. That is important to us."

Taylor said the conditions of COVID-19 have impacted fundraisers across the island, with many having to cancel or adjust to meet safety guidelines.

"This has taught all of the fundraisers on the island that we need to grow and adapt because the needs are not going anywhere and in some cases the needs are getting greater," she said. "We have to be flexible. The thing that has been the biggest gift in this crisis has been recognizing that our donors are really there for us, that they are there to be creative with us and roll with it if the event is virtual, roll with it if the event requires masks and understanding that again, the needs do not go away and in the case of a hospital, the needs get greater."

Aparicio said the tournament will work carefully to keep participants safe, and also has options for those who do not feel comfortable coming to the event by offering the chance for donations, business sponsorships or donating prizes for the raffle.

"I think we will be surprised how much we can still do despite the shutdown," he said.

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# ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



Yesterday, I bought wild bird seed for the first time in my life. It was a real surprise to me how much bird seed weighs.

All the birds I see in my yard look wild, but they do not seem to be as

excited about the new bird seed as I am. Maybe they are angry birds.

Given I have been told I "eat like a bird," and having been chastised for picking at my food when younger, it seemed logical to me to get a bunch of bird seed to dump on stumps outside my caboose windows.

The first little bird showed up two days after the bird seed buffet was displayed. This little guy landed on and in the bird seed, but did not eat any.

The second visitor was one of those really wound up stellar blue jays with the Alfalfa type cowlick and feet that need socks.

This blue jay bird ate like a high school kid with a 20 minute lunch hall. Fast and faster. Actually, the blue jay jerked his head up and down and back and forth much more frequently than eating. He literally picked at his food. Maybe he just wanted the sunflower seeds. Picky, picky.

So far, this bird watching thing is kinda boring. Maybe with a third bird I will feel better. Maybe the premium wild bird seed I bought is not really premium. Maybe premium in bird seed means the same thing natural indicates in human food. Nothing.

So far, watching birds is not as exciting for me as my high school pals who have retired from their careers to bird watch.

The Washington Post recently had an article about this bird watching trend written by comedy writer Sadie Dingfelder. It is worth your time. She even discusses binoculars.

Maybe I'll write a screenplay some day with a story about a guy who stares out his windows at wild birds who eat like birds, but with upset stomachs.

I will call the epic, "The Birdman of Alka-Seltzer."

One thing I have learned about bird seed feeding on tree stumps is there is no fighting. No angry birds.

Each bird has his or her own stump.

Like Hyde Park on Sunday in London.

### Learned this week

As part of my pandemic homeschooling program, I try to learn something new each day. Given my memory, some days I am learning again what I forgot the day before.

This factoid I shall not forget – Hot ripe bananas smell just like Juicy Fruit gum.

This concludes the learning for the week.

### Fifty-five years later

Last week's surprise was a biggie. I received a phone call from Robert, my best friend during our first year of college.

Robert would have also been my best friend our sophomore year but I was not there. Because I had violated the underage drinking rule in the dormitory, our dorm counselor reported me to the Dean for reprimand.

The Dean had better things to do. In light of my being 3/100's of a grade point away from the suggested minimum, the Dean issued my walking papers. Bye bye, booze boy.

So, when Robert's Louisville, Kentucky accent graced my fiber optics landline, I was beyond gleeful. How long does it take to catch up on 55 missing years?

Not long.

Now that we are current, post-pandemic plans are in the works for a reunion. It is a small world. Robert's Mom graduated from

Anacortes High School where I used to emcee those great jazz concerts featuring all the area schools.

How did Robert find me after all these years?

The online version of the Whidbey Weekly.

Apparently my witness relocation program has been too transparent.

### Recess

There's a fawn on the lawn  
And a mama deer in the yard  
Living on Whidbey  
Ain't that hard;

Beautiful clouds  
Beautiful skies  
Beautiful everywhere  
Pleasing our eyes

### Household hints

According to The Old Farmer's Almanac, a source of wisdom for new farmers like me who plant bird seed, copper bottom pots can be cleaned with ketchup. It also works for French fries.

To clear clogged drains, pour 1/2 cup salt, 1/2 cup baking soda, and 1/4 cup of vinegar down the drain. Keep the drain plugged or closed until the fizzing stops before flushing the drain with boiling water.

Seems like Drano would be easier, but vinegar smells better. I like vinegar and salt flavored potato chips. Maybe I should add baking soda to my chips. My arteries could never get clogged.

To freshen up the smell of the microwave, mix a cup of water and one tablespoon of lemon juice. Place the cup in the microwave for 60 seconds of full power heating. If the microwave does not smell any better, try a heated cup of mouthwash. Listerine is a bit bold, so we new farmers suggest using Scope with a hint of pet-friendly Febreze.

To remove the grandkids' crayon marks from painted walls, try scrubbing a glob of non-gel toothpaste on the marks.

If that doesn't work, you might be able to cover the markings with an old Erik Estrada CHiPs poster, if you can find one at the thrift store. According to my poster guru Tex, the two most popular posters in the 80s were Erik Estrada in his CHiPs highway patrol outfit and Jim Morrison of The Doors.

Imagine having those two poster boys over to enjoy coloring with your new box of Crayons.

As Willie sings, "Hello Walls."

### Global warming

In his 1897 article, "The Cricket as a Thermometer," scientist Amos Dolbear analyzed the relationship between the outside temperature and the frequency of cricket chirps. His formula, Dolbear's Law, sure works for me.

Take the number of cricket chirps heard in 14 seconds and add 40. So, if you hear 20 chirps in 14 seconds, it is pretty close to 60 degrees outside.

If you are sitting on the porch being interrupted during your chirp count, admonish the interrupter that you are taking your temperature.

### Carl Sandburg

"Time is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it will be spent. Be careful lest you let other people spend it for you."

### Reflections

I put rubber bands on door knobs  
Like Mother used to do

I hold the wheel like Dad did  
My hands at 10 and 2

I comb my hair where it used to be  
Just like Grandpa would

I act more like them every day  
Thank God they all were good

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# Open Air Thursdays

WALK, SHOP & DINE DOWNTOWN FROM 3-7PM

**Thursday, September 10**  
stop by and spin the **Prize Wheel!**  
Stop by the Harborside Village from 3-7 and spin the wheel for discounts and prizes from your favorite downtown businesses!

Bring your masks and come to downtown Oak Harbor for some outdoor fun, flavor & shopping!



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# Bits & Pieces

## Letters to the Editor

### Editor,

The Coupeville Lions Club wants to express special thanks to our community and beyond who made this year's virtual Garage Sale a huge success. Over \$20,000 in sales were garnered from the purchase of items like appliances, furniture, tools, and plants. All monies raised go right back into the community and to our many Lions' projects.

It took innovation and dedicated work by our Lions members to logistically get online purchased merchandise safely to buyers throughout the summer while adhering to the various pandemic protocols.

We especially thank the Coupeville School District for allowing us to use the elementary school Saturday mornings throughout the summer for the online purchase pickups.

Everyone is looking forward to next summer when our annual "Biggest Garage Sale in the World" can again be staged the last weekend of June, 2021. There is nothing like seeing several hundred folks happily rushing to get that special item in person. Thanks again to all and please see our website ([www.coupevillelions.org](http://www.coupevillelions.org)) for further Coupeville Lions Club information.

President Rick Walti  
Coupeville Lions Club

### Deception Pass Boating Squadron Holds New/Potential Member Orientation

Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron (DPSPS), the local affiliate of America's Boating Club, is holding a new and potential member orientation Friday from 4:30 to 5:30PM. Due to COVID restrictions, the meeting will be held online using GoToMeeting and will cover membership benefits, education, training and recreational activities. For more information and meeting login instructions, contact DPSPS commander Pat Waters at [frenchsailor@comcast.net](mailto:frenchsailor@comcast.net).

The Deception Pass squadron, which covers Whidbey and Fidalgo islands, is part of a national organization with over 30,000 members nationwide. It offers boating courses and seminars, on-the-water training events, vessel safety checks, safety training and cooperative charting.

According to Waters, the boating squadron welcomes anyone, from young families interested in getting into boating, to the experienced mariner. "Our classes go from basic boating safety and handling, all the way to celestial navigation," he noted. "We also offer family-friendly seminars on shrimping and crabbing, and a boating safety class specifically for kids. It is a great way to connect with the Puget Sound boating community."

The Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron (DPSPS) is a 44-year-old nonprofit organization, and has over 75 members from Whidbey and Fidalgo islands. It is part of America's Boating Club, a squadron of the United States Power Squadrons, a nonprofit boating organization dedicated to education and training of safe boating activities.

[Submitted by Jennifer Geller, DPSPS]

### Bras and Beauty Happening

I Support The Girls-Whidbey Island is hosting Whidbey Island's first ever Bras and Beauty Happening from noon to 3:00PM Saturday at

the clubhouse in Rolling Hills on Sidney Street. This event is for all women experiencing distress from homelessness, abuse or impoverishment, for whatever reason. All items are free: bras, underwear, socks, winter hats, gloves, toiletries, period packs and more, while supplies last. Limits apply and COVID rules will be observed. Donations gladly accepted. For more information, please contact ISTG-Whidbey Island on Facebook or call Kate at 360-678-2090.

[Submitted by Kate Mistler, ISTG-Whidbey Island]

### Island County Astronomical Society Monthly Meeting

The Island County Astronomical Society (ICAS) will be holding its September monthly meeting as a virtual webx meeting starting at 7:00PM Monday, Sept. 21. Anyone interested in astronomy is invited to attend (virtually). There will be short presentations about current topics in astronomy and a good time is guaranteed for all. For more information and a link to connect, please email [ICAS\\_President@outlook.com](mailto:ICAS_President@outlook.com).

[Submitted by Andy Nielsen, Publicity Manager, ICAS]

### Skagit Valley College Athletic Department to Welcome Student-Athletes to Campus Starting September 22

The safety and well-being of its students, staff and coaches remain top priorities at Skagit Valley College. The college is focused on creating and implementing ongoing health and safety protocols, which are essential to maintaining a safe on-campus environment for all individuals. Consequently, all Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) sports have been postponed until after Jan. 15, 2021, with the exception of men's and women's golf, which is scheduled to begin Sept. 14, with a 20 percent reduced competitive fall schedule.

In an effort to support student athlete engagement, well-being, and physical conditioning, SVC will allow student athletes to return to campus this fall starting Sept. 22 through Nov. 20. On-campus presence will be limited to specific in-person athletic activities for coaches and student athletes, in alignment with the Skagit County Health Authority, CDC, and local campus health and safety protocols. SVC will phase in sports programs onto campus with a student to coach ratio of 5 to 1. Protocols are in place to ensure SVC is educating coaches and students about all COVID-19 safety measures, which will include proper daily health screening, temperature check(s), social distancing, mask wearing, disinfecting all equipment, washing hands, and limiting hand to face contact.

"We want to connect with our student athletes in the safest way possible to help them stay engaged mentally, academically and socially," said Mitch Freeman, SVC Athletic Director. "We believe we have created a plan for our coaches and students to connect, support and work with one another. Additionally, we remain flexible and are prepared to change this approach as needed to keep our students, coaches and campus community safe."

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

### WhidbeyHealth Surgeon Timothy Graves - 'We're All Human'



A physician needs empathy as much as professional skill and it's one quality WhidbeyHealth

general surgeon, Dr. Timothy Graves, puts ahead of all others.

"We are all human and vulnerable to becoming ill. Perhaps we will need medical and surgical care. I have had surgery myself and it can be scary," said Graves.

"One of the most important things for me in my work is treating patients exactly the way I wish to be treated; as if they are my family. We always do our best to provide the safest and best care experience possible."

Having just moved onto the surgical care team at WhidbeyHealth from Providence Medical Center this summer, Graves has already found his pace on the island. He's been a surgeon for 20 years, some of that time having practiced at Naval Station Whidbey Island. However, it wasn't always clear he would become a doctor.

"I have always been fascinated with anatomy and physiology," the doctor says, "and I enjoy helping people. I was working in construction when my uncle suggested I become a surgeon."

Graves graduated with honors from Tufts Medical School in Boston, Mass., before heading off to the Navy to practice. Since that time, Graves has honed his skills to be equal to his compassion. He expects a perfect outcome with every surgery he performs and expects the same of his operating room staff.

"I encourage a calm and relaxing operative environment," Graves said.

As a general surgeon, Dr. Graves can treat a wide-range of issues, which include advanced laparoscopic procedures.

"I can help with anything from small lumps and bumps to complex hernias and advanced abdominal cancer."

When not practicing medicine, Graves keeps busy outside with his favorite pastimes of hiking, biking, sailing, skiing and diving. And when asked what he thinks is the single most important quality to being a great surgeon? "Patience," he said.

More information about WhidbeyHealth can be found at [whidbeyhealth.org](http://whidbeyhealth.org) and [facebook.com/whidbeyhealth/](https://facebook.com/whidbeyhealth/).

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

### Larsen Announces 2020 Congressional App Challenge Challenge Open to All Middle and High School Students Who Live or Attend School in Second District

Last week, Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02) announced the launch of the 2020 Congressional App Challenge.

The annual competition, which runs through Oct. 19, is open to high school and middle school students who live in or attend school in Washington's Second Congressional District. Students may compete as individuals or in teams of up to four. Students can only enter the competition once. Students can create computer programs (or apps) written in any programming language and for any platform including desktop/PC, web and mobile.

"Washington state continues to be a leader in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) with more than 313,000 high school students and 165,000 two-year college students enrolled in Career and Technical Education programs," said Larsen. "I have seen the creativity of students in classrooms across Northwest Washington first-hand and look forward to seeing that creativity come through in the submissions this year."

Students can sign up to participate and read the full competition rules at [www.congressionalappchallenge.us/students/student-registration/](http://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/students/student-registration/). Student teams or individuals have until 9:00AM PDT Oct. 19 to register and submit their entry to the competition, but are encouraged to register early to receive extra support and tips. Larsen will honor the winner and the winning apps will be electronically displayed in the United States Capitol.

Additional questions can be directed to Per Bergstrom in Congressman Larsen's office at [Per.Bergstrom@mail.house.gov](mailto:Per.Bergstrom@mail.house.gov) or at 425-252-3188.

For more information about the 2020 Congressional App Challenge, please visit [www.congressionalappchallenge.us/](http://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/).

[Submitted by Joseph Tutino, Rep. Rick Larsen's office]

## Local Business News

### Whimsies Offers Women's Clothing in the Studio

Whimsies, located at 830 SE Pioneer Way in Oak Harbor, is an eclectic shop filled with a wide variety of gifts, mosaics, art, clothing, accessories, jewelry and much more. There's an exciting mix of handmade little treasures at very competitive prices. In addition, you'll find a variety of unique teas and vintage teacups. Now, you can also shop for women's clothing and accessories in the Studio space where you'll find a mix of brand new and nearly new choices.

### Learn to Mosaic

Charlotte Gray is providing one-on-one mosaic art instruction during business hours. The cost for the beginning class is just \$35 which includes everything you need to go home with a beautiful completed mirror. The class is in two sessions, the first of which is designing a small mirror (this takes about two and-a-half hours). During the second session, you'll learn to grout your mirror which just takes about half an hour. Just call or drop in to set up your private lesson.

Whimsies is open from 10:30AM to 5:00PM Wednesday through Saturday or by appointment. Shop Phone: 360-682-2468 Cell: 360-929-4156 (call or text). You can also find them on Facebook and Instagram.

### Peoples Bank Kicks Off "Pay-it-Forward" Virtual 5K/10K

To encourage a healthy, socially distant active lifestyle, Peoples Bank is inviting the community to participate in a "Pay-it-Forward" Virtual 5K/10K benefitting nonprofit organizations supporting individuals and families experiencing homelessness. In Island County, 100 percent of all entry fees will be donated to the Whidbey Homeless Coalition.

Participants can complete the virtual 5K/10K from now through midnight Oct. 31. Any form of activity is welcome, including running, walking, biking, swimming, rollerblading, or anything else. Participants who share a photo or video on Facebook or Instagram using the hashtag #PBVirtual5K10K will be entered to win one of three \$500 prizes in the form of a donation to the charitable organization of their choice.

For more information and to register, please visit [www.peoplesbank-wa.com/virtual5k10k/](http://www.peoplesbank-wa.com/virtual5k10k/).

### About the Whidbey Homeless Coalition

The Whidbey Homeless Coalition was started by concerned neighbors (including those who have experienced homelessness), local activists and advocates, community-based and faith-based organizations, and others committed to preventing and abating homelessness on Whidbey Island, while protecting each individual's civil rights and filling their immediate needs. Learn more at <https://whidbeyhomeless.org/>.

### About Peoples Bank

Peoples Bank is a locally owned and operated, independent full-service community bank with \$2 billion in assets. Headquartered in Bellingham, Wash., the bank was founded in 1921 and operates 23 branches located throughout Washington. Reflecting its strong financial management practices, dedicated employees, and long-standing customer relationships, Peoples Bank was awarded a superior five-star rating from BauerFinancial, a leading independent bank rating firm. Learn more about Peoples Bank at [www.peoplesbank-wa.com/](http://www.peoplesbank-wa.com/).



# Now Showing

Welcome to the big screen

By Carey Ross



I don't really have nightmares.

As a young child, I used to have them fairly regularly. I'm fond of telling a touching childhood story about the time I dreamed I'd been snatched up and spirited away by a scary man in a white van (it was at the height of the "stranger danger" craze that gripped the 1980s) and woke my mom up in the middle of the night, crying, to tell her about it.

"I had a bad dream," I said between sobs. "I dreamed I was kidnapped."

My mother, paragon of empathy, rolled over, opened one eye, appraised her somewhat pathetic youngest child, and said matter-of-factly, "Don't worry. They'd bring you back." Then she rolled back over and went to sleep.

I haven't had a nightmare since.

I do, however, have stress dreams. And no matter what the source of the stress might be during my waking hours, my subconscious always manifests my worries as dreams about my movie theater job, ones in which I am late, struggling with foreign equipment or unfamiliar facilities, trying to run an unscheduled special event, attempting to work a sold-out show solo or some combination of all those things.

The more time I spend away from the theater as I await the arrival of a Phase III reopening, the more those stress dreams start to feel nostalgic instead of stressful. I'm not saying I'd welcome equipment failure or an unmanageable crowd, but if it's what normalcy looks like, I wouldn't hate it either.

However, at this point, I'd just plain love to go to a movie showing in a proper theater instead of my living room. Although this might not be possible in Whatcom or Skagit counties, which languish in Phase II sans movie theaters (wear your masks, people!), the Phase III paradise of Island County is just a short drive away.

First of all, before you undertake any journey outside your current small geographic comfort zone, be sure and avail yourself of a test for COVID-19. It's quick, easy and they no longer have to stuff a swab up your nose until it nearly touches your brain to get the job done. Recent circumstances have dictated I be tested a couple of times, so I have sampled testing facilities in Whatcom and Skagit counties and was impressed by both.

Once you've been found to be in good health—at least as far as COVID is concerned—if it's a big-screen experience you're seeking, Oak Harbor Cinemas is the place for you.

The recently refurbished three-screen theater reopened—at 25 percent capacity and with COVID-19 safety measures in place (for more information about those measures, see [www.cinemasafe.org](http://www.cinemasafe.org))—Sept. 4, just in time for summer's most-anticipated blockbuster, **Tenet**, to hit cinemas nationwide.

Seemingly every industry has been hit hard by and forced to adapt to COVID-19, and the same goes for Hollywood. Right at the time they were set to kick off their planned annual onslaught of the blockbusters that earn them most of their ticket revenue, every movie theater in the United States went dark. At this point, the question became: To stream or not to stream?

Some movies, such as the Marvel Cinematic Universe's hotly anticipated **Black Widow** standalone film, chose to delay release until such time as they can have a proper theater rollout so as to have the best chance at recouping their production and publicity

costs, which in the case of **Black Widow** are said to be somewhere in the \$200 million range.

Other films, most notably Disney's recently released live-action remake of **Mulan**, decided to forgo waiting until some nebulous point in the future when a wide theater release might be possible and opted for letting people watch it via their dedicated streaming service, Disney+. Of course, because it's Disney, the standard \$7 monthly fee that got you Baby Yoda won't cut it, and if you want to watch the problematic lady warrior do her stuff, it'll cost you an extra \$30 for so-called "Premier Access." Given the movie's \$200 million production budget and the fact **Mulan** is no Baby Yoda, looks like the Mouse House will have to take the hit on this one.

However, if you're Christopher Nolan—the anachronistic director who is among a rare few filmmakers whose movies are a major cinematic event regardless of story or subject matter—you say, "Screw all that," release your blockbuster in the middle of a pandemic and let the chips fall where they may.

Of course, in order to do so and get away with the gamble, your movie has to be pretty damn good.

By all accounts, **Tenet** is classic Nolan fare: Visually dazzling, multi-layered, nonlinear—and puzzling. This is the man who turned telling a story backward into an art with **Memento**, transformed superhero cinema into brooding film noir with his **Batman** trilogy, and proved himself to be the master of world-building—and maddening endings—with **Inception**. He brings all those skills to bear with **Tenet**, his predictably polarizing but deftly rendered take on a spy thriller starring John David Washington and Robert Pattinson.

As much as he's known for his stunning filmmaking style, Nolan is also famous for insisting his movies be experienced in a theater setting, IMAX, if at all possible. He's downright stubborn on the subject, so when it became clear **Tenet's** expected bells-and-whistles rollout would fall victim to COVID closures, talk of a streaming release was quickly off the table—if it was ever on, that is.

Because of this, **Tenet** has gotten a worldwide theatrical release, and Nolan—a man not known for crafting reality as it actually exists—has given us a moment that is suddenly, blessedly kind of normal. But to experience that sense of normalcy, you'll have to make your way to Oak Harbor Cinemas, where **Tenet** is currently showing on two of the three screens.

The third screen has been given over to X-Men offshoot **The New Mutants**, a movie that has been righteously panned by critics after sitting on a shelf at 20th Century Fox for more than two years (I bet right about now they're wishing they'd released it on its originally scheduled date). It's the last Fox X-Men movie before the franchise is taken over by the far more capable Disney, who will no doubt breathe new life into it. No matter how cheesy this movie is, it's got a couple of things going for it: 1. It stars Maisie Williams, aka Arya Stark. 2. Nothing says "normal summer" quite like watching a crappy X-Men movie in an air-conditioned theater.

See you at the movies.

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# Oak Harbor woman reflects on aftermath of Hurricane Rita

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Hurricanes are one natural disaster Western Washington doesn't worry about – wildfires, earthquakes and volcanoes hold enough risk. But the landfall of Hurricane Laura in Louisiana recently brought back a number of memories for one Oak Harbor woman.

Bonnie LaForest was working for the Washington Department of Social and Health Services in Island County in 2005 when an opportunity arose to assist workers in Louisiana and Texas following Hurricane Rita. She was one of 20 state employees who traveled to the region to assist fellow state employees in the affected areas in issuing emergency food and disaster relief to residents.

"We went to get food cards out and replacement cards – FEMA funded this," she explained. "That's what we did. We spent the first day-and-a-half meeting people, learning office procedures, how to work the computers. From there, we started issuing EBT cards and getting food out."

LaForest said her group concentrated on handling interviews to provide aid to people affected, freeing up regular staff members to take care of people coming in with other needs.

Hurricane Rita came about a month after Hurricane Katrina, so the region was dealt a double blow from Mother Nature. Rita was the most intense tropical cyclone ever recorded in the Gulf of Mexico, registering as a Category 5 storm. Rita weakened to a Category 3 storm by the time it hit land. Flooding and wind damage were severe and residents were without power for weeks.

LaForest documented her week in Louisiana in a journal which she shared recently with *Whidbey Weekly*. She tells of staying in a musty cabin, leaving in the wee hours of the morning to make a 2 and-a-half hour drive each day to the offices in either Ville Platte, La., where she worked for four days, or to Lake Charles.

But when we spoke with her, LaForest said she didn't want any accolades or special recognition for the job she did. Rather, seeing all the disasters on the news has made her want to encourage others to share of themselves by volunteering, something she has done regularly before and after her relief trip 15 years ago.

"Dad always said you've gotta do something, don't just sit on your duff," she chuckled. "That's how my family feels. We have a responsibility to other people."

It seems plenty of people agree with LaForest. In a 2018 study by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency that oversees AmeriCorps and Senior Corps, more Americans than ever are volunteering. According to the report, just over 30 percent of adults in America – more than 77 million – volunteered through an organization in 2017. These volunteers put in almost 6.9 billion hours, an estimated \$167 billion in value, based on the average value of a volunteer hour.

LaForest, who is now retired, grew up as a "Navy brat." She said she found volunteering to be a great way to get to know one's community.

"I've lived all over," she said. "Volunteering is a way to come into a new city. Being a Navy brat, I had to make steps to learn about where we were – volunteering was one of the ways.

"When I was working, I volunteered with the fire department and with the community advisory board," LaForest



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly  
Gerry Haveman's love of Elvis Presley means there's an Elvis-themed Christmas tree included in the 15 miniature and four full sized trees she and her husband, Norm, decorate every year.



*"The trip was memorable because of the people I worked with, and the people I met who, though in dire straits, kept good spirits and had a humbleness and sweetness of spirit I will never forget."*

-Bonnie LaForest, Oct., 2005

## Quotes from Bonnie's journal:

**10/9/05** – "We arrived at Bass Haven Resort about 9:00pm so was not able to see the reservoir and Texas across the water. Very sandy soil, no damage that I could see. It was 62 degrees. The cottage was a fishing cottage with a big sign on the wall stating not to clean fish indoors. I knew we were in trouble. Turning on the light we saw bugs running in every direction. The sheets were questionable so I slept on top of the bed on sheets I brought. We ran a fan to help with the strong musty smell."

**10/11/05** – Ville Platte office, 80 degrees with sunny skies "Up at 4 am and off we go in the dark. Got lost driving and lost an hour so arrived at 8:00am at Ville Platte office. There was a line around the building and a sheriff directed us where to park. As we rounded the building, the people in line for applications started teasing us about arriving late for work, as they could read our badges that said Washington State. Only pleasant faces greeted us."

**10/13/05** – Lake Charles; 80 degrees and sunny skies again "Slept the sleep of the dead and left at 5am for Lake Charles. The last 1/2 hour of the 2 hr drive, the sun was coming up and I was able to see and take pictures of the damage. And there was a lot of it. I did not see any flooding, only hurricane wind damage. I would say 1 in 5 trees were down. Roof either blown off or trees across it. And every street had so much debris that cars had a hard time driving down them. What a monumental mess."

**10/14/05** – Back to Ville Platte, 85 degrees and sunny "Up and on the road at 4:30. Worked til 5 pm. We felt like we were home returning to the workers at Ville Platte. Again, they planned lunch for us. We were going to work so hard they would never forget us. That was the plan and we did."

continued. "By doing that sort of thing, you learn about your community. It's very interesting. People are all the same. Some are richer or whatever, but anybody can do this, anybody can help."

There are ample volunteer opportunities to find in any given community. LaForest encourages people to start small and build from there, if they discover they like it – that's what she did.

"I was coming from California, so I went to the Red Cross office up here and volunteered my time organizing the filing system," she described. "It had nothing to do with disaster, just paperwork, but it was a way to get to know the Red Cross and the people. That got me going, then I learned what else they do.

"The other thing was that it rolled into stuff we did at DSHS, regarding safety procedures," LaForest continued. "We made emergency boxes that we put all over, so if we had an emergency there and got cut off, we could handle things."

LaForest feels strongly volunteering is something anyone can do, especially in turbulent times.

"We need to do those things," she said. "It should be something everybody does. We have a responsibility to our neighbors. People need to help them, not just take, take, take. It's so easy to go to the Red Cross and volunteer – it's very easy."

As she reflected on her time volunteering, whether it was in Louisiana or closer to home, LaForest said her best memories always come back to one thing – the people.

"[The news] got me to thinking and remembering," she said. "Looking at the journal again, I kept thinking about the people. I was so impressed with the people there – we all were. It was an eye-opener for me. They didn't want the assistance; it was hard for them to come in and ask for it. Most of them were working people. We had to dig to get them to tell us what was happening, to tell us what they'd lost. It's one thing to go into a big city and do your thing and get out. In small places, you meet people and you discover there's not much difference between us at all."



Photo Courtesy of Corinn and Skyler Parker

The Bennett Boyles Memorial Golf Tournament was founded by Penn Cove Brewing Company in 2016 as a way to raise funds for Bennett Boyles, a local middle schooler who was undergoing treatment for cancer. Pictured here, owners of Penn Cove Brewing Company Randy Urquhart (left) and Marc Aparicio (right), show their support for the event along with Drew Aparicio, Marc Aparicio's son (middle).

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Taylor said in spite of challenges, the Whidbey Island community has continued to support various causes on the island.

"This community is unbelievable," she said. "The fundraising energy, the community participation and the professional folks that are raising money for different nonprofits – I have seen just so much positive energy and effort and determination in that group and it is very impressive."

Aparicio said the tournament has sparked support from individuals and local businesses alike.

"For this year, I already have 40 people signed up for golfing, so that is over half of what we had last year," he said. "I think that is pretty good, but we still have a lot of work to do."

Taylor said the event is an enjoyable day for all skill levels and helps to support a great cause.

"It is a really fun event," she said. "It is a golf tournament put on by a brewery, so let's talk about that for a second – they know how to throw a party. It is a party from the minute you start (and) you do not have to be a great golfer."

For more information and to register for or donate to the fundraiser, visit [penncovebrewing.com](http://penncovebrewing.com).

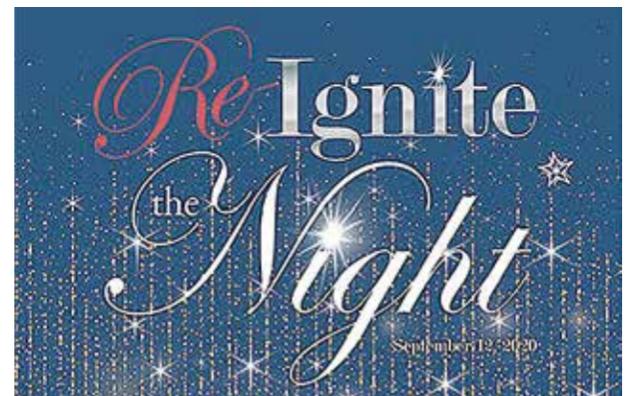


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Whidbey Island Center for the Arts is kicking off its 25th season in fitting style for a pandemic, holding its first ever live streaming gala Saturday beginning at 6 p.m.

# Virtual Gala kicks off WICA's 25th season

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The show – even in the midst of a pandemic – must go on, and Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley will kick off its 25th anniversary season with its first-ever virtual fundraising gala.

The event, called Re-Ignite the Night, will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday and will feature a live virtual gala beginning at 6 p.m., hosted by improv artist Billy Tierney. It's a new spin on an old classic, a new foray into how things are done in the midst of COVID-19.

"The gala will be streamed live and include videos inserted into the evening's program," explained WICA Executive Director Verna Everitt. "Improv artist Billy Tierney will guide us through the event and auctioneer Paul Stokes will be thanking viewers for donations."

"We have never produced a virtual event that combines live and pre-recorded elements," said Deana Duncan, WICA

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# Life Tributes



## Caralyn R. Haglund

Aug. 1, 1943 – Aug. 30, 2020



Beloved wife, mother, grandma, sister, and friend, Caralyn Haglund of Whidbey Island, Wash., passed away Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020 due to complications of an arterial blood clot.

She was born Caralyn R. Stone in Kirkland, Wash., where she grew up and graduated from Lake Washington High School. She was the fifth child out of six children – all girls. She married George T. Haglund Dec. 21, 1963, and they had three children. They raised their kids in Redmond, Wash., and moved to Whidbey Island in 2006.

After high school, she spent seven years working as an escrow secretary and helped support her husband through college. When she had her first daughter, she quit work to become a stay-at-home mom. When her youngest daughter was 9 years old, she went back to work and became a typesetter for a local newspaper.

Caralyn had a way with words and loved to write. She even wrote a few articles for the newspaper she worked for. She also wrote a book called "Life After Suicide," which was written after her son, John, took his own life at the age of 17. She was familiar with grief, and as a result she was a refuge for many hurting people.

She made people laugh and encouraged them. Her faith in God was known by all those around her. She was very musically inclined. She had an amazing alto singing voice and was part of several choirs including a select girl choir team in high school. She also played the piano, bass violin, and guitar.

She has three grandkids and she loved them dearly. She could not wait to spend time with them. They brought joy and peace to her day. Anyone who knew Caralyn knew that the grandkids would be part of her conversation.

Caralyn enjoyed living on the Island. Bird watching, walking on the beach, and the sound of the waves were a solace to her.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, George Haglund; one sister, two daughters, Teresa Potter and Christine Landis; sons-in-law, Brent Potter and Mark Landis; three grandchildren, Aaron Landis, Storm Landis, and Sarah Davidson; and one grandson-in-law, Cole Davidson; and many nieces and nephews.

A private family graveside service was held at Sunnyside Cemetery in Coupeville, Wash., Sept. 4, 2020.

Arrangements are entrusted to Wallin Funeral Home, Oak Harbor, WA. Please visit Caralyn's page in our Book of Memories online at [www.wallinfuneralhome.com](http://www.wallinfuneralhome.com) to share memories and leave condolences.

## ROBERT G. "JACK" MCFADYEN

June 25, 1944 – Aug. 30, 2020



Jack loved his family, fishing, and Husky football. He absolutely adored his immediate family, but that family circle expanded to others he met along the way. As kids from the neighborhood or classmates/teammates/friends of Jason and Aleshia found out – if Jack got to know you, he considered you part of his extended family and one of his kids. It is hoped the unconditional love he showed these "kids" will be passed on for generations. He was extremely generous and fiercely protective of those he loved.

He loved his time in boats and on the water. For the last 27 years, his absolute favorite place to be was fishing in Alaska on the Kenai Peninsula with Jason and friends. During those trips, his guide, Mike, became one of his closest friends. He also enjoyed fishing and crabbing with his friends in Whidbey waters.

The Hawks and Huskies were Jack's favorite football teams. He was a Huskies season ticket holder for more than 15 years. He was a true "DAWG" fan. If the Dawgs were playing, he was either in the stadium with Jason or Jake or glued to the TV texting them throughout the game. He loved watching Jason and Aleshia play all sports while in high school and that love continued with watching his grandchildren play sports.

In 1992, Jack was diagnosed with Laryngeal cancer which required the removal of his larynx and the use of a "voice box" to speak. After beating cancer, he insisted on going to local schools and showing them firsthand the dangers of smoking/tobacco use. He agreed to be in an educational video on the dangers of smoking which was shown throughout the state. People continued to tell him how his influence caused them to quit smoking.

If you lived in Coupeville within the last 50 years, you probably knew Jack and have a story that makes you smile. Whether it was a quick hello at the grocery store, a pat on the back after a game, or a quick joke sent by email or text message, he connected with the people around him in a way that was one-of-a-kind. He had a way to capture you with a mischievous twinkle in his eye and an infectious smile.

Jack was a proud 30-year veteran of the U.S. Navy. He spent 12 and-a-half years on active duty and 17 and-a-half in the Naval Reserves. He retired as a MCPO (E9). He was a true lover of all aircraft and loved working on them and being around them. Jack was a Vietnam veteran. During his military career, Jack was awarded numerous medals and decorations.

They include the Air Medal (both Individual [1] and Strike Flight Awards [3]); the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation; the Navy Unit Commendation (3); the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation; the U.S.C.G. Meritorious Commendation (2 awards); and the Navy "E" Ribbon. Additionally, he wore the Navy Good Conduct Award (5 Awards) and other U.S. Navy, U.S.M.C., and U.S. Coast Guard medals and commendations, including several citations and medals from the Republic of Vietnam.

During his Naval career, he spent two tours on the USS Oriskany, a tour in Atsugi, Japan with VQ-1 and duty on the USS Nimitz. He was fortunate to spend all his Naval Reserve time at NAS Whidbey Island.

He was a native of North Carolina, attending Waughtown Elementary and Gray High School in Winston-Salem, N.C. He graduated from high school in Russellville, Ky., where he met his wife of 52 years. He continued until his death to maintain a friendship with those friends from elementary and high schools.

Those left to remember happy times and tell stories include his brother "Pat" and his family in Winston-Salem, N.C., his wife, Carmen, children Aleshia (Eric) Mitten, Jason, Narisa Dudonsky and the smartest and most beautiful grandchildren ever born, Jake and Ava Mitten, Pearl and Kate McFadyen and Emmarose Fasel.

There will not be a public gathering at this time. If you would like to remember Jack, with a donation to honor children please consider the Coupeville Boys & Girls Club Building fund, 8223 Broadway Ste 100, Everett, WA 98203 or the Make a Wish Foundation, online at [wish.org](http://wish.org), or 1702 E. Highland Ave, Suite 400 Phoenix, AZ 85016.

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



### FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

#### 4:41 am, Condra Ln.

Reporting a large band of clouds from northwest to southeast with 100 particles of light streaming through clouds. Reporting party given number for UFO hotline.

#### 9:26 am, Ault Field Rd.

Reporting party advising male living in trailer in parking lot next to location. Male is always yelling, yelled at reporting party about cutting their throats.

#### 9:50 am, Honeymoon Bay Rd.

Reporting party's political sign was spray painted with "pig" and "oink oink." Just wanting it on record.

#### 10:50 am, Holst Rd.

Calling because a few days ago heard loud booms. Wants to know if ICSO knows anything about it.

#### 11:25 am, Pinewood Cir.

Reporting party states was moving dirt, found piece of concrete, broke concrete with box inside. Measures 14 inches by 20 inches; smells like decay. Reporting party lifted lid on box, smells like decay, things placed nicely inside.

#### 12:59 pm, Lupine Ln.

Reporting party requesting call about ongoing issue of cat prowling her yard; belongs to neighbor.

#### 6:41 pm, Arbor Crest Ln.

Reporting party states male is threatening to pull out plants; states he is not allowed at location. No weapons seen.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

#### 7:08 am, Deception Pass Bridge

Caller states while driving northbound on bridge Wednesday night, passing vehicle threw rock at her vehicle and broke her windshield. States saw driver throwing things over the bridge before the rock.

#### 10:58 am, SR 20

Reporting party states people are cutting in line for boat launching. States things are "getting heated."

#### 5:21 pm, Mobius Loop

Requesting phone call regarding story she read in the paper about little boy's family. Concerned because article didn't mention little girl and reporting party is her teacher.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

#### 12:32 am, Mutiny Bay Rd.

If facing reporting party's residence, noise is to right; subjects on the roof playing music and smoking marijuana.

#### 6:29 am, Monkey Hill Rd.

Reporting party advising several cows in roadway on Monkey Hill close to Troxell.

#### 11:53 am, N Main St.

Female fell outside in back of apartment complex. States she is a "very cantankerous woman;" she may be difficult for responders.

#### 2:07 pm, Deception Pass Bridge

Advising female down by swim beach area of Deception Pass State Park in vehicle blocking people from leaving area. Unknown why.

#### 7:00 pm, E Fakkema Rd.

Requesting call to know if he can shoot deer with pellet gun on his property. Is also very interested in how ICOM works and what he is allowed to call ICOM for.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

#### 12:02 pm, Walden Loop

Reporting party advising roofing company hired to do work, will be returning in next hour; states company is incompetent, does not want them finishing the job.

#### 8:34 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising black truck slammed on brakes, got out and punched window; reporting party covered in glass. Truck left.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

#### 7:06 am, Lakeside Dr.

Caller says subject just left location driving a red Audi and when left, pushed reporting party's car down hill and hit another parked car. Possibly going to Clinton ferry.

#### 7:38 am, Lyle Ridge Cir.

Advising wife won't allow reporting party to take son with him to work. Doesn't know why wife is acting like this. Says son always goes with him to work.

#### 1:25 pm, Taylor Rd.

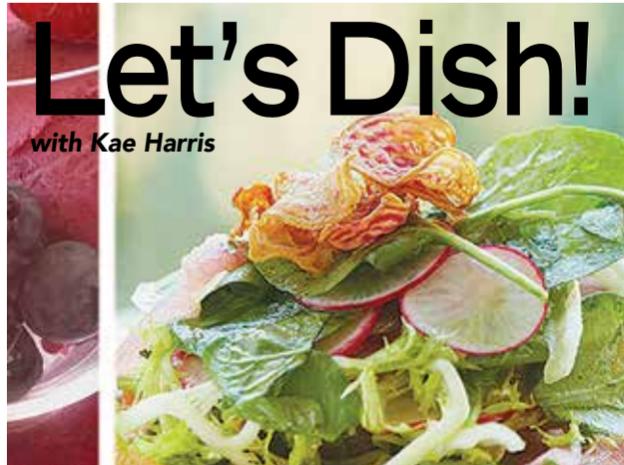
Requesting call regarding legality of escalation of force. Reporting party lives next to trailer park. States people from trailer park are dumping on his property and have stolen things.

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



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# Let's Dish!

with Kae Harris

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## One Pot Wonders

It's always fascinating to learn the origins of dishes. Whether we've been making and/or eating them for years, or they're a new addition to our diet, the history behind recipes, meals and dishes is not usually what you expect it to be. So many dishes were born in hard times; they were the meals that got people through to the end of the week or month. They were the "struggle" meals and I am sure many, many of us have eaten or come up with a struggle meal or two.

When times are tough financially and cash is more ebbing than flowing, it often necessitates cutting down on expenses somewhere and sometimes those somewheres are centered around our gastronomic endeavors. When I think of struggle food, the Great Depression springs readily to my mind and I wrote about some of the recipes from that era a while back. I'm always left shaking my head in amusement and admiration over the ingenuity of humans, especially in the face of struggle.

During the Great Depression, farms were expanded in order to diversify their crops. Planting and then tending to garden vegetables and orchard fruit became part of a farm's day to day work order. Additionally, many farmers began keeping bees for the purposes of harvesting the honey afterwards – and wouldn't you know it, bees are some of the best pollinators out there! Everything in life began to center around survival, being frugal and getting the most from everything you could.

People developed a deeper sense of self-sufficiency and often this bode them well – it could be the difference between eating and not eating. Yes, this reliance on self was definitely a good thing and even though it meant doing for you and yours, it began to overflow into the social lives of people during the time. Many potlucks and one dish meals became regular features at church events or any gathering of family, friends and acquaintances. It became a way to learn from others

and be even more resourceful than what everyone had learned to be.

It's funny that a potluck should rear its head time and time again, especially when the going gets tough, because the origins of a potluck, according to a quick Google search, can be traced back to around about the 16th century, where a pot luck was something served to unexpected visitors who dropped in at or around dinner time. It was the "luck of the pot" and the contents determined what the guest would be served. It sort of evolved from that point onward into a communal meal served out of a single pot and from there the idea completely morphed into a shared experience; not so much one where everyone shared a meal out of the same pot, rather they each brought a dish to be shared by many. Such was the 19th and 20th centuries, especially in America, where this notion kicked off.

Maybe it was the economic times that made potlucks popular. These gatherings (something we must exercise caution with now) are something where the bringers of dishes can play on their strengths in a certain culinary niche. Perhaps those who love baking, who really know the importance of precision in baking, prepare the best cobblers or tarts. There could be others who are fantastic at throwing together ingredients and spices - whatever is left in the pantry - and whipping up a one dish masterpiece everyone talks about for days afterwards. Whatever a person's strength is, a potluck caters to it. It's also cost effective, basically a stage already set – no matter the backdrop – for learning new ways of cooking and eating.

I love learning about new things to cook; not just how to make something new, but the history of whatever it is. I learned years ago to make a dish my aunt dubbed "cowboy chow." I am almost certain I've discussed it before, nevertheless I'll recap. It's a (one pot/skillet) dish consisting of sautéed onions, corned beef or Spam and a can of baked beans, all cooked together to form a thick

conglomerate of, well, one-pot-goodness. It mightn't be to everyone's taste but it's definitely budget-friendly. Served on toast, it's filling, to say the least. I asked my aunt, after I tried it for the first time, "Why's it called cowboy chow?" She replied "Dunno," shrugged and ventured a guess – "Maybe because it's cooked in one pot and is super easy to make." I guess it's about using very little and making the absolute most of it.

Personally, I've been reducing my food waste and thinking of creative ways to make use of just about everything. My little vegetable garden has produced a wealth of tomatoes – though something else seems to be enjoying them before I can even pick them! In any event, I was looking through my pantry the other day, right before going to the grocery store, and decided to see what I could whip up with whatever I had left on my shelves. Turns out canned lentils and garden tomato stew with onions and spices, served atop a bed of rice is not only filling, it's tasty too. Furthermore, my dear readers, I found the exact ingredients needed to make a South African dessert called Cremora tart. It's named after a brand of powdered coffee creamer and you're probably wondering how on earth it becomes a dessert. It's undoubtedly, (in my mind), one of those dishes that used whatever was on hand and actually turned out to be delicious. The very basics can be built upon and today people add things like white chocolate or even pineapple to theirs. I made the basic version, which tastes almost like cheesecake, but smoother and more delectable, in my humble opinion.

Dear readers, I hope you all have been keeping well and whatever your situation is, you come out on top. I am including the recipe for Cremora tart, though if you'd like to rename it – coffee creamer fridge tart – or something like that, I say go for it! I hope you like it as much as my family does and if you try it, please let me know how it went! If you'd like to share your own "struggle dishes," I encourage you to do that; just send me an email. Please send all your comments,



questions and definitely any recipes you'd like to share to [letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com](mailto:letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com) and we'll do just that and (one pot) dish!

## Coffee Creamer Fridge Tart

- 2 cans sweetened condensed milk
- 8.5 oz hot water
- 17.6 oz powdered coffee creamer (I use plain, store brand)
- 6.5 oz lemon juice
- Coconut cookies or graham crackers
- 1 milk chocolate candy bar (I use Hershey's)

Pour the coffee creamer into a large bowl. Add the hot water and mix with a whisk until smooth and free of lumps. Refrigerate for 3 hours or until cold. When cold, remove from the refrigerator and whip with an electric mixer until thick and fluffy. Add both cans of condensed milk and whip until well blended (about 3 minutes). Add the lemon juice and continue to mix. The end product should be white and glossy. Layer your graham crackers or coconut cookies in the bottom of a 9 x 11 inch casserole or baking dish and spoon mixture on top. Smooth out the top and grate the candy bar over the top of the tart. Refrigerate for 4 or 5 hours, or until set. Cut squares to serve and enjoy!

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artistic director. "We are learning, growing, adapting and changing as fast as we can. And, it's been a lot fun!"

A small group of supporters will join in the gala in person, beginning the evening outdoors and becoming part of the live event at 6 p.m. Actors Ada Faith-Feyma, Betsy Harvey and Jim Scullin, musician Nancy Nolan, designers David Gignac and Valerie Johnson will make appearances, as will outgoing and incoming WICA board chairs Robert Merry and Ken Pilcher. Staff members will also appear.

The annual gala typically includes a festive cocktail hour before the event. To get people in the mood for the virtual event this year, organizers are encouraging people to put together their own cocktail hours at 5 p.m., either with a small group as allowed by public health restrictions, or virtually. The point is for everyone to gather ahead of the live event to build up the anticipation and add to the fun. A list of suggestions for planning a pre-gala cocktail hour can be found online. ([wicaonline.org](http://wicaonline.org))

In the past, the gala has included a silent auction and the event has served as one of WICA's main fundraisers for the year. Because of the pandemic, this year has proved to be a difficult one to navigate in many ways. The inability to put on productions or even continue its Summer Nights series because of public health restrictions has put a crimp in WICA's ability to raise funds.

"This is indeed our largest fundraiser," said Everitt. "As we lost the ability to earn income for a large portion of our previ-

ous season, it is crucial for us to meet or exceed our \$325,000 fundraising goal.

"Our galas historically included auction components that contributed to each year's goal," she continued. "This year, we are relying solely on our 'Raise the Paddle' [drive], a direct appeal to our community members asking for their support."

Pandemic or no, WICA is also moving ahead with its 25th anniversary season, which was announced Sept. 1. Duncan said it should be a year full of interesting programming and packed with surprises of all sorts.

"At this time, we are unclear on which events will be in-person, streaming, or hybrid, but we are moving forward with a rich, diverse season," she said. "We learned so much during our Summer Nights Series and determined that all of the protocols and procedures we created to comply with public health guidelines will translate beautifully to interior events this fall. This season's audiences will also enjoy a wide array of shorter events, fewer (if any) intermissions, and a new food and beverage experience."

WICA, long known for its topnotch production values, will translate that knowledge into an interesting virtual experience, meaning this year's gala should be full of memorable moments and a few surprises, too.

"The last video of the evening features highlights from our 25 years of producing and presenting a remarkable body of work," Everitt said.

"I think the biggest surprise will be the reveal of how we

redesigned the theater," said Duncan. "We'll also be sharing some areas rarely seen by the public – the costume loft, the scene shop, and our revamped administrative offices."

WICA has worked to become an integral part of the community over the years, according to Everitt. One that would be greatly missed were it not there.

"For 25 years, WICA has been akin to our town square – a place where people gather to share experiences, feed their souls with incredible works of art, and grow their education and literacy," she said. "I always like to say, 'Imagine Whidbey Island without WICA.'"

Yes, it's been a tough year, said Duncan. But even from tough circumstances, some good can grow.

"We never thought we'd be closed for this length of time," she said. "The silver lining in this period of darkness is that we have learned new ways to dream. Our focus now is on reinvention and finding new ways to share the work. Safety and experience are driving every innovation we explore. We are so fortunate that our artists, patrons, donors, volunteers, and staff have all stayed highly engaged and we are humbled to know that WICA has such deep support. All I have left to say is 'Thank you, thank you, thank you.'"

Those who are unable to attend the live streaming event Saturday can watch a recording of the gala and/or make a contribution for one week at [wicaonline.org](http://wicaonline.org).



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# CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)



The age-old children's game of hopscotch teaches balance, coordination, and the discipline of moving through a course without stepping on lines. The adult version? Balance,

coordination, and the discipline of moving through a course, with ever-stiffer penalties for stepping on lines. Laws, courts, etc. The good news? If you're tripped up by an unfair course, it's within your power to CHANGE it. Your vote is your chalk.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



What did Snow White's unasked-for title of "fairest in the land" get her? Banished to a woodsy cabin she shared with seven dwarves. What's your vulnerability? You don't have to be smarter, richer, more talented or more beautiful to become the target of jealousy. The jealous can move to take you down for reasons you'd never suspect. The flag you were born under? Reason number one for everyone.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



Do you dare to be different? To stand apart from the crowd for the sake of achievement? Such daring gave us our country, remember. It gave us the ferris wheel, and cotton candy to eat while riding the thing. It gave us a better mouse trap (to trap mice) and a BIGGER mousetrap (the cloverleaf, to trap cars on freeways). So we've had our ups and downs. Dare to be different, anyway. Your country is counting on you.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)



"In my little corner of the world," goes the song, "we can hide away, in my little corner of the world. . . ." What's going on in your little corner of the world? Love and romance?

Maybe it's a place where galaxies collide and the fork ran away with the spoon. A place where stars are born and the cow jumped over the Moon. That's love at its finest. Wherever you are, whatever you do, always remember, it's better with two.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



What is family? The safe light of security, the promise of continuation and grand things to come? The warm glow of hopes and happiness? The realization of ambitions and dreams? Family at its best is all that. Is that why courtship is so exciting? Because it foreshadows family? And when family is not at best? What then? That's when you add your personal touch of good to something that was never intended to be perfect.

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



What is the color of the stalwart and the steadfast? Hint: It's the color of staunch tradition. This color is known for its honesty. It's genuine. Authentic.

Unswervingly loyal. Conforming always to the original, this color doesn't fade, run, pale or retreat. Its purest hues make grace, charm and respect for the rights of

others the foundation of daily relations. The color? True blue. Let it color all that you say and do.

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



Clean clothes and government overthrows. What do they have in common? Of course. The agitator. The agitator in a top load washer is good for stirring up the wash. Some would say essential. The agitator in an insurrection is good for stirring up trouble. Some would say essential. Bottom line? Know your agitator. It's more than good for knowing whether to dress for success or revolution. It's essential.

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



Is success that you earn by your own hand sweeter than success that is handed to you? Maybe. Why should you care? Because do-gooders would argue that unearned success--including pay--can fairly be taken away. So begins the slippery slope of wealth redistribution. We like what Ayn Rand said on the matter: "Creation comes before distribution, or there will be nothing to distribute."

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



G.K. Chesterton, that prince of paradox, was giving more than meteorological advice when he said, "And when it rains on your parade, look up, rather than down. Without the rain, there would be no rainbow." What is a rainbow, but hope after a storm? And what is hope, but beautiful possibilities? There may or may not be a pot of gold waiting at the end of your rainbow. But isn't it beautiful to think so? Keep looking up.

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



It's said that behind every good man stands a good woman. And not always silently. The good woman behind Canada's 14th Prime Minister, Lester Pearson, was Maryon Pearson, who said, "Behind every successful man stands a surprised woman." Man or woman, it should come as no surprise that the keynote of marriage is teamwork. How's your team? If one of you is off key, now's the time to fix it. Even if you must work from behind.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



Alone and happy with it? That opens the door to two possibilities. We'll let Aristotle tell you: "Whosoever is delighted in solitude is either a wild beast or a god." If in your solitude your hair is combed, your bed neatly made and your socks match, lucky you. You're not a beast. You're in the cathedral of the divine. Far from a lonely place, it's where all great thinkers come to worship. Enjoy your time.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



From *Poor Richard's Almanack*: "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." Was failure to follow his own advice what made Poor Richard poor? Or was his poverty the result of his monkish sleep habits? On one thing, all agree. The most damaging habit is to be asleep when one should be awake. Be wary of those who encourage that bad practice by pulling the wool over your eyes.

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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

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbered squares.

## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Emaciation
6. Million barrels per day (abbr.)
9. Light dry-gap bridge system (abbr.)
13. Anatomical term
14. Tropical starchy tuberous root
15. Jewish calendar month
16. Round Dutch cheese
17. Western Pacific republic
18. List of foods
19. It can strike the ground
21. Drenches
22. Some are cole
23. \_\_ Squad
24. Expresses emotion
25. One point east of due south
28. Satisfaction
29. Holds nothing back
31. Top of the body
33. Not well-liked
36. Did slowly
38. Greek goddess of the dawn
39. Gland secretion
41. Vital to existence
44. Aristocratic young women
45. Erik \_\_, composer
46. Not young

- 48. Jewish term for "Sir"
49. Secondary school
51. \_\_ student: learns to heal
52. Regarding
54. Highly excited
56. Mainly
60. Thin, narrow piece of wood
61. Cakes
62. Biomedical non-profit
63. Dried-up
64. One who is symbolic of something
65. Body part
66. Muslim ruler
67. Women from May-flower
68. Notes

- 14. From an Asian island
17. Malay boat
20. Western Australia indigenous people
21. Cluster on underside of fern frond
23. You need it to get somewhere
25. The woman
26. It may be green
27. Makes less severe
29. One from Beantown
30. Cavalry sword
32. Metric linear unit
34. Hawaiian dish
35. Yokel
37. Dissuade
40. Mutual savings bank
42. \_\_ Caesar, comedian
43. Primordial matters
47. We all have it
49. Hermann \_\_, author of "Siddhartha"
50. Historic MA coastal city
52. Shady garden alcove
53. Small amount
55. Horse-drawn cart
56. Nocturnal rodent
57. Spiritual leader
58. Air mattress
59. Speaks incessantly
61. Auction term
65. Atomic #62

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Not us
2. Helper
3. Bleat
4. Type of chair
5. Jr.'s father
6. Necessary for certain beverages
7. Hillside
8. Dutch painter Gerrit \_\_
9. Gave a new look
10. Ancient Greek City
11. Confidence trick
12. Type of fund

Answers on page 11

## YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Table with 7 columns (Thurs, Sept 10 to Wed, Sept 16) and 2 rows (North Isle and South Isle) showing weather forecasts with temperature ranges and conditions.



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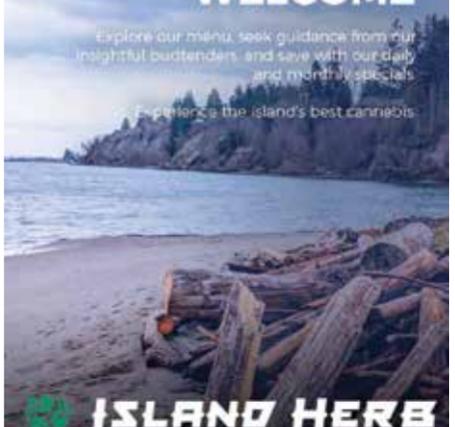
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