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ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



By the time you read these page three words, for me, it will be much later than it is now.

In fact, I will have aged since the inception of these thoughts.

Something to think about, but will I remember if I picked up the mail today?

Dishwasher safe

For the first time in 45 years, I bought a new sauce pan. The perfect two quart pan for heating up soups like Campbell's Old-Fashioned Vegetable and Progresso's Chicken & Sausage Gumbo, or just for boiling water for hot dogs on the wood stove.

The handle fell off the old soup pan. Too much shaking instead of stirring with a spoon. Sometimes I throw a towel over my shoulder so I feel like a chef.

The instructions on the pan, made in Brazil, state "Season your cookware before its first use."

I picked baseball as the season for the pan. Given the pan was manufactured in Brazil, maybe I should have picked soccer. Do they boil hot dogs in Brazil?

The best part of this new pan is I learned how to say "riveted handle" in Brazilian—Mango Remachado.

Makes me want to dance just to say it.

Book club

One of the great additions to any Whidbey Islander's book collection is now available—third edition of "Getting to the Water's Edge," a gloriously detailed guide to local beauty at the beach. This \$20 must is available at local bookstores and online at www.soundwaterstewards.org.

Heads on

No culture can live if it attempts to be exclusive. ~Gandhi

Lost time is never found again. ~Ben Franklin

The weak never forgive. Forgiveness is an attribute of the strong. ~Gandhi

Dream panic

Ever have a dream that seemed so real you woke up half-scared?

I woke this morning with that half-scared feeling, but I just wasn't sure which half.

The dream started out easy enough. I heard a knock at the door. Looking out the window, I noticed an unfamiliar face. Since I have not let anyone in the caboose since March, I told the fellow to meet me on the porch while I looked for my mask.

In pursuit of my mask, I got sidetracked looking for a chair to use on the porch. Seeing no chair, I found a red bar stool I did not know I had, taking it outside. It did not seem to bother me that I did not have a mask or that I did not know who was my unannounced guest. Not realizing I was in a dream, why worry?

The next thing I noticed, my unknown guest and I were sitting in a big room. My red stool was still in tact, but my mask was still missing.

As conversation of no significance continued, more people came into the room, surrounding us. There was no social distancing. There were no masks. Everyone was smiling. Liquid beverages were surfacing amidst the brightly colored walls and lights and chairs.

As my claustrophobic adventure continued, my lack of mask and the non-masking of the ever increasing crowd of friendly unknowns made me panic.

I had to get out of there. Apologizing to my uninvited caboose guest, I left the big room and my red bar stool. What a surprise to find I was in a huge downtown area, surrounded by really tall buildings, several lanes

of traffic, and city buses with those giant wires attached to more giant wires.

Which way to go? Where did I live? Where was my caboose?

Like Dr. Richard Kimble in a 60s episode of *The Fugitive*, a Quinn Martin production, I began running. Up one street and down another, I ran, looking for my truck.

But wait, I had not driven to my porch. This whole experience had started on the porch. Where had I gone? Who needed a truck?

I woke abruptly, jerking my neck and head from horizontal to vertical. Relieved to be alive and in no need of finding a truck I had not driven, I turned on the caboose lights.

Lights on. It was almost 6:30 in the morning, time for *The Adventures of Superman* on channel 12, the Heroes & Icons channel.

A first season episode entitled *The Mind Machine* began. Clark Kent and Lois Lane seemed just as confused as I was, but for a different reason. Some Metropolis crime syndicate had stolen a scientist's mind machine. After my dream, I felt like someone had stolen my mind machine.

Why had I dreamed about social distancing with strangers, not wearing a mask, and trying to find my truck in a strange city?

Then it dawned on me, even before the sun came up. I had eaten Clif bars for dinner. Fortunately for this dreamer, I woke before jumping off one.

Washingtonians unite

More than the word *resilient*, Governor Inslee uses the word *Washingtonian*. Despite being one since 1983, I have always considered myself an Islander, a Whidbey Islander, more than a Washingtonian.

How do you consider yourself? Are you an Islander, a Whidbeyite, or a Washingtonian? All of the above?

Maybe you feel a closer allegiance to your zip code. Clintonians and Langleyites, Free-landers and Greenbankers, Coupevillians and Oak Harborites. What designation do you prefer?

For now, let us all hope, no matter our self-designation, we are registered voters, ready to ballot. Be nice to see more than 45 percent of us take the challenge, and the opportunity.

Harding har har

According to Julie Carr Smyth of the Associated Press, in an article published in the Sept. 14 *Columbus Dispatch*, the grandson of President Warren G. Harding and Harding's lover wants to bring up Grandpa's remains to verify the family DNA.

Having spent my childhood in Ohio, I remember the Harding Tomb in Marion. In Ohio history, in addition to Indian mounds, we learned all about the seven presidents birthed in the Buckeye State.

No matter one's age, tombs bring out one's curiosity. Although I have never been on a tomb tour, I have been to many presidential museums. President Harding's tomb, built in 1927, also includes his wife Florence Kling Harding. Will she also rise to the occasion?

Why has the grandson waited until now?

Grandson James Blaesing wants his story to be shared and revealed in the new Harding Presidential Center to be built in Marion.

Having researched and verified the family DNA, Harding's other heirs do not dispute Blaesing is kin, but see no need to exhume Grandpa Warren.

Smyth's article also reveals Harding had another lover by the name of Carrie Phillips. Harding's love letters to Ms. Phillips were opened by the Library of Congress in 2014, before being made available to the public.

Mmmmm—I wonder if Harding used the company letterhead on those secret morsels of Cupid in cursive.

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- Limit gatherings with those outside your household to no more than 10
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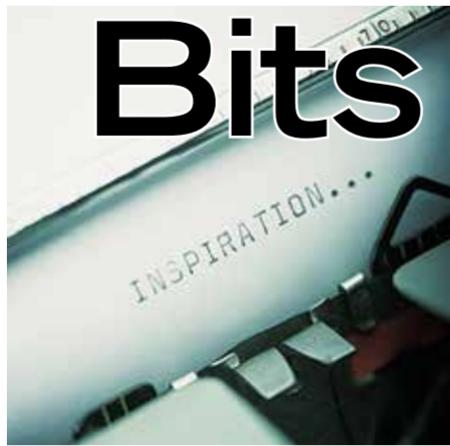
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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

Having worked 15 years as secretary for Carolyn Cliff, candidate for Island County Superior Court Judge Pos. 2, I know firsthand she has an ingrained sense of fairness and honesty. Her integrity is unquestionable and her work ethic remarkable – I believe she always went beyond the call of duty for her clients. She will bring that same conscientious approach to the bench.

I was born and raised on Whidbey Island. I appreciate the deep roots Carolyn has planted here. She practiced law here for almost 30 years and continues today to serve as a pro tem judge, something she has been doing for more than two decades. Over the years, she has developed a warm relationship with the community. She has developed relationships and trust because we know her and how she handles things, professionally and personally. However, with that being said, rest assured that her decisions as a judge are based on the merits of the law.

Island County deserves the very best in judges – and I believe Carolyn would be just that. I was proud to work for Carolyn, and both my husband and I support her 100 percent in her campaign for Island County Superior Court Judge.

K. Rae "Tiny" Tillman
Langley, Wash.

Editor,

I am writing to offer my enthusiastic endorsement of Angie Homola for State Representative of the 10th District. I had the pleasure and privilege of working with Angie in her capacity as Island County Commissioner, during my time on the Planning Commission. She was focused and she had the people of Island County in mind the entire time. Angie cares about this area and yes – she will push hard for the things she believes in. She is not your typical go along to get along politician and when the times call for a fight she will fight. I like that. And that is why I so much want her to represent us. We have seen where the current state of things has gotten us. Do we really want that? Heck no! Let's put someone in there who will fight for our interests, rather than special interests. Someone who will represent all of us. That person is Angie Homola.

William Lippens
Camano Island, Wash.

Editor,

Let's bring fresh new leadership to Island County government by electing Dan Evans Commissioner, District 2. A highly respected insurance professional, Dan serves clients county-wide. He knows both Whidbey and Camano Islands well and shares our values. He is raising his four daughters here.

Dan has been drafted to run by hundreds of Republicans and many Democrats. We are seeking a return of friendly welcoming and constructive leadership to the District 2 Commissioner slot. A smile, not a frown. A willing ear, not a lecture. Patience instead of petulance. Dan will bring a bold but constructive, friendly and welcoming approach to County governance. And he'll work in harmony with fellow County Commissioners and our dedicated county government workforce too.

Dan Evans' platform is impressive. He's committed to protecting and enhancing the quality of life we treasure. He'll seek expanded employment opportunities and better paying jobs. Dan will work to preserve our fisheries, woodlands and pristine beaches. The magnificent parks of Whidbey and Camano will have no better friend. He'll address aggressively the need for more affordable housing options that do not add to our property tax burden or compromise the quality of our neighborhoods. And he'll support law enforcement by adding three new deputies, one for each of our districts.

Patrick Kennicott
Camano Island, Wash.

Editor,

As a local attorney who has worked with Carolyn Cliff on a regular basis since early 1989, I can say – with confidence and without question – that she will bring all the necessary experience and personal qualities required of a Superior Court Judge. Carolyn has a great grasp of the law and a similar work ethic. She is thorough, efficient and fair.

Carolyn's experience for nearly two decades as a judge pro tem demonstrates that her decisions are not influenced by flattery, bullying, emotion, her own religious or political beliefs, or the social, economic, gender or ethnic status of the persons she encounters. Carolyn consistently treats others in an open, respectful and honest manner – deep-rooted qualities that will continue to serve her well as a full-time Superior Court Judge.

Taking all of this into account, Island County residents will be both well-served and fortunate to have Carolyn as a Superior Court Judge.

Ed Brewster
Freeland, Wash.

Editor,

The most important issue we will be looking at this year when voting for Legislative candidates is their stance on the recently passed sexual education bill (ESSB 5395). As grandparents who care deeply about their grandchildren, we are appalled to see the state mandating this curriculum be taught throughout the state.

Without question, this bill takes away local and parental control in schools. Local school districts exist to decide what is best for their community. At our local school board, we can clearly voice our opinion and be heard; however, in the Legislature, our voice is one of many and our emails are often ignored or answered in a general response probably sent from a staff member.

Regardless if you agree with the content in the curriculum (We do not), decisions of this magnitude should be left up to local school boards who more accurately represent their community.

For the above stated reasons, we will be casting our ballots for Greg Gilday for State Representative. Greg has openly expressed his opposition to the sexual education bill that was passed last session and is encouraging a REJECT vote on R-90. We encourage all parents and grandparents with loved ones in our local schools to do the same.

Dan and Marguerite Wenceslao
Stanwood, Wash.

Editor,

Senator Ron Muzzall has served our 10th Legislative District with distinction since his bi-partisan appointment last October. His influence in Olympia was quickly felt since he was, by a quick vote of his senate colleagues, put in a leadership spot due to their respect for his integrity.

During this one year time span, Ron has sponsored (3) bills and co-sponsored (30) bills.

Notably, among the bills he sponsored, was the Farm Internship Program (ESB 6421) - which restored a very popular & effective

internship program which supports small farming operations (like our local CSA's - i.e; Deep Harvest, Foxtail Farm, Glendale Shepherd, Kettle's Edge Farm, Skyroot Farm, Rosehip and Sweetwater Farm). Muzzall's bill removed regulatory barriers to employ interns generally on small farms. Participants receive training and other benefits, such as housing, while they may be starting their own farming operations under the pilot program.

Ron Muzzall is a fourth generation Whidbey Island life-long farmer, farming on the same land his great-grandparents settled on and cleared in 1910. He is a family man, steward of the land, entrepreneur businessman, a volunteer in the community, fire commissioner, and he has been a board member of agricultural groups who focused on sound fiscal management.

Ron Muzzall is highly respected in the local community, as well as the business and farming communities. He is known for his sterling integrity, honesty, forthrightness, and calm demeanor. Ron has also built a solid reputation for his mastery of common sense and the outstanding ability to listen.

As a senator "of the people," Sen. Muzzall pushed back against Governor Inslee's plan to release 1,000 inmates early in this pandemic ... and also pushed for re-opening Washington's businesses and churches. He played a major role in the release of \$175 million in state funds (in a "rainy day account") to support Washingtonians affected by the Covid-virus - including those in nursing homes.

I am more than confident that Ron Muzzall will continue to play a vital role in the economic recovery from this pandemic. His philosophy and record of working very effectively with those across the aisle to identify, set, and achieve common goals is paramount to him... and he does NOT feel that the "us versus them" mentality serves our state well. He sees the need to build and support services related to our aging population, local and statewide mental health services and substance abuse treatment, as well as environmental issues (i.e. greenhouse gases).

By retaining Ron Muzzall as our senator it will also help to build a healthier balance between the two parties in Olympia, which is essential to a sound and healthy state government, particularly as our legislature will be faced with grappling with revenue declines and proposals to enact a variety of new taxes.

I STRONGLY URGE you to join me in voting to retain Senator Ron Muzzall as our senator in the 10th Legislative District.

Wayne Flaaten
Greenbank, Wash.

Editor,

Vote YES to Proposition 1 Nov. 3!

Today, I am advocating strongly the residents of North Whidbey support and vote FOR the Levy Lid Lift for North Whidbey Fire and Rescue (NWFR). On the upcoming Nov. 3 ballot there is a request to increase from the current 62c/\$1,000 to 77c/\$1000 of property value. This is only a 15c increase, which equals an average of just \$5 a month for homeowners.

This needed increase is to be used primarily for upgrading radios (all radios are at least 20 years old), breathing equipment and TWO 17-year-old fire engines. It has been over 20 years since an increase has been enacted. The time is now to help NWFR and its primarily volunteer firefighters and staff who serve and protect us and our community. This affects 18,000 residents in 55 square miles and 2,400 calls a year to 911 – a 45 percent increase in calls over the last 10 years!

Your vote to AGREE to this Levy is not just for your community as a whole, but also for your surrounding forest, your home, your loved ones and yourself. No one ever knows when the need arises to call 911 for a fire or health related emergency. We all want to be sure that our First Responders have the resources

Caregivers Must Also Care (Financially) for Themselves

If you're a caregiver, possibly for a loved one dealing with an illness such as Alzheimer's disease, you're probably already facing some significant emotional and physical challenges – so you don't need any financial ones as well. Yet, they are difficult to avoid. What steps can you take to deal with them?

First of all, you may be interested in knowing the scale of the problem. Consider these numbers from the Alzheimer's Association: About 5.8 million Americans ages 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's disease, and in 2019, caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's or other dementias contributed more than 18 billion hours of unpaid care – worth about \$244 billion in services. Furthermore, about two-thirds of caregivers are women, and one-third of dementia caregivers are daughters.

But whatever your gender or relationship to the individuals for whom you're providing care, you can take some steps to protect your own financial future. Here are a few suggestions:

- Evaluate your employment options. If you have to take time away from work – or even leave employment altogether – to be a caregiver, you will lose not only income but also the opportunity to contribute to an IRA and a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. But you may have some options, such as working remotely, or at least working part time. Either arrangement can give you flexibility in juggling your employment with your caregiving responsibilities.

- Explore payment possibilities for caregiving. Depending on your circumstances, and those of the loved ones for whom you're providing care, you might be able to work out an arrangement in which you can get paid something for your services. And as long as you are earning income, you can contribute to an IRA to keep building resources for your own retirement.

- Protect your financial interests – and those of your loved ones. You may well want to discuss legal matters with the individual for whom you are a caregiver before Alzheimer's robs them of the ability to think clearly. It may be beneficial to work with a legal professional to establish a financial power of attorney – a document that names someone to make financial decisions and pay bills when the person with Alzheimer's no longer can. And whether you or someone else has financial power of attorney, the very existence of this document may help you avoid getting your personal finances entangled with those of the individual for whom you're caring.

- Keep making the right financial moves. As long as you're successful at keeping your own finances separate from those of your loved one, you may be able to continue making the financial moves that can help you make progress toward your own goals. For example, avoid taking on more debts than you can handle. Also, try to maintain an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account. Of course, these tasks will be much easier if you can maintain some type of employment or get paid for your caregiving services.

There's nothing easy about being a caregiver. But by making the right moves, you may be able, at the least, to reduce your potential financial burden and brighten your outlook.

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needed to help us ALL! Voting YES will allow the best possible chance for all the above reasons!

Richard Svendsen
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Questions About the Fire Levy Lid Lift? North Whidbey Fire and Rescue Has Answers

North Whidbey Fire and Rescue is hosting two virtual meetings to answer questions about its fire levy lid lift. The fire district is asking voters to consider a 15-cent fire levy lid lift during the November General Election to fund replacement of two fire engines, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (called "SCBAs") for firefighters, and emergency radios.

The virtual meetings will be held Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 7:00am and Monday, Oct. 26 at 6:00pm. Community members can find meeting access information on the fire district's website www.nwfr.org.

Call volumes have increased 45 percent for North Whidbey Fire and Rescue in the past 10 years. Replacing apparatus and equipment is a normal part of emergency service operations. The fire district plans to pay cash for these capital items instead of financing these purchases, which would cost taxpayers more in interest payments.

The lid lift would cost the owner of a \$370,000 home (an average for the area) approximately \$4.63 per month (\$55.50 per year). Replacing these items also will maintain the community's insurance rating, which is linked to the amount some home and business owners pay in premiums. Even with the lid lift, North Whidbey Fire and Rescue would continue to have the lowest fire levy rate in the county.

More information about the lid lift can be found on the fire district's website. Fire Chief John Clark also welcomes questions at 360-675-1131 or chiefclark@nwfr.org.

North Whidbey Fire and Rescue provides an emergency response to fires, medical calls, water and high angle rescue, and auto acci-

dents. The agency serves 18,000 people over 55 square miles, which includes the unincorporated area west of the City of Oak Harbor from Deception Pass Bridge (to the north) and Libbey Road in Coupeville (to the south). Highly-trained part-time paid and volunteer firefighters respond to an average of 2,400 calls per year.

[Submitted by North Whidbey Fire and Rescue]

Skagit Valley College and SVC Foundation to host 18th Annual Athletic Fundraising Event

Skagit Valley College and SVC Foundation are excited to invite the public to the 18th Annual SVC Athletic Fundraising event Thursday, Oct. 22 at 5:00pm. The event is going virtual this year with a fun-filled evening to support SVC student-athletes. The event will proudly feature SVC President Dr. Tom Keegan, SVC coaches, student-athletes, SVC alum and emcee Mike Yeoman, with special keynote speaker, retired Seattle Seahawks Assistant Coach Pat Ruel.

Although SVC's athletic programs will look a little different this fall, SVC student-athletes are taking classes online while they participate in adjusted practice schedules, as they prepare for their seasons to resume in winter or spring.

"Many students begin their college experience with participation in athletics," said Brad Tuininga, SVC Foundation Executive Director. "Our Athletic Fundraising event will raise important scholarships that will help our student-athletes achieve their educational dreams and goals."

While the event this year will look different than the usual fall auction, Skagit Valley College and SVC Foundation are thrilled to bring you an event you can participate in from the comfort of your own couch. Make some popcorn, grab a beverage, and join in to show your support for the Skagit Valley College Cardinal athletes.

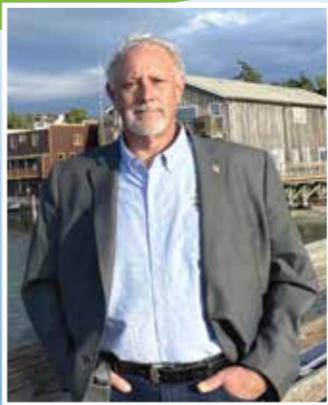
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Orca Trivia Night

Thursday, October 15, 7:00PM

How it works: Trivia will be held on myquiz.org. Check back here for the code to enter the game. Assemble a team, or sign up as an individual. If you are a team, only ONE player can sign in to the game. Connect over video chat or phone with the other players on your team, and designate your most trusted teammate to read the questions and provide your team's answers. Top three teams earn prizes!

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Friday, October 16, 11:30AM-5:30PM

Far From Normal, Coupeville

For this event only, everything in the store will be 30 percent off! Far From Normal, located at 12 Front Street, will donate a portion of their sales to the Coupeville Schools Foundation. The Foundation provides an extra measure of support through teacher grants, college scholarships and the Promise Fund.

The Spooky Museum

Fridays, October 16, 23, 30, 6:00-10:00PM

Saturdays, October 17, 24, 31, 6:00-10:00PM

Roller Barn, 98 NE Barron Dr, Oak Harbor

Reserve your time online at www.spookymuseum.com. This is a COVID compliant event with no actors, socially distanced, large display of collectibles, and plenty of scares.

Virtual Harry Potter Trivia Night

Monday, October 26, 5:00-6:00PM

Online event

Join the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce for a magical night with a virtual Harry Potter Trivia Night! Enjoy a fun event of answering trivia, dressing up in magical gear (optional), and trying to win one of the three Harry Potter themed prize baskets. Registration is \$5 per household, not per person. Trivia will be based on movies of the Harry Potter franchise. To register, visit <https://oakharborchamber.com/register/10572>.

Drive-Thru Trick or Treat

Friday, October 30, 4:00-6:00PM

Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce

Enjoy our drive-thru Trick or Treat event! The Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce will have 400 bags of treats for young ones to enjoy this spooky season. Please enter from Izett St and exit will be through forested area next to the

chamber. Limit four bags per vehicle. Costumes are encouraged but not mandatory. Please know, no bags will be handed out before 4:00PM. Visit OakHarborChamber.com for more information or call 360-675-3755 with any questions.

Trunk or Treat with Whidbey Island Lions Club

Saturday, October 31, 12:00-3:00PM

Blue Fox Drive-In, Oak Harbor

Face masks required. Halloween costumes encouraged. A free, family/community Halloween event. For more information, contact wilclions@gmail.com or 360-679-9468.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below

Cost: Free

Books2Movies: The Book Thief

Friday, October 16, 2:00PM

Freeland Library (online program)

It's an age-old debate, "Which is better: the book or the movie?" *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak is the story of Liesel Meminger, a foster girl, who learns to read and share her stolen books with her neighbors and a Jewish man hidden in her basement during bombing raids.

Read or listen to the book, watch the movie, then join us online for a lively discussion. Brandon Henry, who works at The Clyde Theater in Langley, leads the discussion. Registration is required. For more information, visit www.sno-isle.org/online-events.

How to be an Anti-Racist Family

Saturday, October 17, 10:00-11:30AM

Webinar series

In this time, when inequities and violence suffered by people of color have been so clearly revealed, it is imperative we use an anti-racist lens in all aspects of our lives, relationships and family. Presented by Kenesha Lewin of Lewin Education and Consulting. Register for this Zoom event at www.sno-isle.org/online-events.

Galleries & Art Shows

Meet the Civility First Artists

Friday, October 23, 5:00PM

Online event

Meet the artists who entered the Civility Month art contest. Please register in advance at www.civilityfirst.org or email civility1st@gmail.com to receive a Zoom link.

Jacob Kohn - New Landscapes 2020

Exhibit continues through November 2

Rob Schouten Gallery, Langley

Jacob Kohn's New Landscapes 2020 exhibition is a departure from this eminent realist

painter's usual subject of water surfaces. Bringing the same soft focus quality and smooth brush work to these new landscape paintings, Kohn explores the light and movement in the complicated levels of space created by trees and plants, hills and skies.

If you do not yet feel like venturing out, you can see the entire exhibit at www.robschoutengallery.com and can even make your purchase online.

Meetings & Organizations

Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers (WIGS)

Tuesday, October 20, 1:00PM

Online meeting

Heidi Mair will "present The Progressive Era and Women's Rights." All are invited to join us for this free educational program. You will need a Zoom invitation in order to attend. Non WIGS members wishing to attend, send an email to whidbeysearchers.org no later than Oct. 17.

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

Coronavirus Fraud Prevention Presentation

Thursday, October 15, 10:30AM

Online seminar

Coronavirus scams are spreading nearly as fast as the virus itself. As of Oct. 1, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) had logged more than 214,000 consumer complaints related to COVID-19 and stimulus payments, 68 percent of them involving fraud or identity theft. Victims reported losing \$154 million. Dollars lost climb as we age - the median loss for people 80 and older is more than twice the average.

Fraudsters are using the full suite of scam tools — phishing emails and texts, robocalls, impostor schemes and more — and closely following the headlines, adapting their messages and tactics as new medical and economic issues arise.

Island Senior Resources and the AARP Fraud Watch Network will share information on how best to protect your health and your finances from the coronavirus. You can join using your computer, laptop or tablet. No computer? No problem! You can call in, listen to the presentation and ask questions using your telephone. Contact reception@islandseniorservices.org or call 360-321-1600 ext. 0 for details.

Probing the Universe with Hubble Space Telescope - An Afternoon with Dr. Robert Williams

Friday, October 16, 4:00-5:00PM

Online Event

The Trudy Sundberg Lecture Series, in collaboration with the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation, is pleased to present a webinar by noted astronomer and lecturer, Dr. Robert Williams.

Dr. Williams is Astronomer Emeritus at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, Md., where he served as director from 1993-1998. Dr. Williams devoted much of his director's discretionary time on the Hubble Space Telescope to the landmark Hubble Deep Field project, which revealed in remarkable detail the structure of galaxies in the early universe.

A link to join the event via Zoom will be sent to registered participants the day of the event. Register online at sno-isle.org.

Introduction to Food Business Licensing Requirements & Costs

Saturday, October 17, 1:00-3:00PM

Online workshop

Learn about the licenses and permits you'll need to get your food business going and get an idea of the expenses you'll incur before you even set foot into a commercial kitchen. Will you need a food processor's license or are you eligible for a cottage food permit? Geared towards producers of value-added food products (baked goods, jams, jellies, fermented foods, candy, dressings, sauces, etc). Led by Marian Myszkowski, Program Director for Goosefoot. To register, please email sami@goosefoot.org.

Small Business Energy-Saving with PSE

Wednesday, October 21, 1:00-2:00PM

Online workshop

Receive an overview of the most popular rebates/incentives offered by Puget Sound Energy (PSE) that help small businesses lower energy use, reduce utility costs, and decrease carbon emissions. Preparing for storm-related outages will be covered, including how to find outage information quickly for decisions on closing early or even opening at all. With Walt Blackford, outreach manager for PSE on Whidbey Island. To register, please email sami@goosefoot.org.

Bridging our Differences

Wednesday, October 21, 2:00PM

Monday, October 26, 6:30PM

Online workshop

Celebrate Civility Month with these free online workshops. Please register in advance at www.civilityfirst.org or email civility1st@gmail.com to receive a Zoom link.

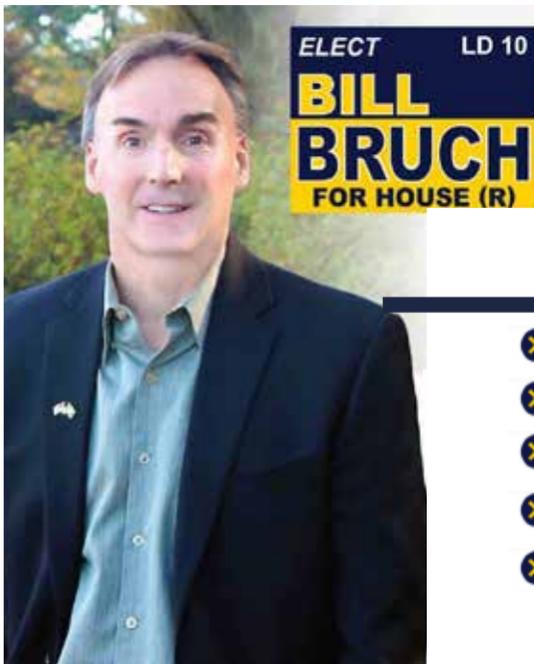
Panel Presentation: "Does Civility Still Matter?"

Wednesday, October 28, 6:30PM

Online event

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Price Sculpture Forest opens soon p. 10



Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Public Schools
Safety measures include temperature checks, social distancing, sanitizing stations and more for students participating in Oak Harbor High School's athletic workouts.

WIAA releases updated guidelines for athletics and activities

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

The Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) issued new guidelines for student athletics Oct. 6. School districts across Island County have been providing safe workout options for students as early as the summer and continue to monitor changing guidelines.

Paul Lagerstedt, athletic director for South Whidbey High School, said while the guidelines may bring large changes for some counties, Island County's Phase III status had allowed workouts to take place prior to the new guidelines being released. Lagerstedt said the three school districts will review the updated guidelines and will continue to work with Island County Public Health to offer safe activities for students.

"Across the state, different athletic directors are asking different questions and so I think like all things COVID, this is a process and it is ever-changing, but this represents a pretty big change, especially for a lot of the counties and districts in the state," he said. "We were fortunate enough to be in Phase III already so we were able to do quite a bit already as far as what our teams were able to do."

Conor Laffey, communication officer for Oak Harbor Public Schools, said Island County is currently considered to be in the WIAA's moderate-risk category, but local projections predict the county will soon fall in the low-risk category. Laffey said due to this kind of fluctuation, the district will continue with its current plan, which is more conservative than the WIAA guidelines. He said Oak Harbor High School's athletic director, Jerrod Fleury, has worked with the district and other island athletic directors to adjust accordingly as recommendations are updated.

"The new WIAA guidelines offer some leniency, but more importantly, they clearly outline metrics while defining what's allowed in the different stages for each sport," he said. "However, one of the biggest challenges is that the metric only looks at two weeks, causing counties from around the state to bounce between the different risk levels. To avoid this, we will continue with our current policy, which centers around workouts, similar to what you would see in

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WICA goes to the movies!

Langley theater adds feature films to repertoire

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Feel like catching a classic film on the big screen? Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley may have just what movie-goers are looking for – it has transitioned from a live theater experience to a movie theater experience, at least for a while.

WICA is now offering screenings of classic films every Friday and Saturday night and a Sunday afternoon matinee through the end of the year, complete with popcorn and movie treats and even some adult beverages to enjoy while immersing oneself in the big screen experience. Movies begin at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 1 or 2 p.m. Sunday afternoons. Tickets may be purchased in advance at wicaonline.org or at the box office, although online ticket purchases are highly encouraged to cut down on lengthy waits in line.

It might seem strange to think of seeing a movie at the local community theater, but due to the pandemic and the havoc it has wreaked on the entertainment and arts community, WICA officials say the decision to make the temporary shift in focus was not difficult.

"At the moment, live entertainment is prohibited, but movie theaters are allowed to operate, so shifting to this platform was an easy decision," said Verna Everitt, WICA's executive director. "Our Whidbey Island Film Festival has proven to be a success for us and we are hoping this pivot will duplicate that same success. Our community appreciates not only first run films, but also has a great appetite for revival house cinema, i.e. classic movies or notable older films."

When having to choose from a huge list of movies, Everitt said they narrowed the field by concentrating on three categories.

"Stage to screen, an incredible selection of films that were first introduced to audiences on Broadway and West End stages; the BIG! Picture, best picture Oscar winners; and Wanderlust, films that capture a sense of time and place and inspire us to pack our bags for worlds far away," she described. "The rest was easy. Because we're all film lovers here at WICA, we chose personal favorites that will be accessible for a large, diverse audience and a few jewels that will appeal to cinefiles."

Included in some of Everitt's favorites are "Ben-Hur," "Stage Door," "An Affair to Remember," "The Grand Budapest Hotel," and "Doctor Zhivago."

"It was great to discover Verna and I have similar tastes and to see when we brought very different ideas to the table," said Deana Duncan, WICA's artistic director. "Some of my favorites are "Side-ways," which we're screening with a wine tasting; "Dangerous Liaisons," a play we hope to produce in the future; "The Godfather," "Finding Neverland," my inspiration when I directed "Peter and the Starcatcher;" and I'm excited about Jean-Luc Godard's "Breathless" during our French Cinema weekend, especially after watching the new biopic, "Seberg," about the lead actress Jean Seberg."



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts
Popcorn and candy and movies, oh my! All are available at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts as the Langley theater is now showing classic films every weekend through the end of the year.

WICA is known for staging premiere parties and the like for its stage productions, so it should come as no surprise there will be special events to accompany some of the classic film screenings. Through it all, movie snacks are a given.

"This is what makes coming to the movies at WICA such a treat," said Duncan. "We have a full bar featuring Double Bluff Brewing Company and Dancing Fish Vineyards; wine tastings and physically distanced pre-screening parties; and of course, fresh popcorn with butter and gourmet toppings, favorite movie candy and a few other delicious snacks."

Island County remains in Phase III of Gov. Jay Inslee's Safe Start reopening plan. Guidelines allow movie theaters to operate at 50 percent capacity in Phase III.

"Technically, 50 percent of our capacity is 123," said Duncan. "With physical distancing, however, we anticipate roughly 80 film-goers during each screening."

According to Everitt, as WICA begins its 25th year, they have used the shut down to make some needed improvements to the building.

"The community's health and well being has driven our renovation priorities and has led to the decision that clean, healthy air must be a part of the WICA experience," she said. "Our first major undertaking was the replacement of our aging HVAC with a new, germicidal UV light system that has a proven track record of reducing airborne bacteria, mold, odors and viruses."

See WICA continued on page 12



Photos Courtesy of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts
If you've never seen any of these films on the big screen, Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley is showing classics like "The Godfather," "An Affair to Remember" and "The Grand Budapest Hotel" every weekend through the end of the year.



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Four Levels of Government

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Most have never considered that there are four levels of government not three. We recognize that there is the federal government, the state government, and the local government, each with their own responsibility. There is a fourth level, that few have considered that it is a level of government at all. That level is the individual and/or the family unit, that has **logical responsibilities**. This model works well in a number of states like Montana, Nebraska, and others where people are responsible and where the welfare rolls have been limited.

What has happened to that 4th level has a parallel in our local school levies. In voting on them, the school system employees have an obvious a conflict-of-interest (COI) and constitutes roughly 20% of the vote that consistently votes in favor of the levy. This means that to defeat the levy, the balance of the voters must vote against the levy by over 62%. Perhaps it was in the 1920s that the state government recognized this problem and added a requirement that to pass a levy they required 60% of the voters voting approval. About 15 years ago, the teachers' unions passed an initiative that eliminated this requirement. The result is school levies are a joke as it is impossible to defeat one, so why have a vote? The democracy in school levies doesn't exist. In general, the voters have lost control of levies and the amount requested in levies is only limited by the State Legislature.

The compassionate Democrats have created a problem with the 4th level. Their liberalism has created a major block of voters that don't meet their responsibilities. They depend on government, which is a COI. Like school employees, they will vote for their providers, the Democrats. **Like the school levies, democracy in our liberal cities and states is in name only.**

It is not a Democracy if it contains a block of voters whose COI votes determines the election results!

In the past, the change from Democrat to Republican and back again has maintained the ideology of government close to neutral, which has made our Nation great. Now a major problem is evident. If the people allow the Democrats to take control of government again, **the switching back and forth will end**. Ideology will be definitely left as **the conflict-of-interest (COI) voting block will be the determining factor in all elections**. Like the levy elections, they will be a joke as the outcome will become consistently Democrat. The US will become just a much larger California. **We will no longer be a democracy!**

To counter this prospect of becoming another Venezuela, we need to fight back hard. We need to make the COI block smaller, not larger. To counter this growth in the COI block, we need to make more people to be responsible, not less and many more people to be Republicans as that is the only party that makes sense and is logical.

Now, to discuss the 2020 election. From the above, **losing is not an option**.

Why does Biden refuse to be critical of China and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP)? It could be that the CCP is funding not just millions, **but possibly billions** into the Democratic candidates' campaigns. Consider the insane amount of money that the Dems are spending promoting Democratic Senate Candidates in Arizona, North Carolina, South Carolina, and the House races. The money is more than even the Democrats can normally raise. **The question is, did the Democrats promise the CCP that, if they won, they would cancel the job-saving tariffs that Trump put on many of their products?**

Normally, one doesn't believe a word that Pelosi says, but this time when she was discussing the 25th Amendment and stating that it did not involve Trump, we should believe her. She believes that Biden will win and be President. She recognizes, as many others do, that age has an impact on this man, and **he no longer has the mental capability of being President**. The prediction is after a very few months, they will be swearing in a President Harris, who as Senator is the most liberal left-wing Senator in the Senate.

As one hears all the rhetoric supporting abortion, one must wonder if the promoters ever thanked their parents for making that decision not to abort them? **Life is precious and there are no exceptions? Is the life in a fetus not precious too? Yes, thank your parents as they sacrificed so much to have and raise you!**

Which group is Biden lying to? Is he lying to the moderates when he says he will not ban fracking or to his base, the extreme left, when he says that he will ban it?

When he says that the people don't need to know his decision on packing the Supreme Court means that **he will** and that body will become another legislature, passing laws that the normal legislature refuses.

(Where in the Constitution does it have language that authorizes judges to make laws?)

One must have a mental sickness in order to support the radical 2020 Democratic Platform. Consider:

- They want to defund the police, which would be no police. (Police makes possible law and order and that is the foundation of a normal society.)
- They support "Black Lives Matter" which has been behind the rioting, looting, and destruction of \$billions in property being burned or destroyed.
- They want to forgive \$trillions in student loans. (It would be an enormous bribe to have one's student loan that could be 50K or 100K cancelled.)
- They want to ban fracking which would eliminate thousands of jobs and make us dependent on a foreign source for our oil.
- They want to replace fossil fuel generation of electric power with wind and solar. This could double the cost of our electric bills and make electric power unreliable.
- They want open borders, that would flood our country with immigrants that would be taking our jobs and overwhelming our welfare rolls.
- They want to have no cash bail for arrested criminals allowing them to go free with many never to be punished for their crime(s).
- They want to increase taxes by trillions of dollars.
- They want to build low-income projects in our suburban neighborhoods. One can imagine what that would do to our homes and neighborhoods.
- They want to cancel state laws that give workers the "right-to-work" resulting in all workers paying union dues even if they don't belong to a union.
- They advocate that their platform is a dream come true, but for most of us it would be a nightmare. We cannot allow this to happen by voting for the entire Republican ticket. Their radical Platform must be rejected by being defeated!

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NORTHWEST FISHING DERBIES

Most fishermen and women enjoy sports and the excitement that goes hand-in-hand with fierce competition, and rightly so. The winner gets bragging rights, trophies, and possibly prize money. In 2004, the Northwest Marine Trade Association (NMTA), with the help of other organizations like the Puget Sound Anglers and a host of generous sponsors, created the "Northwest Salmon Derby Series." In the early years there was a total of six salmon derbies located throughout the beautiful Puget Sound.

The years have flown by and the series is now known as the "Northwest Fishing Derby Series." It is made up of approximately 20 derbies scheduled throughout the year still giving anglers an opportunity to target Chinook and Coho salmon, but the series now includes the search for big bass, kokanee, and trout as well. Many anglers may be intimidated by a salmon/fishing derby or feel they don't have enough experience or species know-how to fish in a derby but I'm here to tell you, do not be discouraged! Fishing in the derby is easy; hooking and landing that winning fish is usually the challenging part. There is much more to a well-run derby than just catching fish. In many of the larger derbies there are fishermen's breakfasts, chili feeds, raffles, student scholarship sign-ups, and young anglers get a firsthand look at why recreational fishermen respect the fish and how special the fish resource is to all of us. Of course, everyone likes to win! And the award ceremonies at the end are a hoot.

Derbies are a perfect place to talk with long-time salmon, bass, and trout anglers, and sift out some helpful tips and tricks to help your fishing success. I am a member of the Fidalgo/San Juan chapter of the Puget Sound Anglers. My first experience with a derby was in 2004, which our chapter hosted, and it was the Anacortes Salmon Derby. I never even fished the derby; I was responsible for logging in the lucky anglers and tagging their fish at Washington Park for vehicle transport back to weigh-in headquarters in Anacortes. By working this check station I was able to see each legal fish and chat with the anglers and take a few notes.

Joining a fishing club like the Puget Sound Anglers and working a couple of derby events is one of the quickest ways to shift your fishing knowledge into overdrive, and once you add these experiences to your own time spent on the water, you'll be amazed at how fast your fishing confidence and tackle choices will improve. Unfortunately COVID-19 forced the cancellation of most 2020 derby series events, and with the closure of the 2021 winter Blackmouth Chinook

season, we will have to wait until spring and see what the rest of the Northwest Fishing Derby season will offer. Here is the list of derbies that were to be held this year prior to the arrival of COVID-19; this will give you a good idea what events were to take place, and may help you make a decision whether to fish a derby next year.

- Feb. 1-2: Resurrection Salmon Derby
- Feb. 6-8: Friday Harbor Salmon Classic
- Feb. 13-15: Roche Harbor Salmon Classic
- March 13-15: Olympic Peninsula Salmon
- Cancelled*: For The Love Of Cod Derby,
- March 21-22: Everett Blackmouth Derby
- Cancelled*: For The Love Of Cod Derby,
- Brookings
- Cancelled*: Something Catchy Kokanee Derby
- Cancelled*: Lake Stevens Kokanee Derby
- Cancelled*: Father's Day Big Bass Classic
- Cancelled*: Bellingham Salmon Derby
- July 10-12: Slam'n Salmon Ocean Derby
- July 29-Aug. 2: Lake Coeur D'alene Big One Fishing Derby
- Cancelled*: Brewster Salmon Derby
- Cancelled*: S. King County PSA Derby
- Cancelled*: Gig Harbor PSA Derby
- Cancelled*: Vancouver, B.C. Chinook Classic
- Sept. 12: Edmonds Coho Derby
- Sept. 19-20: Everett Coho Derby
- Cancelled*: Everett Bayside Marine Blackmouth Derby

Some of these derbies boast a first place purse of \$5,000 to \$15,000! The entry fees are relatively low in comparison to the podium prizes, and if that wasn't enough to get you interested in entering, at the end of the derby series, a ready-to-fish boat and trailer is up for raffle. Each derby ticket stub is placed into a raffle status box and at the designated derby (usually the Everett Coho Derby) one lucky angler will walk away with a Grand Prize worth approximately \$75,000! One thing I would like to mention is, do not let the hectic derby pace get in the way of safety and in any way take away from the fun and enjoyment of fishing with friends and family. I know next spring is far away but if fishing in a derby sounds like something you would enjoy, take the time to look into it now and then decide. Here is my email: tfishmonger@aol.com. Drop me a note with a fish story or if you have other questions about derbies in our area. Be safe out there and GOOD LUCK fishing!



Here is the Northwest Fishing Derby Series Grand Prize that will carry over into the 2021 season.

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Wander in Wonder – Price Sculpture Forest opens next week

By **Melanie Hammons** Whidbey Weekly

The Japanese concept of “Forest Bathing” or “shinrin-yoku,” has been around for a while now. This practice embraces a “five-senses” approach to enjoying outdoor forest settings. Japanese physicians tout studies that show both mental and physical health improvements for the adherents.



Photo Courtesy of Scott Price
“Soaring Eagle,” a sculpture by Greg Neal, is just one of the featured pieces which have found a new home at the Price Sculpture Forest near Coupeville.

Whidbey Island, located an ocean away from Japan, offers multiple opportunities to forest bathe: Beachside and woodland trails, state parks, and land trusts abound, from one end of the island to the other.

But an experience deeper, and even more uplifting, is poised to unfold very soon, with the opening of The Price Sculpture Forest just outside Coupeville, scheduled to open for tours Friday, Oct. 23. The park beautifully combines two of the best-known features of Whidbey life - a love of the arts, and Whidbey’s own natural surroundings. The plan is to add tastefully-selected works of sculpture to the beauty of nature that already exists there in the form of trees, flowers, and other plants.

Founder and Board of Directors President, Scott Price, describes the park as a way to preserve a 100-plus year-old forest while giving visitors the chance to experience it as “an outdoor museum.”



Photo Courtesy of Scott Price
The entrance arch at the Price Sculpture Forest invites visitors to “Wander in Wonder.” The park will open for tours Friday, Oct. 23.

“The Sculpture Forest is meant for art lovers and nature lovers too,” said Price. “What makes sculpture parks so unique is that the changing seasons, weather, and even the play of shifting sunlight give a different feel

to works of art and nature alike. It’s to experience art from many different viewpoints.”
Price Sculpture Forest’s inception reads

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There’s still time to enjoy new Whidbey Farm and Market

By **Alec Brown** Whidbey Weekly

A new seasonal farm stand has opened right across from the Blue Fox Drive-in Theater on Monroe Landing Road. Whidbey Farm and Market is open Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Oct. 31.

Taking a right off Highway 20 and a left at the large white truck will take you to an open field lined with flowers, a quaint blue tractor, and all the seasonal attractions of autumn—a corn maze with a welcoming sign over its entrance, a colossal stack of hay bales, and rows upon rows of pumpkins.

The Whidbey Farm and Market is open to walk around and play in and has several attractions for families to enjoy. Right behind the main building is a wide-open area with lawn games, picnic tables, and a lush garden.

In addition to the attractions, there are a number of goodies inside the main building. T-shirts, vegetables, fruits, and cheeses are all on offer in the main building—a long, narrow structure that’s open to the air on both sides. Right in the middle of that building is a counter where Shannon Hamilton and co-owner, Wendi Hilborn, greet customers and operate the stall.



Alec Brown/Whidbey Weekly
Shannon Hamilton (left) and Wendi Hilborn (right) greet customers to their new Whidbey Farm and Market stand, located on Monroe Landing Road, across from the Blue Fox Drive-in.

The products they’re selling—and the whole stand itself—are all meant to support local farms. The farms they’ve collaborated with this year include Love Well, Well Fed, Golden Glen Creamery, and more.

Hamilton says the farm stand is meant to be a place where people can be together and recreate during quarantine. There is enough open space for multiple people to gather and for families to have fun, as well as plenty of activities to fill the time.

The farm stand will close at the end of this month. However, it will be opening up again next year with a host of improvements. They plan on not only having a number of new farms to support and from which to offer products, but a much longer season, too. The stand will be opening in the fall of 2021, staying open all the way until Christmas.

Yes, that means a Christmas farm stand—trees and all.

And after the Christmas season, they plan on opening once again for the spring.

While they are officially designated as a farm stand right now, they will seek designation as a market stall under local laws for the sake of next year’s upgrades.

“It’s a great place to meet with friends, and a great place to meet with family,” Hamilton said. She hopes this open space filled with fun activities will make this autumn just a little more enjoyable for everyone who is otherwise stuck inside.

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the summer. The safety measures we have in place should ensure our student-athletes remain safe and as healthy as possible. After a couple of weeks, we will review the county data and evaluate our current plan to make the necessary changes under the WIAA and the Island County health department’s guidance.”

Willie Smith, athletic director for Coupeville High School and Coupeville Middle School, said athletic directors and administrators from each district have collaborated to make plans and will continue work with Island County Public Health to establish guidelines and meet changing needs. Smith said consistency throughout the districts has been key in making plans to allow athletic activities to resume across the island.

“I think the island schools have been a pretty close-knit group anyhow, but at least from the coaching and administrative group, this has really brought the island together as a whole and it is pretty cool to live in an area where you can do that,” he said. “Three districts, three different sized high schools and middle schools and everyone is coming together and working together to make it work for everyone.”

Lagerstedt said across the districts, the importance of allowing students to be active and part of a team in a safe environment has been recognized.

“These times can be really tough on kids,” he said. “They want to get out, they want to be active and it is really important for their mental as well as their physical health. I am glad that our district recognizes that and supports that. Again, under the umbrella of safety first, we want our kids to have an opportunity to be out and be active and be a part of something that is bigger than them and be part of something that is goal-oriented.”

Laffey said Fleury and the other athletic directors have worked with Island County Public Health to establish and maintain guidelines, including social distancing, temperature checks, cleaning and more.

“We are so thankful for the Island County health department,” he said. “From day one, we have had a great dialogue about our schools, students, and athletic teams. Without the county health department’s support and willingness to work with us, this would not be possible. We have put a lot of time and energy into ensuring our students safely return to athletics.”

Smith said the ability to offer athletic opportunities has been beneficial for student athletes who choose to participate.

“I think if you talk with our coaches, talk with our kids, talk with our administration, it has had such a positive impact on our kids to be able to do this,” he said.



Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Public Schools
Students have been given the chance to stay active and connected with coaches and other athletes through workouts offered through Whidbey Island’s school districts. Adherence to local, WIAA and other safety guidelines has been a key piece of allowing students to return to activities.

Lagerstedt said staff members continue to strive to offer a place for students to enjoy athletics in a safe environment.

“I hope we can give these kids the best experience with high school athletics that we can and I think that is what people are working toward,” he said. “That is what our goal is and again, so is safety, and I feel everybody is on the same page trying to make this the best that we can.”

Laffey said staff have continually worked to help students return to sports in a safe manner.

“We are so thankful to have a community

that supports our athletic programs and coaches who genuinely care about the health and well-being of their student-athletes,” he said. “Getting students back on campus in a controlled and safe environment as possible continues to be our goal.”

Smith said the ability to have students and coaches come together for workouts has had a positive impact on participants.

“For a little bit, it gives them (student-athletes) a little sense of normalcy, and there is just not a lot of that going around for the last few months,” he said.

For more information, visit wiaa.com.



Halloween Horror

Current and creepy

By Carey Ross



Typically, Halloween is a real big deal around these parts. A real big deal. I've never considered myself to be a Halloweenie like most of my costume-crazed friends, but as the days draw closer to Oct. 31, I find myself a touch melancholy about the Halloween that will be, if not canceled outright, severely curtailed. I took myself to the Spook Shop to cheer myself up, but it wasn't quite the escape from reality I was hoping for.

I guess it's time to watch more movies. Given we are currently living in a slow-moving horror movie, I feel it's only prudent (or perhaps foolish, but I'm willing to take the risk) to lean in a little. I usually wait a bit longer to begin binging scary movies, but time means nothing in 2020, so I'm kicking off this Halloween horror ride—and I'm taking you with me.

The horror genre is rich and varied and I traffic in nearly all of it except for torture porn (*Saw*, I'm looking at you). And even though movie theaters are shuttered locally, it hasn't stopped the release of the horror flicks that are part and parcel of this time of year. Pop some popcorn, turn off the lights and prepare for scares—here's what's current and creepy.

Of all the movies available now or coming to streaming services in the near future, *Bad Hair* is the one that has me the most excited. My favorite horror movies fall into two general categories: straight-up scary and terrible/wonderful. Of those, *Bad Hair* is surely the latter. Written and directed by *Dear White People's* Justin Simien, it's about an upwardly mobile young woman (Elle Lorraine) whose weave is somehow sentient—and has a tendency to kill people who get in her way. The Sundance hit boasts a killer cast in Lena Waithe, Kelly Rowland, Laverne Cox, Jay Pharoah, and Vanessa Williams and its seemingly ridiculous premise is balanced by its sly messaging about the complex social

issues surrounding Black women and their hair. You'll never look at someone's weave the same way again. (Streaming on Hulu starting Oct. 23)

If horror comedy is your thing, a trio of movies in the world of on demand will scratch that itch. *The Wolf of Snow Hollow* is a dark werewolf comedy (not a lot of those out there) written, directed and starring Jim Cummings as a small-town sheriff trying not to succumb to paranoia as he attempts to figure out who—or what—is killing townspeople during each full moon. Also noteworthy for being Robert Forster's last role before his death. Organ trafficking and a kidney gone rogue are the plot drivers of *12 Hour Shift*, starring Angela Bettis as its harried heroine and featuring a scene-stealing performance by Chloe Farnworth as an organ harvester who is comically bad at her job. Creature features are ripe for the comedic treatment and *Save Yourselves!* is only too happy to exploit this and other horror tropes, including a secluded cabin in the woods, a couple who wants to disconnect from society in order to reconnect with each other and a planet under attack from hostile aliens that just happen to look like benign puffballs.

But that's far from all. At Netflix, bloodsucking gen-trifiers and actual vampires are the ghouls to be vanquished in *Vampires vs. the Bronx*, while Adam Sandler does battle with Salem's supernatural forces in the kid-appropriate *Hubie Halloween*. Come Oct. 22, the adaptation of Roald Dahl's beloved *The Witches*, originally scheduled for theatrical release, hits HBO Max. And in the Halloween cinematic event many of us have been both eagerly and warily anticipating, *The Craft: Legacy*—the continuation of the 1996 movie about the coolest coven around—will be released Oct. 28 via on demand. Just in time for Halloween.



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Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts has reconfigured the interior of its theater to make it a safe place to enjoy a movie. The theater's HVAC system has also been upgraded.

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"We've reimagined the interior of the theater [as well]," said Duncan. "It now features physically distanced seating, tables for food and drink, two 'boxes' for pods of six or fewer people and additional aisles for easier, safer access."

The film schedule can be found and tickets for screenings can be purchased in advance at wicaonline.org. Cost is \$15 per person. The Halloween screening of "Young Frankenstein" includes a pre-film party for \$25. Organizers said while the price per screening is slightly higher than people may be accustomed to paying to watch a film, WICA staff hopes the film curation and the film-goers experience – comfortable seating, cabaret tables, special events and food and beverage choices – will be seen as "worth the price of admission."

In the meantime, the films will get people back into the theater for an evening (or several) of entertainment, as WICA's staff continues to look forward to providing live entertainment once more – sooner, rather than later.

"We were recently invited to join a working group led by the Washington State Arts Commission and the Governor's office that is creating the guidelines and protocols needed to re-open the entire arts sector in our state," Duncan said. "We are fortunate Island County is in Phase III and because of our committee work, expect to see a return of live lectures, staged readings and similar programming soon."

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almost like a storybook from its very beginning.

"Many Coast Salish Native American groups are believed to have visited and lived in the vicinity; the (park) encircles what we know to be a Native American cemetery, although we don't know if human remains are there," said Price.

The story gets even more interesting. Price's family bought the main 15-acre parcel in 2008, shortly followed by the purchase of smaller adjacent plots. They intended to build their family home there, then they had second thoughts altogether about that original plan.

"We ended up building our house elsewhere; there remained the question of, 'what to do with this beautiful piece of land?' After investigating many different options, we spoke with the Whidbey Camano Land Trust. Eventually, in partnership with the Trust, and with assistance provided by the U.S. Navy, the idea for a sculpture park was born," Price said.

According to Price, some of the trees on the site are original old-growth forest. One of the features of the 16-acre property is it now holds a permanent conservation easement, thus achieving his hoped-for aim of preserving the habitat for future generations.

From its inception, park planners designed two separate, uni-directional trails that wind

throughout the property. That layout allows visitors plenty of personal space and freedom of movement. The intent for that was two-fold, said Price.

"One, we wanted to preserve people's sense of privacy and freedom of motion as they walk the trails. Two, this sort of layout allows for an optimal viewing experience; in addition to enjoying the beauty of walking a woodland trail, there's a sense of discovery and anticipation as you await what could be around the next bend," he said.

The trails are titled "Nature Nurtured," and "Whimsy Way," respectively, their names hinting at the kind of attractions one might encounter "just around the next bend."

"The first one features outdoor art and sculptures that all relate to the living world, plus its natural elements. And the second, as it implies, every sculpture is cool, humorous, or just fun," said Price.

Price detailed his plans to create a free, "self-guided" tour app of the entire Sculpture Forest. Visitors will enjoy reading descriptions of each sculpture that are to include short videos provided by each sculptor. The videos intend to provide an in-depth perspective of the sculpture's meaning according to its creator.

Sculptures chosen for the Forest will be carefully selected to enhance the ultimate mission and goal of "honoring the artistry of nature and how it can relate to the creative inventions of people," according to the organization's website. The creators include both nationally-known as well as locally-based Pacific Northwest sculptors.

And the beautiful story that is the Price Sculpture Forest just keeps unfolding: Long-range plans for the park's future include the construction of a visitor center/gallery building, perhaps even a gazebo or picnic shelter. The board also hopes to forge a partnership with an arts organization or gallery to host an on-site presence that will be mutually beneficial to all. They even foresee the possibility of constructing path lighting on the south loop trail to benefit evening opportunities.

The Price Sculpture Forest officially opens to the public Oct. 23. Five tours are currently scheduled and all are currently booked. Tours are limited to 10 people and participants must wear masks and follow physical distancing protocols. Prospective visitors should check the Price Sculpture Forest website - sculptureforest.org - for the latest information about tour dates and times, etc. "Early-bird" visitors are highly discouraged.

"We respectfully ask that people please wait until we are completely done with the construction, as it's not safe to be in the way



Photo Courtesy of Scott Price
Sculptures of all shapes and sizes adorn the landscape of the Price Sculpture Forest near Coupeville. This piece, entitled "4-Up," by Jan Hoy is just one example of what visitors will find nestled in the trees along the two trails.

of the heavy machinery that may be in use," said Price. "Please check our website for the latest updates; that's where you'll hear about it first."

Price describes next week as a "soft opening." Perhaps by springtime, a more celebratory grand opening could finally take place, the hope being that by then, "with the passage of time, masks, health concerns, etc. will not impact us as much," he said.

In the same spirit that one would wait until Christmas or a birthday to open the presents at just the right moment, the opening date of Price Sculpture Forest is a gift well worth waiting for. Its culmination can probably be summed up most descriptively by the live edge cherry-wood arch at the entryway that bears the words, "Wander in Wonder."

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CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

ARIES (March 21-April 19)



Rams in battle follow a precise protocol. Stand apart, rear up to full height on hind legs, then vault forward and crash horns at 40 mph. Repeat to exhaustion. Your own protocol for getting your point across may be slightly different. No judgment if it's not, but there are ways of butting heads that are less headache inducing.

Some rams will rear up and dance a few steps before vaulting forward. Whatever suits your fancy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



The dumbest buy for unwary shoppers in the Middle Ages? A pig in a poke. The dumbest buy for unwary shoppers in 2020? A pig in a poke. A poke is a bag, and the unwary shopper of yore might discover it contained, not the expected pig, but a cat. Little has changed in 500 years. The dreaded pig in a poke is still dreaded, and we still let the cat out of the bag. Did you think supplying your own trusty shopping bag was just a green move?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



Hiawatha, as legendary peace chief of the Iroquois tribes, magically bestowed favors while doing great deeds. When he defeated disease, it was with the help of a woodpecker, whose feathered head, then and ever-after, he streaked with red. The source of Hiawatha's mystical powers? Not the least was warmth and charm. He had only to ask the help of creatures great and small and it was given. Want people on your side? Start with warmth and charm.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)



Feisty is as feisty does. Your scrappy side might withdraw just long enough to fool some. But even the coyest kitten eventually springs awake and is discovered to have claws. Can you keep it playful? Can you make warrior sounds while still making it clear that your desire is peace? Can you meet your foe with only enough fire to overcome, and not a degree more? Feisty gets no extra credit for overkill.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



"The best traveler is one without a camera." What do those words of Kamand Kojouri mean to you? Does life become less a life, selectively reduced to portion size? More simply, would you tackle a buffet table without a plate? Answer us that, and we'll tell you whether yours is the unbounded life, wild and untamed, or the domestic life, safely reduced to captivity within careful boundaries.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



Good news for the ornery! Bellicosity has come out of the closet. No matter what your position, a quarrelsome antagonist stands ready to argue the opposite. Not good

with words? Not a problem. A hat is enough to start a ruckus, if it's the right hat. On a good day, you can lock horns with the cantankerous, let off some steam, and not be late for dinner. Hot-tempered heaven. A pity it won't last forever.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



Out-spokenly critical meets zealot. What have you got? No less than when nitro meets glycerin. In medicine, nitroglycerin in pill, patch, spray or ointment treats heart disease. In dynamite, nitroglycerin wreaks havoc. Explosive in the extreme. Outspoken criticism meeting deeply felt principles is like nitro meeting glycerine. Healthy and hazardous, depending on the handler. Handle with care.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



Airplanes. Bullet trains. Seven-league boots. When you have lots of ground to cover and little time to cover it, there's always a way. Seven leagues is 21 miles, the distance wearers of those magical boots cover with each stride. But sometimes, you want to mosey. Meander. Stop, window shop, smell the roses. And when you've had enough? There's Uber, Lyft, and yes, those magic boots. Happy trails!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



Where is the line between business and pleasure? When you love what you do, and do what you love, work becomes play, and your play is your work. No line between business and pleasure exists. Don't believe it? TGIF is your rally cry? The line that divides your own work and play is writ in red and stark as sunless Monday? You're in the majority, and no one is blaming you. But better ways lie ahead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



Mary Poppins blew into town on the east wind, touched people's lives with her magic, and finally opened her umbrella to let the west wind carry her away. Something akin to the Poppins magic is at work in the world today. Are you seeing the world with different eyes? Are people reacting to you differently, and you to them? That's the magic. What miracles will it bring, before the west wind carries it away?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



How do you respond to an irritant? With the beauty of an oyster responding to a grain of sand? The oyster layers a lustrous protective wrapper around any grain of sand that reaches its inner softness, and the result is a gem-quality pearl. Think of what irritates you. Can you bring forth something of beauty in response? Artistry within utility is nature's way. What is the Taj Mahal but an elegant way to keep out rain?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



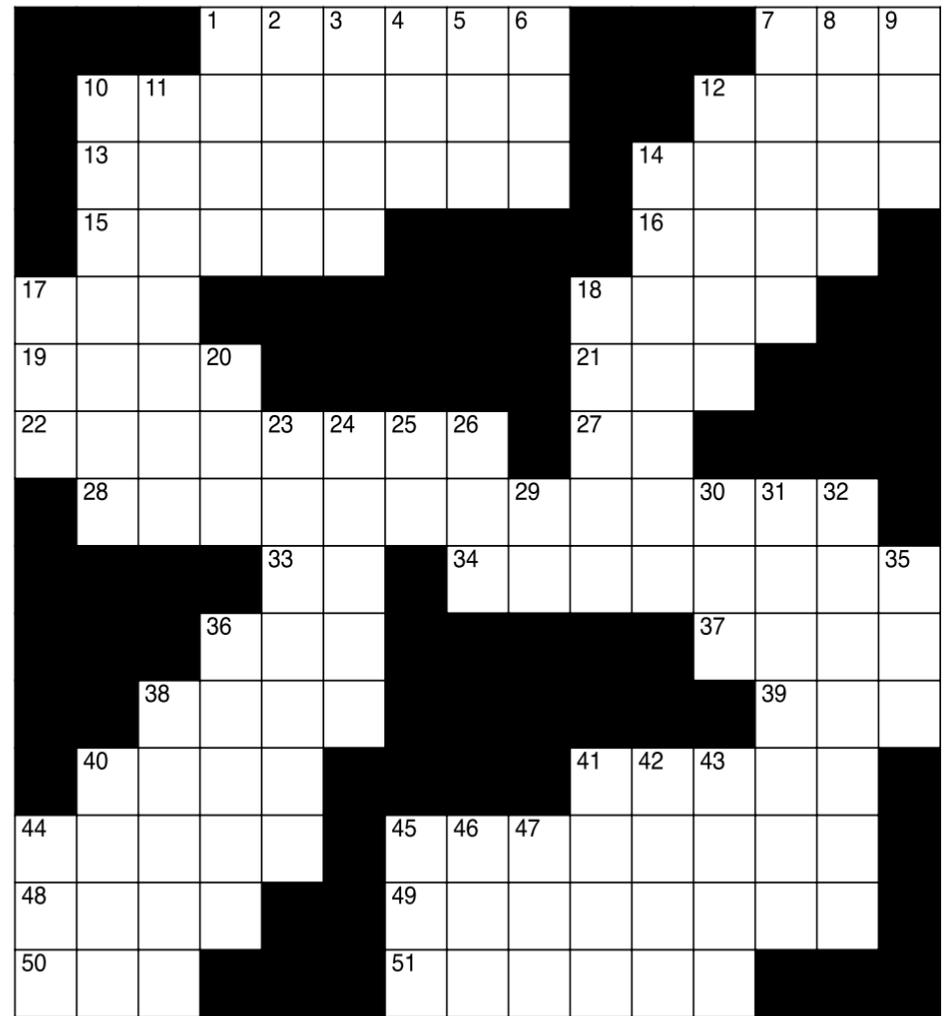
To quote Franklin P. Jones, "It's a strange world of language in which skating on thin ice can get you in hot water." Where is the ice thinnest? Hint: It's an election year. To say it is already is to hear the ice crack. What are the consequences of breaking through? We refer you back to Mr. Jones: "You're an old-timer if you can remember when setting the world on fire was a figure of speech."

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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. Lunar crater
- 7. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)
- 10. Fruit
- 12. Seventh avatar of Vishnu
- 13. Organism that grows without air
- 14. Heals
- 15. A book has one
- 16. Open
- 17. Twitch
- 18. Plant of the mint family
- 19. Soon
- 21. Witch
- 22. Long, mournful complaint
- 27. Killer clown film
- 28. Keeps us occupied
- 33. Influential lawyer
- 34. Formation of concepts
- 36. Insecticide
- 37. Swiss river
- 38. Actress Lucy
- 39. Unit of g-force

- 40. Can repel attackers
- 41. Essential oil used as perfume
- 44. Cut into small pieces
- 45. Mexican agricultural worker
- 48. Best pitchers
- 49. Benign tumors
- 50. Danish krone
- 51. Looms above

- 12. Rearrange
- 14. Holy person or sage
- 17. ___ Mahal
- 18. Backbone
- 20. Brooklyn hoopster
- 23. Intervened
- 24. Extremely angry
- 25. Indicates position
- 26. Chinese surname
- 29. Potato state
- 30. When you think you'll get there

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Make a map of
- 2. Cain and ___
- 3. Dried-up
- 4. Corporate exec (abbr.)
- 5. Trading floor hand gesture
- 6. Strongly alkaline solution
- 7. Yemen capital
- 8. Military leader (abbr.)
- 9. Maintains possession of
- 10. Afternoon show
- 11. Imaginary being
- 31. ___ Falls
- 32. Bullfighters
- 35. Born of
- 36. Small fishes
- 38. "Father of chemical warfare"
- 40. Waste matter
- 41. Skin disease
- 42. Scandinavian mythological god
- 43. ___ and haws
- 44. Villain
- 45. Tell on
- 46. Difficulty
- 47. Not old

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Oct. 15	Fri, Oct. 16	Sat, Oct. 17	Sun, Oct. 18	Mon, Oct. 19	Tues, Oct. 20	Wed, Oct. 21
North Isle H-56°/L-42° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-59°/L-48° Cloudy PM Rain	North Isle H-58°/L-47° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-59°/L-43° Cloudy	North Isle H-55°/L-48° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-58°/L-46° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-57°/L-44° Mostly Cloudy
South Isle H-54°/L-46° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-61°/L-49° Cloudy PM Showers	South Isle H-60°/L-48° Clouds and Sun Mixed	South Isle H-61°/L-44° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-57°/L-47° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-60°/L-47° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-59°/L-45° Mostly Cloudy



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FRIDAY, SEPT. 18

7:58 am, SR 525

Caller advising on SR 525 near Unicah (had caller spell roadway); when asked for what city the line disconnected; caller was on a business line. Person in a box.

9:32 am, Humphrey Rd.

Requesting call referencing email received indicating extortion; email was received in April from male claiming reporting party has been on pornographic site and he has inappropriate video of reporting party.

11:30 am, Libbey Rd.

Reporting party states male driver just drove down West Beach and Libbey Road and into a field. White van, older model Ford. Has left field, northbound on West Beach Rd.

5:22 pm, Walker Ave.

Reporting party advising her dog died Wednesday morning. Reporting party advising she has post cards neighbor received threatening to kill the dog.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

12:52 pm, Park Acres Dr.

Reporting party advising has subject hired to work at location; states started acting strange; concerned confrontation may occur and become physical. Nothing occurring now.

2:29 pm, Bayview Rd.

Reporting party advising walked by location and saw male in vehicle with legs out a week ago. Walked by again now and male is in same position. Unknown if breathing.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

12:09 pm, Deception Pass Bridge

Male subject in bridge parking lot by bathrooms; hit reporting party's vehicle with his fist and threatened to damage vehicle over parking dispute.

1:00 pm, Deer Lake Rd.

Advising neighbor set off bomb at location. Another report advising loud illegal fireworks from location. Ongoing problem.

5:22 pm, East Harbor Rd.

Reporting party states saw male subject get out of a vehicle with gun and enter woods. Reporting party had contact with male subject and male said he was not hunting. Appears they may be target practicing as they are laying next to roadway aiming at something.

MONDAY, SEPT. 21

11:55 am, Sun Vista Cir.

Requesting call. States there's a large gathering of people at address. Concerned because of COVID and people are parking on lawn.

12:12 pm, Taylor Rd.

Requesting call. Believes someone defecated on their front porch.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

12:50 pm, Island Ridge Way

Reporting party states white female, 40-50s, short, dark brown long hair, wearing purple coat just left bizarre notes on reporting party's front door steps. Had been just staring at house. Last seen running toward Cox Road.

6:52 pm, Airline Way

Male subject pacing for last 3-4 hours

holding flag in drainage ditch behind caller's residence. No injuries seen.

7:05 pm, Williams Rd.

Male on line, very broken; reporting harassment with some kind of radar or laser from address in Bothell. Reporting party walking in the area of Williams/Hastie Lake.

9:09 pm, April Dr.

Vehicle driving up and down road slowly; asked what they were doing, stated "Gremlins stole their window." Now parked in front of neighbor's house.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

11:28 pm, Mobius Loop

Reporting party advising he wishes to speak with law enforcement. Questioning why I'm answering phone and not law enforcement. Reporting party states dispatchers are anarchist according to Patriot Act. Reporting party recalling, requesting to speak to supervisor.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

11:27 am, Fort Nugent Rd.

Advising 30 minutes ago, saw white male, mid 20s, brown hair, slight facial hair, on foot along roadway; was putting on dress, reporting party stopped to ask what subject was doing he said he's a serial killer.

11:33 am, SR 20

Three days ago, caller saw bow hunters on Kettles Trails and although she knows they are allowed to be there just wanted to speak to a deputy about her concerns.

11:51 am, E Squire Rd.

Advising of neighbors yelling through trees and making threats to shoot BB guns at reporting party.

3:10 pm, Saratoga Rd.

Reporting party advising delivering package, scratched another vehicle and male has started yelling at reporting party. Reporting party advising male is very aggressive toward reporting party.

4:52 pm, NE 7th St.

Reporting party advising male drove into yard and is tearing up flowers. Male was tearing up things, plants at apothecary.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

12:55 am, Mobius Loop

"You're an idiot. Stop answering the phone. Can't you see they are using you? You need to pack it up and go home. Stop answering the phone, got it?" Reporting party recalling: "Still answering the phone?" Advising "The goal is to get you banned."

12:25 pm, Slater Rd.

Reporting party available for phone call; states received phone call from what sounded like his wife, crying. Indicated in an accident and now taken by the cartel and needs money. Reporting party has already withdrawn funds. Requesting call referencing how to proceed.

8:36 pm, Lindemans Way

Reporting party advising dog is stuck inside reporting party's chicken coop. Unknown who dog belongs to. Reporting party is not sure if dog is friendly or not, is not comfortable approaching the dog.

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

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

Sno-Isle Libraries Taking Cautious Approach to Adding In-Building Services

New guidance from Gov. Jay Insee has opened opportunities for public library services during COVID-19 restrictions.

"As we near the seven-month mark since closing our libraries in response to the pandemic crisis, we are cautiously optimistic," Sno-Isle Libraries Executive Director Lois Langer Thompson said. "We look forward to resuming some in-building services in the near future. Final plans are being developed and we expect to start in-building services with a phased approach."

Insee's announcement Tuesday, Oct. 6, would let public libraries that meet certain requirements to allow reduced levels of customers into buildings. In addition to libraries, the updates to Washington's Safe Start reopening plan covers eight other areas including movie theaters and restaurants.

"While we have been actively planning, the state's guidance information will help inform our next steps," Thompson said. "We are working now to better understand how and where we may be able to re-introduce appropriate levels of in-building services."

Thompson said that regardless of what and where additional in-building services may resume, Sno-Isle Libraries will continue to offer contact-free and online services developed since library buildings closed in March.

Those services include contact-free pick-up and return of materials, books by mail, crafts and activities bundles for children and teens as well as expanded digital materials and resources and online library-card signup. Sno-Isle Libraries also just launched a new website this week to better meet customer needs.

"With ongoing COVID-19 concerns, we know that not all of our customers may be comfortable with in-person and in-building services," Thompson said. "Keeping staff and customers as safe as possible remains a priority and we will continue to offer contact-free as well as socially distanced in-building services."

Thompson noted that the cycles of the pandemic have required flexibility and adaptability.

"We have been amending our re-entry plan as we receive updated guidance from the CDC, State of Washington, Snohomish Health District, Island County Public Health and other public agencies," Thompson said. "As we have done since March, we will communicate information about next steps as soon as it is available."

Go to www.sno-isle.org for additional information about services and resources at Sno-Isle Libraries.

[Submitted by Jim Hills, Sno-Isle Libraries, Asst. Director of Communications]

Nearly \$500,000 Awarded to Island Transit for New Bus Purchase

Island Transit will benefit from a FY2020 Federal Transportation Administration grant in the amount of \$488,989.19 to purchase one new bus. The purpose of the grant is to ensure safe and reliable transit services.

"We're delighted to receive the funds and will put the money to good use to replace one of our aging vehicles in our fleet," says Todd Morrow, executive director at Island Transit, adding that grant award will cover the entire cost of one 35-foot bus which costs approximately \$500,000.

"I'm thrilled these federal funds will help increase mobility for Island County families and commuters," said U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. "It's so important, even while we work hard to respond to the pandemic, that important investments like

these that help increase access to safe, reliable public transportation don't get sidelined."

Washington's congressional delegation secured the 5339(b) grant awards for FY2020 in the amount of \$4.8 million for nine rural transit agencies serving 12 counties. Island Transit is the largest of those transit agencies to receive the award.

"As someone who uses public transportation regularly, I understand the importance of safe, efficient and affordable public transit systems like Island Transit for hardworking Washingtonians," said Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02), a co-chair of the Congressional Bus Caucus and a senior member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. "I will continue to champion robust federal investment in bus transit to help keep the economy and Washingtonians moving."

"Our congressional leaders really came through for us by advocating for these funds," says Morrow.

"We very much appreciate their ongoing support."

As an essential service, like fire and police, Island Transit relies on public funding which comes from local sales tax, supplemented by state and federal grants. The agency's annual operating budget is around \$14 million, supporting around 800,000 boardings in Island County during a non-pandemic year. Established in 1987, Island Transit's 15 routes cover most of Whidbey and Camano islands.

[Submitted by Robyn Goldring, Island Transit]

Greg Gilday, Candidate for State Representative, District 10 Postion 2



Greg Gilday is a dad, small business owner, trusted attorney, and our best choice to represent us in the State Legislature. Being third generation in the Stanwood Camano area, Greg understands how important a strong local community is. Greg sees the flaws in Olympia and wants to be a part of the solution. Greg and his wife, Megan, have two boys and live on Camano Island. They attend Stanwood Foursquare Church.

Greg Gilday shares our community's values, and that's why he's supported by the people we trust, like Rep. Norma Smith and former Rep. Dave Hayes. As a leader in our community, Greg has a record of working across divides to bring people together. One of Greg's favorite community accomplishments was when he led an effort that brought together over 1,000 volunteers and raised almost a quarter of a million dollars during the great recession to build the Rotary Adventure Playground.

Greg's priorities as your state representative will be addressing education, homelessness, improving local roads, and defending property rights while promoting environmental stewardship. Like all of us, he wants to safely reopen our economy as we continue to cope with COVID.

Greg is working tirelessly to earn our votes. To date, he has personally called over 5,000 voters and knocked on over 4,000 doors. As our state representative, Greg will work hard to represent us well in Olympia. A vote for Greg Gilday is a vote for good schools, good jobs, and good government.

[Submitted by Nick Nehring, Campaign for Greg Gilday]



Community Bulletin Board

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer with Habitat - Make Lasting Change. Do you believe everyone deserves a decent, affordable place to call home? Do you have some time to donate to help Island County families fulfill their dream of home ownership? We are now accepting applications to join our Resource Development Committee. No experience necessary, just a desire to make Island County a better place to live. <http://bit.ly/HabitatCommittee>.

If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, look no further! When you volunteer at one of the Habitat for Humanity of Island County stores, you are helping local families attain decent, affordable housing. Income from the stores is vital to giving families a path to homeownership. We need people who can commit to help out in our Oak Harbor or Freeland store at least two-hours per week. Schedules are flexible. Our friendly volunteers provide customer service, help with receiving donated household items and furniture, and maintain the store. We also need drivers and driver helpers who will professionally represent Habitat as they pick up donated items using our trucks. Please call either store for more information. Oak Harbor: 360-675-8733, Freeland: 360-331-6272.

JOB MARKET

Housekeeping person needed. Understandable English speaker a plus. Small studio, 2 hours each week if possible. Pay fair and negotiable. 360-321-4224 (2)

Local Non-Profit SEEKING VIDEOGRAPHER for Virtual Event. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County is preparing for the 2020 Festival of Trees with some distinct creativity. Due to COVID-19 and necessary safety precautions, Festival of Trees will look a bit different this year but will be full of the same holiday cheer! We need a local VIDEOGRAPHER to make several recordings for our online event and work with our planning team and tech support group. Festival of Trees will host a LIVE virtual event Dec. 4, including the live auction of decorated trees. A week-long silent auction will showcase a variety of local treasures and wreaths. This annual event raises over half of the annual budget for BBBSIC. In order to continue changing the lives of youth on Whidbey Island, BBBSIC and Festival of Trees need your support. Local businesses are encouraged to donate auction items to sup-

port Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County. For more information, please contact Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County at development@bbbsislandcounty.org, or call 360-279-0644 (1)

Island Transit is Hiring! If you are looking for a solid career with great pay and benefits including two retirement plans, we are hiring for the following positions: Marketing and Communications Officer, Safety and Training Supervisor, Fleet Vehicle Journeyman Mechanic, Transit Bus Operators. Visit www.islandtransit.org/employment to apply. Island Transit is a drug and alcohol free workplace and an equal employment opportunity employer. (1)

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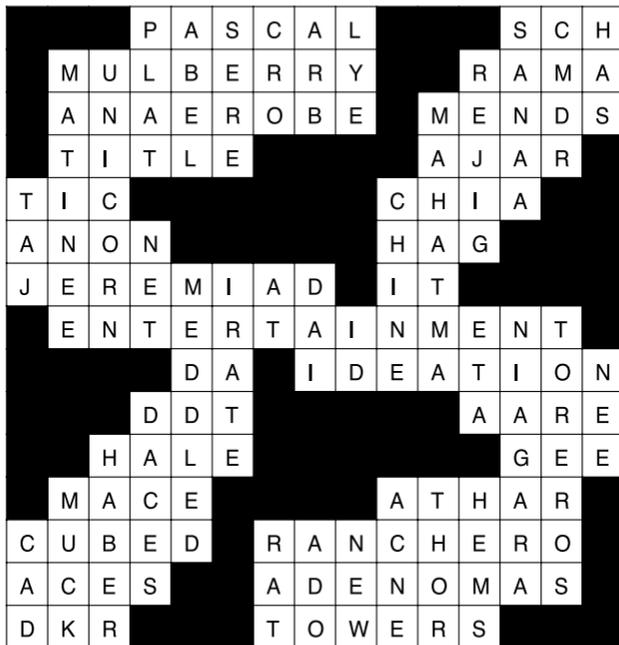
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comes with 2 pair felt leg wraps to protect legs while trailering. All pieces asking \$30; English riding quilted saddle pad, sky blue, with pockets, for trail. Like new. 21" front to back, 19" length from withers. New, \$60. Asking \$20; Copper Mylar bit with detachable leather reins. Bit cost \$165, reins \$50-70. Asking \$60 for set; Single ear, poll head stall, black leather hackamore bridle (hackamore alone new, \$40-\$110), head

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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.

October 6, 1774, John Wesley recorded in his Journal advice he gave to the "Methodist" disciples on the upcoming, contestive vote in his country. Does that sound familiar? He said:

I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them:

1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy
2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against, and
3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side."



Dear Heavenly Father, guide us and lead us in this season of democracy and voting. Take hold of this splintered and partisan nation and weave into our hearts goodwill towards all people, especially those who think, believe and vote differently that we do. Make us ever aware that Your kingdom does not come through the governments and institutions of humanity, but to these historic bodies by the witness of Your people who are committed to "doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with their God" (Micah 6:8). Calm our political storms and reintroduce neighbor love to us in waves of mercy that will sweep across our land. We ask these things for the sake, and in the name of, Jesus. Amen!

Pastor David Parker
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