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Whidbey Island Grown Cooperative keeps on growing

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

For the Whidbey Island Grown Cooperative (WIGC), supporting the growth of local producers and a vibrant agricultural community on the island is a key part of the organization's mission.

In the past year, the cooperative launched the WIGC Food Hub where consumers can order and be connected to local makers and growers. Now, the organization has introduced the WIGC Buyer's Club – a non-membership program to allow farmers, producers and others to access materials ranging from seed to animal feed at bulk prices. For those interested in participating, the next order will be made at the end of February. Details about the Buyer's Club and how to pre-order can be found at whidbeyislandgrown.com/elementor-5654/.

Kyle Flack, co-owner of Bell's Farm and WIGC member, said forming the Buyer's Club has been a priority for WIGC as a way to help local producers and promote agriculture on the island.

"The way that it supports everybody on Whidbey, not just farmers, is it brings everybody's cost down," he said. "What we are doing is the co-op is basically the facilitator for aggregating and ordering bulk supplies for people so that we can get things for cheaper, (and) we can get full trucks of products in bulk quantities."



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Grown Cooperative and Bell's Farm
The Buyer's Club aims to bolster Whidbey Island Grown Cooperative's initiative of supporting Whidbey Island agriculture and increases access to more cost-effective supplies needed by local growers and farmers, whether they are raising cows or crops.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Grown Cooperative
The Whidbey Island Grown Cooperative Buyer's Club allows producers ranging from backyard farmers to large-scale growers to order supplies including seed, animal feed, and more for convenient, on-island pickup.

Elyse Perron, manager of the Buyer's Club, said the club will help reduce costs by keeping individuals from having to pay large shipping fees, offering local pickup so buyers do not have to drive off-island and allowing access to bulk prices as opposed to retail markups.

"I think it is filling a long-standing need in the island community, that is for sure," she said.

Flack said the hope for the Buyer's Club is continued growth and gaining input from the community on how the program can best serve local needs.

"It is like the Food Hub – the more people ask questions and the more people tell us what they want and what they need, the better we can get," he said. "And also the more people who participate, the better prices we can get and the more often we can get orders. The goal here is as soon as we can justify the demand for people locally, the co-op can start purchasing products and actually holding it so people can eventually sort of shop like a retail shop but with co-op prices."

Perron said the program aims to assist those interested in getting a start in the agricultural world, as well as support those who are already established or looking to expand.

"It makes it so much easier to begin farming here," she said. "I think there are a lot of nicely established farms on the island and they produce quite a bit of great quality local food that so many people really enjoy here. I think the idea is that it would be bringing the next generation of farmers in – people who are just doing their backyard thing and they want to expand it to be self-sustainable or a roadside stand. And (there is) the idea of making it (Whidbey Island) more of a long-term, multi-generational place where agriculture can thrive. We want to bring down the barrier of cost and access."

See BUYER'S CLUB continued on page 6

Wear Red for Women's Heart Health

Friday is National Wear Red Day, an occasion aimed at reminding people of the importance of heart health, especially women's heart health.

Whether it's a shirt, dress, shoes, earrings or even red lipstick, each splash of red is a reminder that heart disease is the number one killer of women – one out of every three – claiming a life every 80 seconds. Everyone is encouraged to wear red the first Friday in February (American Heart Month) as well as give to the American Heart Association.

This year people are encouraged to plan virtual get togethers with friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to promote heart health and giving.

Ideas include inviting people to hear a guest speaker (like a cardiologist, nurse, etc.) during their lunch hour, hosting a heart-healthy cooking demonstration, leading a digital workout, holding a contest for the most creative red outfit or designing a red team shirt or mask.

There are many resources available online at goredforwomen.org and WearRedDay.org that can help people set up donation pages and more. Those interested can create an account or use their Facebook profile to participate.

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with Jim Freeman



If all went well on Groundhog Day, forget seeing a shadow. Instead, I may have seen my non-dominant bicep and got the shot. My first arm shot since 1969. I have had mouth shots since then. Tequila.

If the needlepoint team runs out of secret sauce on shot day, I'll just go have lunch at Jack in the Box.

Won't it be great when we can go back to bitching about something else?

Grant

When I watch the *PBS News Hour* at 6 p.m. weeknights, I feel comfort as Judy Woodruff broadcasts in front of her book case.

Ms. Woodruff's copy of *Grant* may be the thickest book on her shelf.

I wondered why, so I did a little research. Ulysses S. Grant was quite a guy. So was his son.

Ulysses S. Grant, Jr. went into partnership with a fellow named Ferdinand Ward, a Wall Street speculator, a better term than "guesser."

In March, 1877, President Grant, like any good father, told his son he would invest in his boy's dream.

The \$350,000 invested by Grant turned into a nightmare. Ward was running a pre-Ponzi type scam. All the investors were wiped out, while Grant had to write his memoirs to make a buck.

Ward was the original Ferdinand the Bull.

Drive up, push out

Last week, or was it yesterday, I had the joyous experience of a non-starting truck in the drive up lane at Island Drug in Clinton. The old Wells Fargo Bank lanes serve nicely unless you are trying to push your vehicle forward, out of the way.

Can you say *Speed Bump*?

Thanks to Frank Rose who was kind enough to be behind me and not yell, I calmed down and was able to start the truck.

My energy, in the wrong direction, can sabotage all mechanical gear.

G. Armour Van Horn, a dear friend who rescued me more than once, called one day after diagnosing the woes of my computer.

"Freeman, how did you ever delete your entire operating system?"

My philosophy has always been, "When in doubt, hit another key."

Another lesson learned. "When in doubt, park the truck and walk to the window."

Little Things

*It's the little things we do and say
That mean so much as we go our way.*

*A kindly deed can lift a load
From weary shoulders on the road,
Or a gentle word, like summer rain,
May soothe some heart and banish pain.*

*What joy or sadness often springs
From just the simple little things.*

~Willa Hoey

Attention

Author Rachel Naomi Remen once said, "Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention."

My law school roommate, Gene, used to say his West Virginia "family was too poor to pay attention."

Such was not the case, but we always laughed.

Grandmas are good at giving attention. They can paint rocks or watch kids on the swings. Both eyes are on the prize.

Grandmas can listen to daughters talk about daughters.

In fact, I think all women know when to give attention. They are masters.

We spent some time in the Marine Corps at attention. I liked it. Sometimes they were yelling at other jarheads.

Attention is a great thing to give and to get.

Attention is why I do not own a smart phone.

I would be presently lost.

What were we talking about?

Wagon wisdom

One day, a wagon with several occupants drew up in front of the county courthouse. A young man got out and came into the office of the county clerk.

"Is this the place where a feller comes to git a license to git married?" he asked.

"Yes, sir," answered the clerk. "You surely have come to the right place."

"Well make me out a license so that John Brown can marry Samathy Smith."

"Are you John Brown?"

"Yes, I'm John Brown."

"And is the young lady of age?"

"Naw she ain't."

"Then I suppose you have her father's permission to marry her?"

"Well, I guess I have. See that old man a-settin' out there in that wagon with a shotgun across his lap? Well, that's her father."

Thanks to Mody C. Boatright, author of *Folk Laughter on the American Frontier*, The Macmillan Co., New York, 1949, for reproducing that classic. For more classic American folklore, check out *Treasury of American Folk Humor* by James M. Tidwell, Crown Publishers, Inc. Those wagon folks were laughing west.

Reader's choice

Like fantasy baseball, this is the place in the column where a reader who submits a joke for public recycling can win a fantasy refrigerator.

This week's winner will enjoy a fantasy Viking 48 inch wide, 29.05 cu. ft., Energy Star rated, built-in side by side refrigerator with Spill-Proof Plus shelves. Only a tad shy of \$11,000.

The winning entry has to do with aging:

I found this timely because today I was in a shoe store that sells only shoes, nothing else. A young girl with a tattoo and green hair walked over to me and asked, "What brings you in today?" I looked at her and said, "I'm interested in buying a refrigerator." She didn't quite know how to respond, had that deer in the headlights look.

I was thinking about old age and decided old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

When people see a cat's litter box they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat?" I just say, "No, it's for company!"

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he knows when he's really in trouble.

Did you ever notice when you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs?"

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me. I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and a lot of the roads were not paved.

Ah! Being young is beautiful but being old is comfortable.

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

May you always have: Love to share, cash to spare, tires with air, and friends who care.

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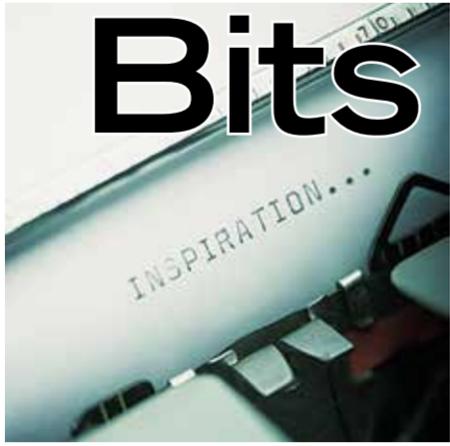
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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

This Oak Harbor School replacement levy is 100 percent not needed and has already been replaced by state level property tax revenues.

As reported by Northwest Public Broadcasting (i.e. National Public radio) in "McCleary Case: A Short History Of A Long And Complicated Washington School Funding Fight" www.nwpb.org/2018/06/15/mccleary-case-a-short-history-of-a-long-and-complicated-washington-school-funding-fight/...

The legislature...compromised on a \$1.3 billion dollar operating budget for Washington schools. But that wasn't enough, the McCleary plaintiffs said Washington would need \$5 billion a year to run schools properly.

In 2017, the legislature tackled the biggest problem: educators' salaries were coming from local property tax levies. The state had to cover those costs. Legislators decided to raise statewide property tax rates to replace those levies. It still wasn't enough...Then along came the 2018 legislative session, Washington lawmakers were able to close the gap with almost another \$800 million in funding, also from property taxes. June 7, the Washington Supreme Court ended the \$100,000 a day penalty. The state was, at long last, in compliance.

In other words, because of McCleary, the state legislature has already replaced these local property levies for K-12 schools with a series of huge statewide property tax increases. That's the "Second State School Tax" on ALL our property tax bills. We are already paying this replacement levy because it itself has already been replaced. Without this enrichment levy, the school district will be just fine with the three property tax line items for schools that remain on our property tax bills.

William G Burnett
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Skagit Valley College Announces Spring Quarter Registration Dates

Yes! Skagit Valley College will be open for Spring Quarter. While classes will be offered mostly online, SVC will offer in-person opportunities in select courses and Workforce

programs. The Basic Education for Adults program will also include limited in-person classes.

Classes begin Monday, April 5 and registration dates are as follows:

Registration for Continuing Students began yesterday.

Registration for New Students begins Wednesday, Feb. 17.

For more information about getting started, courses and programs, financial aid, and the many services available to you, visit www.skagit.edu/spring-2021.

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

Army to Hold Communications Evaluation Training at NAS Whidbey Island

The U.S. Army's 51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion (51st ESB) from Joint Base Lewis McChord will conduct a Field Training Evaluation at NAS Whidbey Island's Outlying Landing Field (OLF), Coupeville, Wash., Feb. 7-11.

The 51st ESB conducted a similar training at the OLF in March 2016, and again in October of last year.

Be aware there will be several military vehicles and equipment set up at the OLF during this period. The purpose of this training is to prepare a platoon of the 51st ESB to deploy and perform collectively as a unit, while also making sure individual training is conducted.

[Submitted by Thomas Mills, Public Affairs Deputy, NAS Whidbey Island]

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Prior to joining PSKC, Dr. Durvasula held leadership positions with the University of Washington Medical Center and Northwest Kidney Centers. Originally from Canada, Dr. Durvasula received his medical degree from McGill University and underwent his residency training and chief residency at Beth Israel Hospital through the Harvard University System. He later completed a nephrology fellowship and a Master of Health Administration degree at the University of Washington.

As an educator, Dr. Durvasula has served as associate professor of medicine for the UW Division of Nephrology and as an adjunct associate professor for the Department of Health Services. Dr. Durvasula is recognized for his dedication to the field of nephrology and for his many initiatives that advance patient care, safety, and health.

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With Ultra-low Rates, Should You Still Invest in Bonds?

If you've been investing for many years and you've owned bonds, you've seen some pretty big changes on your financial statements. In 2000, the average yield on a 10-year U.S. Treasury security was about 6%; in 2010, it had dropped to slightly over 3%, and for most of 2020, it was less than 1%. That's an enormous difference, and it may lead you to this question: With yields so low on bonds, why should you even consider them?

Of course, while the 10-year Treasury note is an important benchmark, it doesn't represent the returns on any bonds you could purchase. Typically, longer-term bonds, such as those that mature in 20 or 30 years, pay higher rates to account for inflation and to reward you for locking up your money for many years. But the same downward trend can be seen in these longer-term bonds, too – in 2020, the average 30-year Treasury bond yield was only slightly above 1.5%.

Among other things, these numbers mean that investors of 10 or 20 years ago could have gotten some reasonably good income from investment-grade bonds. But today, the picture is different. (Higher-yield bonds, sometimes known as "junk" bonds, can offer more income but carry a higher risk of default.)

Nonetheless, while rates are low now, you may be able to employ a strategy that can help you in any interest-rate environment. You can build a bond "ladder" of individual bonds that mature on different dates. When market interest rates are low, you'll still have your longer-term bonds earning higher yields (and long-term yields, while fluctuating, are expected to rise in the future). When interest rates rise, your maturing bonds can be reinvested at these new, higher levels. Be sure you evaluate whether a bond ladder and the securities held within it are consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances.

Furthermore, bonds can provide you with other benefits. For one thing, they can help diversify your portfolio, especially if it's heavily weighted toward stocks. Also, stock and bond prices often (although not always) move in opposite directions, so if the stock market goes through a down period, the value of your bonds may rise. And bonds are usually less volatile than stocks, so they can have a "calming" effect on your portfolio. Plus, if you hold your bonds until maturity, you will get your entire principal back (providing the bond issuer doesn't default, which is generally unlikely if you own investment-grade bonds), so bond ownership gives you a chance to preserve capital while still investing.

But if the primary reason you have owned bonds is because of the income they offer, you may have to look elsewhere during periods of ultra-low interest rates. For example, you could invest in dividend-paying stocks. Some stocks have long track records of increasing dividends, year after year, giving you a potential source of rising income. (Keep in mind, though, that dividends can be increased, decreased or eliminated at any time.) Be aware, though, that stocks are subject to greater risks and market movements than bonds.

Ultimately, while bonds may not provide the income they did a few years ago, they can have a place in a long-term investment strategy. Consider how they might fit into yours.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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Before investing in bonds, you should understand the risks involved, including credit risk and market risk. Bond investments are also subject to interest rate risk such that when interest rates rise, the prices of bonds can decrease, and the investor can lose principal value if the investment is sold prior to maturity.



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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6

10:53 pm, Chadwick Ct.

Requesting call. Calling on behalf of mother, advising mother is possibly being scammed online. Advising mother sent lewd photographs to male subject who is threatening to send the pictures out on Facebook if he doesn't receive money.

THURSDAY, JAN. 7

8:57 am, SR 525

On Mutiny Bay Road black Mazda with wood side panels bounced against guard rail near Coupeville.

10:16 am, Taylor Rd.

At approximately 2:30 this morning, reporting party saw people walking around carrying flags "Trump 2020 and confederate flags;" approximately three people reporting party could see; states they were walking around for approximately 20 minutes before they left.

12:50 pm, Patmore Rd.

Advising 30 minutes ago, reporting party's dog attacked another dog. Advising gave other owner false information. Requesting correct information be given if owner calls.

7:02 pm, Cove View Cir.

Reporting party advising she was followed

home by subject who yelled at her and accused her of speeding; claimed to have pictures of her. Occurred around 4 p.m.

10:50 pm, Ducken Rd.

Caller states "I just got assaulted," then stated "I don't know if I want to report it yet but I got assaulted," then disconnected.

FRIDAY, JAN. 8

7:09 am, Anthes Ave.

Near courtyard with colorful buildings, possibly 1st Street near Chamber of Commerce building, caller states someone was vaping something this morning that reporting party inhaled when jogging by. Was strong menthol smell. Unknown if drug or flavored tobacco. States still lingering on her tongue. Not feeling ill and denied aid.

8:16 am, Taylor Rd.

Reporting party advising on Taylor Road there is a mattress in middle of road. Tried to move it but it's heavy and all wet.

9:58 am, Summit Blvd.

Reporting party advising male came to location to pick up Facebook Market Place purchase. Ran over mailboxes when he left.

10:53 am, Nubian Way

Reporting party states hasn't had contact yet from law enforcement. Started giving names of persons he states died in federal prison when asked for phone number. Caller then disconnected. Reporting party recalling, reporting people are going to die in federal prison.

11:13 am, SR 525

Reporting party advising female dancing in road. Worried she will get hit.

7:47 pm, Sun Vista Cir.

Advising someone just ran over reporting party's mailboxes. Neighbor's son saw vehicle and said it was a Honda Civic with blue rims on tires.

SATURDAY, JAN. 9

12:18 am, N Main St.

Reporting party advising subject bolted out of the ambulance still wearing hospital gown, heading toward Main St.

2:29 am, Cedar View Dr.

Reporting party advising ongoing issue of people harassing him at home; reporting party advising there are people on his roof, talking and causing him discomfort; advising he is not at home now; he didn't want to call from home, they hear and leave until law enforcement leaves.

9:40 am, S Main St.

Caller advising there are about six guys in field at location shooting; states it is scary; they are out there with two white trucks. States she went outside to fill her bird feeders and the men yelled at her.

8:13 pm, SW Erie St.

Reporting party states customer walked out with bags. Another male subject tried to stop them stealing the bags and got pepper sprayed. States it was another customer.

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

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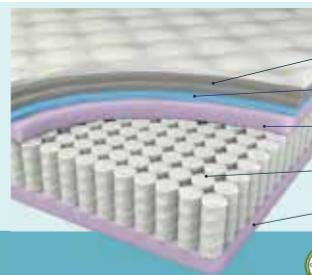
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Health officials ask for patience during vexing vaccine situation

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

High demand, low supply.

That pretty much sums up the situation when it comes to the COVID-19 vaccine. For those eligible to get their vaccine, there are difficulties on several fronts – finding where to get it, scheduling an appointment, having appointments canceled, trying to reschedule, trying to get the second dose – the vaccine rollout is, in a word, vexing.

Washington state has opened four mass vaccination centers to get more people vaccinated faster. Because of the need at those centers, more than a third of the incoming vaccine supply received last week was diverted to those centers, meaning less vaccine was received by individual counties. That shortfall in vaccine doses led to the cancellation of appointments at WhidbeyHealth and at Island Drug, the two approved vaccine providers on Whidbey Island.

Officials from the state level on down said it is simply a matter of demand outweighing the supply, but they also said there is reason to be hopeful.

“The federal government was previously providing updates to states with one week’s notice on what their allocations would be...and they initially told us our allocations would be much higher than they wound up being,” Mike Faulk, deputy communications director for Gov. Jay Inslee, said in an email. “[Last] week, the Biden administration told us allocations would be increasing 16 percent and that we would receive a guaranteed minimum notice of what we would be receiving for three weeks. This change from one week’s notice to three weeks’ notice makes planning and distribution a lot smoother.”

There are currently 1.7 million Washington residents who qualify to get the vaccine. As of last week, the state is receiving 100,000 doses per week of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines combined. That’s simply not enough to meet the current demand, regardless of how much vaccine is diverted to the mass vaccination centers.

“No matter where we direct these resources it will not be enough for any one community, regardless of whether it’s a high-density urban area or an isolated rural community,” Faulk said. “Right now the state is trying to distribute resources all over the state to build the infrastructure for the mass vaccination effort that will hit full steam later in the spring and summer.”

A spokesman for the State Department of Health told *Whidbey Weekly* via email that vaccines must go to those most at risk first and to where demand is the highest.

“Sometimes that means we have to move vaccine from one facility to another, or maybe send it to a mass vaccination clinic,” said Shelby Anderson, a public information officer for DOH. “This may mean your appointment gets rescheduled, or you aren’t able to get an appointment quickly. That is difficult, but while we have more people wanting and needing the vaccine now than we do number of vaccines, many of us will have to keep dealing with this. Please be patient and

know that while you may not get the vaccine today, you will get it soon.”

The uncertainty of how many doses of vaccine will be received has made it extremely hard for local providers to schedule appointments with any kind of certainty.

“Due to past experiences over the last few weeks, we do not have expectations for the allocation delivery,” said Conor O’Brien, WhidbeyHealth marketing manager. “We have requested enough combined doses of prime and booster vaccines to meet our capacity of up to 200 vaccination doses distributed per day. We are in the unfortunate position of not being able to provide the specific vaccine dose information until the vaccine is physically delivered and in our hands. To avoid potential cancellations or postponements we will only be making appointments available based on the number of vaccine doses we receive.”

Still more questions surround the ability to get the second dose of vaccine needed to achieve the best immunity. Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two doses – 21 days after the first shot for the Pfizer vaccine and 28 days for Moderna. Health officials say there is enough vaccine to ensure everyone will receive their second dose, they just can’t say with certainty where people will have to get it.

“We are committed to ensuring there is a second dose of COVID-19 vaccine for everyone who gets their first dose,” Anderson said. “We realize finding a location for a second dose can be frustrating. If you are unable to return to the place where you received your first dose of vaccine, please check the vaccine location list on the DOH website for additional sites as it changes frequently. We are working to provide vaccine in multiple locations to improve access.”

There is also a small bit of wiggle room with the timing of the second dose, should one not be able to get it at exactly the 21- or 28-day mark, depending on which vaccine was administered.

“There is some variance allowed for both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines in regard to when the second dose is administered,” said O’Brien. “The vaccine manufacturers do allow for a minimal plus or minus on the administration of the second dose; three days plus or minus from the 21 to 28 day mark is allowable without known adverse reactions or diminishing results of the vaccine is the guidance provided.”

Anderson gave an even larger window for receiving the second dose.

“If you are not able to get a second dose appointment following the recommended interval, the second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines may be scheduled for administration up to six weeks, or 42 days, after the first dose,” she said. “There is currently limited data on efficacy of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines administered beyond this window.”

Once again, it comes down to supply and demand.

“There have been allocation and distribution challenges with Pfizer throughout the country,” O’Brien said. “Like the others,



Demand for the COVID-19 vaccine is high, but there’s not enough to meet the need. Health officials are asking people to practice patience as kinks the system are worked out.

we have requested an allocation of Pfizer booster doses to ensure that we are able to administer the dose to those who have received their prime dose. We projected that those looking to receive their booster of Pfizer after Feb. 12 would need to seek vaccine elsewhere, but in this constantly changing environment, we may be allocated Pfizer doses – we’re just unsure at this point until we physically receive the vaccine.”

Whidbey Weekly reached out to Island County Public Health Director Keith Higman last week regarding how the state’s reallocation of vaccine has impacted the amount of vaccine received in Island County, but we did not receive a response. However, in a Facebook live presentation last week, Higman told viewers the county is receiving approximately 1,200 doses per week. Higman said he believes the frustration and confusion surrounding the vaccine are problems that will be resolved and there will be opportunities for all those wanting the vaccine will get it.

“Please, please don’t take your frustration out on the people right now who are trying to help you,” he said. “They’re trying to get vaccine into your arm and they’re trying to provide you protection.”

“Let’s just be patient,” Higman continued. “We will have vaccine. It will come. We will all have access to it at some point in the future. It’s something none of us can control. We aren’t the pharmaceutical companies producing this vaccine and getting it out to the world. We have no control over that system. So we’re just gonna be patient, think good thoughts, stay healthy, get some exercise and pay attention to the news and information we send out that hopefully will let you know when it’s going to be easier to access COVID vaccine in Island County.”

To find out whether you are eligible to receive a vaccine, go to [FindYourPhaseWA.org](https://www.findyourphases.wa.gov). If you’re not eligible now, it will let you know when you are and will let you know who the vaccine providers are in your area. For other information and updates on the COVID vaccine, visit [doh.wa.gov](https://www.doh.wa.gov), [island-county.wa.gov](https://www.island-county.wa.gov), [whidbeyhealth.org](https://www.whidbeyhealth.org) and [islanddrug.com/pages/covidvaccine/](https://www.islanddrug.com/pages/covidvaccine/).

ROADMAP TO RECOVERY:

Some regions move to Phase 2

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The state’s latest effort to speed an economic recovery in the wake of COVID-19 has received another update since Healthy Washington’s Roadmap to Recovery was implemented Jan. 6.

At a press conference last week, Gov. Jay Inslee announced two regions – the West and Puget Sound regions – would move to Phase 2 as of Monday. Inslee also announced other changes based on information from public health partners and the increasing number of vaccinations being given.

“We are getting closer to finding our way out of this mess, but we aren’t there yet,” Inslee said. “We have sacrificed too much to let our frustrations get the best of us now when the finish line is in sight, however distant that may seem in our field of vision.”

Under the revised guidelines, regions will now have to meet just three out of four metrics to move to Phase 2, as opposed to having to meet all four. Those metrics include a decreasing trend in cases, hospital admissions, positive test rates and the percentage of ICU occupancy. Regions must continue to meet three of the four metrics to remain in Phase 2.



As of Monday, two of the state’s nine regions in the Healthy Washington Roadmap to Recovery have moved into Phase 2. Gov. Jay Inslee made changes to the criteria needed to move into Phase 2 and also the length of time between Department of Health reviews for eligibility.

“The fact that these two regions are moving into Phase 2 is encouraging news,” said Dr. Umair A. Shah, secretary of health. “As we continue our community efforts, we hope more such progress will be made. Ultimately our goal remains ensuring the health and safety of all of Washington.”

The governor also announced a change to the timeframe of each phase. All regions will now be evaluated every two weeks rather than every week.

Island County, along with San Juan, Whatcom and Skagit Counties, make up the North region. As of Monday evening, the North region was meeting just two of the four metrics.

BUYER'S CLUB continued from page 2

Flack said the launch of the club early in the year will allow local growers, gardeners and farmers to prepare for the upcoming season. Flack also said the Buyer’s Club provides a chance to encourage more people to get involved with agriculture and promote a more resilient food system for Whidbey’s more isolated island community. He said the effects of COVID-19 could be seen in the traditional supply chain for certain items this year.

“We also have an opportunity with COVID because I think most people are realizing that the system as it is, is really fragile,” he said. “It is a big, heavy supply chain and it is not very flexible and it is not very resilient and if you break one link, the whole thing sort of just stops. I think what we are trying to create here on Whidbey is like a spider web. We want a bunch of people producing and we want to be getting things from a bunch of different places and as close to us as possible and so that way, one or two interruptions here or there, we are not going to stop everyone on Whidbey.”

Perron said WIGC looks forward to expanding the Buyer’s Club and hopes for more participation as time goes on.

“I cannot wait to see where we are in six months, I cannot wait to see where we are in a year,” she said. “This could just be something that is really incredible.”

Flack said WIGC plans to support the growth of the Buyer’s Club and to expand services offered by the cooperative.

“Long-range, the co-op’s plan and the goals are to have a retail co-op grocery store like the Skagit Food Co-op and to have hopefully even more services, like maybe a commercial kitchen space, or maybe commercial storage space for co-op members,” he said. “The sky’s the limit as far as I am concerned.”

For more information, visit [whidbeyislandgrown.com](https://www.whidbeyislandgrown.com). For questions about the WIGC Buyer’s Club and order placement, contact Elyse at buyersclub@whidbeyislandgrown.com or 860-805-4767.



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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.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below

Cost: Free

Books2Movies: "The Martian" by Andy Weir

Friday, February 19, 2:00PM

Zoom meeting

Which do you like better, the book or the movie? 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: "The Martian" by Andy Weir. Six days ago, astronaut Mark Watney became one of the first people to walk on Mars. Now, he's sure he'll be the first person to die there. To receive a Zoom invitation, please register. An email address is required.

<https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/events/>

Galleries & Art Shows

Color to Drive Away the Winter Blues

February 1 - 28

Rob Schouten Gallery, Langley

Included in the month's exhibit is some extraordinary fine art glass including hand-blown, sculpted and fused glass, handmade jewelry, fine sculptures, and original paintings in a variety of styles and mediums. You'll also

find beautifully crafted wood work, ceramics and fiber art, witty assemblages and a wide array of other beautiful art objects sure to bring delight.

'Love in the Time of Covid'

Thursday through Monday, 11:00AM-4:00PM

Whidbey Art Gallery, Langley

Shop for anything, big and small, from paintings to sculptures, not to mention jewelry and pottery, with a greeting card to go with it. Brighten up your own space with a new wall piece.

Meetings & Organizations

Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers (WIGS)

Tuesday, February 16, 1:00PM

Zoom meeting

Lisa Oberg presents "Finding Your Female Ancestors." Learn how to identify maiden names and how your female ancestors lived. All are invited to join, please sign in 10 minutes early. Non-WIGS members wishing to attend, send an email to whidbeygensearchers@gmail.com no later than Feb 14.

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

How to Take Control of the Vessel in Case of Emergency

Saturday, February 6, 10:00AM-12:00PM

Zoom meeting

Whidbey and Fidalgo island boaters are invited to a free seminar, Partners in Command, designed to assist first mates and other less-experienced crew members to take control of

a vessel in the event of disability or an emergency with the skipper. The seminar will be presented by the Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron. The seminar covers: starting the engine, stopping the engine/dropping the sails, emergency use of the VHF marine radio, anchoring, handling onboard emergencies, and returning the boat to a dock. For the ZOOM sign-in information and instructions, please contact Steve Pye at stphnpye@aol.com or 360-540-2244.

Learn to Confidently Pilot a Boat

Wednesday, February 10, 6:00-8:00PM

Zoom courses

Registration is now open for America's Boating Club Boat Handling Course, intended for newer recreational boaters who have completed a basic boating class and want to gain more knowledge, skill, and confidence to boat safely. Offered by the Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron, the seven-week class will be offered virtually.

Boat Handling covers these topics:

- Rules of the Road: A Practical Approach
- Confidence in Docking and Undocking: Slow-Speed Maneuvering
- Boating with Confidence: Handling Your Boat Under Way
- Anchoring with Assurance: Don't Get Carried Away
- Emergencies on Board: Preparation for Handling Common Problems
- Knots and Line Handling: The Knots You Need to Know

The cost is \$60 for squadron members, \$110 for nonmembers. Please contact Steve Pye at stphnpye@aol.com or 360-540-2244. Zoom sign-in information will be emailed prior to class-start date.

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FUTURE READINESS

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Examples of levy supported services, not a comprehensive list.

More information available on our website. www.ohsd.net/levy

Life Tributes

LISA KIMBERLY HARRELD



Lisa Kimberly Harreld, passed away Jan. 10, 2021 to become another sparkle of stardust in the universe. The daughter of Richard and Patricia Evans was born in San Diego, Calif., April 25, 1966. She entered this world "a natural" at compassion and nurturing, which would eventually lead her to be the poster child for cat ladies.

Lisa felt her greatest achievement in life was her beautiful family and friends. She would halt the world to make sure they felt loved in simply showing there was always time for crafts, puzzles, and the outdoors.

Lisa had a knack for helping people slow down to see the big picture, even though she craved the speed of Nascar. Lisa Kimberly Harreld apologetically leaves behind, her mother and best friend, Patricia Evans; husband, James Harreld; three siblings, Jack, Steve, and Pamela Evans; her three blessed children, Kristen, Courtney, and Jack Turner; and two beloved grandchildren, Kiara and Aviana Moore.

If anyone would like to reach out to the family, an email is kindly appreciated to Kstone7@yahoo.com. Family and friends are also encouraged to share memories and condolences at www.whidbey-memorial.com.

MICHAEL ALLEN HAY



It is with almost unbearable sadness his family announces Mike's passing. He passed from this life in his sleep Jan. 10, 2021, after a short but intense battle with cancer.

Michael Allen Hay, or "Mike," was the first of the 12 Hay children to be born in Seattle. That took place Nov. 5, 1959, just three months after his mother, father, and seven brothers and sisters moved to Seattle from South Bend, Ind., in a 1957 Chevrolet towing a U-Haul trailer. Four more Hay siblings were born after Mike. The Hays lived in Montlake, at the foot of Capitol Hill, and were all active participants in the Hiller experience.

Mike was a respected athlete throughout grade school and high school. He attended St. Joseph's Elementary School and Seattle Preparatory High School (San Matteo Ricci Program). There was no sport he did not excel at; he was a natural. He was an exceptional soccer player.

A redhead with a redhead's temper, Mike was always passionate about his beliefs, especially his Catholicism. He was proud – and humbled – to perform the duties of deacon at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Coupeville up until the day the novel coronavirus closed the church to services.

As a little boy, Mike could not pronounce his r's. When his favorite song came on, he would not fail to belt it out. It came out as "Wamblin' Wose." He also had a ratty old blanky he would tie around his neck and become Supewman – again, with no "r" in the word. We lived on a very busy street with four lanes of traffic, night and day. One day Mike put his cape on and jumped into the road right in front of oncoming traffic with his "man of steel" stance: arm out straight, palm facing the cars, cape blowing out behind him in the wind. One of his sisters jumped into the street, lifted him up and whisked him to safety – barely.

Mike helped people. He helped many, many of his fellow parishioners with house and yard work over the years he lived on Whidbey Island. He volunteered for years at the Careage rest and rehabilitation home, where he was famous for calling bingo each week. He was also a natural mechanic. Mike could look at any kind of machine and figure out what made it work – or not work. He never failed to get the broken fixed and running smoothly: it was one of his gifts. A sister-in-law tells us Mike fixed up a car and gifted it to her and our brother Greg as a wedding present. She says they didn't have any way to go on a honeymoon until Mike stepped up.

Mike was especially popular with his nieces and nephews, most notably, perhaps, with his sister Mary's children, Zachary and Ariel, and his sister Angela's daughter, Rachel. He is survived by 32 nieces and nephews and 10 of his brothers and sisters: Greg (Linda), Mark, Judy (Frank), Kathy (David), Toni (Gerald), Barbara (Jim), Christopher (April), Jeff, Mary, and Patrick (Damaris). His sister Angela predeceased him.

The family also wishes to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who donated to Mike's GoFundMe campaign. Your donations made his final days much more comfortable and stress-free.

Goodbye Mike. We will think of you and tell stories about you for the remainder of all of the days we have left to us.

The family requests any financial donations be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 207 North Main Street, Coupeville, WA 98239, in Mike's name.

ROBERT JAMES PHILLIPS



Robert James Phillips passed away in his home Jan. 14, 2021 after a two-year battle with pancreatic cancer. He was surrounded by his closest family and friends in his final days before his passing.

Robert (Bob) was born in Glasgow, Mont., to Clarence and Elizabeth Phillips and raised in Richland, Mont. Once he turned 18, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served 22.5 years, reaching status of Senior Chief by the time of his retirement. Robert had an immense love for woodworking, his local gun club, reading and visiting his home state of Montana.

He was a true gentleman, a beautiful and amazing human being who always took care of others before himself. He will be sorely missed by family, friends and neighbors.

Robert is survived by his wife of 41 years, Mi Jung; his daughter, Natasha (Todd) LeBlanc; and grandchildren Lane LeBlanc and Rowyn LeBlanc.

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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 we cry out to you, for you are the all knowing and the everywhere God. In times like these we fear who we are, where we are and what we do. Life offers challenges before us that we have not seen and things we have not heard, so we walk in fear. Thank you, Lord, for you said it in your word that you would "never leave us or forsake us." Lord we pray for your loving arms to be around us, to help us with our unbelief and our fear.

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"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"



Psalm 27:1





WARMER WATERS

What could permanent, warmer saltwater temperatures along the Pacific Coast of Washington and in the Puget Sound do to our historic salmon fishing? If you ask most scientists and biologists what their number one cause of continuous low Pacific Salmon returns would be, I would put my money on them saying "poor ocean conditions." One of the biggest variables scientists cite is the average water temperature of the Pacific Ocean off the Washington coast and up into southern Alaska is on the rise. This increase in temperature could cause the Pacific salmon to drastically change their migration and spawning habits to seek out colder water, maybe even to the point our nearby waters will no longer support salmon.

I don't buy into the whole global warming thing; Mother Nature is much too powerful and cyclic to even begin to think we human beings have that much influence over her. However, let's imagine for a moment Mother Nature continues to warm things up around the Puget Sound for the next 50 to 75 years and the average water temperature becomes 68 degrees Fahrenheit instead of the normal 55 degrees. The lion's share of salmon would be forced to remain in the far northern Pacific and be limited to far northern rivers to spawn in; we hard core salmon fishermen would be forced to move far north with them. So what would this leave us to fish for here in the Washington area if all five species of salmon are no longer around or almost non-existent?

Enter the Channel Islands off the coast of California. This small group of islands 90 miles due West of Long Beach would be a good example of a warmer Puget Sound. Its average sea temperature is around 68 degrees Fahrenheit; the island's plant and sea life would be most likely what we would encounter on our fishing trips. Coffee-colored kelp forests and other sea floor vegetation would be very similar to what we already have in the Puget Sound. Bottom dwellers like starfish, sea cucumbers, sea anemones and barnacles would continue to be present. What about the fish? Well, it's not all doom and gloom. We would have an increase in the rockfish population, the warmer water would shorten the time for fish to grow into adulthood, the great lingcod would still be here and the powerful halibut would still be in the area. Halibut would most likely be more concentrated in deeper, colder water but the chance to catch and eat a giant flatfish would still be ours.

So far, other than no salmon to speak of, which seems at present day we are already getting used to, things would appear to be relatively the same; but hold on, here are some of the new warm water fishes:



White Sea Bass, or white weakfish: Hard-fighting and excellent table fare. They average over 20 pounds and can grow to over 5 feet and over 90 pounds.

Yellow Tail or mossback: A member of the Amberjack family and a fantastic game

fish, highly prized as table fare. Average schooling fish are between 12 and 20 pounds but can grow to 40 pounds.



Barracuda: This sharp-toothed fish is fierce and beautiful. It has been said barracuda are not edible, however the non-tropical fish are okay. Keep this fish whole, avoiding the stomach area; use a rolling pin and beat the flesh into mush, then cut off the tail and use the rolling pin to roll the loosened, tenderized flesh out, remove any loose bones and you can make some of the best fish cakes you've ever had.



Pacific mackerel: This 5 to 10 pound fish has dark meat and has a variety of uses, from human consumption to pet food and bait for other fish. Hickory smoked mackerel is wonderful with an ice cold beer.

Sheephead: Sheephead are a large member of the wrasse family; they grow to 30 pounds, and are good eating.



Albacore tuna: These fat, little, tasty footballs can be caught out of Westport, Wash., at an average range of 50 to 75 miles; this is where the warm southern current flows. Imagine these incredible fish at 5 to 10 miles out or caught from the shore.

Am I ready to trade a 15 to 25 pound Chinook salmon in for any of the newcomers? Not on your life. But if you listen to some scientific groups, they say warmer oceans are inevitable and we are the cause. While there is still plenty of cold water in the Sound and an abundance of spawning habitat, the state of Washington needs to realize our salmon need help to recover NOW! If the state sits back and waits for nature to try and do it herself, our children may see or even begin to look forward to the days when Yellowtail and White Sea Bass numbers surpass salmon numbers here in the Puget Sound. Personally, and for all salmon fishermen's sake, I hope to heaven not.

Saltwater salmon is still closed and winter steelhead opportunities are few and far between as well. I've got my fingers crossed we will get a big run of salmon this summer and they help bring us out of the "no-fish-funk" - we have all been going through. Stay safe walking the riverbanks and lakeshores, and GOOD LUCK FISHING!

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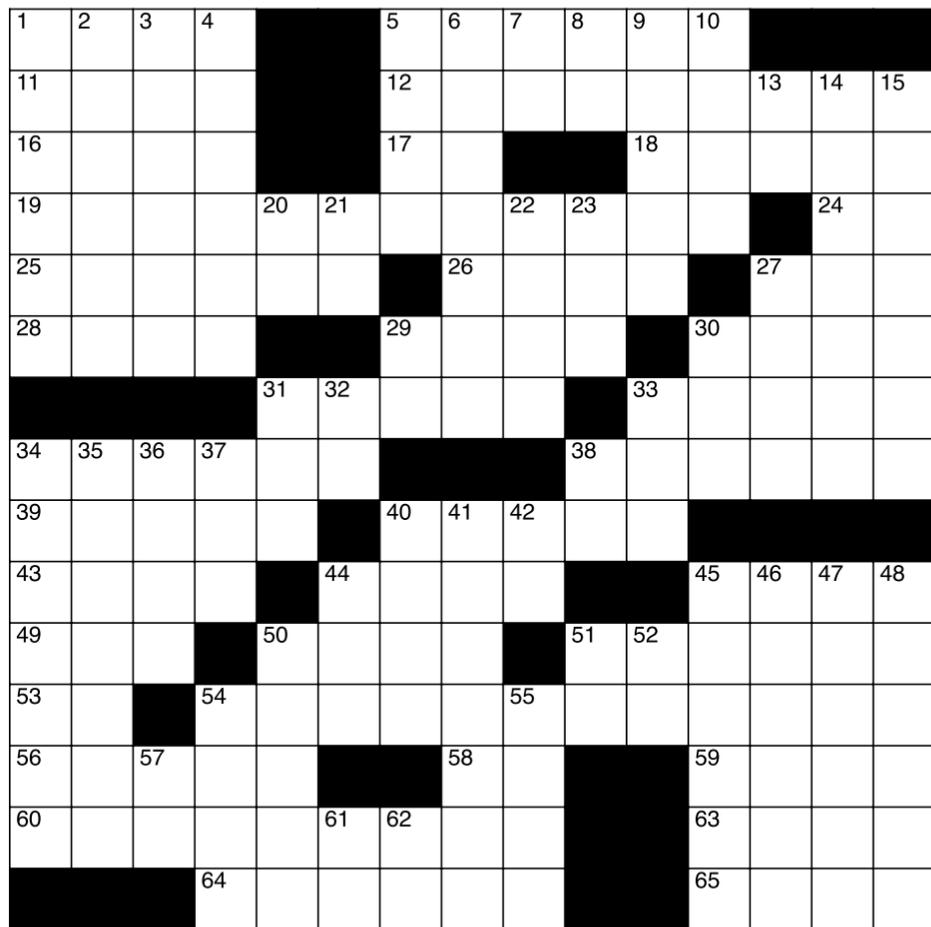
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Ancient Persian city
- 5. Spindles
- 11. Stake
- 12. Retrain
- 16. Close by
- 17. Commercial
- 18. One who publicly announces
- 19. American ballplayer
- 24. Junior's father
- 25. Go up or climb
- 26. Concern
- 27. When you hope to get there
- 28. Iacocca and Oswald are two
- 29. Plant of the lily family
- 30. Male college organization
- 31. National capital
- 33. Raccoonlike animal
- 34. Symbols of fertility
- 38. Astronomy unit
- 39. Series of ridges in anatomy
- 40. Hebrew leader
- 43. A portent of good or evil
- 44. Supreme goddess
- 45. Gelatinous substance
- 49. Engage in a contest
- 50. Famed ballplayer Ruth

- 51. Pledge
- 53. ___, denotes past
- 54. Revival
- 56. Spanish surname
- 58. Gold
- 59. Elsa's sister
- 60. Workplace
- 63. Large quantity of something
- 64. Engraved
- 65. Discount

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Shoe
- 2. Disquiet
- 3. Posture
- 4. Large nests
- 5. Soviet "Second Symphony" composer
- 6. Joins two pipes of different diameter
- 7. Exist
- 8. Overdose
- 9. Pleat of fabric
- 10. Predict the future
- 13. Burgeoning technology
- 14. Having made a valid will
- 15. Having no fixed course
- 20. ___ route
- 21. Lethal dose
- 22. Indian musical pattern of notes

- 23. Athlete
- 27. Geological times
- 29. Atomic #21
- 30. In support of
- 31. Brew
- 32. Certificate of insurance
- 33. Taxi
- 34. Type of saying
- 35. For cigars
- 36. Phil ___, former CIA
- 37. Local area network
- 38. Gym class
- 40. Philippine Island
- 41. Not great or bad
- 42. Eastern part of NY state
- 44. Gov't lawyers
- 45. Constructions
- 46. Former British gold coin
- 47. Unkeyed
- 48. Rechristen
- 50. Threaten persistently
- 51. Southeast
- 52. Cools your home
- 54. Removes the leaves
- 55. Regretted
- 57. Thus
- 61. Relief organization (abbr.)
- 62. Exclamation of surprise

Answers on page 11

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

<p>Thurs, Feb. 4 North Isle H-48°/L-40° Showers Possible</p> <p>South Isle H-44°/L-40° Showers Possible</p>	<p>Fri, Feb. 5 North Isle H-44°/L-35° Mostly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-44°/L-35° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>Sat, Feb. 6 North Isle H-43°/L-34° Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-44°/L-33° Cloudy</p>	<p>Sun, Feb. 7 North Isle H-44°/L-35° Partly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-45°/L-35° Partly Sunny</p>	<p>Mon, Feb. 8 North Isle H-45°/L-35° Showers Possible Windy</p> <p>South Isle H-45°/L-35° Showers Possible Windy</p>	<p>Tues, Feb. 9 North Isle H-44°/L-34° Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-44°/L-35° Cloudy</p>	<p>Wed, Feb. 10 North Isle H-45°/L-34° Showers Possible</p> <p>South Isle H-46°/L-34° Showers Possible</p>
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CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

ARIES (March 21-April 19)



Dominance displays are nature's way of settling disputes amicably. The bull moose with the bigger rack of antlers takes command of the harem without a fight. But what happens when those racks are equal? Battle royale. Death for one or both is not uncommon. The human parallels include a couple of world wars. What's your personal criteria for judging dominance? Have you evolved beyond our species as a whole?

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



Juggling has long been a test of human performance. An Egyptian painting of women juggling is nearly 4,000 years old. Do not think juggling is only about keeping eyes on the ball. Zak McAllister juggles BBB, blind behind the back. His throws are timed by the feel of the ball hitting his elbow and sliding downward to the wrist. Impressive. But the ultimate test? KJM. Kids, job, marriage. That's some serious juggling.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



Is it possible to know too much? At first blush, the idea seems ridiculous. Like being too virtuous or too beautiful, knowing too much must surely be impossible. Not only is it possible, say serious thinkers, but the bad effects of knowing too much are widespread. So, where is the harm? The harm, say those same thinkers, is in knowing too much that is not true. Knowing that, you're well on the way to not knowing too much.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)



Is there a day of the week you can't get the hang of? For Arthur Dent, in *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, it was Thursday. His home was bulldozed, Earth was destroyed, and Arthur found himself a stowaway on a passing spaceship, all on a Thursday. Arthur's only lament was that he could never get the hang of Thursdays. If there's a day you haven't mastered, don't fret. Most of us are in a similar boat. Or maybe a spaceship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



Hershey, Pennsylvania, is a state of mind as much as it is a place. From its location in dairy country to the names of its streets, Hershey lives up to its motto, "The Sweetest Place on Earth." Rivalry plays no role. When a former Hershey employee, H.B. Reese invented the Peanut Butter Cup in his basement, he happily built his factory alongside Hershey's, and both companies thrived. Might such fellowship in your own life prove as sweet?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



When Auguste Rodin sculpted his famous statue, *The Thinker*, his inspiration was the Divine Comedy and its themes of the afterlife. But what, exactly, was Rodin's torment? A means of deciphering the undecipherable? Of fathoming the unfathomable? His own handwriting on a

hastily jotted grocery list, perhaps? When everything you know and trust fails to give answers, there's always Chinese carry-out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



Projects come in many shapes and sizes. They can be big or small. Lean and mean, or soft and inviting. Some projects are simple, some complex. Some are cooperative; others, less so. Compatibility is critical. Hooking up with a project with which you are not compatible is one definition of disaster. Do projects begin to sound almost human? That's because some projects are human. So be kind to your project. Maybe it will be kind to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



From Homer's *Odyssey*: "If you serve too many masters, you will soon suffer." From scripture: No servant can serve two masters . . ." From da Vinci: "One can have no greater or smaller mastery than mastery of oneself." Do you see it? The hunger active across all of history? It's still active today. The hunger to be your own master. To pen your own history. Decide your own future. How's your progress?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



The Chinese have a saying: "More friends, more roads." This translates to more emotional support and more options in times of difficulty. If more is better, why is the average social network less than 150 people? Memory, say researchers. Few people can effectively process more than 150 names and faces. One solution is quantity vs. quality. Would you rather have 100 pennies or one silver dollar?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



"FRIENDSHIP, n. A ship big enough to carry two in fair weather, but only one in foul." (Ambrose Bierce, *The Unabridged Devil's Dictionary*.) Fair weather friends. They're happy to share the sunshine with you, but vanish quickly when skies grow dark. It's then that you learn who is your friend, and who never was. Today's friendly forecast? Storm clouds come and go. Friends are friends always.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



Ask any builder. A renovation project will tax one's ingenuity more surely than new construction. What's that mean to you? As the builder of your life, it means plenty. Do you aspire to be more tomorrow than you are today? That's renovation! You must change something about yourself, or you'll remain exactly as you are. Where to begin? You're the builder. Try using your ingenuity!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



The going rate for a child's lost tooth was \$3.70 in 2013. Payable by the tooth fairy, of course. Eight percent of children found a \$5 bill or more under their pillow. Three percent found \$1 or less. It gets worse. For the demographic that has graduated from selling its teeth to buying them, the top one percent owns half the world's wealth. Economic disparity is no joke. Where does it stop? The same place it begins. Under the pillow.

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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.



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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 important 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.

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@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.ziemer@islandcountywa.gov If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, look no further! When you

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