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ORCA RECOVERY DAY - TAKING INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS FOR COLLECTIVE IMPACT

This year marks the third annual Orca Recovery Day, a region-wide day of action for Pacific Northwest residents and supporters to raise awareness and take action to improve the lives of our endangered Southern Resident Orcas. Orca Recovery Day began in 2018, after mourning orca mother Tahlequah carried her dead calf for 17 days and over 1,000 miles, drawing the world's attention.

Our hearts went out to the grieving mother, and we wanted to help. And so, the conservation districts and partner organizations in the Puget Sound organized work parties, restoration plantings, beach trash pick-ups and educational events to show the public how to help. Working together over the past two years, over 3,000 participants strong, we have restored 33 acres of riparian land, planted 22,000 native plants and trees, picked up 6,500 pounds of trash off the beach, and spread the word about how to improve the habitats of the Southern Residents and their preferred food source - Chinook salmon.

Primary actions that help the orcas and salmon center around improving the water quality in their habitats of streams, rivers, estuaries, and ocean. The orcas need more and larger salmon to eat if they are going to survive, and that means the salmon must

be able to make their journey from upland spawning streams to the ocean and back again. There are many actions we can take



to that end, including restoring riparian areas, reducing our water consumption, improving the stormwater that runs through our properties and advocating on behalf of orcas to our decision makers. Learning about and taking action to change our behaviors that negatively affect orcas and salmon is an individual choice with region-wide impact. The more people take action, the greater the chances of recovery for the Southern Residents.



2020, as we all know, is a year of unique challenges in every aspect of our lives. Large gatherings of volunteers aren't possible. The official Orca Recovery Day was Oct. 17 and did include in-person restoration and work party events, but most of the collective work is online this year. Regional events include workshops, virtual tours, trivia nights, and art contests.

Our Ecochallenge platform offers a fun way for the public to take actions in their daily lives and report their actions to be counted toward a region-wide collective report of actions taken. Ecochallenge actions reflect the variety of actions that we can all take in our everyday lives. Skipping the plastic straw, using reusable shopping bags, and repurposing household items bound for the trash reduce waste that ends up in the ocean. Installing low flow shower heads

and rain barrels reduces our freshwater use. Educating yourself, your friends, and family on orca recovery issues spreads awareness and understanding about our impacts on the orcas.

The Ecochallenge will go on through Nov. 5, so there's still time to sign up and take actions for the orcas. You can join a Whidbey team or create your own, with prizes for the teams and individuals who earn the most Ecochallenge points. Details are at whidbeycd.org/orca.

In September, Tahlequah gave birth to a healthy baby boy. The day after his birth, all 73 Southern Resident Orcas, from the three pods of J, K, and L, gathered together in a "super pod" of celebration for the new mom. It was an unprecedented gathering. Orcas have one of the largest brains in mammals, live long lives of 80 years or more, and have culture, language, and traditions. Their community is in trouble and they most likely know it. Upland of their saltwater home, we humans can do our part to help them by reducing our impact on their habitat.

The Make a Difference Column is coordinated by Whidbey Island Conservation District. For an archive of articles please visit www.whidbeycd.org/make-a-difference-column.



Whidbey Island Conservation District staff and board supervisors weeding the restoration site at Cornet Bay that we planted for the 2019 Orca Recovery Day.



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ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



Where does the time go? Where did the sun go?

Where do I put this stub I was told to detach from my election ballot?

I must say, and I will, voting today was a thrill.

I got my ballot out of my post office box about 6:30 this morning. There was no crowd. No need to social distance, although I did wear my mask just in case the postmaster was rolling a security tape. Returning to the caboose, I changed into my election clothes which I only wear while voting. My Marine Corps dress blues, as always, were at the ready. I wore my Happy Socks from Sweden, and my Palestinian goat herder's hat from the Algerian market.

Using blue ink, I began the challenge to color within the designated rectangle. Having done my homework prior to balloting, I stayed positive, and was all over categories like *approved* and *maintained*. I also chose any candidates who prefer Dick's, In-N-Out or the great burgers at Gordon's at Blueberry Hill to frozen White Castles.

Knowing also that write-ins create a delay in counting, this year I am doing a fantasy write-in ballot for my own amusement. No need to mail. For fantasy President, I selected Judge Judy. One look from her, and I'm caving.

Yes, voting today reached its apex for me when I dropped off my ballot at the official drop box located in the Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot. It is easier to park at Chevron and walk to the box. This saves you three left hand turns, and two right hand turns if entering my way.

Plus, do you really want to be seen exiting a church parking lot in a vehicle that has all those no longer needed campaign stickers?

Dream off

In last week's column, I shared a recent dream. Thanks much to the similar dreamers who sent your comments and stories. We even got dream feedback from Elkhart, in northern Indiana, on the dreamy side of the St. Joseph River.

The trees along the St. Joe river must be glowing yellow, red and orange right now.

I hope to dream about those fall colors next time I listen to Perry Como sing *Dream On Little Dreamer*.

Talk on

My nephew Dennis and I had an extended and fun call this week. Whenever two Freeman males are talking, the question becomes "Which one is listening?"

Even though we were told in Sunday school we had two ears and one mouth for a reason, what kid wants to listen more than talk?

Whenever I talk to family, I take notes on our different subjects. Surrounded by family educators, I never know when there might be a pop quiz.

In our 76 minute and 44 second exchange, the following subjects were discussed in the following sequence:

The Commonwealth of Virginia, politics, ethnicity, indigenous people, the American West, western movies, grandparents, parents, Vietnam, childhood friends, Grandpas, John Cusack, Matthew Broderick, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, *War Games*, Dabney Coleman, vinyl records, The Eagles, Simon and Garfunkel, bad jokes, comedian Dave Atell, appreciating birds, Koala bears, giant Pandas, "convergent evolution," sun bears, bad anthropologists, message boards, Rodney King, podcasts, baseball season, the Washington Senators,

tennis, boxing, Rocky Marciano, Joey Favreau, the 2014 movie *Chef*, Christopher Guest, Fred Willard, SCTV, and then we just kept on laughing.

Who needs to Zoom when you can ADHD?

Thanks Anita and David

One of the benefits of having callers' messages recorded by voice mail is I can listen more than once. I just hit the rewind number and here comes the instant replay of directions, phone numbers, when to call back, or how much I owe.

When *Whidbey Weekly* reader Anita Roe left her message on my voice mail, I knew calling her back would be a sweet treat. Anita wanted to gift several volumes of books by Tony Hillerman and Larry McMurtry she had already read twice.

Visiting with Anita and her son David sure broke up the afternoon's monotonous sensation of isolation.

Is that even a word?

Thanks much for the books, Anita. What I do not keep to enjoy will be gifted to the Freeland library for its monthly book sale or re-wrapped as Christmas gifts for my family. They will never believe I had enough money to buy hard bound books in such great condition.

Namecestry

In addition to studying the back stories of our relatives using all these DNA outfits, I enjoy researching the whys and hows of the names of rock groups.

Here is what I learned this week about British groups from the 60s, back when my dancing progressed from the box step to a guy who flailed like he had just exited the Tilt-A-Whirl.

The Searchers: All four members of the band loved John Wayne's movie, *The Searchers* (1956), directed by John Ford. This was an easy one.

The Beatles: According to Wikipedia, "John Lennon's art school friend Stuart Sutcliffe, who had just sold one of his paintings and was persuaded to purchase a bass guitar with the proceeds, joined in January 1960, and it was he who suggested changing the band's name to *Beatal*s, as a tribute to Buddy Holly and the Crickets. They used this name until May, when they became the Silver Beatles, before undertaking a brief tour of Scotland as the backing group for pop singer and fellow Liverpudlian Johnny Gentle. By early July, they had refashioned themselves as the Silver Beatles, and by the middle of August shortened the name to the *Beatles*."

The Kinks: Also from Wikipedia, "Ray Davies' account conflicts with Wace's—he recalled that the name was coined by Larry Page, and referenced their 'kinky' fashion sense. Davies quoted him as saying, 'The way you look, and the clothes you wear, you ought to be called the Kinks.' 'I've never really liked the name', Ray stated."

John Wesley, October 6, 1774

Thanks to Pastor David Parker of First United Methodist Church in Oak Harbor, I discovered the 250-year-old John Wesley advice to Methodist disciples, which Pastor Parker shared in last week's *Pam's Prayer Corner* on page 14.

"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."

Sure sounds like my zip code. How about yours?

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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

The current COVID-19 pandemic has taught us many lessons, not the least of which is the importance of having scientifically based information upon which to base public policy and education. Our youth, in their quest for life education, deserve no less.

Nov. 3, Washington voters will have a chance to approve Referendum 90, the sex education bill that was passed by the legislature and signed by the governor in March of this year. This law requires that all public schools teach age-appropriate, comprehensive sexual health education to K-12 students.

Research has confirmed that young people who have medically accurate, age appropriate sex education are less likely to experience unintended pregnancy, partake in risky sexual behavior or get a sexually transmitted infection. Given this information, they are better able to respect personal boundaries, ask for consent and learn how to say and receive a "no." R90 will help prevent and stop sexual assault and rape by giving kids the tools and information they need to communicate with a trusted adult.

In the U.S., 29 states and the District of Columbia mandate sex education in public schools, 22 states require that it be medically, factually, or technically accurate, but only eight states include components of a comprehensive sex education.

In deciding whether to support R90, it is important for parents to know that they will be able to view the curricula approved by their local school board and that they will be able to opt their children out of this instruction for a particular grade. Local school boards will have many options when it comes to meeting the required sexual health education curricula.

The vote on R90 will represent the first time in U.S. history that sex education has ever been decided by a ballot measure. If approved, this law will help keep kids and young adults healthy, prevent unintended pregnancy, and sexually transmitted infections, teach consent, and help youth stay safe from abuse. Washington voters should study this measure carefully and vote to give our children the healthy and safe future they deserve.

Marshall F. Goldberg, M.D., M.P.H.
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Editor,

Voting no on Referendum 90 allows voters to repeal Senate Bill 5395, the Comprehensive Sexual Health Education Bill passed by the legislature last spring.

SB5395 did not pass a curriculum, but did establish basic standards and benchmarks. Kindergarten through third grade students would receive instruction in Social Emotional Learning. Standards include self awareness, self identity, managing feelings, making choices, empathizing and getting along with others.¹

Teachers, however, do not teach from standards and benchmarks, they teach from lesson plans. One of the state's approved lesson plans comes from Rights, Respect, Responsibility.² The lesson plans that address self identity use pronouns like "they" and "them" for an individual, rather than "he" and "she." The plans place children into cis [sic] and transgen-

der categories and describe multiple genders. Anatomy lessons are too advanced for 5-year-old children.³ Lesson plans for older children include graphic illustrations and explicit human sexuality content.⁴ Check for yourself.

As a retired college anatomy teacher, I find these lessons inappropriate for K-12 students. State and local Republican candidates, like Loren Culp and Bill Bruch, oppose Referendum 90. Our schools should concentrate their efforts on basics like reading, writing and math. Please vote no on Referendum 90.

Val Mullen
Sedro Woolley, Wash.

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Editor,

Greg Gilday - The Right Choice for the 10th Legislative District

I have been doing some research on the 10th Legislative District House race and have been impressed by Greg Gilday's background and suggested policies on homelessness. I have lived in the 10th District for 30 years and I know the District well.

Greg has stressed addressing homelessness as one of his priorities once elected. Greg has suggested providing strong state support for cities that have successful embedded social worker or navigator programs. Ways that the state can do this are by providing more detox and treatment facilities, diversion programs, and more transitional housing for those who have completed treatment.

Greg Gilday is a husband, father, attorney, and our best option to represent us in the state Legislature. I believe that Greg has the ability to work cohesively with others in the Legislature to pass common-sense solutions regarding this important issue. It is crucial that we elect individuals with pragmatic solutions to address the issues that are most important to us here in the 10th Legislative District and across the state. That is why I am voting for Greg Gilday for State Representative.

Billye Brooks-Sebastiani
Arlington, Wash.

Editor,

The most influential local Island County position is the County Commissioners and as long-time Whidbey Island residents, we have chosen to endorse Damian Greene as Island County Commissioner District 1. He is the only candidate who received an endorsement from the Island County Republican Party. Damian has been on the South Whidbey School District Board of Directors for three terms and has proven to be an effective leader. There is no question that he would manage the county with a responsible business approach. As a lifetime Island County resident, he would push for the best quality of life for our community.

Before graduating from CWU, he was a graduate of Langley High School. As a former business owner, he worked with many Islanders in residential and commercial insurance. He is the only candidate to successfully manage a \$20 million budget with over 200 employees (South Whidbey School District). While many people believed Langley Middle School should have been sold, Damian's pragmatic ideas prevailed, and our historic facility now generates over \$300,000 annually as the South Whidbey Community Center.

Damian Greene has a solid understanding of all the major concerns affecting our community. We need to elect a strong local leader like Damian Greene, who has proven he will take a positive stance on local issues that concern the wellbeing of our community. For an excellent and sustainable future, VOTE FOR DAMIAN GREENE.

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Jonathan Rich - Greenbank, Wash.
Rory Savage - Ellensburg, Wash.
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Editor,

We are living in unique times. Lawlessness has consumed the streets of Seattle today. I am deeply concerned that Seattle-driven policies will make their way into the 10th Legislative District. We cannot afford our communities within the 10th Legislative District to be impacted by such policies. For the health and safety of our families and future generations, we must elect candidates who will stand up for the priorities and values held by our communities.

Greg Gilday is a man who is committed to speak and stand on our behalf against the lawlessness and radical policies of Seattle. As a husband and father, Greg understands the importance of protecting the values that make up our communities. Greg will work hard for our legislative district to ensure that those policies do not make their way throughout the state. Greg will make sure government is smarter and more compassionate.

It is with great confidence that I vote for Greg Gilday for State Representative for the 10th Legislative District. I invite the community to do the same. We need representation in Olympia that will fight for our values.

Ana Brugman
Camano Island, Wash.

Editor,

I am a lifelong Island County resident and wanted to write to you about two men that are running for Island County Commissioner in Districts One and Two. Damian Greene is running in District One and Dan Evans in District Two.

I have interviewed both of these men on multiple occasions and shared with them my perspective, heard their perspectives, and heard what their desires are, should they be elected. I'll be honest with you. I am sick of Commissioners not listening to their constituents and these guys not only listen, they put in writing a commitment letter outlining what they will do once in office. The letter contains short term, medium term, and long-term commitments for the betterment of Island County and I believe they are both men of their word, so they've got my vote and I suggest others vote the same way.

I endorse both Damian Greene and Dan Evans for Island County Commissioner.
Justin Nichols
Langley, Wash.

Local Veterans Resource Center Fundraising Will Match Grant for \$10,000

The Whidbey Veterans Resource Center (WVRC) is continuing to serve the Whidbey community, providing support and assistance to veterans and their families. This mission is largely supported by donations. This fall, now and leading up to Veterans Day, a local veteran and generous business owner has offered to match donations up to \$10,000. Donations to help keep the WVRC active and working with veterans are greatly appreciated.

With the onset of COVID-19, calls to the Whidbey VRC have increased, and needs are continuing to be met. Clayton Canfield, the executive director notes: "We are continuing to respond to the needs of our local veterans and their families by phone, conference calls, online and video connections, and selectively for benefits assistance appointments in-person with masks and social distancing."

This year, its services have provided help to 90 individual local veterans so far, and more than 650 connections have been completed.

Canfield notes that volunteers and donations will continue to allow the Whidbey VRC to provide the variety of services needed. If you have questions about the WVRC and services available, call 360-331-8081. You can also send a request and get information from the website: www.WhidbeyVRC.org.

[Submitted by Carolyn Tamler]

Fred Meyer and Skagit Transit - Stuff the Bus Food Drive Burlington

Presenting the Stuff the Bus food drive Friday from 11:30AM to 5:30PM at Fred Meyer Burlington, located at 920 S Burlington Blvd, Burlington, Wash. Be a part of contributing non-perishable food items for those in need. Fred Meyer and Skagit Transit have come together in unison to kick off this special food drive.

Donations of nonperishable food shall be stuffed inside a Skagit Transit bus. At this time of economic crisis food security is especially important, food banks are more essential as there are more folks in need. The stuffed bus contents will resupply a local food bank that gives to those in need.

Non-perishable food items accepted for donation include canned meats, vegetables, fruits, stews and chili, canned or dry soups, canned or packaged pasta, tea bags and ground coffee, hot and cold cereals, rice, dried beans, cake and pancake mixes, powdered or canned milk, juice boxes, granulated sugar, baby food and formula, granola and cereal bars and dry or canned pet food and baby diapers.

All food donations will benefit the Burlington Tri-Parish Food Bank a not-for-profit 503(c) organization serving poor to middle-class families, seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Help families move forward by supporting a local food bank with food donations and stuff the bus!

For more information, email cwillis@SkagitTransit.org

[Submitted by Cheryl Willis, Marketing and Public Affairs, Skagit Transit]

Recipes Sought for Good Cheer's Empty Soup Bowl Night Virtual Event

Good Cheer's annual Empty Soup Bowl Night, a longstanding community favorite, will be held virtually Friday, Nov. 20 from 6:00 to 7:00PM.

Cara Jung and the members of the Whidbey Clay Center have crafted beautiful new bowls available at the Good Cheer Thrift Stores for a minimum \$20 donation.

"Though our community-minded restaurant partners have always enthusiastically responded to our requests for soup for the Big Night, we don't want to put any additional burden on them during these tough financial times. Instead, we're encouraging the community to show off its culinary expertise by sharing their favorite soup recipes," said Good Cheer's Executive Director Carol Squire.

"Email your favorite soup recipe to me at Carol@goodcheer.org. Send them ASAP to



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make the top 15! Recipes with clear instructions and made from the healthiest, locally sourced ingredients will be the first selected. Bonus points if you name the farm! Be sure to share a little about the recipe as well," Squire added.

"We'll put together a virtual recipe book of the first 15 superlative soup recipes we receive and share it with the Bowl Buyers. Eventually we'll put up a link to all the recipes on our website so everyone will get access after the event," Squire said.

There will be a virtual meeting on Zoom Nov. 20 at 6:00PM to share a Friday soup dinner where participants can show off their bowls, talk about the recipes they made and hear from Good Cheer and their partners about how they are responding to our community's needs during these strange and uncertain times. Funds raised from this event will support Good Cheer Food Bank's goal to make sure that no one ever goes hungry on South Whidbey.

"We hope our community will be as generous as they can when they 'buy' their bowls and that many will join us Nov. 20," Squire added.

Donations can be made at any time through its website: www.goodcheer.org

[Submitted by Laura Canby, Good Cheer]

Earth Sanctuary Connects Visitors with Nature Through New Environmental Artwork and Meditation Series

Outdoor Preserve on Whidbey Island introduces virtual visit videos

Whidbey Island's nature preserve and sculpture garden, Earth Sanctuary, introduces a new environmental art installation. The Ley Line sculpture is a curation of charred driftwood arranged to mark earth energies, which are known to inspire a spiritual experience. Visitors are encouraged to walk along the 56-foot driftwood corridor depicting the ley line to experience the sensations of earth energies in a natural environment.

Launching Friday, virtual visits hosted by Earth Sanctuary Founder Chuck Pettis will broadcast on the preserve's Instagram and Facebook channels (@TheEarthSanctuary). New videos will post Fridays at 10:00AM through Nov.13, providing a brief meditation in each of four sacred spaces, including the Ley Line Sculpture, Cottonwood Stone Circle, Labyrinth and Dolmen. Each video will be archived on these social pages for on demand viewing.

"Now more than ever, humankind is in need of a connection with the power of benevolent earth energies," says Pettis. "Strong human emotions can be experienced at a ley line power center, which can create a new kind of self-awareness and comfort."

The Ley Line sculpture is the preserve's eleventh large scale installation designed and curated by artist Chuck Pettis, who is also the founder of Earth Sanctuary and known for his work in identifying ley lines. Throughout Earth Sanctuary's 20-year history, sacred sculptures have been added along the ley lines of the preserve, including two stone circles, a Labyrinth, the Infinite Tower, a Buddhist Stupa, a Dolmen and more.

The most iconic ancient monuments around the world, including the Pyramids in Egypt and Stonehenge in England, have one thing in common: the presence of special earth energies known as ley lines. Earth Sanctuary follows this tradition by placing its tactile installations along a network of ley lines. This latest work, Ley Line, is a visual representation of these power centers.

Burnt driftwood finds its way to Earth Sanctuary after being rolled in the sea and surviving ample amounts of sun exposure, seasons of saltwater and tumbling tides. With preservation in mind, Environmental Artist Chuck Pettis selected the pieces of the Ley Line installation one by one to mark the significant power ley line running from the deeper woods to a rising hillside. He shares, "the line of burnt driftwood poles standing still after enduring earth, air, fire, and water, marks a significant

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Halloween Dog Costume Contest

Thursday, October 22 thru Friday, October 30
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Visit one of the Penn Cove Taprooms and enter your dog in our #penncovepups Halloween dog costume contest. Snap a photo with the hashtag #penncovepups and prizes will be awarded to the top three #penncovepups costumes. Sponsored by First Command Financial and Penn Cove Brewing Company. Winners will be announced Nov. 1.

The Spooky Museum

Fridays, October 23, 30, 6:00-10:00PM
Saturdays, October 24, 31, 6:00-10:00PM
Roller Barn, 98 NE Barron Dr, Oak Harbor

Reserve a 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 three Harry Potter themed prize baskets. Registration is \$5 per household, not per person. Trivia will be based on the Harry Potter movie franchise. To register, visit oakharborchamber.com/chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/10572.

Drive Through Trick or Treat

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

Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce

Enjoy a drive through Trick or Treat event! 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 through forested area next to Chamber. Limit four bags per vehicle. Costumes are encouraged but not mandatory. No bags will be handed out before 4:00PM. Visit OakHarborChamber.com for more information or call 360-675-3755 with questions.

Trunk or Treat with Whidbey Island Lions Club

Saturday, October 31, 12:00-4:00PM

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.

Drive Thru Trick or Treat

Saturday, October 31, 4:00-6:00PM

Clinton Community Hall, 6411 S Central Ave.

Local organizations and businesses will be handing out goody bags for drive by pick-up in the parking lot. Pre-packaged goody bags will be handed out to parents and children who must remain in their vehicle. The event will follow all current COVID-19 guidelines.

Pay it Forward Virtual 5K/10K

Ends Midnight on Saturday, October 31

In Island County, proceeds will be donated to the Whidbey Homeless Coalition. Any form of activity is welcome, including running, walking, biking, swimming, rollerblading, or anything else. For more information and to register, please visit www.peoplesbank-wa.com/virtual5k10k/.

Christmas Bazaar

Friday, November 6, 10:00am-Noon

Saturday November 7, 9:00am-Noon

St. Augustine Catholic Church, Oak Harbor

Featuring handmade stitchery and crafts, "Granny's Treasures," a holiday gift boutique, and Christmas gifts galore. Masks required. Limited entry. The church is located at 185 N. Oak Harbor St.

Community Work Party Campground Cleanup

Saturday, November 7, 9:00AM-1:00PM

Lake Store by Cranberry Lake

Bring gloves, water, snack and your favorite pruner or lopper. Plenty of social distance out in the fresh air of the park campsites. Masks are required. RSVP to deceptionpassfoundation@gmail.com.

Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 7, 9:00am-3:00pm

Oak Harbor Lutheran Church,
1253 NW 2nd Ave.

Featuring handmade gifts, Seahawks crafts, knitted crafts, quilted items, wreaths, giant Jenga, handmade dolls, birdhouses, dress dish towels, wooden snowmen, baked goods, lefse, awesome silent auction items, and much more. Face masks required, following CDC guidelines.

Galleries & Art Shows

Price Sculpture Forest

Daily, dawn to dusk beginning Friday, Oct. 23

678 Parker Rd., Coupeville

Wander through century old trees as you wonder at the sculptures by artists from Whidbey and across the US. Discover what art

awaits you around the next bend of the accessible walking paths. Participate in a self-guided tour on your mobile phone to watch short videos of each artist describing their sculpture to you. Coupeville's Price family created this unique experience to preserve their 16-acre forest and share it with locals and visitors. Free admission. No dogs, please. Visit www.SculptureForest.org for more information.

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

The Island County Astronomical Society (ICAS)

Monday, November 16, 7:00PM

Virtual Webex meeting

Anyone interested in astronomy is invited to attend (virtually). There will be short presentations about current topics in astronomy and a good time is guaranteed for all. For more information and a link to connect, please email ICAS_President@outlook.com.

Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers (WIGS)

Tuesday, November 17, 1:00PM

Zoom meeting

Lisa Oberg presents "Cemetery Symbolism." Non-WIGS members wishing to attend, send an email to whidbeygensearchers@gmail.com no later than Nov. 14. You will need a Zoom invitation in order to attend. All are invited to join us for this free educational program.

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

Open Enrollment Clinic - Medicare 2021

Saturday, October 24, 10:00AM

Join State-wide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) to learn Medicare options for 2021. We will discuss new Medicare Advantage Plans available to Island County residents, and how to select the least expensive Part D plan for your prescriptions. Medicare Open Enrollment period is Oct. 15 through Dec. 7. This free Medicare presentation is available using your computer or laptop, or you can also listen in using your phone. Call Island Senior Resources at 360-321-1600, ext. 0 for registration information. Presentations are offered by State-wide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA), a program of the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

Bridging our Differences

Monday, October 26, 6:30PM

Online workshop

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

Welcome to Medicare 101

Wednesday, October 28, 1:00PM

This clinic is designed to teach Medicare basics. When and how to enroll, benefits, costs, all private insurance options you can elect to supplement your Medicare, as well as assistance for low-income beneficiaries. If you are new to Medicare or turning 65 in the next three months, this is the clinic for you. This free Medicare presentation is available using your computer or laptop, or you can also listen in using your telephone. Call Island Senior Resources at 360-321-1600, ext. 0 for registration information. Presentations are offered by State-wide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA), a program of the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

Panel Presentation: "Does Civility Still Matter?"

Wednesday, October 28, 6:30PM

Online event

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Medicare's Coverage of Diabetes Supplies & Services

Saturday, November 7, 10:00AM

Medicare covers certain supplies if you have Diabetes and Medicare Part B. The Part D drug benefits include major changes in 2021 - such as plans that cap insulin at \$35 per month. Join us to learn about covered screenings, self-management training, tests, and therapies. This free Medicare presentation is available using your computer or laptop, or you can also listen in using your telephone. Call Island Senior Resources at 360-321-1600, ext. 0 for registration information. Presentations are offered by State-wide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA), a program of the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.



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BITS 'N' PIECES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

diamond-shaped power center located beside a rounded earth mound. The resilient wood then floats down to a wetland where it magically disappears."

"In our culture right now, we are missing visceral experiences that bring us into our inner self. Computer screens, masks, and the way we are living right now has removed us from the ability to regenerate ourselves," notes Seattle-area painter and sculptor Claudia Pettis. "Virtual reality is not the same as sensory reality, yet sadly we continue to deprive ourselves and the next generations of a world of learning and being in the moment. Sacred spaces like those at Earth Sanctuary allow us to be surrounded by natural sensations - sounds, moisture, textures, ambiance, the seasons, birds, tree frogs, decay, and growth. How is a kid at a computer supposed to do this?"

An expert in identifying ley lines and energy centers, Chuck Pettis led the City of Seattle's Ley Line Project in 1987 to create the Seattle Ley Line Map and has also authored the book Secrets of Sacred Spaces.

Twenty years ago, when Pettis began clearing, creating and planning the nature preserve, the goal was three-fold: achieve its 500-year plan to create a mature old-growth forest for the earth's future; combine exemplary ecology with art and spirit to create a sanctuary for birds and wildlife; and create a peaceful place for personal renewal and spiritual connection. Learn more about the outdoor environmental art of Earth Sanctuary and plan a visit at www.earthsanctuary.com.

About Earth Sanctuary

Earth Sanctuary is a magical and peaceful sculpture garden, nature reserve, and retreat center that combines ecology, art and spirit to create a place for exploration of all kinds. The 72-acre landscape includes two miles of nature trails, a peat bog fen complex, streams and three waterfowl ponds. A variety of sculptures welcome visitors to explore the stone circles, labyrinths, and other environmental artworks.

The forested habitat is home to more than 100 species of birds, while a variety of wildlife like chipmunks, rabbits, and deer are frequently spotted. The ponds and bog fen complex have been designated as a "habitat of local importance" by the Whidbey Audubon Society and Island County Critical Areas program. Learn more at www.earthsanctuary.com and @TheEarthSanctuary on Instagram and Facebook.

[Submitted by Erin Osborne, Osborne Northwest Public Relations]

Pat Ruel, Former Seattle Seahawks Assistant Line Coach, to Serve as Keynote Speaker at Skagit Valley College's Athletic Fundraising Event

Skagit Valley College and SVC Foundation are excited to announce Pat Ruel, recently retired Assistant Offensive Line Coach for the Seattle Seahawks, will be the special speaker at SVC's 18th Annual SVC Athletic Fundraising Event Wednesday, Oct. 28. This virtual event starts at 5:00PM. For event details, visit www.skagitfoundation.org/vae.

Pat Ruel's successful history with the Seattle Seahawks is beyond impressive. His coaching tenure with the Hawks began in 2010. Among the many highlights, the offensive line was led last season by All-Pro Tackle Duane Brown, as Seattle led the NFL in rushing with 2,560 yards, the third-most in franchise history, and helped Running Back Chris Carson become Seattle's first 1,000-yard rusher since 2014.

Coach Ruel's inspirational story will showcase how striving for excellence on the field and in life helps guide student-athletes to success. As a young player, Pat Ruel was a standout football player at Coral Gables High School. During his highly successful career, he has played in, or coached, in championship games on each level: high school title, college national championship, as well as NFL Super Bowls.

For information about how to join online for SVC's 18th Annual SVC Athletic Fundraising Event, visit www.skagitfoundation.org/vae.

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 - Any increase in COVID-19 cases poses a threat to our community economic recovery, and the County Commissioners have a responsibility to provide accurate information and implement rules to keep us safe and assist our businesses, schools, and citizens in need;
 - Climate change is real, and the County Commissioners must take action to mitigate the impacts of rising seas on our properties, wildlife habitats, and fresh water;
 - The County must find creative ways to provide the affordable housing we need and want for our local workforce;
 - Large development marketed to off-islanders poses a threat to our rural quality of life if it results in increased loss of agricultural and forest land;
 - Lack of access to broadband and cell phone coverage is a disservice to our school-age children, our seniors with medical needs, and our citizens who need to work from home;
 - County citizens face a daily frustration with ferry and bridge traffic congestion, and the County must work with WSDOT to improve our ingress and egress to and from Whidbey and Camano;
 - The County must work with citizens to ensure we are all prepared in case of a natural disaster emergency;
 - The County must work with the military command structure to find solutions to noise and pollution issues; and
 - We deserve the best possible government with the best technology and customer service tools available.
- That's why we are supporting Melanie Bacon for Island County Commissioner, District 1.**
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Halloween fun on Whidbey p. 14

Playhouse presents virtual “War of the Worlds”

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The Whidbey Playhouse in Oak Harbor is going back in time to present a modern Halloween treat.

The community theater will present “The War of the Worlds: The 1938 Radio Script” as a multi-camera, virtual presentation at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30 and 31.

Based on the H.G. Wells’ novel of the same name and adapted for radio by Howard E. Koch, the 1938 Halloween broadcast sparked panic in many places around the country, when listeners who may have missed the opening disclaimer of the Mercury Theatre’s production thought extraterrestrials had invaded Earth.

Whidbey Playhouse has brought the 1938 script back to life in a version updated to fit within the confines and challenges of COVID-19 restrictions.

“This year has definitely been a challenge, and everyone in the arts is especially worried about how long it will be before we can once again have safe live performances,” said Sue Riney, production oversight chair for the Whidbey Playhouse and the show’s director. “As a result, like so many businesses, we’ve had to figure out how to adapt and ‘pivot’ - to be able to do what we can within the current restrictions. We’ve had to work through the technology required to take a show online, as well as the digital rights contracts involved with the publishers. It’s been quite a learning experience!”

In 1938, a television was not something found in everyone’s homes. Radio was the go-to for in-home, mass entertainment. In 2020, one would be hard pressed not to find at least one television or some other digital device that affords folks the opportunity to communicate and watch entertainment. During this pandemic, Zoom has become the way to “do” business meetings and now, how community theaters rehearse safely.

“We’ve been having some online get-togethers via Zoom with Playhouse volunteers over the past months, but...I pulled together a group to brainstorm on ideas for online performances, and this production of “The War of the Worlds”



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Playhouse

Actors Gaye Litka and Nate Edmiston, left, prepare to record lines for the Whidbey Playhouse’s virtual production of “War of the Worlds: The 1938 Radio Script,” as Jim Riney and Chris Douthitt check camera and microphone angles. The production will be available online Oct. 30 and 31.

came out of those discussions,” Riney explained. “It was great to actually see each other in person when we filmed this show. I know our performers are anxious to get back on stage, and our audiences are looking for additional entertainment options. So we’re thrilled we were able to pull this production together for them!”

Riney said after some minimal Zoom rehearsals, the cast of 11 was brought “together.” Separate cameras and microphones recorded each performer, with cast members positioned in individual recording cubicles and socially distanced around the edges of the Playhouse stage.

Because the script is written for radio, time normally spent on set design and construction for a stage performance was used to focus on camera and sound work. Actors were not required to memorize their lines, and because they remain stationary throughout the production, there was no blocking to remember, drastically cutting down the rehearsal time needed.

“We had two Zoom reading rehearsals to familiarize everyone with the script,” said Riney. “We then recorded it over two nights, with Kevin Meyer assisting with directing some of the line delivery and characterization of the performers. There were other challenges involved in working with the royalty holders on all that was required to obtain the digital performance rights. And we are required to use their platform for streaming the show as well as selling the tickets, so that involved some new learning as well.”

Because of current COVID restrictions, only 10 people are allowed in the Playhouse theater at one time. Riney said it means future shows will have to have small casts and Zoom rehearsals will be a given.

“For this show, we had to record our first few scenes, and then let some of that cast leave so that additional cast could enter the building to record their scenes,” she said. “The cast was required to wear a mask at all times when they weren’t on stage recording and all others in the production team

The New York Times.



Widespread panic headlines the New York Times following the 1938 radio performance of “War of the Worlds.” Some listeners thought earth was being invaded by aliens.

always had their masks on. All entering the Playhouse complete COVID screening and have their temperature taken.

“These safety protocols didn’t make the creation of this particular show difficult, but it does make it more challenging to identify those shows that are available by the royalty holders for online presentations, would be a ‘draw’ for viewers and which have a cast size we can accommodate within the restrictions,” Riney continued.

Post-production editing and effects will further enhance the cast’s performances.

“There will be amazing sound and video effects incorporated from start to finish, that’s what’s going to make this presentation exciting, and we are extremely lucky to have Chris Douthitt handling the editing and addition of these elements,” Riney said. “Chris is a retired Oak Harbor High School filmmaking and broadcast teacher, as well as a former recording studio sound designer.”

The finished product, according to Riney, is a first-class production audiences will thoroughly enjoy watching – from the safety of their own homes.

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Actor Orson Welles, center, answers questions from reporters following the 1938 radio production of “War of the Worlds,” which caused people to panic, believing the earth was being invaded by aliens.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters provide comfort in uncertain times

By Alec Brown Whidbey Weekly

“Things have changed a lot for us,” said Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County Executive Director Tiffany Scribner.

The BBBSIC is normally a program that matches Bigs and Littles—adult volunteers and youth in need of guidance, support, and companionship. March 16, when COVID-19 lockdown procedures began, the organization had to quickly adapt. The office was closed and staff pivoted to remote meetings for several months.

While operating online, Bigs and Littles could only meet digitally or outdoors.

BBBSIC volunteers frequently operate on school campuses. Bigs would meet with their Littles for lunch, recess, or study sessions after school. Now that schools aren’t allowing outsiders, the “normal” way of operating is impossible.

But several matches have made this new, long-distance arrangement work. They replaced their in-person time with video games online, kayaking or hiking outside, or by other means. But it’s been more difficult for others.

“Everyone’s in a different situation right now,” Scribner said. Many littles don’t have

access to computers and can’t meet with their bigs online. The BBBSIC office is open, however, and offers access to five laptops for matches who need them.

Scribner said now, more than ever, they need their Bigs.

“Kids are perceptive,” she said. “They feel and see what’s going on. They can’t help but be impacted because everything is different; their meetings with friends aren’t the same, their meetings with Bigs aren’t the same.”

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Photo Courtesy of BBBSIC
Tiffany Scribner is the executive director of the BBBSIC. She says the organization is now matching Bigs and Littles again, following a long pause due to COVID-19.



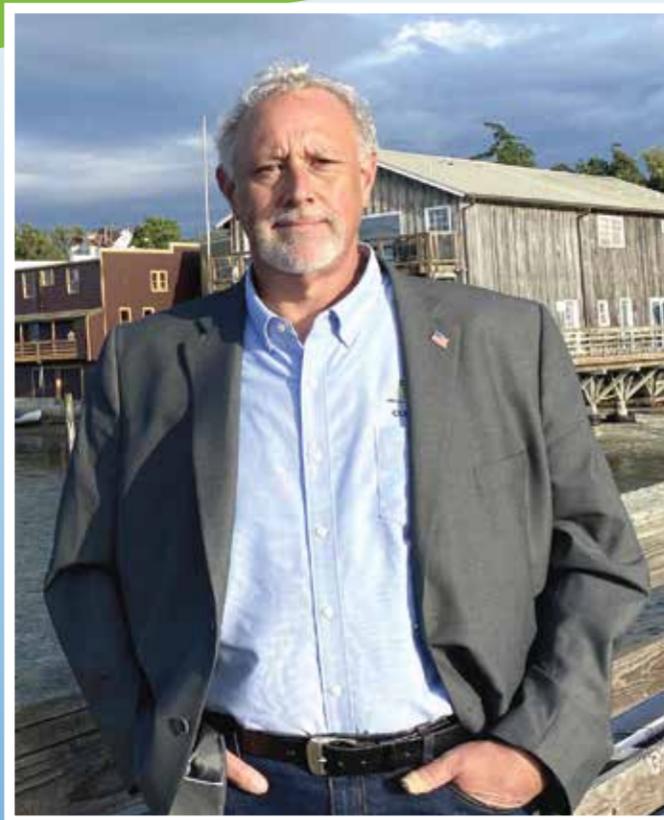
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- Limit gatherings with those outside your household to no more than 10
- Wear face coverings (costume masks don't count) and stay 6 feet apart
- Place treats on a table in your driveway or yard to avoid crowding at front doors
- Try wrapping treats individually instead of using a communal candy bowl



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"I think we all will be amazed at the production quality that is brought to this presentation as a result of the sound and visual editing Chris [Douthitt] is adding," she said. "And it will be a fun look back at a story that allegedly caused panic across the United States on Halloween 1938."

One plus to doing a virtual production – there's not limit to how many people can "attend."

"There is no 'seating capacity,'" Riney said. "It's available to everyone, anywhere in the world, to watch and enjoy. The show times are set for 7:30 p.m. Pacific time on Oct. 30 and 31, but if you purchase a ticket to either of those viewings you can go online and watch the performance up to 48 hours later. That allows us to include all time zones everywhere to access this Halloween event."

Tickets are \$10 and are available online at whidbeyplayhouse.com.

"I'm thrilled we at the Playhouse are once again able to bring entertainment to Oak Harbor," Riney said. "This coming February we will mark 55 years of creating live theater in Oak Harbor, and we hope this community will help ensure we are here for many years to come by supporting this show."

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Saturday, October 31st • 12 - 4PM
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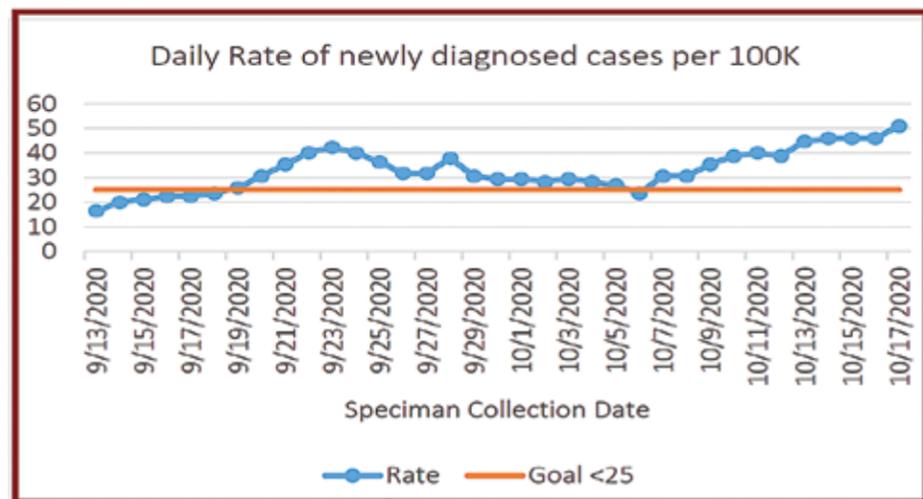


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Graph Courtesy of Island County Public Health
The number of people testing positive for COVID-19 has been steadily rising since the second week of October.

NAS Whidbey tightens COVID restrictions

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

A rise in the number of Whidbey Island residents testing positive for COVID-19 has prompted Naval Air Station Whidbey Island to tighten some of its health and safety protocols for active duty personnel.

"Similar to the Governor's modification of Phases, we occasionally adjust our policies to limit the risk of community spread," said Mike Welding, public affairs officer for NAS Whidbey Island. "At this time we are restricting the size of groups both on and off base and are also restricting our personnel from participating in activities where they will be in close contact while not wearing a mask."

Welding would not comment on whether any positive cases of COVID-19 had been confirmed on the base.

"Due to operational security concerns, The Department of Defense (DOD) does not release the number of infected individuals at the unit, facility or geographic area level," he told *Whidbey Weekly* in an email.

Island County Public Health officials also would not comment, referring us back to NAS Whidbey.

As of last Friday, active duty sailors may no longer dine inside restaurants and must use take-out services only. Bars, night clubs and casinos – public or private – are off limits. Off-duty gatherings are limited to five guests and outdoor events are preferred. In addition, visitors from high-risk areas are strongly discouraged.

For sailors in Restriction of Movement (ROM), or isolation, status, his/her family should follow the same restrictions unless the sailor can be completely separated from his/her family in the home. If a sailor chooses to isolate with his/her family, the service member's children and/or spouse should also isolate. Local school districts will support ROM students through distance learning until they can return to school.

While these restrictions are mandatory for active duty personnel, civilian staff, contractors and dependents are encouraged to follow these guidelines as well.

The new guidelines follow a sharp increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases in Island County over the past couple of weeks. As of press time, Island County Public Health reported there have been a total of 368 COVID cases since the beginning of the pandemic. That figure is up 28 from the previous week's numbers (Oct. 12).

Washington State health officials are encouraging fewer, shorter and safer interactions, adding they are crucial to keep the spread of virus from growing exponentially. And, with Halloween just around the corner, officials offer the following recommendations:

- Wear a cloth face covering that fits snugly over your nose and mouth.
- Avoid confined spaces. Outdoor activities are safer than indoor activities.
- Avoid close contact with people outside of your household; stay six feet away.
- Wash or sanitize your hands frequently.
- Stay home if you are sick or recently exposed to someone with COVID-19.

Health officials are discouraging Halloween gatherings, events or parties with non-household members that violate the gathering limitations outlined in the Safe Start Plan. Island County is currently in a modified Phase III. Traditional trick-or-treating -handing candy to children who knock on your door) is also discouraged this year as are large groups of trick-or-treaters.

There are a number of safe Halloween activities being planned on Whidbey Island – check out the story on page 14. Health officials have also offered some suggestions for how to create a fun Halloween celebration at home:

- Have a scavenger hunt. Dress up and hide candy or other treats throughout the house or around the yard.
- Host an online costume or pumpkin carving contest.
- Have a Halloween movie marathon with household members.

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

Damian Greene, Candidate for Island County Commissioner, District 1



The best candidate for Island County Commissioner is Damian Greene. Damian's plan is to elevate our quality of life without increasing our financial burden, and practice good stewardship by taking care of what we have rather than spending tax dollars on projects we can't afford or sustain. He was raised in Island County and is rooted in our community and state.

Damian has a BA in Communications, minor in geology, and Career Tech Educator Endorsement all from CWU. He is a pilot, ferry and railway engineer union member, and licensed insurance agent with financial securities.

Damian is serving his third elected term as a school board director annually overseeing a \$20 million budget, 200 employees, properly prioritizing people, maintenance, and transportation. Damian has successfully managed decreased funding resulting in difficult decisions like closing Langley Middle School. Today, the facilities are rented and generating over \$300,000 in annual revenue through our Community Center.

Damian's priority is on Life, Health, and Safety. He supports law enforcement, safer highways, parks, a robust business community, affordable housing, and NMUGU infrastructure. He will streamline county services, advocate ways to ease our commute, wrongful zoning, and protect our rural character. Many will benefit from Damian's work towards returning salmon to Maxwellton Creek.

A 25-year former business owner working with residential and commercial insurance, Damian understands the challenges and complexities of owning a home or business, and will do everything he can to assist you.

For more information about Damian visit his Facebook page and website electdamian.com

[Submitted by Campaign to Elect Damian Greene]

Melanie Bacon, Candidate for Island County Commissioner, District 1



I am asking for your vote for Island County Commissioner, Dist. 1.

I have the necessary experience to hit the ground running on Day 1. I've been serving

as Human Resources Director for Island County for the last ten years, after retiring from a corporate management career. I know the County budget, history, operations, and people, and I've been a leader in County COVID-19 recovery since the beginning.

I'm the only military veteran running for County Commissioner. I recognize and honor the tremendous sacrifices and contributions made by military families for our community. I seek balanced noise and pollution solutions with Navy and community partnership.

I am a proven problem solver with both 2021 priorities and a 10-year vision for the County. My top 2021 priorities are:

1) We need to stay on top of the challenges COVID-19 presents to our community. Your current county commissioners have done a great job keeping our numbers down so that we can stay in Phase 3. Next year we must keep that momentum going even though we'll have less revenue and more citizens in need.

2) Island County must implement a climate action plan. We are an entire county surrounded by shoreline: harbors, beaches, estuaries and bluffs. As the seas rise low lying areas will flood, bluff erosion will increase and habitats will fail or change behavior. There will be further impacts to property and services. We need to inventory what those impacts will be and identify how to mitigate them.

3) We need smarter government. We must implement best practices in customer service and technology at the County in order to provide our citizens with the type of online services we have all become accustomed to through other venues.

4) All citizens must have access to Broadband, so that they can connect online with government services, school programs, and medical providers. With strong broadband and cell-phone connectivity, the County could also become a hub for telework, the fastest-growing job structure in the country, which would allow us to limit our commercial footprint expansion.

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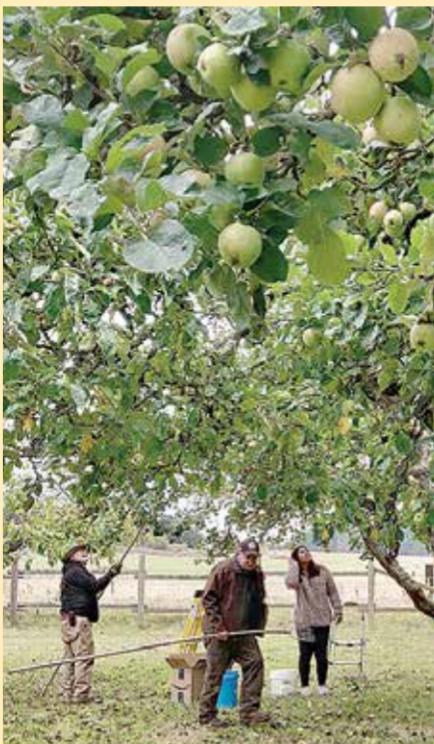


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Apple pickin' for a good cause



Photos Courtesy of Teresa Addison, Oak Harbor Lions Club

Members of the Oak Harbor Lions Club may be thinking of their favorite apple dishes, after picking nearly 100 pounds of the sweet treats. Group members came together last weekend to gather up the apples and donate them. There are plans to do the same thing again this Sunday – before the Seahawks' game, of course. Anyone in need of some of the freshly picked fruit can message Oak Harbor Lions Club through its Facebook page.

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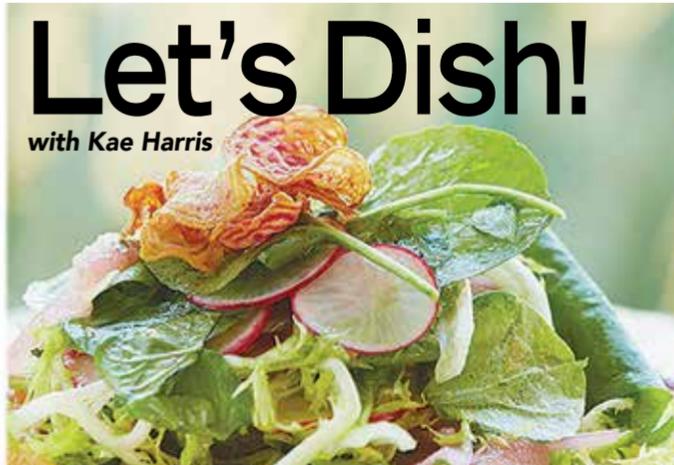
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Let's Dish!

with Kae Harris



QUARANTINEFEST: CELEBRATING OKTOBERFEST, PANDEMIC-STYLE

The pandemic has seen a lot of changes happen around the world. The way in which we conduct ourselves and generally behave, is different. It's not always easy water to wade through, but we do the best we can. Many events where large gatherings form, where people congregate en masse, have been canceled and while a pity, it's a necessity. Nevertheless, we can still TALK about these gatherings and events; we can learn about them and dream of the mouth-watering food, the delicious beverages, the ambiance and atmosphere and hope to be able to revel in these celebrations and get-togethers again soon.

Now, it's October, right? Can you guess what I might be talking about this week? Some of you already have; I am a little predictable, so yes, I'm talking about Oktoberfest! It's interesting to know Oktoberfest happens towards the end of September and stretches into the middle of October. Strange we don't call it "Septemberfest," but it just doesn't have the same pull "Oktoberfest" has. Anyway, I had the good fortune to be able to connect with a friend of my brother's - a native German who was able to impart first-hand information about the event. I love getting an insider's scoop, because then, dear readers, I can pass the information on to you!

So, Oktoberfest is obviously a celebration and while I thought its roots reached far back, I was surprised to learn it didn't really become a "thing" or gain steam

at least, until the early 1800s. I mean, beer drinking has been around since it's advent and we don't need a worldwide celebration in order to drink beer, but there's something about an annual gathering of people drinking their bodyweight in the stuff that makes for a unique, perhaps even only a once-in-a-lifetime, experience. I am not suggesting drinking your bodyweight in beer is a good thing (please don't) just that during Oktoberfest, vast quantities of the beverage are consumed. And it isn't all about the beer, you know. It's about the food too, but before I go there, let me backtrack a bit.

First of all, it's important to know Oktoberfest isn't celebrated throughout Germany. It's sort of confined, if you will, to the province of Bavaria - more specifically, Munich. It's kind of like how Mardi Gras is a world-renowned celebration, especially in America, but it isn't really indulged in in California or Ohio, for example; it's core and essence, where all the party is had, is in New Orleans, La. Interestingly, outside of Munich, the next biggest Oktoberfest celebration happens in Canada in a place called Kitchener-Waterloo, and in Blumenau, Santa Catarina, Brazil. Both of these cities have a large German population and in spite of their unlikely locations, German is still the principal language.

In Bavaria, the traditional beer is a brand called Paulaner; it's a Pilsner (or pale lager) and according to their official website, "it's the perfect balance of a light taste of hops and strong note of malt." Served in what's called a Maß, it's 33.8 fluid ounce/2.25 U.S. pints of golden liquid - a true summer beer, if ever

there was one. In many places overseas, the drinking age is younger than here in America. In Germany, the drinking age is 18 and at Oktoberfest, this is strictly enforced. No funny business whatsoever there. My source, whose name is Sven, by the way, likened Oktoberfest to a carnival or fair of sorts, where the beer drinking takes place in large tents. If one day, you happen to find yourself in Bavaria, make sure your reservations are made ahead of time, for your spot at a celebratory table in one of these imbibing tents, as seating is almost impossible to find if you haven't reserved any spaces to sit. Also, come donning your tracht - dirndl and lederhosen, of course. Beer halls usually open at 9 a.m. during Oktoberfest, and to my surprise, close by 10 p.m. Weird - but given the amounts of liquid libations making their way into the mouths of thousands upon thousands of revelers, it's in the best interests of all to go home early. Enough said.

Now, since the drinking of beer necessitates a savory chaser following, I wanted to know what kind of food could be found at Oktoberfest gatherings. Sven said the stars of the food scene are schweinshaxe (German pork knuckle) and Weißwurst, a traditional Bavarian sausage made from minced veal and pork back bacon, seasoned with a variety of spices such as mace, ginger and cardamom. You can also find roast chicken, a plethora of different brats and wurst (of course), sauerkraut (obviously) and käsespätzle - a German take on mac and cheese. This mac and cheese makes mine blush, for it's made with ingredients like Emmental cheese and caramelized onions, all layered together with egg noodle-cum-dumplings and baked to perfection; it's a one up on my comfort food for sure. I don't have the time to stand and caramelize onions, no matter how much I love them. My kids also do not like onions, so I guess I win - sort of.

Finally, throw pretzels and potatoes in all their many forms, into the mix and you have Oktoberfest in all its glory. But one last thing, with all the richness found in the food at an Oktoberfest gathering, something is needed to cut through it. Enter süßer senf. "What is this?" you ask. It's a sweet mustard whose significance to the event ranks right up there with the beer. As with all other condiments, you just spoon this onto everything or dip everything into it. Wunderbar!

Dear readers, I know we aren't able to travel and experience these things just yet, but we can talk about them, dream, plan and imagine how wonderful these foods and drinks will taste. What's more,

we can try our hand at some of them and when the time is right and we have the opportunity, we can see how well our own renditions of these dishes and drinks match up to the "real thing." Sven, thank you so much for allowing me to live vicariously through your Oktoberfest experiences; it has been eye opening to say the least. To my readers, I am including a recipe for süßer senf, the sweet mustard, and I hope you will, like me, try your hand at it! Serve it with your favorite brats and while I can't promise it will be an authentic German experience, it's better than nothing, right? Please do send in all your comments, questions and definitely experiences and recipes alike to letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com and we can do exactly that and Dish!

Süßer senf (Sweet mustard)

- 2 ½ cups white wine vinegar
- 1 ½ cups water
- ¾ cup apple juice
- 16 oz brown sugar
- 1 large onion, quartered
- 1 large garlic clove, cut in half
- 2 sprigs fresh rosemary (or two teaspoons caraway seed)
- 4 allspice berries
- 4 cloves, whole
- 8 black peppercorns
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 teaspoons sea salt
- 9 oz. yellow mustard seeds
- 9 oz. brown mustard seeds

Bring all ingredients, minus the mustard seeds, to a boil in a medium sized pot. Cover and simmer for ten minutes. Turn off the heat and allow everything to steep for an hour. Strain the ingredients and place mixture in a large glass bowl (something non-reactive). Use a coffee grinder to grind the mustard seeds to a coarse grind. Stir these into the vinegar mixture. It will initially be more liquid but will increase in viscosity over time. Cover and refrigerate for at least 3 weeks before using as this allows the flavors to mingle and deepen. Serve with anything you like and enjoy!

www.daringgourmet.com/homemade-traditional-bavarian-sweet-mustard-bayerischer-suesser-senf/

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CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

ARIES (March 21-April 19)



"You don't learn to walk by following rules," says Richard Branson, "you learn by doing and falling over." Have you taken a fall, lately? Congrats. Your skinned knees are proof

that in your race to the top, you're that much smarter. Is the same true of your spouse or partner? They're watching you for confirmation that the occasional tumble is just part of the game. Graceful recoveries are most convincing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



Do you like to learn, but hate being taught? Do you prefer the freedom of learning from your own mistakes? You're not alone. Many detest the helpless feeling of inferiority associated with being taught. Where do independent people look first for a helping hand? At the end of their own sleeve. The takeaway? Before you try helping the wrong person, make sure your help is both needed and wanted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



Out on a limb over something you said? Don't feel bad. Kittens aren't the only ones to occasionally find themselves treed. Want a graceful way to back down? A safe exit that won't diminish you? No rescue by a friendly fireman needed? Just take a deep breath and say, "I stand corrected." In the words of fiercely conservative William Safire, "Nobody stands taller than those willing to stand corrected."

CANCER (June 22-July 22)



"You can't get spoiled if you do your own ironing." So said Meryl Streep. Shades of the hissy fit. In this, the age of wash and wear, might we have exposed the root of self-entitlement? Is the current world state more the legacy of Marx and Lenin, or laundry service and dry cleaning? The next mooch who hits you up for money or a ride, ask yourself, is it time we hammered our swords into steam-irons?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



Hungry for law and order? Getting justice is like making sausage. It's a grind. From Sausage Making 101: "Don't ask about ingredients. You don't want to know. And watching how it's made will put you off sausage forever. So busy yourself elsewhere and let someone else do the dirty work." There you have it. Law and order, over easy. Let the Justice Department sausage makers do their thing, and enjoy your breakfast.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



Crows are social birds that know and enjoy the benefits of cooperation. The high point of the crow's day? A "preen my neck and I'll preen yours" activity that brings obvious joy to both participants. In the crow's world, consensual give and take is the cherry on the sundae that makes life worth living. Don't let the crows have all the fun. Find your flock and

preen the discord and disunion from your lives, one conflict at a time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



If you take the team out of teamwork, what's left? Work. Take the flap out of flapjack and you get? Jack. As in, nada, zip. Taking the jack out of flapjack works no better. You get flap, a tizzy or an uproar. See what's happening here? A lot of work for nothing, except maybe an uproar, and who wants that? Nobody. And we won't even try to break that pair up. Some matches are just meant to be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



Novelist Angela Carter asked, "What would the daughters of the rich do with themselves if the poor ceased to exist?" A pithy question, indeed. Philanthropy and poverty have long co-existed, with no end of either in sight. Are rich and poor equal partners in a balanced ecosystem? And what about novelists? With no poor to busy rich daughters, what would novelists busy themselves writing about?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



In his praise of motherhood as the guiding force of both good and evil, poet William Ross said, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." But is that to blame mothers for the world's woes? No. What mothers begin, each of us continues with our own hand. Some go on to be boat rockers, true, always making waves. But all of us have some gift to bestow on the cradle of humanity. What's yours?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



Leonardo da Vinci, one of the most diversely talented individuals ever to have lived, actually spoke in praise of simplicity. "Simplicity," said da Vinci, "is the ultimate sophistication." Simplicity is also the basis of Ockham's Razor, which states, "The simplest explanation is most often correct." Less elegant, but more memorable, is the KISS Principle: "Keep It Simple, Stupid." But that may be carrying simplicity too far. You be the judge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



Arguing over principles is time consuming. With time slipping away, it's good to recall the wise words of Alfred Adler, who said, "It's easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them." When the argument becomes more important than the thing argued for, you may have reached middle age. To paraphrase A. C. Grayling, middle age is the time when your broad mind and narrow waist trade places.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



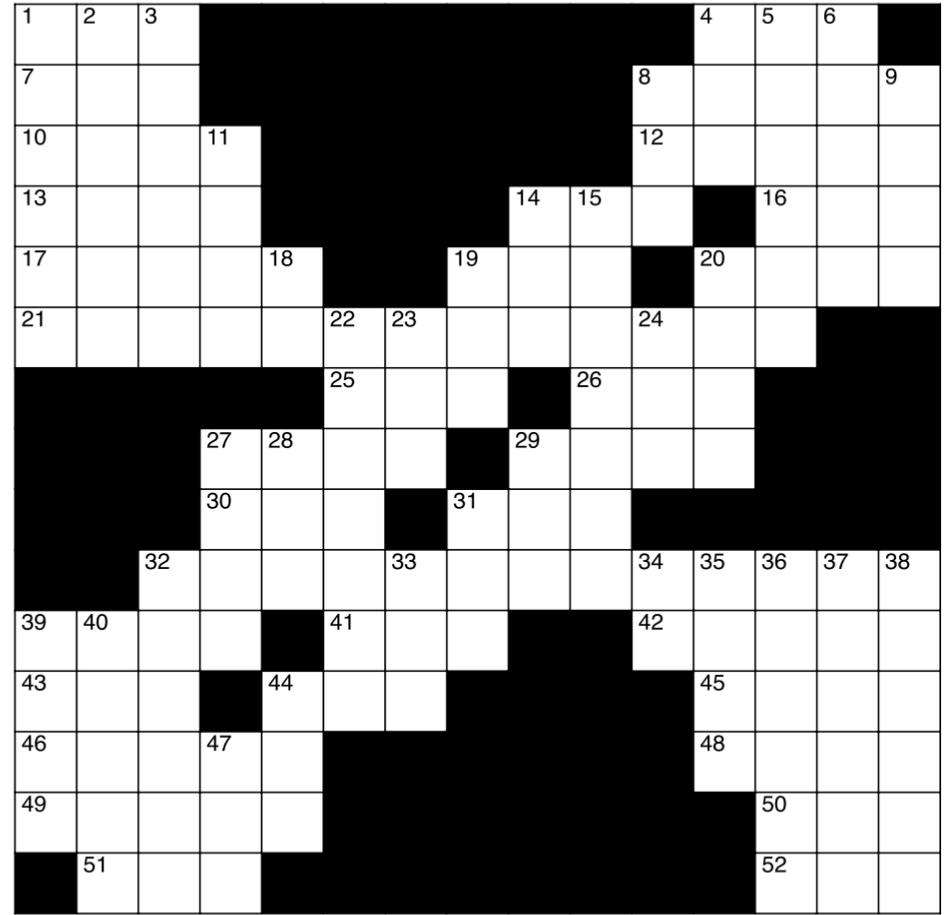
Jays are thrifty birds. They hide food for future use, but only if no other jay is watching. They're also crafty tricksters. When being spied on, they will throw the spying jay off by conspicuously hiding a worthless pebble. While the spy is digging out the bogus prize, the trickster jay slips safely away to forage in privacy. Want to throw off your competition, cover your trail, and save for a rainy day? Think like a jay.

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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. They look out for kids
- 4. Play
- 7. Water (French)
- 8. Prayer leader
- 10. Small constellation
- 12. __ Carta: influential royal charter
- 13. Pressure unit
- 14. Extrasensory perception
- 16. A symbol of "Aloha"
- 17. Portion of the small intestine
- 19. Psychedelic amphetamine
- 20. Very long period of time
- 21. British overseas territory
- 25. Cereal grain
- 26. Car mechanics group
- 27. Wish harm upon
- 29. At a specific prior time
- 30. Peyton's younger brother
- 31. UK firefighters' union
- 32. Carroll O'Connor's screen partner

- 39. Popular show honoring musicians
- 41. Basics
- 42. Honk
- 43. Trent Reznor's band
- 44. Patti Hearst's captors
- 45. Long-legged wading bird
- 46. Specialized biological grouping
- 48. A coin goes in it
- 49. Of the wind
- 50. One-time measure of length
- 51. A very large body of water

- 14. Snakelike fish
- 15. Break into pieces
- 18. The Bay State
- 19. Time zone
- 20. Port city in Yemen
- 22. In name only
- 23. 007's creator
- 24. No (Scottish)
- 27. Baseball's Gordon and rock's Snider are two
- 28. Pie __ mode
- 29. Don't know when yet
- 31. Supervises interstate commerce
- 32. Make a ringing metallic sound
- 33. Helps little firms

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Boston hoopster
- 2. A type of bribe
- 3. SE England county
- 4. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 5. "Hotel California" rockers
- 6. Italian province
- 8. Mischievous child
- 9. Popular street name
- 11. Boxing promoter Bob
- 34. Pound
- 35. Lilly and Manning are two
- 36. Put on the back burner
- 37. Baltimore ballplayer
- 38. Cuddle
- 39. Poker stake
- 40. Drinks to celebrate a birth (Spanish)
- 44. Pouch
- 47. Not around

Answers on page 19

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Oct. 22	Fri, Oct. 23	Sat, Oct. 24	Sun, Oct. 25	Mon, Oct. 26	Tues, Oct. 27	Wed, Oct. 28
North Isle H-52°/L-42° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-50°/L-38° Cloudy with Showers	North Isle H-48°/L-32° Sunny	North Isle H-49°/L-35° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-48°/L-40° Cloudy and Rainy	North Isle H-51°/L-42° Showers Possible	North Isle H-53°/L-44° Chance of Rain
South Isle H-50°/L-41° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-49°/L-37° Showers	South Isle H-46°/L-29° Plenty of Sun	South Isle H-45°/L-38° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-49°/L-40° Cloudy and Rainy	South Isle H-52°/L-42° Showers Possible	South Isle H-54°/L-44° Chance of Rain



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Beware! There's still some Halloween fun to be had on Whidbey

By Alec Brown Whidbey Weekly
(Editor Kathy Reed contributed to this story)

Despite a worldwide pandemic, folks are still finding a way to have some spooky fun this Halloween. Here's a few activities from which to choose:

North Whidbey Fire and Rescue: Haunted Drive Through and Trunk or Treat

North Whidbey Fire and Rescue will get the Halloween fun started with its Haunted Drive Through and Trunk or Treat Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Station 25, 2720 Heller Road in Oak Harbor.

Visitors are invited to enjoy a haunted drive through fire bay, there will be fire trucks and emergency vehicles on display and candy from a trunk or treat station. Those attending must practice social distancing and face coverings are recommended. Drivers should enter off Crosby Road and exit onto Heller Rd.

Find more information at nwfr.org.

Oak Harbor Roller Barn Presents: The Spooky Museum

Sign up online to take a tour of this spook-tacular museum version of a haunted house at the Roller Barn, 98 NE Barron Drive, in Oak Harbor. Tours are offered from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights through Halloween. A low-scare matinee will be offered from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday and again Oct. 31.

Tours promise a startling amount of fun, but there will be no human actors, only creatively creepy animatronics. All museum safety protocols will be followed, including mandatory masks and social distancing.

Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. Reservations are recommended and at-the-door arrivals are not guaranteed a tour. Sign up online at spookymuseum.com. Proceeds benefit the restoration of the Roller Barn.

Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce: Harry Potter Trivia and Drive Through Trick or Treat

The Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce is putting on two Halloween events this month.

Its Harry Potter Trivia night, set for Monday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., is happening on



Photo Courtesy of Teresa Besaw
The witches from "Hocus Pocus" bewitch Oak Harbor's historic downtown at last year's No Tricks Safe Treats event.



Photo Courtesy of Teresa Besaw

Excited trick-or-treaters of all ages and sizes take to the streets in 2019's No Tricks Safe Treats in downtown Oak Harbor. The celebration will happen again this year, but with social distancing and health precautions in place.

Zoom. You can sign up at oakharborchamber.com and registration is \$5 per person. This trivia challenge will be a series of 40 questions, and whoever answers a question correctly receives points. For the last questions, the top three contestants will face off to see who the first-place winner is.

The first-place prize contains a Harry Potter cookbook and a gift certificate to Zanini's Catering—\$25 off a Sunday meal. The second-place prize is a basket full of candies and all manner of sweets. And finally, the third-place winner will receive a Harry Potter blanket.

"We wanted to give the younger generation something to do," said Vicki Graham, executive director of Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, she noted "there's not really much for teams to do," and hopes this event will be an engaging get-away for the holiday.

"And who doesn't love Harry Potter?" Graham asked.

While the first Chamber event is aimed towards youth, its next event, the Drive Through Trick or Treat, is meant for an even younger audience.

This event will take place Friday, Oct. 30, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber will be handing out 400 bags of candy and tiny trinkets to visitors. There is a limit of four bags per vehicle. Attendees handing out the bags will be equipped with masks and gloves to keep visitors safe. If you don't have a mask, the Chamber is happy to provide you with one.

Drivers should enter from Izett Street. After receiving candy, drivers will be directed away from the Chamber and straight into the adjacent forested area (where the Oak Harbor Public Market is normally held) for a delightfully decorated ride.

Graham mentioned this event is being held on Friday so it doesn't interfere with other businesses who may be putting on Halloween events that Saturday.

"This event is meant to put some smiles on people's faces," she said. "We got this."



Whidbey Island Lions Club: Trunk or Treat

The Whidbey Island Lions Club will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event Saturday, Oct. 31 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Blue Fox Drive-in. Admission is free for all visitors and everyone is encouraged to wear a costume!

The event requires attendees to wear masks. There will be free masks available – while supplies last – for those who don't have one. Lions Club members and volunteers will be there to make sure social distancing and safety precautions are maintained.

Visitors are not allowed to grab treats—participants will be in charge of distributing them.

Community groups, businesses and families are all welcome to decorate a trunk or booth and join this free, family event.

"This year has been very trying for many families and the Whidbey Island Lions Club wanted to help provide a fun and creative way for families to spend Halloween together," said Carolyn O'Dell.

"A Halloween 'Trunk or Treat' event at the Blue Fox Drive-in seemed like the perfect location to safely provide ample space for families to freely move about to enjoy the Halloween festivities, while being safe at the same time," she continued. "As Lions, we are always seeking ways to help support our community in service and in working together with other groups and other businesses, it is amazing what we can all achieve as we support our community together."

Contact the Whidbey Island Lions Club at 360-679-9468, email them at wilclions@gmail.com, or access their website at e-club-house.org/sites/whidbeyisland/.

Clinton Community Hall: Drive-Thru Trick or Treat

Little ghosts and goblins on the south end of the island can check out the Drive-Thru Trick or Treat event at the Clinton Community Hall parking lot from 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 31.

The hall will be decorated, local businesses will be passing out goody bags and visitors are encouraged to wear costumes to this Halloween happening.

This is a drive through only event; parents and children must remain in their vehicles and those passing out the pre-packaged goody bags will be masked and gloved, as per COVID-19 safety guidelines.

The Hall is located at 6411 Central Avenue. Organizers warn creepy characters will be directing traffic.

For more information, email info@clinton-communityhall.org or give or call 360-341-3747.

Oak Harbor Main Street Association: No Tricks, Safe Treats

The Oak Harbor Main Street Association is putting on a No Tricks, Safe Treats event Oct. 31 from noon to 6 p.m. in downtown Oak Harbor, right on Pioneer Way.

The event includes trick or treating for children under the age of 14 at any participating business. Costumes are encouraged, while masks and social distancing are required. Merchants will be wearing masks and gloves while handing out candy and everything will take place outdoors. The organization has reviewed all of its safety protocols with Keith Higman, director of Island County Public Health.

"OHMSA would like to maintain some sense of normality by allowing our children the opportunity to not only wear their costumes, but get out and have the experience that we all remember as children," said OHMSA Dan Evans, board president.

Find more information at oakharbormainstreet.org.

Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association: Halloween Car Parade

The Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association's annual torchlight parade is being replaced with a Halloween Car Parade this year, to be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31.

Deck out the cars and the kids and join in the fun. Lineup at the municipal lot at Wilkes and 7th at 4:30 p.m. and the parade will begin its trek down Candy Lane promptly at 5 p.m.

Find more information at coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com.

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Ana Sexton, the Big for Riley Roby, described how "during the initial restriction of movement order, Riley and I had to cease our in-person meetings. We only corresponded by voice calls, text messages and yes, even snail mail."

Though times are stressful, Sexton has seen first-hand how Bigs can have a positive impact on Littles.

"I could tell after several weeks of being out of school, Riley was growing restless and impatient for [things to] return to normal. However, Riley is like most children, kind words and words of encouragement can go a long way to keeping them happy and bright.

"Eventually, we received approval from BBBS to resume match meetings as long as we adhered to social distancing measures and precautions," Sexton continued. "For awhile, we had to be more creative with the closure of the local library, dining establishments and the base theater - like grabbing some take-out and enjoying it at the state park or going

camping for some beach fun. Being flexible but consistent is the key."

Roby said she and Sexton would stay in touch with hand-written letters, whereas before they would go out to the movies and eat together.

"Ana and I have been matched for two-and-a-half years and she is the best big sister I could've ever asked for," she said.

While the BBBSIC wasn't matching Bigs and Littles for several months because of meeting restrictions, the organization is now matching again. There are 10 volunteers currently being vetted while there are 45 Littles in need of Bigs.

The organization asks for a year of commitment from Bigs after they have passed their interviews and background check, which can both take time.

Bigs and Littles can sign up at bbbsislandcounty.org.



Photo Courtesy of BBBSIC

The BBBSIC unites Bigs with Littles. The vetting process makes sure that each pair is a good match.

Scribner said the organization is here to help and defend the youth of Island County.

"We can't do it without the support of the community, and that includes both the volunteerism that is happening and has happened in the community for many many years, as well as the financial support," she said. "Everything is different—everything is new—but we're still here."



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Not Too Scary

Halloween flicks for kids

By Carey Ross



Because I live in a town in which every adult treats Halloween like Christmas, their birthday, and Fourth of July combined—but with 100 percent more costumes—I tend to forget that in most places, Oct. 31 is typically a day set aside for children. Probably this oversight would not happen if I had children or regularly interacted with them, but people don't tend to let me near their offspring, which might have something to do with the fact I am a monster 365 days a year and not just on Halloween.

This Halloween I am going dressed as someone my mother could be proud of. Except I can't actually do anything that night because of the pandemic, so this Halloween I guess I'm really dressing as someone going nowhere. Sorry, mom. Maybe next year.

But I digress.

However, in terms of staying close to home, I am in excellent and plentiful company. With Halloween activities severely curtailed by COVID-19 for adults and children alike, costume parties and trick or treating is out, and pumpkin carving and scary movies have never been more in. It goes without saying, kids should not be exposed to the likes of Jason, Freddy, and Michael—unless you want your kids to grow up and become Jason, Freddy, or Michael, that is—but even so, Halloween flicks abound for the younger, more impressionable set. Many of them are enjoyable for adults as well, so turn on, tune in and prepare to have your funny bone tickled rather than your heebie jeebies scared out of you.

Hot tip: You'll probably want to acquire a store of Halloween candy to munch on while watching. I don't make the rules, I just happen to know what they are.

For me, Tim Burton is the undisputed king of Halloween cinema that is just weird and visually appealing enough for kids—while not being overtly scary—and chock full of entertainment value for parents as well. According to the internet, the best-reviewed family-friendly Halloween movie of all time is *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, and Burton's stunning feat of stop-motion animation is indeed a marvelous and original watch, even for a filmmaker who has several marvelous and original movies to his credit. And in Jack Skellington, the pumpkin king who wants to kidnap Santa Claus and take control of Christmas (it makes sense if you watch the movie), he creates a character

as richly drawn as any of those in his live-action features. However, it's far from the only Burton film worth watching during this most creepy time of year. Indeed you could easily put together a film festival composed only of his stop-motion Halloween movies and have plenty to work with. Along with *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, Burton also brought his particular stop-motion sorcery to *Corpse Bride* and the undersung *Frankenweenie*. Throw *Edward Scissorhands* in for good measure. Sure, it's live action instead of stop-motion, but Johnny Depp's herky-jerky movements are sort of in keeping with the theme.

If I were to put together my own personal festival of Halloween movies that aren't the horror flicks I so love, it would also begin with Burton. I have loved Michael Keaton in everything from *Mr. Mom* to his Oscar-nominated turn in *Birdman*. I still think he might've been the best Batman. However, no movie has harnessed his particular brand of chaotic energy quite like *Beetlejuice*. As a weird dude in a striped suit from the spirit world, he's constantly rude, lecherous and totally unhinged for the entirety of the movie's 92-minute running time. He gets a huge assist from an excellent cast that includes Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis, Winona Ryder, and Catherine O'Hara. Never has Harry Belafonte's "Banana Boat Song" been so well and unforgettably used. Second on my list would likely be *Addams Family*. I don't know that the 1991 big-screen adaptation of the television show is considered a "good" movie, per se, but Anjelica Huston and Raul Julia smolder in kind of a squirmy way as the matriarch and patriarch of one of the most famously weird family units ever committed to any screen—but mostly I'm in it for Christina Ricci, a perfectly cast Wednesday Addams. The final film in my handpicked Halloween fest would be the holiday classic of all classics: *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*. To be honest, it's been a number of years since I've watched the animated adventures of Charlie, Snoopy, Linus, and their crew of friends and frenemies (I'm looking at you here, Lucy), and the only thing I really remember about it is the music and constantly feeling sorry for Linus, but I'm sure there's more to it. Technically *Great Pumpkin* is a TV special not a movie, and as such has limited availability, but much like the great pumpkin itself, you can find it if you believe hard enough and know where to look.

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Never before in history have the voters had such a clear choice of the political candidates that they choose to represent them than now. The Democratic party has been hijacked by the extreme left that even average Democrats will even reject and vote for Republican candidates. (At Trump rallies, about 15% of the attendees admitted that they are Democrats and intend to vote for Republican candidates especially for this President.)

For comparison, let's consider law and order, the foundation of society. The Republicans support law and order and the people that wear that blue uniform. The Dems want to defund the police and have "imagined" police. **Imagined police is no police.**

Part of law and order is our justice system, where the criminals are tried by a jury that determines their guilt or innocence. The Dems want to replace it with mob justice and let the mob determine guilt or innocence. If this becomes law, then who will want to choose law enforcement as a career?

In our large cities, the Democratic officials, both governors and mayors, have ignored their responsibility to its citizens to protect them from the criminal elements that are responsible for riots and looting. They have turned a blind eye to this activity and are allowing it to continue without opposition or an end. The liberal media will describe a demonstration as peaceful but in the background, one views the carnage of destruction with burning buildings and vehicles meaning that it was anything but peaceful.

One should expect that the candidates that we elect to represent us in Congress will possess high integrity, honesty, and character. The Democratic incumbents that are now asking for your vote to be reelected, they **all** voted to impeach this President over an innocent phone call. He had done nothing wrong. They **all** supported the Russian collusion hoax with no evidence. All the evidence imply that **all** of the incumbent Democrats lack these required qualities and **none** should be reelected.

They hate this President not for what he has done, but for the success that he has had in doing it. His **success** makes it difficult for them to defeat, and this denies them of the power that they want so much.

When the history books are written of this President, he will be described as the best president in history ahead of Ronald, Franklin, Theodore, Abe, and even George. At the opposite end, Obama will be described as its most corrupt president in history, the Godfather behind the spying on the Republican Candidate, the Russian collusion hoax, and other criminal activity. Their candidate for President, Joe Biden, **he should not be elected to anything**, but more appropriately he **should be indicted** for the numerous crimes that he committed as VP. One example is when he demanded that the Ukraine prosecutor be fired who was investigating a corrupt Burisma energy company that employed Biden's son, Hunter, paying him a huge salary and he had no experience in energy. This demand was backed by Biden's threat to withhold a large amount of US funds approved for this struggling Nation.

It is so ironic that the Democratic Platform has stolen a Trump motto of "made in America" after their candidate Biden as V.P. made millions from the Chinese in business deals that cost thousands of American jobs.

The Dems want to rejoin that disastrous Paris Climate Accord while the Republicans rejected it. They support efforts to reverse climate change which they believe human activity is responsible. Part of this change is a prediction that sea levels will rise substantially flooding low areas as it is caused by the melting of thousands of square miles of thick ice floating on the sea present at both poles. They have no clue of the physics of ice. Science teaches that a

floating object will displace its weight with the equivalent weight of water. When ice melts, it **becomes** that displaced water. There will be no change in sea level even if all that ice were to melt. For the huge glaciers on land that can be evaluated with the fact that they move so slowly that the water produced by melting glaciers is trivial. They claim that the climate of the earth is warming, but they do not measure average temperatures on an annual basis so there is no proof. All of this is just nonsense and can be summed up as fake science.

In our schools and colleges today, they teach our young people all the positives of socialism and none of the negatives. The negatives far outweigh the positives. They don't understand why the Berlin wall was built separating the Communist world from the capitalist one. The Communist designed what they believed to be the optimum model of socialism. It has the same characteristics as is heard today by the extreme left Dems. If it was so wonderful, then why was the wall necessary? It was not designed to keep others from entering and benefiting from their near perfect social system. For the Communist, the system was a dream come true, but for most others, it was just a nightmare! **Many will never learn the lessons that history teaches?**

The Republicans support the wall and legal immigration. The Dems oppose the wall and support open borders and sanctuary cities possible flooding the country with these immigrants to take our jobs and load up our welfare rolls.

The 2020 Democratic Party Platform is so full of government freebies that it will require trillions in new taxes just to pay for all of them.

They discuss bringing down drug prices, another idea stolen from the Trump Administration, which Trump is doing now. Why was this idea not investigated when the Dems were in control?

The Dems want to make Washington DC along with Puerto Rico, both States. This will give them their critically needed 4 Senators and predictable control of the Senate. Only God can help us then and we will need it.

This election with the mass mailing of voting ballots, one can predict to see the most cheating that has ever been done in history, nearly all by the Dems. The corruption ranges from voter harvesting to paying cash bribes for their vote and even to voting from the grave. Already there are reports of this criminal activity with one example of a man, who had his car loaded with ballots from voters that he had bribed with cash.

The Dems want to install 500 million solar panels and 60,000 wind turbines. The Dems never consider economics. One coal executive stated that it cost \$.04 cents to generate a kilowatt of electricity with coal and \$.27 cents to do it with a wind turbine. The people need to know the real cost. This action will send our electric bills soaring. Another factor is the wind is not reliable so they will need a total redundant backup system. This change could be a disaster for the American people.

The Dems are the unions' dream as they will eliminate actions by states giving workers the right to work. If the Dems have their way, all workers will be paying union dues regardless whether they are a union member or not.

The 2020 Democratic Party Platform is so full of obvious BS that a sane person should think very hard and long before casting a vote for a Democrat. **Vote Republican as that's the only vote that makes sense!**

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**SATURDAY, SEPT. 26****4:37 am, NE Koetje St.**

Reporting party states heard vehicle driving very fast down Koetje towards Easy Street. Sounded like might have crashed, but then heard giggling; hasn't heard anything since then.

2:36 pm, Deer Lake Rd.

Requesting "inspection" of house; thinks someone is with mother inside, having a hard time articulating issue. Advising mother is acting weird.

9:53 pm, Hastie Lake Rd.

Reporting party advising is being stalked by female subject. States subject has followed reporting party from Bothel to Whidbey Island. Reporting party currently walking on Hastie Lake Road toward West Beach to get away from female.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27**2:01 am, NW Paragon Pl.**

Reporting party advising someone drove into garage and is trying to drive away. Abandoned line.

9:35 am, SR 20

Vehicle prowl occurred yesterday. Brown envelope, axe and knife taken.

11:41 am, Ault Field Rd.

Female in background heard talking to another female about why her phone is dialing 911, female then said "oh shit" and hung up.

10:40 pm, Linda Ln.

Man outside with something in his hand, reporting party thinks he is going to break into her motorhome. Unknown what's in his hand.

MONDAY, SEPT. 28**12:38 am, Linda Ln.**

Another group of people harassing reporting party. No weapons.

8:40 am, Bells Ln.

Reporting party states 11 ft. Boston Whaler boat grounded on beach. States saw same boat going back and forth in water in front of reporting party and neighbor's house last night; thought it was suspicious.

11:20 am, N Pheasant Run Rd.

Requesting phone call referencing dead deer in her yard; was told no one can come pick up unless deer somehow ends up on public county road. Reporting party was hoping law enforcement could advise her about what to do, as she does not want to pick up the deer because it could have diseases.

1:01 pm, Balda Rd.

Caller states male in red Mini Cooper with white top drove into reporting party's driveway and started screaming at reporting party then left. Left two minutes ago going northbound on Balda.

3:48 pm, Fish Rd.

Requesting call referencing people at location with political signs; wants to know if they have to have some kind of paperwork.

4:57 pm, Fairway Ln.

Reporting party states vehicle ran over his foot 20-30 minutes ago; thinks it was grey Ford; driver stopped to give him his information. Reporting party isn't sure if he needs medical attention.

5:02 pm, NE 7th St.

Reporting party on line states Marshal in Coupeville will be towing her vehicle; is on bus to Oak Harbor to get dinner, while she is gone she will be discriminated against. Currently parked at Country Store with permission.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29**2:14 pm, Carriage Ct.**

Requesting call; reporting party states husband's parents are upset reporting party and her husband are selling the house. Male keeps putting up blue rope so persons can't access the home to view.

4:06 pm, Deer Park Ln.

Reporting party states female who lives across the street from school bus stop of location threatened to have her dog attack reporting party's children. Reporting party states neighbor said kids were harassing dog. Available for phone call.

4:50 pm, Dike Rd.

Advising was stopped in traffic back up in area of location due to motor vehicle accident. Reporting party advising this is a common issue when there is an accident on the highway; is also requesting phone call when ICSO is available.

4:52 pm, Donna Dr.

Reporting party states arrived home to package at door that was obviously opened; had a letter, half eaten food and boxes in it. States box isn't addressed to him but was left at his door.

5:15 pm, Jones Rd.

Caller states he was homeless for a while and residing at location. Left his vehicle at location. States is no longer there. States has been stolen. Reporting party suspects person by name of "Mud."

5:42 pm, Mobius Loop

Advising is a victim of crime - attempted murder; never heard back from deputy; is on way home from Harborview now. States is now afraid for his life.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30**12:29 pm, Deception Pass Bridge**

U.S. Coast Guard called, advising mariner spoke with them, advising subjects on beach were shooting fireworks from the beach towards water. Mariner was unsure if subjects were aiming for his boat.

1:54 pm, SR 525

States female outside location is "acting strange," offering children items and saying "I've got necklaces for you kids." Is in the parking lot currently.

4:26 pm, SR 525

Female asking people outside to buy her food, requesting she be trespassed. Caller thinks she has mental issue; female telling people she is singer Pink.

5:43 pm, Allyson St.

Reporting party having a migraine. Correction, reporting party now saying neighbor is screaming at her husband.

10:16 pm, Libbey Rd.

Advising vehicle hit her mailbox and subjects are trying to drive away; on Libbey towards SR 20, newer Honda Civic or Toyota Corolla, lighter in color. Advising subjects stopped down the road to check on damage and then continued.

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

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My 10-year vision focuses on steps we will take during the 2020s to protect our rural character and improve the quality of life for all citizens. For details on my 10-year vision, I encourage you to visit my website, www.melaniebacon.com.

[Submitted by Melanie Bacon, Candidate District I - County Commissioner]

Local Business News**Whimsies Expands Hours**

Whimsies has added another day, Tuesday, to its schedule. The shop is now open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:30AM to 5:00PM. Come in to see the collection of mosaics, art, gifts, clothing, accessories and more. Now that

the shop is open Tuesdays, you might like to come in to shop before or after having lunch at Noe Jose, which is just across the hallway. Tuesdays, they celebrate Taco Tuesday (just \$2 each for tacos).

Whimsies is also having a tea basket "give-away" drawing (valued at \$33.50). Just pop into the shop and fill out your ticket to win this little basket of comfort which has a vintage teacup and saucer, teas, a special teaspoon and more! The winning ticket will be drawn Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Whimsies is a gift shop located in the Historic Downtown district at 830 SE Pioneer Way, in Oak Harbor. Call 360-682-2468 or email victoriacharlotte21@yahoo.com for more information.

**Dona Lois Foss**

April 4, 1930 – October 10, 2020



Dona was born to Louis and Florence (Carter) Foss in Cameron, Wis. She left this world Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020 peacefully from her residence at Regency on Whidbey Harbor Care in Oak Harbor, Wash.

During World War II, her family moved to Washington. She attended Edmunds High school where she met, and later married Carl (Buz) Callahan. They raised six children, moving the family to Alaska in 1973. After moving back to Washington, Dona settled in Oak Harbor in 2005.

Dona was active in her church and enjoyed activities at the Senior Center, but her real passion was Pinochle.

Her life was full of adventures, but Alzheimer's disease robbed her of most of her memories. Her last few years were spent in Regency's Memory Care.

Dona is survived by her children, Conrad (Karla) Callahan, Rory (Lynn) Callahan, Gayle Espen, Michell (Jim) Sykes, and Erin Callahan. She also leaves behind 11 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Dona was preceded in death by her daughter, Patrice Callahan, as well as her parents, sister Dora and brother Lyle.

The family of Dona Foss suggests memorials in her name to Whidbey Island Animal Improvement Foundation online at: waifanimals.org/donate/; or by post to: WAIF, P.O. Box 1108, Coupeville, WA 98239.

A private family graveside service took place Oct. 20 at Sunnyside Cemetery with Chaplain Margie Jacobson presiding.

Arrangements are entrusted to Wallin Funeral Home, Oak Harbor.

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

Pam's Prayer Corner

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

Heavenly Father Our Lord and Savior

We lift our hands to you in honor and in your Glory, we seek you oh Lord in times of trials and tribulations, we acknowledge your presence, yet though the days are dim you are light, though our path may be unclear, you give us hope and direction. Let us build our faith on you Lord, so even in the midst of the darkness we know our joy is in the light, your grace is continuous, your mercy is ever present, your love is unconditional. We praise you oh Lord with all our heart. Amen.

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7 Family Yard/Estate Sale: Saturday, Oct. 31, 9am-3pm, Baby Island Clubhouse, 3616 Saratoga Rd, Langley, rain or shine. Items include generator, boat motor and supplies, tools, stained glass lamp, sweaters, books, jewelry, and vintage items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be the difference in a child's life and become a foster parent today! Service Alternatives is looking for caring, loving, and supportive families to support foster children. 425-923-0451 or mostermick@servalts-cfs.com

The Whidbey Island community is encouraged to try out the paddling sport of dragon boating with the Stayin' Alive team. Our team's mission is to promote the physical, social, and emotional benefits of dragon boating. It has been shown to be especially beneficial to cancer survivors. Practice with us for up to 3 times for free. Life-jackets and paddles provided. Saturdays at the Oak Harbor Marina, 8:45am. Contact njlish@gmail.com. More info at our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSound-DragonBoatClub?ref=hl

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Island Shakespeare Festival is seeking new members to join our Board of Directors. We're looking for people who are passionate about high-quality live classical theater and can devote time and energy to support the work of Island Shakespeare Festival's import-

ant cultural, social, and fiscal position on Whidbey Island. Our current needs include individuals with backgrounds in the following areas: human resources, donor relations, finance, as well as other skills related to overseeing a performing arts organization. Board members are asked to provide input and feedback to the Board and staff of ISF, attend one full board meeting per month, serve actively on board committees, and attend activities and events sponsored by ISF. Women and persons of color strongly encouraged to apply. For more information, please contact jeff.natter@islandshake-spearefest.org.

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>.

Big Brother Big Sisters of Island County (BBBSIC) is actively seeking new member(s) for its Board of Directors. Join the board's exciting array of professionals! BBBSIC is seeking individuals who are committed to defending the potential of youth in our community through their time, skill sets, and influence in the community. To complement the existing board, candidates with expertise in accounting, law, nonprofit management, networking, or fundraising are of particular interest. Committed to diversifying its board to better represent our community, BBBSIC encourages BIPOC and LGBTQIA community members to inquire. Please contact admin@bbbsislandcounty.org for more information.

The Island County Medical Reserve Corps (ICMRC) is a local network of volunteers organized to improve the health and safety of communities on Whidbey and Camano Island. Volunteers include medical and public health

professionals as well as other community members with no prior healthcare background. ICMRC utilizes volunteers to strengthen community health, enhance emergency response capabilities, and boost community resiliency. They prepare for and respond to natural and manmade disasters such as winter storms, flooding, earthquakes, as well as public health emergencies such as disease outbreaks. If you are interested in volunteering please go to the Island County MRC website for more information or contact s.zierner@islandcountywa.gov 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.

College student? Student of history? History buff? Opportunities are available to spend constructive volunteer hours at the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum. Go to www.pnwnam.org and click on "Volunteer" or just stop by and introduce yourself. Imagine Oak Harbor's first Food Forest, Saturdays 11am-3pm, at 526 Bayshore Drive. Each week, we have volunteer

opportunities available to help care for our community garden, share organic gardening tips, and learn Permaculture principles. All ages and skill levels welcome. Schedule can change due to adverse weather conditions. If you have any questions, please contact us at: imagineapermacultureworld@gmail.com

Mother Mentors needs volunteers! Oak Harbor families with young children need your help! Volunteer just a couple of hours a week to make a difference in someone's life! To volunteer or get more info, email wamothermentors@gmail.com or call 360-321-1484.

Looking for board members to join the dynamic board of Island Senior Resources and serve the needs of Island County Seniors. Of particular interest are representatives from North Whidbey. For more information please contact: reception@islandseniorservices.org

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 (1)

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 support 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 (0)

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The COVID-19 lockdowns of 2020 have been tough in many ways, not the least of which being the dreaded weight gain that can come with curtailed activity. According to a recent issue of "Club Business International" magazine, nearly half of women and a quarter of men report gaining weight throughout this time. But Thrive Community Fitness in Oak Harbor can help you not only lose any unwanted pounds but help improve your overall health.

Now operating at near capacity under Safe Start guidelines, Thrive is currently working on a new video tour of the fitness center highlighting its NEW equipment and cleaning process. With all new PRECOR strength training and cardio equipment, the center has a brand-new feel. Upgrades have been made to locker rooms, the kids' room has been expanded, they've added mirrors and painted fresh new colors for a clean new look throughout the fitness center.

At the top of the list, as usual, is members' health and safety. Thrive not only meets, but exceeds, safety standards set by the Centers for Disease Control and Washington State.

"At Thrive, safety and health is our priority," says co-owner Celese Stevens. "Our staff wear a mask in all required situations and conduct temperature checks prior to each shift. Our kids' room participants also undergo health screening and temperature checks. We have exceeded the CDC and state guidance on procedures and preventative measures, including six medical grade air purifiers with H13 HEPA filters and the upgraded M13 filters in our HVAC. Not only do we have supplies of hand-sanitizer (some no-touch) and equipment wipes all over the center, but Thrive has also invested in state-of-the-art sanitization with an electrostatic ionizer sprayer, the most effective method to kill bacteria, like MRSA, with 360-degree coverage. We look a bit like the ghostbusters when we conduct this spray of the entire center each week. Our locker rooms are now equipped with auto-flush, auto-faucet, and auto-dispense towels. We leave the door to the locker room open so you don't have to touch that either. Our members have been amazing at cleaning the equipment they use right away."

Stevens says she also recognizes some of Thrive's members aren't quite ready to come back to the gym in person, so there are still many virtual fitness opportunities available. There is a ZOOM class option for a few of the classes, and they continue to send Eat the FROG on-the-go weekly to all of its members - at no charge. Thrive continues to offer access to LesMills on Demand at a special Thrive discount of \$10/month. These extensive fitness options include Born To Move for kids, meditation and yoga, BodyPUMP, BodyCOMBAT, BodyFLOW and so much more that can be done on YOUR time, from YOUR home. Thrive trainers are happy to work with anyone through Zoom, or to schedule a session privately in the group fitness room.

Taking care of your health through regular exercise is paramount in staving off sickness and disease, according to Stevens.

"Exercise is proven to boost the immune system, improve mental wellness, and do good for every other function in your body," she says. "We're here to help you get yourself back and when you join Thrive, we'll even provide you with an athletic Thrive mask/neck gator to do it!"

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