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A CALL
TO
HOPE
&
ACTION

As faith leaders on Whidbey Island, we share a common love for our island community and our country. The recent "Freedom to Worship Protest" held by paramilitary groups on our island mirrors the attempts at intimidation by similar groups across our nation. We lament the rise of religious nationalism in this country and around the world. We are concerned about possible prolonged post-election chaos and violence that will disproportionately affect Blacks, people of color and other marginalized individuals. We also recognize a common experience of grief and fear related to the current coronavirus pandemic, and the ongoing experience of racism and other forms of oppression. Regardless of immediate responses to this election, we have ongoing healing work to do, and we invite all islanders to join us.

In response to this current moment of tension, fear and isolation, we offer our commitment to hope, connection, and vision, beginning in the following ways:

- 1 We affirm that hope and healing are possible for our nation, regardless of the outcome of this election.** We commit to the inevitably difficult and courageous work to reconcile the deep divisions among us, beginning immediately following the election and into the years ahead. We welcome all who would join us in our communities of faith and in other places of connection across our island.
- 2 We recognize the inherent worth of all individuals.** We acknowledge that people of good will hold differing political perspectives and we pray for respectful dialogue among people of all perspectives. We will continue to honor our relationships and our mutual concern for our island and our nation.
- 3 We specifically commit to standing in solidarity with Black and Brown people and others among us who are at disproportionate risk.** This includes those on our island and in our nation who experience the ongoing oppressions of racism, religious intolerance, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of marginalization. We will confront and oppose ongoing oppression wherever it occurs and commit to transforming systems of oppression.
- 4 We encourage and support deepening of genuine connections throughout our community.** This includes challenging heated media and political rhetoric that inflames anxiety, doing anti-racism work, and supporting ongoing efforts to engage in civil discourse across divides.
- 5 We commit ourselves to the practice of nonviolence.** We will model and promote active nonviolence as we engage in supporting, planning and participating in actions that are consistent with our quest for reconciliation and commitment to seek the common good.

Rev. Dave Bieniek, D.Min, Retired Chaplain, Metropolitan Community Church

Tom Ewell, Whidbey Island Friends Meeting (Quaker)

Rev. Dr. Catherine Foote, United Church of Christ

Rev. Richard Fuss, Pastor, Langley United Methodist Church

Rev. Bill Graves, Unitarian-Universalist minister

Pastor Jim Lindus, Trinity Lutheran Church

Rev. Dr. Emily Melcher, Unitarian Universalist minister

Rev. Meighan Pritchard, Pastor, United Church of Christ

Rev. David Schoen, United Church of Christ minister

Fr. Rick Spicer, St. Hubert Church

Rev. Nigel Taber-Hamilton, Episcopal Diocese of Olympia



Do your Thanksgiving celebrations look different this year?

- Is it smaller?
- Are masks being worn with extended family and friends?
- Is food being prepared or served with COVID safety in mind?
- Have you decided to stay local?

Thank you.

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ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



"Sorry, you did not reveal yourself as a human."

This is what the robot lady said on the phone after I answered the phone without speaking.

During the robo call political Olympics last month, I decided not

to say anything after picking up the phone.

Real people will say "Hello" or "Is there anyone there?"

Robo call people usually hang up if there is no bilateral communication.

I used to answer in a foreign language in the 80s. I would say "Arriba" sometimes, or "Achtung" the others.

Usually the caller would say, "I think I have the wrong number."

Callers have an advantage. They know who they are. As the callee, I either have to pay extra for caller ID or just do some heavy breathing.

The caller ID thing is bogus. Most of the time I see a notice saying the call is an "incoming call" or a "private number" or "out of the area."

How do you block those? Star (*) 60 does not help if one is unable to report an actual number.

In 9th grade, I took a girl with the last name Call to a dance. One of those dances where you have to get the girl a corsage. Fortunately, Dad had enough money.

It was also fortunate Dad was not asleep when I called him from the dance for a ride home.

"Dad, can you come get me? My date just went home with another guy."

That made me the outgoing call.

Clean plate club

Were you raised in a household that promoted the "clean plate club?" If we weren't being told about the starving kids in Korea, we were encouraged to finish our dinner for immediate admission to the "clean plate club."

We never got any stickers or medals or trophies. It turned out to be like being admitted to the National Honor Society. It was an honor but without having to take minutes during the meetings.

We had no clean plate club gatherings or NHS meetings.

High school was so confusing. I have often wondered what the benefit of knowing the quadratic formula was for a 10th grader. Then I met a Boeing engineer who said he used the formula every day. I forgot to ask him what he had for lunch.

The quadratic formula, the National Honor Society, and the "clean plate club" were never on my bucket list as a kid.

We had no bucket. We were in Ohio. We had to go to a lake to find sand. In fact, had we had a list, a bucket would not even have been on it.

The clean plate club is no challenge at my age. There is not enough food in those Lean Cuisine frozen dinners to fill anyone up.

Kindness comforts

In *The Seattle Times* on election day, there was an interesting article by clinical social worker and author Claire Willis regarding grief. In her book, *Opening to Grief: Finding Your Way from Loss to Peace*, she discusses her 20 years serving in oncology and bereavement situations.

Willis' advice plays out in many areas. "All of us grieve the uncertainty of the times, the lives we once led, and some of us feel the loss of hope that we will be able to return to 'normal' again."

Willis continues, adding "grief can show up as sorrow, fear, anger, anxiety, depression, hopelessness, irritability, impatience, or disorientation."

The punch line of her article is having an "attitude of kindness" to ourselves and one another is a big help.

"We can treat ourselves as we would a child we love who is hurting."

Maybe a Band-Aid and some chocolate ice cream?

Residual paradise

Fortunately for me, I was able to get to the post office this morning before the crowd roared.

It was 4:30 a.m. I waited for the other masked patron to leave before I masked up. Why take the risk that her mask was as dirty as mine?

My post office box revealed the envelope that brings me joy at least four times a year. The return address, Walt Disney Pictures, made me raise my mask high with pride.

Money time. This SAG-AFTRA Associated Actors and Artistes of America/AFL-CIO Residual Payment Statement said it all:

Internet rental, 71 cents; Electronic Sell Thru, 7 cents; Pay TV, 5 cents, and Free TV, 1 cent.

A check was enclosed for 59 cents. Given the gross amount was only 84 cents, you would think Walt would have given me the entire bounty.

I thought of checking with my "residuals tracker" to verify these categories and calculations, but given the amount of money in question, why not just go right to the ATM and deposit that sucker?

Dad would sure be proud that my film career, albeit not lucrative, has at least been associated with the man who created Goofy.

Thought for food

"You learn how to make a living if you're hungry." ~Loretta Lynn to Jeffrey Brown on *PBS News Hour*, 4-12-19

"Hopefully, bitterness will now be replaced by betterness." ~Edmondson Reynolds

Origins

In case you were wondering, I checked while awaiting election results. The game *Sudoku* is abbreviated from the Japanese *suuji wa dokushin ni kagiru*, which means "the numbers (or digits) must remain single."

I have Sudoku friends who have remained single.

This week we explore the origin of two words which I heard recently while talking to my brother back in Highland County, Va. From Island County to Highland County. What a rhyming thrill.

The words – *Kerfuffle* and *Scrabble*.

Many of us grew up avoiding kerfuffles while playing Scrabble, so let us look at this for an inch or two.

We use *kerfuffle* to mean a "commotion or fuss."

Kerfuffle or "fuffle" was first used in 16th century Scottish English as a verb meaning "to dishevel." The addition of the prefix *car-* may have derived from a Scottish Gaelic word meaning "wrong" or "awkward."

Scrabble, the game, was named by James Brunoi, business partner of Alfred Mosher Butts, a former unemployed New York architect who invented the game during the Great Depression. The actual term "scrabble" means "to scratch or scrape" and "to scrawl."

My biggest influences as a kid were Scrabble, The Hardy Boys, Mickey Spillane, and Jack Paar. Today my influences are mostly ABC, NBC, and CBS.

With a television antenna as my signal source, I lose out on lots of opinions from those other networks with anchors who drink coffee in the morning or bourbon at night.

Thank goodness.

My mind has been in enough of a kerfuffle for way too long.

May we all have a kerfuffle-free week.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor,

Some WhidbeyHealth patients are having severe technical problems when calling our Cabot Drive facility. Too often the system puts callers on hold, or the call is not answered. We know it is extremely frustrating for anyone who has that experience.

I can assure you it is not our staff putting callers on long holds or failing to answer calls. Nobody at WhidbeyHealth is more committed to connecting patients with providers than our Patient Access Coordinators.

Our patient access team in Freeland is stepping up to help. If you are unable to get through to the Cabot Drive team, call them at 360-331-5060. Appointments with your provider can be scheduled, and nurses can help you with time-sensitive issues when necessary.

The problem rests with the antiquated technology behind our phone system. We have taken all of the steps possible to 'patch' the system. The sole solution is to completely replace all phone, fax and internet connectivity hardware and software. This unanticipated expense approaches \$1,000,000 but is absolutely necessary.

To bring everyone up to speed on progress to date:

- We selected a vendor several weeks ago and work is well under way.
- All of the hardware components for all of the facilities from Oak Harbor to Clinton have arrived.
- Installation of software and hardware is also on track.
- Four new team members have been hired and completed training on the existing phone system, patient scheduling and other important processes.
- Everyone in the hundreds of our staff will begin training on the new system in the first week of December.
- We anticipate moving to the new system slightly ahead of our year-end goal; perhaps by mid-December.

In the meantime, there are steps everyone can take to relieve the load on the system and our staff:

- Please call your pharmacy for prescription renewals.
- Please use the MyWhidbeyHealth patient portal to communicate with your provider's team, get access to your health records, see test results, and review your treatment plan.

I apologize for the inconvenience and frustration anyone is experiencing. We are working as hard and fast as we can to get the new system up and running – and we are grateful for your patience.

Ron Telles
CEO, WhidbeyHealth

Editor,

My Friends: We started this journey early this year. In many ways, I had no idea what a public campaign was. Yet, the campaign came together – even in a pandemic – and we did so many things right, including: 1) giving the Island County voters a real choice in this race, 2) educating many about the importance of the courts to our county, 3) running a clean, positive race that represented my values, and 4) spending approximately 75 percent of all campaign expenditures in Island County.

But the votes have been counted. While we ran a good race, the campaign came up short. I have contacted Carolyn Cliff, our new Judge-Elect for Position 2, and have congratulated her on a good run.

I have so many people I wish to thank from the bottom of my heart.

I thank my campaign committee: Phyllis, Polly, Lars, John, Mike, Bill, Connie, Maggie, George, Carol, Jenifer, Diana, and Forrest. You have been awesome and hard-working. You believed in me throughout the campaign. We had peaks, valleys, surprises, and beauty. Thank you.

And a big thank you to all of the campaign volunteers. You know who you are (but have to shout out to super volunteers: Ann, Barb and Joani)! All of the edits, calls, notes, sign waving, and other activities have been noted with appreciation. We couldn't have done this without you!

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank my best friend and loving husband, George, and all our family. I love you all! And that family includes the two dogs who spanned the election campaign. We lost a great dog, Jill, and gained another great one, Pinky.

Now we move forward honoring the role of the judiciary. I ask for your support for our two new judges-elect: Carolyn Cliff and Chris Skinner. They will be the judges for all of Island County. Please treat them with the respect their offices deserve.

I also thank our longtime retiring judges: Vickie Churchill and Alan Hancock. We thank them for their many years of public service to this county. May their retirements be a joy to them and to their families.

While it is unclear what I will do next (beyond sleep!), I do know something good awaits. And it will involve the things that matter most to me.

Again, thank you for your support of me and this campaign. It was a privilege to run for Island County Superior Court Judge Position 2. And I am ever grateful for that opportunity.

Kathleen Petrich

Westport Seabirds, A Day Offshore

Pelagic birds live their lives on the open water, only coming ashore to breed. Today, the Whidbey Audubon Society will host Bill Tweit, tour guide for Westport Seabirds, who will provide some basic information about the marine ecosystem that supports bird life offshore. He will also give an overview of what to expect on a Westport Seabirds pelagic boat trip and some tips about how to prepare.

Tweit has been one of the leaders for Westport Seabirds since the mid-1970s and has introduced thousands of birders to the abundant marine life in the California Current ecosystem off Washington. He was the regional editor for the Pacific Northwest Region in the journal *American Birds* for a couple of decades and also worked with Terry Wahl and Steve Mlodinow to write and edit *Birds of Washington: Status and Distribution*, which was published in 2005. He works as a special assistant with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. His scope of duties there ranges from Bering Sea fisheries to Columbia River salmon recovery and the hydro system.

The public is welcome to attend this free program virtually. To register for an emailed invitation, visit the Whidbey Audubon Society website, www.whidbeyaudubonsociety.org. Scroll down to the Nov. 12 program and fill out a form with your contact information. The meeting begins at 7:00PM and the presentation begins at 7:30PM.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]

Skagit Valley College Announces Open Enrollment for Winter Quarter

Yes, Skagit Valley College is open for Winter Quarter. While most classes will be offered online, SVC is also pleased to offer in-person opportunities in select science courses and Workforce programs. The Basic Education for Adults program will also include limited in-person classes. In addition, SVC offers many support services and resources to help you meet your goals.

Classes start Monday, Jan. 4. Enrollment for all students is going on now. SVC is proud that classes are taught by its trained, experienced online instructors.

Academic Transfer - Get a jump on your transfer degree and save big on tuition, compared to a four-year college, and no commuting.

Job Training - SVC's Workforce programs are designed to keep your degree on track.

Unemployed - Continue receiving unemployment benefits while attending SVC. Worker Retraining covers tuition, books, and school-related fees.

Running Start - High school juniors and seniors can earn tuition-free college credit at SVC while in high school. Support for online learning technology is available.

Drop-in Students - If you've been attending a four-year university, but taking a break, Skagit welcomes you to take a few classes and then have them transferred.

Basic Education for Adults - SVC is committed to your success with programs for high school completion, GED prep, and English language acquisition. Resources available include laptop loans, funding, and advising support.

Complete the degree you started - Finish the degree you started; SVC is ready to help!

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For more information, visit the Guide to Winter, www.skagit.edu/winter-2021.

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

Gifts For Those You Love, From the Islands You Love: Whidbey and Camano Islands Curate New Guide to Support Small Businesses

Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism is proud to launch its highly anticipated 2020 holiday gift guide, featuring local artisan-crafted goods, natural bath and body products, locally produced gourmet foods and more. Support island makers and enjoy a range of items ideal for entertaining or gifting – from Penn Cove Mussels to handmade candles, lodging deals and more. The printed guide will be mailed to Island County residents beginning Saturday and a digital guide can be found beginning Monday at whidbeyandcamanoislands.com.

"This year, travel was abbreviated to short, distanced getaways - or for many - scrapped altogether due to COVID-19," notes Sherry Wyatt, film liaison and marketing manager for Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism. "The artisans, producers and innkeepers of our destination have felt this economic impact in a very real way. Here's a way to support the islands and wrap up the year with gifts for those you love, from one of the Pacific Northwest destinations you love."

The majority of the items featured in the online guide are available for nationwide shipping. For those looking to venture out for a holiday staycation or a place to host relatives, a variety of island lodgings are offering 20 percent off a three-night stay. All Island

Protect Your Finances from "Cyberthieves"

You've no doubt heard reports of personal data being stolen and used for financial fraud – anything from online shopping on your credit cards to actual theft from your financial accounts. This problem won't go away anytime soon – but you can take steps to defend yourself.

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Use multifactor authentication or other extra security options with online accounts.** Many of your online accounts offer extra security by giving you the option to prove your identity in different ways. With multifactor authentication, you must provide at least two different factors to prove your identity when you log in to an account. This additional layer of security provides you with much greater protection.

- **Be creative with passwords.** Create different passwords for work, financial services sites, social media and email – and give each password some length and complexity. Consider passphrases – actual words combined with symbols and numbers (for example, "ThisIsAPassphrase!2468"), for sites that allow them.

- **Protect your computer and your key data.** Keep your antivirus software updated. And don't install bootleg or unlicensed software, which could infect your computer with a virus. Also, back up your important data.

- **Watch out for fake websites or apps.** When making financial transactions, be sure you're on the website of your bank or financial institution – and not on a fake site established by hackers. Your financial statements should have the legitimate website, so bookmark it and use it when doing anything with your accounts. Also, be careful when downloading apps – stick with those from established providers such as Google Play or the App Store.

- **Avoid "over-sharing" on social media.** Cyberthieves constantly stalk social media platforms for information they can use to commit their crimes. You can help stymie them by limiting what you share online. It's a good idea to keep your full name, address and birthday private. You might also avoid discussing your plans for upcoming vacations. And review your privacy settings periodically so that only people you know or approve can see your information.

- **Limit use of public Wi-Fi.** Hackers often set up their own Wi-Fi networks in public areas, such as the computers found in hotel business centers. Ask an employee for the name of the legitimate network. And even when you use it, log off when you're finished.

- **Don't take the bait of "phishers."** Cyberthieves go "phishing" for sensitive information – usernames, passwords and account numbers – by sending communications, such as emails, purporting to be from a business or financial institution with which you often do business. They may claim your account was "suspended" or that an "unauthorized transaction" was made, and you'll be asked to click on a link that takes you to what appears to be the company's website.

If you go along with this request, you could find malicious software being downloaded on your computer. But legitimate businesses generally won't ask for account numbers or passwords unless you initiate the transaction. Other signs of phishing include threatening language, "urgent" requests, misspelled words or odd word choices. If an email does look suspicious to you, delete it without opening it.

This list is not exhaustive, but by putting these steps to work, you can at least reduce the risk of becoming victimized by cybercriminals.

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County shops, tasting rooms and producers have put special COVID-19 precautions in place to ensure visitors can shop safely this holiday season.

Highlights of those included in the 'Shop Local' gift guide are as follows:

Gourmet Goods

Sweet Mona's Chocolates. Ship handmade confections nationwide direct from this quaint Langley storefront. Local pickup is also encouraged if you're in town!

Smoked Penn Cove Mussels. Perfect for gift giving or entertaining, these petite size smoked mussels are a delightful accompaniment to pasta dishes, chowders, topped on a crostini or right out of the can. Note that fresh mussels, clams and oysters can also be sent fresh directly to the doorstep.

Mutiny Bay Blues offers an incredible online shop dedicated to a celebration of these famous blueberries grown on Whidbey Island. Find preserves, granola and the dried blueberries included here in the online shop.

Handmade Bath and Body Products

Whidbey Island Naturals, a local mother and son team create all-natural, artisanal bath and skincare products inspired by the Pacific Northwest.

North Whidbey Farm; offers a range of body and skin care products, including masks, salves and facial oils in the online shop.

Home Goods

Madrona Supply's "I Love Whidbey" Tea Towels are just a small sampling of the wonderful handmade goods available online or at the shop.

Notecards by Craig Johnson, Whidbey Island artist, are ideal for gifting in a time when a thoughtful and lovely hand-written hello means more than it used to.

For more information on amenities, lodging and a calendar of events, visit whidbeycanaan-islands.com.

[Submitted by Erin Osborne, Public Relations for Island County Tourism]

WCF Awards 30 Nonprofits in its Annual Grant Cycle

Whidbey Community Foundation is excited to announce the recipients of its third annual grant cycle. Grants this year were focused on general operating and capacity building support due to the effects of COVID-19 on nonprofits.

"Through the annual grant cycle this year, Whidbey Community Foundation wanted to enable nonprofits working on Whidbey Island to focus on long-term mission fulfillment by providing support that is flexible and enables organizations to build critical skills and adapt as work structures pivot due to the pandemic," stated Executive Director Nancy Conard.

WCF awarded 30 grants totaling \$118,000 this year, spanning all parts of Whidbey Island in sectors ranging from environmental conservation and basic human services, to arts and culture and historical preservation. By comparison, last year WCF awarded 19 nonprofits totaling \$24,000 in grants.

"WCF has seen tremendous growth in the last year. We are working collaboratively with donors and community-based organizations in a shared vision of a healthy, vibrant, and unified Whidbey Island community. Our ability to award over \$100,000 to 30 nonprofits this year is reflective of that collective impact. And yet, we still have a lot more to do. We are excited about the role the community foundation is taking on for our island," said Conard.

The full list of awardees can be found on WCF's website at www.whidbeyfoundation.org

Since grants were first awarded in 2017, Whidbey Community Foundation has provided 111 grants totaling over \$424,000.

[Submitted by Jessie Gunn, Program Manager, Whidbey Community Foundation]



Brittany Kane
Nurse Practitioner
(Palliative Care)

SOME HEROES JUST CARE

"Brittany is able to assess patients needs and put together a plan so that they receive the best possible care."

When urgent issues come up she always finds a way to make sure everyone is seen and just hustles to make sure that care needed is care given!"

Brittany is a real healthcare hero.

The first time I met Brittany I felt her passion and dedication to care for our geriatric and memory impaired community members. Her focus is on her patients. We are fortunate to have Brittany on our team!

Thank you, Brittany,



Ron Telles, CEO
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Trustland Trails seeks comment p. 10



2020 General Election Results

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Tight political races seem to be the norm in the 2020 General Election held last week.

In the race for Legislative Dist. 10 State Senate, incumbent Republican Ron Muzzall led Helen Price Johnson by just over 1,300 votes as of press time, while in the contest for State Representative Position 1, Greg Gilday had the advantage over Angie Homola, with a margin of just over 500 votes. In Position 2, incumbent Dave Paul was leading Bill Bruch by slightly less than 1,000 votes.

In Island County, Melanie Bacon and Jill Johnson won their County Commission races. Carolyn Cliff defeated Kathleen Petrich for Superior Court Judge Position 2. Christon Skinner ran unopposed for the Position 1 Superior Court Judge vacancy.

Finally, voters approved a ballot measure from North Whidbey Fire and Rescue for a property tax levy lift by nearly a two-to-one margin.

There have been 53,829 ballots counted as of last Friday, Nov. 6, with 50 still remaining to be counted. The next count will take place Nov. 24 and it is expected the state will certify the election results Dec. 3.

Here are the totals, as of Monday evening, for races affecting Island County:

Congressional District 2		
U.S. Representative		
Rick Larsen.....	248,575	63.37%
Timothy Hazelo.....	142,777	36.4%
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Mobile Turkey Unit still delivering Thanksgiving



By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Mobile Turkey Unit has been delivering Thanksgiving meals to Central and South Whidbey Island residents for more than 20 years now, and its board of directors was not about to let a global pandemic stand in its way this year, either.

"The meals are going to look exactly the same for our community members, but how we accomplish it is going to be very different," noted Gwendine Norton, co-president of Mobile Turkey Unit of Whidbey Island. "Honestly, if what we've always done is 'Plan A,' we're probably on 'Plan E' now. We're having to basically reinvent how to do every step."

One big change this year is in taking orders. The organization needs people to sign up earlier than usual to receive meals - by Nov. 19, to be specific. Those interested can sign up online at www.mobileturkeyunit.com or by calling Norton at 360-321-9782.

"We would really like to have all the orders by the Thursday prior to Thanksgiving," she explained. "This year, just because of the logistics and planning, we need to have a really close idea of what we need because everything is different. We want people to know this is available for them, but we also want to know as closely as possible what we need in order to accomplish it."

Because MTU has been doing this for a long time, Norton said the event typically runs like a well-oiled machine. Over the course of three days more than 175 volunteers help to cook, package and deliver hundreds of meals. But, as we all know, 2020 has been anything but typical. Still, board members decided back in June they would do their best to continue this holiday tradition for the community.

"We had our annual meeting in February and planned our budget, but we all agreed in June we were going to move forward, no matter what happened, and we're going to blow the budget," Norton said. "It has impacted us. We've had to buy Infrared thermometers, disposable masks and we had to rent a 26-foot refrigerated truck, because while COVID safety is a priority, food safety has always been our number one priority."



Photo Courtesy of Mobile Turkey Unit

Delivery drivers will wear masks this year and keep socially distant when dropping off Mobile Turkey Unit Thanksgiving meals, although they may still break out the fun hats.



Photo Courtesy of Mobile Turkey Unit

Mobile Turkey Unit co-president Gwendine Norton says she will greatly miss seeing the volunteers gather to pack and distribute Thanksgiving meals to hundreds of Whidbey Island residents, but the organization will indeed be delivering meals this holiday.



Photo Courtesy of Mobile Turkey Unit

There will be no long serving and packing lines this year due to COVID restrictions, but Mobile Turkey Unit is still on track to deliver 700 meals to residents of Central and South Whidbey Thanksgiving Day.

Norton was quick to point out MTU has received assistance from several organizations to help offset the extra costs.

"We just got a lovely grant from Whidbey Community Foundation that we requested to pay for the truck," she said. "Goosefoot has been very kind to us, Heritage Bank gave us a sponsorship, Whidbey Telecom has given us a philanthropy grant, and private donors have helped with some of the equipment we've needed. So we're okay."

"From the time MTU started until 22 years later, the mission has stayed the same," Norton continued. "We've all worked hard at trying to establish a good reputation for Mobile Turkey Unit. It's humbling to see so many of our community organizations supporting us so well."

This year, work to prepare the anticipated 700 meals (up from 580 last year) will begin a day earlier than normal. Instead of using one kitchen to do the cooking, organizers are using two kitchens - at St. Hubert Catholic Church and Langley United Methodist Church - and rotating out small groups of volunteers to comply with all health and safety protocols.

And instead of dozens of volunteers gathering together Thanksgiving morning to pack up the meals, MTU board members, who have been isolating in preparation for this event, will pack the meals themselves and distribute them among volunteer drivers at Trinity Lutheran Church.

"I'm struggling with not seeing everyone this year," Norton admitted. "Thanksgiving morning is usually doing the serving line, the packing line - there are videos on the web that show how many people are there. That's not happening, so we're all struggling with that. It's just going to be a handful of us and it just doesn't feel the same. But we know we're getting the food out. That part's the most important. But Mobile Turkey Unit has become more than that. It's all of us gathering as a community to help our fellow community members."

NO COMMUNITY HARVEST

But, while MTU is gearing up to serve more meals than ever, a mainstay of Thanksgiving for thousands of people on North Whidbey will not be happening.

The North Whidbey Community Harvest has been canceled.

"We were trying to see if there was any way of doing something, but with restrictions constantly changing and because we couldn't have a kitchen staff of strangers running back and forth, we decided in the interests of everyone's safety not to put it on this year," said Skip Pohtilla, president of North Whidbey Community Harvest.

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What's Going On

All entries are listed chronologically, unless there are multiple entries for the same venue or are connected to a specific organization (such as Sno-Isle Libraries) in which case all entries for that venue or organization are listed collectively in chronological order under one heading.

Holiday Market

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Drop Off Donation Drive

Friday, November 13, 10:00AM-1:00PM

Saturday, November 14, 10:00AM-1:00PM

Sunday, November 15, 10:00AM-1:00PM

South Whidbey High School, Langley

South Whidbey High School's Days For Girls Club, in conjunction with I Support The Girls-Whidbey Island, is hosting a drop off donation drive of menstrual hygiene products at South Whidbey High School. There will also be a donation bin during these days at The Goose Grocery on SR 525 in Langley. All donations benefit ladies in need and the Days For Girls Club members. Please stop by with a donation of pads, tampons, menstrual cups and/or wipes...For Health, For Dignity, For Self-Respect.

VFW Riders Chapter 1 Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, November 21, 8:00-11:00AM

VFW Post 7392, Oak Harbor
\$15 for adults, \$7 for 11 and under

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Dine Out for Kids

Saturday, November 21, 8:00AM-4:00PM

Coffee on the Cove, Coupeville

Coffee on the Cove will donate a portion of its sales to the Coupeville Schools Foundation. The Foundation provides an extra measure of support to the Coupeville Schools through teacher grants, college scholarships and the Promise Fund. Coffee on the Cove is located at 26 Front St.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below

Cost: Free

Craft and Chat: Sensory/Calming Bottles

Friday, November 13, 11:00AM

Craft and Chat is an online social event that offers you the opportunity to skill share, learn about library resources and make connections with fellow crafters. In this Craft and Chat session we will create sensory/calming bottles. This meeting takes place on Zoom! To get a Zoom invitation, please register. Email address is required.

Books2Movies: A Man Called Ove

Friday, November 20, 2:00PM

Read or listen to the book, watch the movie, then join us online for a lively discussion. Brandon Henry, who works at The Clyde Theater in Langley, leads the discussion.

This month's title, *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman, is about Ove, a curmudgeon who people call "the bitter neighbor from hell." But behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness.

This meeting takes place on Zoom! To receive a Zoom invitation, please register. An email address is required.

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 should send an email to whidbeygenssearchers@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

North American River Otters on Whidbey Island

Friday, November 20, 6:00PM

Join Dr. Heide Island, professor of Comparative Animal Behavior and Neuroscience at Pacific University, for a fascinating presentation about her study of North American river otters on Whidbey Island. Dr. Island's talk will take place via Zoom video conference. Dr. Island has been studying the behaviors of river otters on Whidbey for two years. Her presentation will include lots of fun photos and videos of otter behavior. The program, hosted by the Whidbey Camano Land Trust, is open to the public and is free. Please RSVP at www.wclt.org/rsvp.

NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting

Friday, November 20, 6:00-9:00PM

Saturday, November 21, 9:00AM-5:00PM

NWSA Range, 886 Gun Club Rd.,

Oak Harbor

Cost: \$35

This course introduces students to the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for owning and using a pistol safely. The pistol handling and shooting portion is completed at the NWSA range where students will learn about safe gun handling, pistol shooting fundamentals, and pistol shooting activities. The Basics of Pistol Course will also help prepare the student for participation in other NRA courses. This class includes shooting on the NWSA Pistol Range. Students can register online at rainstructors.org.

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By Tracy Loescher

UNUSUAL LURES AND TECHNIQUES

When we're out fishing, whether it's on a boat, the shore of a lake, or the river's edge and you happen to be close enough to witness another fisherman hook and land a fish, what is normally your first thought? For myself, I always wonder what the person was using to catch the fish. If you have never fished the area before, what you were using could be totally different from what local fishermen are using. On the other hand, if you are fishing local waters there is a pretty good chance what you're casting or trolling is very similar to what the successful fisherman is/was using.

Many fishermen get scope-locked on fishing the same bait or lure every time they go out, especially if it closely resembles what the guy who has the hot rod is using. You have no doubt heard the phrase "think out of the box;" here is a good example: I watched a professional bass fisherman during a tournament destroy the competition catching small-mouth bass when he switched to a half-ounce black marabou feather jig and slowly hopped it along the bottom near a grass bed. Typically, bass fishermen use rubber skirted jigs, but this small change made all of the difference for him. Take heed local bass fishermen - try the salmon twitching jig on the small mouth. I use marabou feather jigs to fish our north-west rivers for salmon, so it was interesting to see how what I consider to be a salmon lure worked wonders on a totally different species of fish. Just like Chief Dan George in the classic movie "The Outlaw Josey Wales" said, "I was lookin' to gain an edge." This is exactly the mentality we need to have with our fishing tackle. I'm always looking for techniques and small changes to lures and baits to give me an edge when the fish are hard to catch.

Most of us have become accustomed to using pink Buzz Bombs while casting for pink salmon from shore or a boat; here is one example of an unusual lure I've found works great on pinks (humpy's) in the saltwater - it's called a "jigging rap." This style of lure was designed for northern ice fishermen searching for walleye and perch under the ice, but its jigging action is incredible and I found this lure gets the pink salmon's attention with its random darting action. So if buzz bombs aren't getting bit, try this odd, out-of-the-box lure. There are a couple of things to remember with this lure: DO NOT cut off the back hook; it helps to hold the plastic tail in place. Cut off the front hook and the bottom treble will need to be replaced with a single hook to make it legal in the Puget Sound.

Top water lures for salmon? Fly fishermen quite often fish top water for salmon and trout. They use large in-their-face flies to aggravate the salmon into striking. I have seen Coho salmon in the rivers breaking the surface, so I figured it would hold true



Here is a look at a Jigging Rap style lure.

that an aggressive fish would strike-out at a surface lure as well; enter the "Whopper Plopper," designed by the legendary angler Larry Dahlberg. Yes, I have caught salmon on this top water bait. As it moves through the water, it creates a chopping sound and unsettles the water as the thick tail section rotates. I use three colors, Monkey Butt, Delta Craw, and Bone in the 110 size. The Delta Craw has produced the most strikes, probably due to the bright red color; the treble hooks will need to be replaced depending on where you fish with it. I wouldn't rush out and throw away all my other river tackle, but when the fish are hitting the surface, the Whopper Plopper may be the go-to.

Trolling the "Sweet Meat," I like to troll hardware when fishing for salmon, tackle gear like spoons, Hoochies, Bucktails, and homemade stuff. However, trolling cutplug herring is one of the top baits for salmon; the problem is fishing herring can be time consuming. You have to change out the herring frequently because the roll rate is not right or the herring flesh simply disintegrates. I put a spin on the popular "Brads Bait" plastic cutplug bait. I made a cutplug out of a five-inch rubber swimbait. I simply cut off the paddle tail and right behind the head, I sliced the rubber at the angle that gave me a one full turn per second roll rate; I chose chartreuse and silver as colors. I have caught Coho in Marine Area 9 north of Bush Point using the chartreuse color sweet meat.

Hunting Halibut; I generally freeze my chopped up salmon and lingcod carcasses in small cottage cheese-sized tubs, then I remove the frozen goodness from the tubs and place them into a tight mesh bag or larger perforated container which I lower down to the seafloor to help get the halibut coming my direction. Here is another edge I use to increase the scent trail for the Halibut bait: Visit any plant nursery and ask for a fish-based fertilizer. Powder, liquid, or granule, each will work fine. Add a healthy helping of the fishy fertilizer to the chopped fish prior to freezing. It may not smell very appetizing to us but the tasty halibut can't resist checking out that funky smell!

I'm not sponsored by any of the product companies I mentioned above; they are just a few of the unusual pieces of tackle and techniques I use to help gain an edge when out on the water. Always keep your mind open for new ideas to catch fish. It's fun and can be very rewarding when you discover that crazy but effective lure idea. Here is my email: tfishmonger@gmail.com. Drop me a note, I would love to hear of your unusual lure discoveries. Keep an eye on the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife website, they are making emergency fishing rule changes weekly! Be careful on the water, GOOD LUCK and have a Happy Thanksgiving!



Here is a Whopper Plopper in the bone color.



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Public comments sought on addition to Trustland Trails system

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

The South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District (SWPRD) is currently taking comments from the public on its proposed addition to Trustland Trails. Comments must be received by Monday and will be reviewed and discussed by the SWPRD Board of Commissioners.

Doug Coutts, executive director of SWPRD, said the proposed trail additions are part of the organization's plan to provide improvements and more options for residents to enjoy the outdoors.

"It is part of an overall plan we have been working on over the past few years for implementing the trail plan at Trustland Trails," he said. "This has been an ongoing development -- as we get to a certain point, we start the next loop of trails and how we are going to get into certain areas and what we are going to do."

The comments from the public will help to inform the board if any changes need to be considered, or if the addition can move forward without adjustments. Coutts said the proposal had been reviewed by the Island County Planning Department and was found to not enter any critical areas such as wetlands or need any special permits.

"It gives us and the board an opportunity to hear from the community directly about the plan itself," he said. "We do circulate this to the immediate neighbors and anybody that borders that property. We send out a letter and plan to make sure that they are aware that this is the plan for the property so that if they have a concern about it they can bring it to our attention."

Coutts said while normally a public meeting would be held to get feedback from the community, comments are instead being accepted by mail and email.

"The only impact that COVID-19 has really had is we cannot have any public meeting to get the community to come in to give us comments directly and talk to us," he said.

When building new trails, SWPRD aims to do as little environmental disturbance as possible, Coutts said. Trails are constructed using the path of least impact to the forestland and allow for a buffer zone to surrounding property lines.

"We try to be as sensitive as possible in doing all of this to the environment because that is hugely important to us as well as to our neighbors," he said. "We want to do all of that in a very thoughtful manner and that is how we plan to do it."

Coutts said the area currently includes a quarter-mile ADA loop and the proposed plan includes additional accessible trails. He said the parks and recreation district aims to provide opportunities for a wide range of individuals to access outdoor spaces.

"It is part of the statewide recreation plan as well as part of our comprehensive plan to have those kinds of things (accessible trails) available to our community," he said. "And it is something that we can target to try to be inclusive in everything that we can."

Coutts said if there are no major adjustments that need to be made to the plan, work on the 2020 trail and the ADA trail would start in the winter.

"(The trails would be) flagged and gone through and looked at and constructed possibly sometime in December, hopefully opening sometime early next year," he said. "The ADA trail might take a little bit longer because as an ADA trail, it needs to also have a surface that is conducive (for all). It cannot

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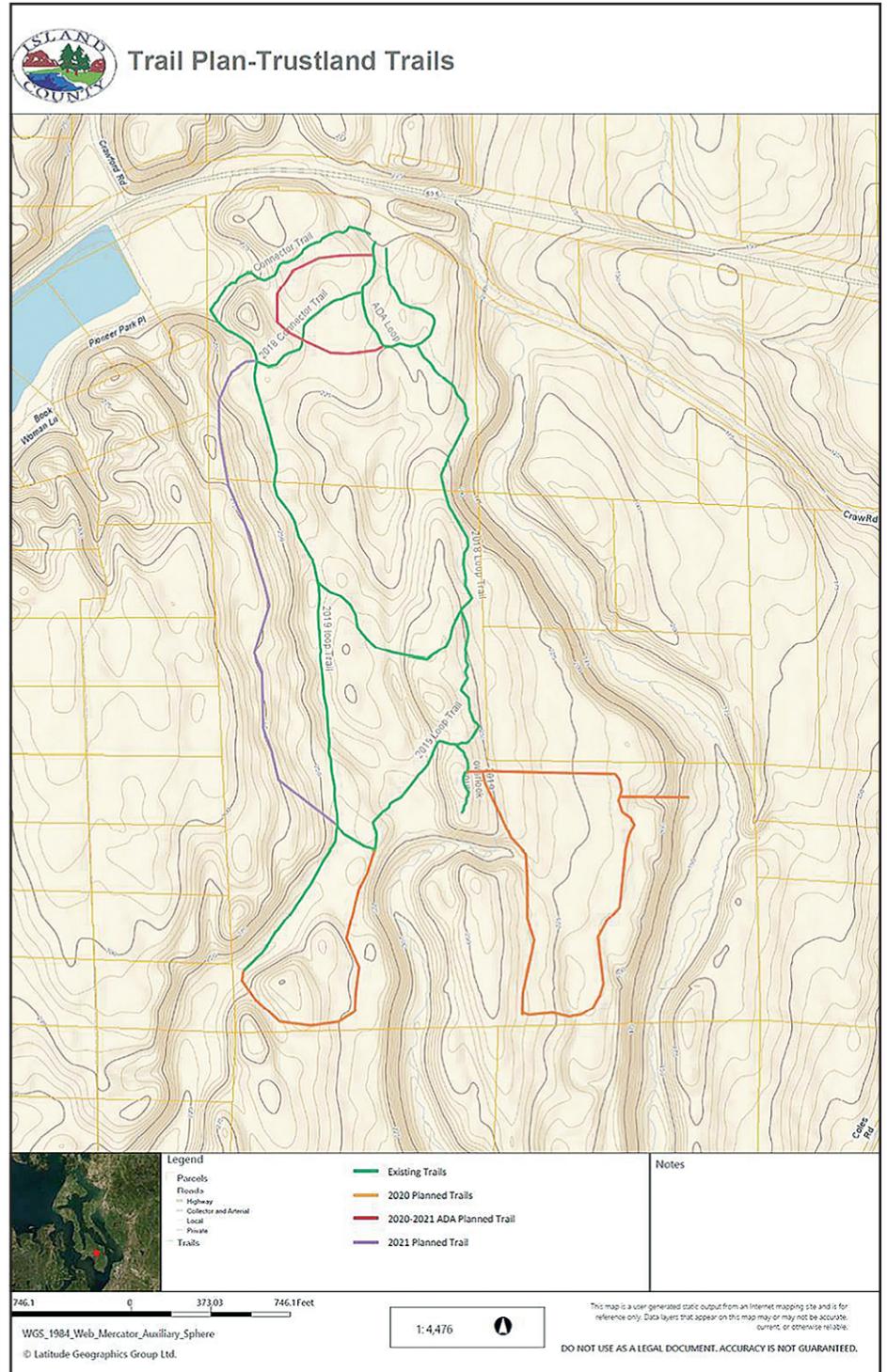


Photo Courtesy of South Whidbey Parks and Recreation
The proposed plans for Trustland Trails in 2020 include additional ADA accessible areas.

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"Even with setting up a serving line, there would still have a problem in the kitchen," Pohtilla continued. "We also have volunteers who work out back, doing the deep fryers and the smoking, and there could still be contact with people you don't know. So in the interest of safety, we decided as a board we shouldn't do it."

According to Pohtilla, the group served approximately 2,200 meals and delivered more than 950 last year. He also noted that while the event is usually held at the Elks Lodge in Oak Harbor, it is not an Elks event.

"Please do not call the Elks Lodge about this," he said. "The Elks have provided the venue for the last 19 years, but it's not their event. North Whidbey Community Harvest is a separate nonprofit organization. Please don't get upset with the Elks --

they have nothing to do with the decision not to have it."

Pohtilla said the group hopes to be back next year.

"We hope to be back again next year for Thanksgiving, assuming things settle down," he said. "Right now, we have to take it a month at a time. We won't know until September of next year. The plan is to come back in 2021 and hold this event. We're just sick we can't this year."

COUPEVILLE COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Organizers of the Coupeville Community Thanksgiving Potluck have announced this event has been cancelled as well, posting this announcement on Facebook last week:

"Sadly there will be no community potluck this year due to COVID-19. We will be back in 2021 to celebrate and give thanks for our community. Stay safe and well."



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Post-Election Entertainment

By Carey Ross

Political palate cleansers



After the 2016 presidential election, I stopped watching *The West Wing*. The award-winning Aaron Sorkin drama had been in the heavy rotation of background programs I watch while doing mundane tasks such as getting ready for work or cooking dinner. It wasn't just its dramatization of a simpler, more idealistic time in American politics that made it impossible for me to watch—it's a work of fiction, after all—more that after the brutal nature of the 2016 campaign, watching characters "walk and talk" their way to clear policy solutions felt out of touch with our political reality.

After an equally intense 2020 presidential campaign, which became the longest week of our lives while the whole world waited to see which candidate would reach the magic number of 270 electoral votes, I'm not quite ready to put *The West Wing* back into rotation, but—surprisingly—I'm also not ready to give up the drama of politics just yet. Fictional politics, that is. I think we could all use a break from the real-world kind.

Where does one turn when looking for political content that offers escapism rather than high-stakes reality? To Hollywood, of course. The annals of cinema are rife with political movies, and I have written about several of them in recent months. However, sometimes you want a political movie without all the, well, politics. Per usual, I've got some suggestions that fall into this realm.

As previously mentioned, I love a movie which speaks to the power of the press. I also love classic films—or movies are made to look like classic films. *Good Night, and Good Luck* falls into both of those categories. The movie tells the story of the 1950s Red Scare, but does so through the lens of Edward R. Murrow, titan of journalism (and former Skagitonian). Murrow takes on Sen. Joseph McCarthy during a time when fellow politicians and the press were reluctant to do so lest they be labeled communists themselves. When McCarthy does just that, Murrow, in straightforward and capable style, dismantles the accusation in such a way it becomes clear the Senator's witch hunt was based in no small part on lies and distortions of fact. The movie earned six Oscar nods, including a Best Director nomination for George Clooney for his first turn behind the camera.

If a political story from further back in our history is your thing, there's no movie in

which a titanic feat of acting takes on a titanic historic figure quite like *Lincoln*. In the 2012 biopic, the world's greatest method actor, Daniel Day-Lewis, meets a legendary director, Steven Spielberg, and two award-winning writers, Tony Kushner and Doris Kearns Goodwin, to create a slice of American history that's as insightful as it is riveting. Set during the Civil War, Day-Lewis' Lincoln is bone tired and at odds with his cabinet over the emancipation of the slaves, yet he perseveres in his effort to get the 13th Amendment ratified. Day-Lewis' stunning transformation into Lincoln made his 2013 Best Actor Oscar win the surest thing in Tinseltown that year.

Depending on who was the inhabitant of the Oval Office at the time, I've often wondered whether me, a regular person possessing a regular amount of common sense, could run the country better than a career politician or, in recent years, a semi-wealthy former reality show host. I mean, I can balance a checkbook, am prone to asking a lot of stupid questions when I don't know something, and can tell right from wrong—what other qualities does a president really need to have? Exploring the idea of what could happen if a so-called "Average Joe" managed to attain the highest office in the land is the premise of *Dave*, the 1993 political comedy starring Kevin Kline as an accidental POTUS. At the start of the film, Dave Kovic has a side gig as a presidential impersonator. Following a stroke while engaging in some activity most unbecoming of the leader of the free world, the president falls into a coma and Dave is called upon to fill his shoes without anyone in the country knowing he's not the real deal. Hijinks could and do ensue, but *Dave* isn't just going for cheap jokes. Instead, as the title character, Kline's POTUS is just an authentically nice, normal guy who brings in his accountant friend to help shave \$650 million from the budget to fund, in part, a homeless shelter, and announces a program to employ every American who needs work. By the time he's exposing the bad guys in the administration and coming clean to the country, you'll remember what it's like when the nice guys finish first. If ever you need a political palate cleanser, *Dave* will do the trick.

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just be a dirt trail, it actually has to have a surface."

Coutts said in current times, SWPRD's mission of continuing to offer options for islanders to enjoy local trails and areas remains key.

"It is important, especially right now with the situation we are in with COVID, the idea of being able to get out from a physical health perspective and a mental health perspective," he said.

Coutts said parks and trails give community members the chance to take a break and enjoy the natural world, whether it is by walking, hiking, running, or simply spending time outside.

"You can do those kinds of activities and remain socially distant and wear a mask and get out there and enjoy something," he said. "I think it is hugely important at this point in time, (and) I think ongoing it will continue to be important for our community to have more and more options."

Comments must be received by Nov. 16. Comments can be submitted via email by contacting dirswprd@whidbey.com or sent by mail to the following address: SWPRD, Attn: Executive Director, 5475 Maxwellton Road, Langley, WA, 98260.

Local groups honor veterans' memories

Photos by Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly

The rustling of the leaves as the wind gently swept across the grounds of Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor Saturday morning was very nearly all one could hear as several organizations converged to pay tribute to those veterans laid to rest there. Voices of volunteers from the Whidbey Island area chapters of Military Officers Association of America, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps could be heard breaking the stillness of the morning, but the sounds were muted, people gathering near each other to speak, breaking apart to survey the rows of memorials and place flags to mark the resting place of a veteran. In all, volunteers placed approximately 600 flags.

Eras gently collided too, as members of SAR, dressed in period costumes, paused to salute each veteran's service to the nation, while nearby, young men and women of the NJROTC knelt to place their flags. Different generations united in one purpose – paying respect and tribute to the men and women who had served their country.

The annual effort is organized by the Whidbey Island chapter of MOAA; thousands of flags are placed at cemeteries across Whidbey Island in honor of Veterans Day.



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CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

ARIES (March 21-April 19)



A good sheep dog stays busy nipping heels and guarding flanks to keep the flock in line and moving. Always on the run. Can you relate? Who gets lost without your constant

direction? Who would stray without it? Does that make them sheep? Rude even to think so. Maybe they're just little lambs who've lost their way. And maybe you're facing wolves in sheep's clothing? Nip, nip, nip those heels!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



"No one can fill those of your needs that you won't let show." Penned by Bill Withers for his 1972 hit song, Lean on Me, those words remain just as true today. Everyone wants to be strong, but is your pain made any less by suffering it alone? Don't let pride trap you in its lonely shell. "The one you lean on today," Withers sang, "may tomorrow be the one who needs to lean on you."

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



Games and friendly gab often are the pretext for conducting much more serious work. Many high-stakes business deals have been decided in large part on the golf course. A game will showcase a deceitful person's willingness to cheat. Games offer clues to their probable conduct under pressure, as well. No matter what your game, little tells and giveaways are always visible. Are you attentive and alert?

CANCER (June 22-July 22)



What does the Vagabond's Guide to Fulfillment have to say about the road to happiness? Is it a paved road? A pot-holed road? A graveled ribbon of dust and weedy ditches? A

well-lighted interstate with rest stops? An arrow-straight road, or hilly and winding? Of this road, so heavily traveled, the wryly-edited Guide says only, "Never boring." Apparently, the road to happiness is all of those things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



Bedeviled by ideologies, can people on opposite sides of the civility fence peacefully coexist? Can they endure each other's bumper stickers without resorting to road rage? Do

please and thank you still apply? These are the questions of our time. If Mason Cooley was right--"Ideology shaped the very sofa on which I sit"--it's one's choice of ideologies that's the problem. We're comfy on the furniture equivalent of Old Glory, thank you very much.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



What happens when purpose meets opportunity? What happened when the cat played the fiddle? When the cat played the fiddle, the dog laughed, and the fork ran away with the spoon. But was driving the duo away the cat's purpose? Or did a colluding fork and spoon merely seize an opportunity to elope? When purpose meets opportunity, the most rare and

amazing things result. So be ready. The dog may laugh at any time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



Like it or not, your reputation precedes you. People who know nothing about you may lump you with your associates to form judgements about you that may or may not be true.

George Washington, with obvious good reason, said, "It's better to be alone than in bad company." So if you find yourself alone, count that as a blessing. And if you're in good company, that, clearly, is a double blessing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



Our 34th president, Dwight "Ike" Eisenhower, said, "Pull the string, and it will follow you wherever you wish. Push it, and it will go nowhere at all." Yo-yo tricks notwithstanding, Ike's

advice was sound. Ike knew the willingness of people to follow a wise leader. Unwise leaders resort to yo-yo tricks. Their amazing feats begin and end with the string in the trickster's hand. The takeaway? Don't be a yo-yo. Don't get wrapped around anyone's finger.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



Some things you tell people, some things you don't. Getting along in life depends largely on knowing which is which. People don't like being told what to do. People do like being told when

they're doing a good job. And if they're not? They'll figure it out, so unless you're asked, hold your tongue. Wait. Did we just tell you what to do? Yes. And your calling us on it shows you've grasped the point. Good job.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



From impossible to possible. From possible to elegance. That's how life progresses. Infant to adolescence, adolescence to adult. Crawl, walk, skip and prance. Gibber,

talk, orate and sing. Where are you in that progression? Most are learning at all three levels. Elegant procrastinators are becoming masters of time management. Dreaming the impossible dream. It's the dance of life, and the music plays for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



What kind of decision maker are you? Highly successful people decide quickly and change their minds slowly. This combination of speed and stability does two things. It

accesses powerful intuition, and it limits the devastation of second-guessing. Maybe cartoonist Charles Schultz, of Peanuts fame, wasn't kidding when he said, "I never made a mistake in my life. I thought I did, once, but I was wrong."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



A real friend will tell you when you have ketchup on your chin. They'll make you presentable to your powerful friends. Lee Iacoca, former CEO of Chrysler, was a man with many powerful

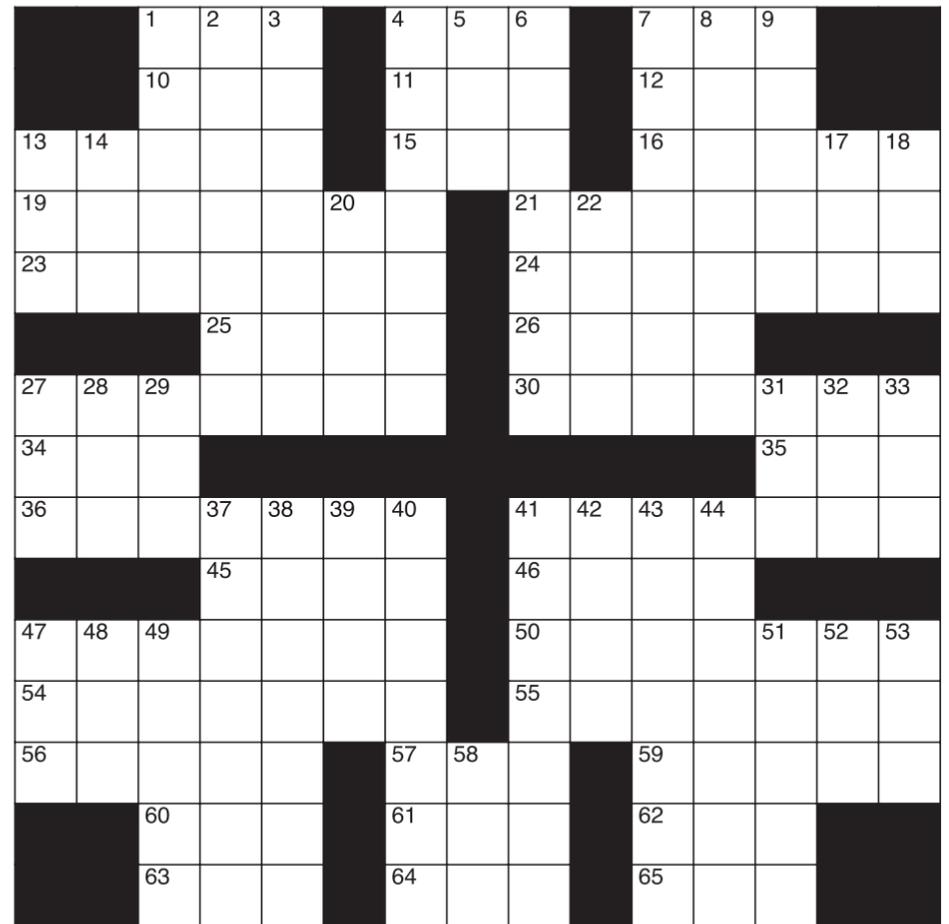
friends. But about real friends, Iacocca said, "My father always used to say that when you die, if you've got five real friends, you've had a great life." Apparently, there are real friends and powerful friends, but few real powerful friends.

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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. Autonomic nervous system
- 4. At or near the stern
- 7. Adenosine triphosphate
- 10. Polynesian garland of flowers
- 11. Chinese revolutionary
- 12. Green veggie
- 13. Large group
- 15. Swiss river
- 16. Semiaquatic mammal
- 19. Wrongdoers
- 21. Home to Disney World
- 23. Spanish doctors
- 24. Newborn child
- 25. Absence of difficulty
- 26. Large, stocky lizard
- 27. Earned top billing
- 30. A long wandering and eventful journey
- 34. Water (French)
- 35. Brew
- 36. Winged horse
- 41. A usually malignant tumor
- 45. Alfred __, American actor
- 46. Austrian river

CLUES DOWN

- 17. Sun up in New York
- 18. Eggs in female fish
- 20. Stood up
- 22. NBA legend Willis
- 27. Calendar month (abbr.)
- 28. Exercise regimen __-bo
- 29. The 8th month (abbr.)
- 31. __ Paulo, city
- 32. Tall deciduous tree
- 33. Affirmative
- 37. Notified of danger
- 38. NFL game days
- 39. Archaic term for "to"
- 40. Plant pores
- 41. Canned fish
- 42. Phil __, former CIA
- 43. Connects with
- 44. Of the skull
- 47. Time zone (abbr.)
- 48. When you hope to get there
- 49. Hindu goddess
- 51. Land
- 52. Pitching stat
- 53. Field force unit
- 58. Lakers' crosstown rivals

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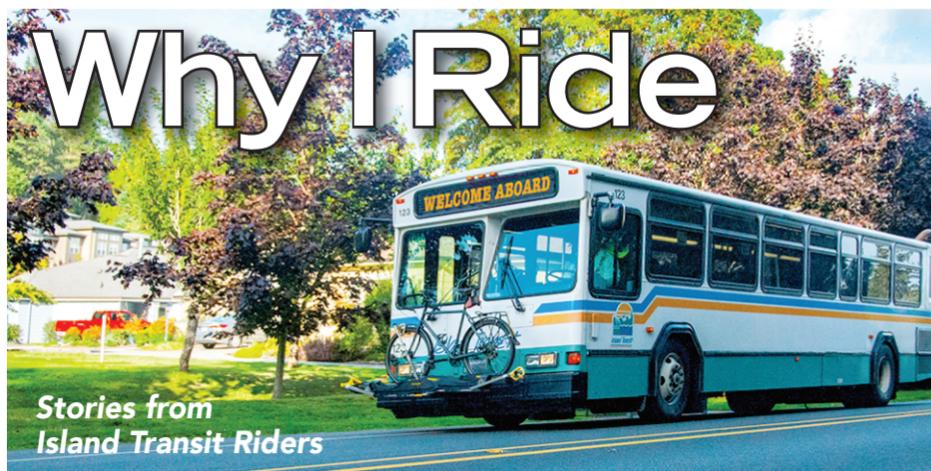
YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Nov. 12	Fri, Nov. 13	Sat, Nov. 14	Sun, Nov. 15	Mon, Nov. 16	Tues, Nov. 17	Wed, Nov. 18
North Isle H-50°/L-45° Rain	North Isle H-52°/L-46° Cloudy with Rain and Wind	North Isle H-51°/L-43° Showers	North Isle H-50°/L-42° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-51°/L-41° Showers Possible	North Isle H-50°/L-42° Cloudy and Windy Showers Possible	North Isle H-51°/L-39° Partly Sunny
South Isle H-48°/L-43° Rain	South Isle H-50°/L-45° Cloudy with Rain and Wind	South Isle H-50°/L-40° Showers	South Isle H-49°/L-39° Clouds and Sun	South Isle H-49°/L-41° Showers Possible	South Isle H-49°/L-41° Rain Possible	South Isle H-50°/L-39° Partly Sunny



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Stories from
Island Transit Riders

Public Transit Offers Hope to Immigrant from Uganda and So Many Others

It doesn't cost much to take the bus in Uganda. About 25 cents. But if you don't have the money, you walk. That's what Ioum Martin did in his home country. He walked everywhere. So, when he came to America chasing the dream of a better life, he continued to walk. Until he found Island Transit.

"Life would have been miserable for me without the Island Transit bus," says Martin, who was working a construction job in Everett when he first moved to Whidbey Island. Four days a week, he would walk over nine miles from Freeland to Clinton to catch the ferry. It was a slow and painful walk too. His ankle was broken at the time, so it took him four hours, each way.

"One day I sat down by the roadside in Bayview," Martin says, he was exhausted and feeling defeated. "Some lady asked me if I knew about Island Transit. I told her I don't have money for the bus. She told me how it worked – that it was free. That's how I came to know about the Island Transit bus."

Martin says discovering Island Transit brought him hope. "I don't think I would have been able to get to work, go to school, or get around without the bus," says Martin. "Island Transit has brought light to my life."

Not only does public transit give Martin a way to get around, it also helps him budget his money and time so he can spend it on other things. He currently is working towards earning his high school diploma by taking classes at Skagit Valley College. A father of 10, he spends a lot of time talking by phone with his family back in Uganda



and hopes some of them will be able to join him one day.

Martin confesses that not everyone on the bus has been nice to him. His skin color and accent make him different. "With the help of some individuals, I'm able to find what I need," he says.

Established in 1987 as a fare-free bus system, Island Transit provides an essential service to the community. "Safe, reliable and affordable public transportation enables people to meet their day-

to-day needs, like getting to work, school, the grocery store, the doctor's office, and even to recreational and entertainment activities," says Todd Morrow, Island Transit executive director. "It makes our community more inclusive by increasing mobility and opportunity. It literally and figuratively picks people up." As such, "Public transit is a powerful tool to help advance equity and social justice."

Morrow also believes providing fair and just transportation is the role of a community. "It's an essential public service like our public schools, police and fire departments," he says. "A strong public transit network benefits us all. It supports our local economy and environment, as well as those who rely on it to get around."

Martin doesn't have to walk long distances in the cold weather anymore. He's saving money, and time, to do things to make his life better. When asked what other benefits Martin has found with riding the bus, he humorously says "I'm always on time!"

To read more stories from people who ride public transit, go to www.islandtransit.org/WhyIRide



FRIDAY, OCT. 9 8:03 pm, Riepma Ave.

Reporting party advising neighbor across the street knocked on door and said "if you ever need protection I'm here," and held up a hammer. Reporting party is now armed with a handgun.

9:50 pm, Fireside Ln.
Reporting party advising SUV crashed into backyard. Driver still in vehicle.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 10
3:28 am, Meadowood Ln.**
Reporting party advising subject on front porch with a machine running; reporting party advising unknown what machine is, advising subject is usually armed with a "30-30;" unknown name. Advising he is also armed with double barrel shotgun.

4:51 am, Fircrest Ave.
Reporting party states someone drove by and dropped subject off at reporting party's front door. Reporting party states can see subject on camera.

10:21 am, W Green Valley Rd.
Caller states neighbor is stealing caller's power and water; neighbor's house is directly behind caller's on Fakkema, unknown address. States power cord and hose are running from caller's house into neighbor's residence.

1:35 pm, W Sleeper Rd.
Reporting party's cow got out and has been staying at neighbor's for several weeks now. States neighbor doesn't want to return cow to reporting party.

3:40 pm, Donna Dr.
Reporting party is filling out background check form for firearms and has questions; form is asking if reporting party has ever been convicted of a felony and reporting party is not sure.

4:40 pm, E Sleeper Rd.
Reporting party heard what sounded like dynamite being blown off in area, has happened twice today, last occurred two minutes ago.

7:44 pm, N Main St.
Requesting call; advising has a bat at hospital from subject with a bat bite; would like to know what to do with bat. Reporting party was advised to contact pest control service, still wanting to speak with law enforcement.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 11
6:18 am, SR 525**
Reporting party is an employee, advising female subject in store appears to be out of it, walking through store giggling and laughing. Left purse and jacket laying outside.

7:54 am, Moonstone Pl.
Caller states gates to location were opened by someone and now ponies are loose.

8:52 pm, SW Swantown Ave.
Advising someone is walking in backyard, fingerprints on kids' windows.

**MONDAY, OCT. 12
10:33 am, Crosby Rd.**
Caller advising ongoing issues of someone vandalizing caller's political sign.

12:51 pm, Main St.
Advising female outside branch; not wearing pants and yelling at herself. Female is currently in front of branch. White female, 40s, big green hooded coat, no pants, grey socks.

1:19 pm, Waterloo Rd.
Reporting party was driving by and saw 20-30 cats running around front yard and garbage strewn about yard. Reporting party concerned about welfare of animals.

5:14 pm, Moonlight Dr.
Neighbor just tried to shoot child with BB gun while child was playing in apple tree. Child now safely in home. No aid needed. Shots were fired into apple tree.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 13
4:14 am, NE Parker Rd.**
Reporting party advising daughter stepped off back porch, just disappeared; thought she was going to one of the other trailers.

10:14 am, Deer Lake Rd.
Reporting party states is hearing sounds from underground in area of location. Hearing people he knows and people in community. Available for phone call.

12:10 pm, Main St.
Caller states female by bus stop in front of store is wrapped in a sheet and exposing herself to people. White female, five-feet-two-inches tall, thin, blonde hair.

2:05 pm, Main St.
Advising female just urinated on vehicle outside. Is talking to herself.

4:02 pm, Jaydee Way
States received phone call from someone claiming to be with ASPCA asking for reporting party to match his wife's donation; reporting party believes this is fraudulent, as he does not have a wife.

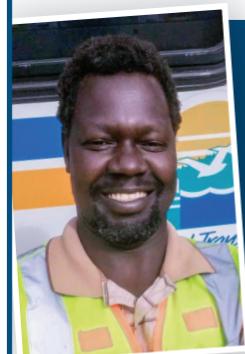
**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14
12:51 pm, Crestmont Pl.**
Neighbor at location is flying a drone over reporting party's property as well as all over neighborhood and taking pictures. Reporting party wants to know if it is legal. Neighbor is telling reporting party it is FAA approved and he can do what he wants.

3:30 pm, Darvic Pl.
Reporting party advising 30-40 year-old gentleman walking around neighborhood in a "manic" way looking at children playing in a weird way. Extremely poor cell signal; working on gathering description.

4:35 pm, NW Wilkes St.
Requesting call; advising male in Ford Ranger approached reporting party early in the morning and tried to give reporting party his dog. Occurred Monday.

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

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Big Brothers 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@bbbsic.org

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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.ziemer@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 volun-

teers 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.

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Pam's Prayer Corner

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

Lord, we thank you for America and for the virtues of democracy--virtues which ensure liberty and justice throughout the land. Our nation is one that is blessed with freedom and hope. Guide us in our efforts to live in peace.

Heal our land. Spare us from attitudes that detract from our heritage. Affirm in us our dependence upon you and instill within us the courage to serve you faithfully. Bless those who lead us with wisdom. May our efforts to defend liberty illumine the way of peace and bring happiness to all. Amen.

Matthew Erickson
Hope Church Oak Harbor - Pastor
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"I've said these things to you so that you will have peace in me. In the world you have distress. But be encouraged! I have conquered the world."

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