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ON TRACK

With Jim Freeman



While at the post office drop box today, a friend stopped by to tell me his pandemic-postponed knee replacement surgery was scheduled for next month.

"I asked the doctor what caused knee replacements."

The doc's answer, "Birthdays."

Adolescent humor

Our five-year young granddaughter Malia remarked last week that I had spider webs in my nose. So much for being taller than she is.

Our almost three-year young granddaughter was watching me do my stretching exercises.

"What are you doing?" she asked with a look of youthful concern.

Looking up from my high hurdle stretch, I responded, "I'm trying to touch my nose to my knee. It is hard to do."

Without missing a beat, Ariana quipped, "It is not that hard."

She then proceeded to lean over to touch my knee with her nose.

No mask needed

To celebrate my birthday next month, Grandma treated me to dinner at Blue 32, a local Gilbert, Ariz., restaurant with enough televisions to satisfy any sports fan.

We were both masked up. Upon entering, we noticed we were the only maskers. Kinda like showing up at a nude beach with clothes on.

This being my first time going indoors at an eatery in 15 months, I was a tad reluctant to sit near any table of parents and kids. Families were abundant.

Grandma and I found a socially distanced table. Our unmasked waiter immediately came over to ask for our drink order.

"A Bud draft for Grandma and a root beer for me. By the way, what does Blue 32 mean?"

"I don't know. I have only been here three weeks."

Waiter Nick, who looked to be in his early 20s, suggested the Monte Cristo and the blackened chicken chicken, a transparent name for a chicken fried steak.

It was so incredible to sit inside a huge restaurant without a mask, we thought we were doing something wrong. I kept looking for Mr. Kaufman, our high school principal. Maybe I was eating mask-less in a time tunnel?

Potential violations were not a concern for anyone but me. Nothing quite like mask-free anxiety while having a birthday dinner.

"Would you like another root beer?" asked Nick.

"I better not. I'm driving. Maybe you can get Grandma another Bud draft. This is her first night off in four years."

As it turned out, the food was incredible, as was the evening. Fortunately, the baseball game on one of the many 65-inch televisions was not the Mariners.

Mom knows

Back in Ohio during the 50s, Mom taught me a lot between my bike rides. One of her most memorable monologues concerned the impropriety of discussing politics and religion with anyone.

In light of her admonition, I offer the following information from pages 27, 28, and 29 of the 2021 Whidbey Almanac.

Oak Harbor has 36 places of worship. Coupeville has seven churches. Greenbank has one. Freeland worshipers have five choices. Langley totals eight churches. Clinton has two.

My point? Greenbank is the safest place to not talk religion.

Learned this week

Often I am told I ask too many questions. How else can one get answers?

So, this week I asked the know-it-alls, Alexa, Google and Bing, a few questions. Think of it as an internet pop quiz.

The questions:

1. Who invented the Petri dish?
2. Why is a nap called a nap?
3. How long should one nap?
4. Do horses like saddles?
5. Why is Bing named Bing?
6. Was Al Capone a good student?

The answers:

1. The Petri dish is named after German bacteriologist Julius Richard Petri. Petri worked as a military physician for the German army and was assigned to a laboratory in Berlin's Imperial Health Office in 1887.
2. Nap is from the Middle English word *nappen* or "have a short sleep," from Old English *hnappian* (Mercian *hneap-pian*) "to doze, slumber, sleep lightly," a word of unknown origin, apparently related to Old High German *hnaffezan*, German dialectal *nafzen*, Norwegian *napp*. In Middle English also "be sleepy, be inattentive or careless."
3. Keep naps short. Aim to nap for only 10 to 20 minutes. The longer you nap, the more likely you are to feel groggy afterward. However, young adults might be able to tolerate longer naps.
4. Saddles aren't bad for horses but actually benefit horses by dispersing the riders' weight. Saddles are necessary because without a saddle, the rider doesn't have a firm seat, and even a 16-year-old could feel three times heavier than her weight without a saddle.
5. Microsoft's *Bing* was reportedly code-named *Kumo*. Several Twitter users suggested an acronym based on those four letters. The people's choice: *But It's Not Google*.
6. Al Capone was known to be a good student, but he had trouble following the rules. His school life ended early, at the age of 14, because he was expelled from school for hitting his teacher in the face. He played semi-professional ball from 1916 -1918, where he met a guy who was a gangster who later became his mentor.

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Hey Mom, am I talking politics?

Missing mousetrap

If I were Erle Stanley Gardner, my next book would be *The Case of the Missing Mousetrap*.

In a 93-year-old caboose, one often needs mousetraps.

I catch most mice under the kitchen sink, so I have set two traps there.

A few days ago, I checked for new arrivals. Success! Yet, the companion catcher loaded with Skippy Natural Creamy peanut butter was missing. I searched low but not high to find no trap.

Where had it gone? How did it get moved? Who was the mover?

My curiosity stopped there.

Do I really want to know? Maybe one of the caboose ghosts was out of peanut butter.

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Bits & Pieces

Registration Open for 25th Annual Whidbey Island Triathlon Small Town Race Hosts Big Time Athletes

Registration is now open for the 25th annual Whidbey Island Triathlon. After a challenging year, where the annual event was converted to a virtual triathlon, the race director and triathlon committee are looking forward to welcoming athletes back and hosting an in-person event Saturday, July 31.

The Whidbey Island Triathlon, staged in the heart of the southern portion of breathtaking Whidbey Island, attracts all ages and abilities and is open to individual participants as well as relay team competition. It is popular in the Northwest as a first-time challenge for novice and rookie triathletes.

The swim-bike-run course starts with a half-mile swim in beautiful, clean, and clear Goss Lake. Leaving the lake on bike, participants begin the 19-mile ride through tree-lined country roads. The bike course is hilly with views of Saratoga Passage and the North Cascades. Athletes finish with a 3.75 mile run on the lovely groomed forest trails at Community Park and Sports Complex.

New to triathlons? Those new to triathlons are encouraged to test the waters by gathering a relay team. Many beginners are intimidated by the swim, so the South Whidbey Parks and Aquatics Foundation is providing open water swim clinics this summer. Details can be found at <http://swparks.org/event/7634/>.

Why do folks return to the Whidbey Island Triathlon year after year? Folks love the incredibly scenic course; the friendly volunteers; participants appreciate the fun, small-town feel of our community cheering them on, whether they're first or last; the distances are suitable for beginners while still challenging for experienced triathletes.

The competition includes age group categories, as well as "King Salmon" (men 220+ lbs and women 165+ lbs) and relay team divisions. Participants must be 16 years of age or older on race day, or request special permission four weeks in advance from the race director to participate.

The triathlon leans heavily on volunteer support to maintain a quality event. Over the course of two days, organizers will need to fill over 100 volunteer positions, from trail marshals to clean-up crew. Athletes look to volunteers for encouragement, assistance and support. Volunteers are the HEART of this event, and it couldn't be done without them. Join the South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District for a fun and rewarding experience. Volunteer sign-up: <https://signup.com/go/HowfKDj>.

For more information, contact South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District at 360-221-6788 or programs@whidbey.com.

[Submitted by Carrie Monforte, South Whidbey Parks & Recreation District]

South Whidbey Hearts & Hammers Gets Help from Boy Scout Troop 57

When you need help with a ramp for a homeowner who is challenged by Parkinson's Disease, who do you call? Boy Scout Troop 57, that's who!

South Whidbey Hearts and Hammers emergency jobs team, HEART, was pleasantly surprised when Brandon Biehler, assistant scoutmaster of Troop 57, offered his troop's services to the HEART team.

The troop met HEART team lead Ed Vernon

at the job site and managed to help get the ramp built in no time at all. While getting the job done, Biehler said he was thrilled the scouts learned how to mix and use concrete, how to assemble a lumber frame and how to attach the final decking for the ramp. Building the ramp also satisfied a community service requirement needed by Troop 57.

The HEART team, of course, was grateful to have the boys' help.

"Troop 57 was a great help. The homeowner was extremely happy we completed the job so quickly," Vernon said.

South Whidbey Hearts and Hammers (SWH&H) was forced to cancel its May 2020 and 2021 work days due to the pandemic. However, if an eligible homeowner has a need for urgent repairs that can be performed outside, please call the HEART team at 360-221-6063.

Keep updated about upcoming events for SWH&H at www.heartsandhammers.com or like them on Facebook: facebook.com/southwhidbeyheartsandhammers.

[Submitted by Patricia Duff]

Join Scouts BSA Troop 4058G

Girls age 11 and up are invited to camp, hike, kayak, backpack, bike and more while making new friends. Scouts learn outdoor and leadership skills, volunteer in the community, and can work their way to Eagle Scout, a nationally recognized achievement that can open many doors.

Scouts participate in the activities that interest them. Scouts lead the program, plan events and elect their own leadership. Adults provide mentoring, skills training, and support. Meetings are Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:00PM in Coupeville.

To learn more visit ScoutsBSA.org

Come to an activity and a meeting. Contact Troop Scoutmaster Mike Tenore at michaeltensore1@gmail.com, 206-255-8712 or Assistant Scoutmaster Heather Tenore at heathertenore@yahoo.com, 206-719-3599.

[Submitted by Karen Price]

Whidbey SAR Conducts Two Rescues In Olympic National Forest

Search and Rescue (SAR) teams from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island rescued an injured hiker near Mount Ellinor Saturday, May 22, and hikers near The Brothers Mountain, Sunday, May 23.

Both locations are in the Olympic National Forest, just west of the Hood Canal.

The SAR crew launched from NAS Whidbey Island at about 4:45PM Saturday after receiving a request to rescue a 71-year-old hiker who had fallen down a 300-foot ice chute and suffered possible leg and head injuries.

The SAR crew arrived at the location, near Mount Ellinor, just north of Lake Cushman, at about 5:05PM. The ground rescue team from Olympic Mountain Rescue was at least a five hour hike away. After about 15 minutes on station the clouds lifted enough for the helicopter to get near the patient, but the SAR crew was forced to insert two rescue crew members 800 vertical feet below the patient.

With crampons, ice axes and their litter, the two crew members took about an hour to climb up the ice shoot 800 feet to get to the patient. The SAR pilots were able to fly back to Boeing Field, refuel, and return for extraction in the time it took the crew members to reach the patient and prepare him for transport.

After being back on station for about five minutes, the SAR crew was able to get through a hole in the cloud layer to extract the two crew members, the patient and the patient's partner. The patient was taken to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle where they landed by about 7:05PM.

Sunday a SAR crew was called to rescue two hikers, one male and one female, both in their thirties, who had fallen at about 5,700-

foot elevation near The Brothers Mountain. The hikers were descending a slope when one of them lost their footing and began to slide down the mountain. The other fell as well and at one point they collided in a narrow chute before the female hiker slid toward a crevasse. The male hiker caught the female hiker, who was unresponsive at this point, and held her for as long as possible, reported as 15-20 minutes, before his grip failed and she fell into the crevasse. He was helped onto a nearby rock ledge by other hikers.

The SAR crew launched at about 2:20PM and was on station about 25 minutes later to find heavy cloud cover, forcing them to fly a holding pattern at about 7,000 feet. When an opening materialized they were able to insert two crew members, who then had to traverse the treacherous slope to the rocky ledge. The male patient was found to be physically stable.

At the crevasse edge the crew members on the ground were unable to get a vocal response from the female patient below so the SAR helicopter flew to Brinnon, Wash. to pick up three Jefferson County Search and Rescue personnel to affect a crevasse rescue. Unfortunately, when the female patient was pulled up from the crevasse she was reported deceased. She was extracted by hoist and turned over to Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in Brinnon.

Because of incoming bad weather and the sun going down the SAR crew extracted the rest of the hikers by hoist and delivered them all to Brinnon.

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island SAR has conducted ten missions this calendar year, which includes two MEDEVACs, seven rescues, and a search.

The Navy SAR unit operates three MH-60S helicopters from NAS Whidbey Island as search and rescue/medical evacuation (SAR/MEDEVAC) platforms for the EA-18G aircraft as well as other squadrons and personnel assigned to the installation. Pursuant to the National SAR Plan of the United States, the unit may also be used for civil SAR/MEDEVAC needs to the fullest extent practicable on a non-interference basis with primary military duties according to applicable national directives, plans, guidelines and agreements; specifically, the unit may launch in response to tasking by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (based on a Washington State Memorandum of Understanding) for inland missions, and/or tasking by the United States Coast Guard for all other aeronautical and maritime regions, when other assets are unavailable.

[Submitted by Mike Welding, Public Affairs Officer, NAS Whidbey Island]

Whidbey Institute Grateful for GiveBig Donors

The staff and board of the Whidbey Institute want to thank the many generous donors who made GiveBIG a success! Along with many cherished and hard-working local nonprofits, the Whidbey Institute participated in this statewide giving event in early May. Incredible donors supported Whidbey Institute with \$44,444 in donations, and gifts were matched by a \$40,000 matching fund. The team sends a special thank you to 70 Whidbey-based donors and 148 donors who live in the Puget Sound region. In total, 174 donors provided \$84,444 to care for 106 conservation forest acres and create life-changing programming for people of all ages. To explore the public access forest and learning center that your gifts to Whidbey Institute support, visit on your own or during a guided Saturday trail hike: www.whidbeyinstitute.org/ecology-nature-programs.

[Submitted by Marnie Jackson, Whidbey Institute]

Masking at WhidbeyHealth Continues

Last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that if a person has been fully vaccinated (two weeks following your second dose of Pfizer or Moderna

What to expect from a financial review

The COVID-19 pandemic may have unsettled many aspects of your life – including your financial situation. Even if your employment and earnings were not directly affected, you might have concerns about whether you've been making the right investment moves in such a stressful environment. The pandemic is, hopefully, just a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence, but different events can rattle financial markets. And changes in your own life also can affect your plans. To prepare yourself for whatever tomorrow may hold, you may want to get some professional help – but what, really, can you expect from a financial advisor?

A financial advisor will look holistically at your life – your family composition, your career, your hopes and dreams, your instincts about saving and spending money, your risk tolerance and other factors. So, during your initial meeting, and at subsequent reviews afterward, here are some of the key areas you'll discuss:

- **Feelings about your financial situation** – Numbers are important to financial advisors, but what's most meaningful to them is understanding what's important to their clients. Are you confident about your overall financial outlook? Are you worried about your cash flow? Are you distressed over volatility in the financial markets? Do you have concerns about your career? By getting at the answers to these and similar questions, a financial advisor can gain a clear sense of who you are and what matters to you. You can then follow an established process to build your personalized strategies and take the specific actions needed to achieve your goals.

- **Progress toward your goals** – It takes patience and discipline to achieve long-term goals, such as helping send your kids to college or enjoying the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned for yourself. As you save and invest for these goals over the years, you'll want to measure your progress regularly. If you seem to be falling behind, your financial advisor can suggest moves such as increasing your investments or adjusting your investment mix.

- **Changes in your family situation** – Marriage or remarriage, the arrival of new children, the departure of children for college, caregiving responsibilities for older parents – any and all of these events can make a big difference in your goals and, as a result, your investment plans. During your reviews, your financial advisor will consider these changes when making suggestions or recommendations. (Changes in your family's status may affect your estate plans, so you'll also need to work with your legal advisor or other estate-planning professional.)

- **Changes in your retirement plans** – As you near retirement, you might decide that your original plans for this time of your life no longer suit you. For example, you might have once thought that, when you retired, you would stay close to home, volunteering and pursuing your hobbies. But now you've been thinking how much you would enjoy traveling, or perhaps even living abroad for a while. To accommodate your change in plans, a financial professional may recommend certain moves, such as working a couple of years longer or adjusting the amount you eventually withdraw from your 401(k), IRA and other retirement accounts.

As you work toward your goals, you may find it challenging to navigate the financial markets and respond to the changes in your life – but you don't have to go it alone. And knowing what to expect from a financial advisor can help smooth your journey.

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vaccine or two weeks following your Johnson & Johnson vaccine dose) then you can resume pre-pandemic activities. This broad statement included activities like no longer wearing a mask or socially distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local businesses and workplace guidelines. WhidbeyHealth would like to provide the following statement and clarification to the CDC's announcement and provide guidance to our community regarding how Washington will move forward.

WhidbeyHealth Medical Center, its Primary Care, Specialty Care, Walk-In Clinics, and Emergency Medical Services will continue to require masking and maintain appropriate distancing until it publicly announces otherwise. Regardless of a person's vaccination status, WhidbeyHealth will require every individual entering its facility to submit to temperature monitoring prior to entrance, and to remain masked and socially distanced for the duration of their time seeking and receiving care. WhidbeyHealth is confident that these continued preventative measures will protect patients and staff from exposure. As a result of our community's commitment to masking, socially distancing and vaccinations, WhidbeyHealth has eased its visitor restrictions to allow entry of one support person per patient for clinical visits. Additionally, the Gift Shop and West Wind Cafe have been opened to permitted support persons. For additional information regarding WhidbeyHealth's pandemic visitor and support person policy you can find additional information here: https://whidbeyhealth.org/covid-19. WhidbeyHealth will continue to conscientiously review positive COVID case counts, rates of vaccine administration, COVID-related hospitalizations (in our county and across the State), and ICU admissions. As WhidbeyHealth looks to further ease visitor restrictions in the coming months, it will continue to need the community's support to wear masks, socially distance and get vaccinated.

Gov. Jay Inslee announced May 13, 2021, that the state is moving toward a statewide June 30 reopening date and that all counties in Washington will move to Phase 3 of the Healthy WA: Roadmap to Recovery reopening plan. "The full reopening plan could happen earlier than June 30 if 70 percent or more Washingtonians over the age of 16 initiate vaccination. Washington has currently administered vaccine to 56 percent of residents over the age of 18," Inslee stated. "Washington will fully adopt masking guidance issued by the CDC," stressing that this guidance is for fully vaccinated people only. Until June 30 or such a time as the State of Washington announces that means for limiting exposure during the pandemic is no longer required, all mask wearing, and social distancing measures remain in effect.

[Submitted by Conor O'Brien, Manager, Marketing & Community Relations, Whidbey-Health]

Local Business News

New 2021-2022 Whidbey Art Trail Visit artist's studios, galleries and sculpture parks



LaChaussée Blown Glass

The Whidbey Art Trail has reopened for the 2021-2022 season and now offers an even broader variety of participants. There are 24 stops island-wide, from sculpture parks, gallery spaces and large studios, to personal art-making spaces off the beaten track.

Studio visits are encouraged and every Whidbey Art Trail member is following COVID-19 safe guidelines. Information about when studios are open and an easy-to-use map with

directions are available online at whidbeyart-trail.com and in print at all participating locations and on Washington State Ferries.

Wander the trail to find that special painting you've been looking for, experience the joy of discovering sculptures in unexpected places, talk with fascinating artists and learn their stories, find high quality galleries and see the best of what Whidbey artists have to offer. All while enjoying the unsurpassed scenic beauty of Whidbey Island.

State Farm Announces \$25k Grant Program for Communities

Forty causes will each win a \$25,000 grant to assist their neighborhoods

Natalia Talo, agent for State Farm, is happy to announce that State Farm Neighborhood Assist@ is back for its tenth year in 2021. The past year has been like no other in recent history, and \$25,000 could make a big impact at a time when nonprofits and the communities they serve need it most. Neighbors across the country will soon have an exciting opportunity to help change their communities for the better through this program. State Farm Neighborhood Assist@ will award \$1 million in \$25,000 increments to 40 nonprofit organizations across the U.S. to help fund neighborhood improvement projects.

According to a recent State Farm research study, one-quarter of respondents say that they are "extremely" or "very" involved in trying to improve their neighborhood and six-in-ten are trying to improve their neighborhood in some capacity.

State Farm Neighborhood Assist can be a catalyst for that change.

Here's how the program works:

Submission Phase: Starts June 2 and ends when 2,000 submissions are reached

Individuals can submit a cause at www.neighborhoodassist.com starting June 2. You can prepare now by going to the website and downloading the submission guide. State Farm will accept the first 2,000 submissions so it's important to have submissions ready to go on

June 2 when the campaign begins. The State Farm Review Committee will then narrow the field to the top 200 finalists using a scoring rubric.

Voting Phase: August 18-27

Ultimately, voters will decide which community improvement projects win big. The public will have a chance to vote 10 times a day, every day for 10 days, Aug. 18-27, for their favorite causes from the list of finalists. Voting will take place at www.neighborhoodassist.com.

Winners Announced: September 29

The 40 causes that receive the most votes will each win a \$25,000 grant. Winners will be announced Wednesday, Sept. 29, at www.neighborhoodassist.com.

"Grant programs that address community needs, like Neighborhood Assist, are more important than ever," said local State Farm agent Natalia Talo. "This program is all about building stronger neighborhoods together."

Last year, 145,000 people cast 3.9 million votes in support of their favorite causes, selecting winners from small towns and big cities. Since the program began, more than 340 causes have received a total of \$9 million to enact change in their communities.

About State Farm@:

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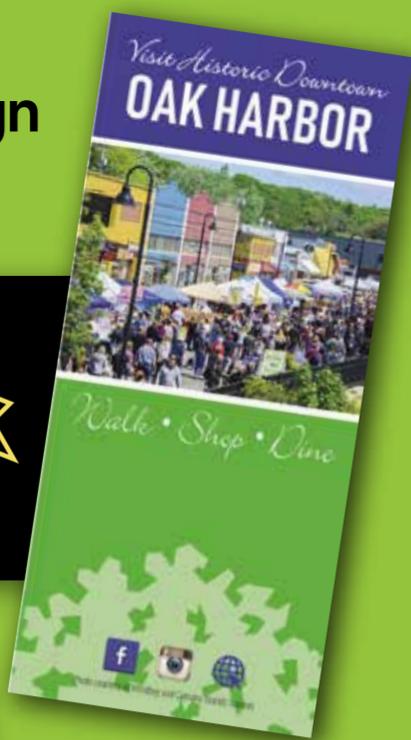
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What's Going On

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.

3rd Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 31, 10:00AM
Maple Leaf Cemetery, Oak Harbor

Free entry beginning at 9:00AM. Live stream available at facebook.com/ohlionsclub. Proceeds benefit Lions, Fleet Reserve, VFW, and American Legion. Please mask up for this socially distanced event.

NW Regional Job Fair

Wednesday, June 2, 10:00AM-1:00PM

Local businesses are hiring and ready to help make you a career move. Join for this no-cost virtual job fair and connect with employers for one-on-one chats with up to 40 employers. Register and create your account today at bit.ly/3uECxYm. For more information, contact 360-416-3600 EXT 5.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below

Cost: Free:

Online Family Trivia

Friday, May 28, 5:00-6:00PM

From the dawn of man to artificial intelligence, technology has come a long way! Go it solo or grab a family member (or a few) to test your trivia technology skills, right from the comfort of your own home. Register at <https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/events/>.

Discuss the Classics with Rita Bartell Drum

Thursdays, 12:30 or 7:00PM

Enjoy a pleasant hour of shared wisdom and fellowship as we consider the words and hope of times past and weave a fabric of renewed hope by leaning on the "Classics." Contact ritadrum777@gmail.com for Zoom link.

Meetings & Organizations

Whidbey Young Professionals - Happy Hour Social

Friday, May 28, 5:00-6:00PM

Wicked Teuton Brewing Co, Oak Harbor

Meet and greet the people of the Whidbey Young Professionals (WYP)! Join us after work for an evening networking social. The WYP Happy Hour is very casual, so feel free to stop by, say hello, and make some new connections in the Whidbey community. Wicked Teuton is located at 1341 SW Barlow St.

South Whidbey Board and Card Game Meetup

Last Sunday, 1:00-4:00PM

Bayview Cash Store, Langley

Meet ups are currently taking place in the atrium of the Bayview Cash Store, which is a large and airy room, and with several restaurants available to buy lunch and bring it into the atrium. Bring a game or two that's easy to learn and plays in less than an hour, or see what everyone else brings.

Al-Anon Group

Oak Harbor

Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Al-Anon group can help. Call Laurie at 360-675-4430 for meeting information.

Whidbey Walkers

Every Wednesday, 10:00AM-12:00PM

The Whidbey Walkers have been happily walking for over 40 years as a group. They follow the wild flowers through the seasons and walk many trails and beaches. If you are interested in walking with them please call Marie Vallquist at 360-675-7744 for the next walk location. Please leave a message with your name and number. The group meets at the Oak Harbor Safeway at 9:20AM and leaves at 9:30AM and they share carpooling each week.

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

Addressing Climate Change Through Conservation

Thursday, May 27, 6:30PM

Climate change is one of the most urgent threats to biodiversity and nature we face. Join a Zoom webinar hosted by the Whidbey Camano Land Trust and find out how the Land Trust is mitigating the impacts of climate change through land protection, stewardship and habitat restoration. Plus, learn more about what you can do to help contribute to a healthier environment. The event is free. Q&A will follow. Please RSVP at www.wclt.org/rsvp. For more information, contact the Land Trust at info@wclt.org or 360-222-3310.

End of Life Ready: Advance Directives Free Class

Tuesday, June 8, 1:00-2:00PM

This introductory presentation by End of Life Washington will provide an overview of your end-of-life choices and options. Will introduce the End of Life Washington Advance Directives (a combined Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care and Health Care Directive). Filling out Advance Directives for Health Care is important for making your choices and values known in the event you are unable to speak for yourself or make healthcare decisions. For more information or to register, please call 360-321-1600 ext. 0 or email: reception@islandseniorservices.org

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Family Guide

By Amy Hannold

Welcome to June, the "January" of Summer: In June, we annually think we have so much summer ahead of us. Blink, and it's Labor Day weekend. So, let's make a plan. It's as easy as "Projects," "Fun" and "Family." Everyone in your family can make a wish list for summer activities they want to enjoy. These lists are a great beginning to a "summer notebook," where you can track your plans and their accompanying details all in one place. Utilizing a notebook is a great way to practice the habit of being organized, and to model the skill for your kids. Grab your notebooks, and let's begin.

Projects: What sort of creative projects do you want to do? (I was thinking "creative," but if you have some work to complete around the house, you may need a "Projects-A" and a "Projects-B"). Once you've listed your top three to five projects, turn a few pages into your notebook for space to plan the projects and itemize the necessary materials.

Fun: These are the "places" and "things" of summer. Your list of where you want to go and what you want to do this summer goes here. What means summer to you? When you look back in September, what do you want to have experienced? Devote a second area of your notebook to planning your adventures, with whatever information you need to make them happen.

Family: Who do you want to connect with this summer? Think about the people you've missed during the busier months and set out to renew those relationships. Do you want to do something for your neighbors, or community? Who do you want to positively impact before September?

Make the Time: This is an additional step, if you're a "visual" or "calendar" type person. Perhaps you simply want to designate specific space in your summer for your top summer activities from each of the three categories, and see to it you have the time, before time runs out. Print off or find some blank monthly calendars and pencil in what you're looking forward to throughout the summer.

Plan Some Theme Days or Weeks: If an empty calendar is too intimidating, or to show everyone they have something to look forward to this summer, create theme weeks or days from the lists of ideas from those in your family. "Dinosaur Day," "Camping Week," "Kite Day," "Drawing and Painting Week," "Short Drive Day," etc.

Ideas to Fill Your Calendar: Daysoftheweek.com, for wacky holidays and annual observances, WhidbeyIsland.MacaroniKid.com, which has a daily calendar of local events as well as guides to local activities, and a list of 50 outdoor activities (with how-to's) at Six-sistersstuff.com/50-outdoor-summer-activities-for-kids. Washington State Parks has a list of things to do in Washington's parks at Parks.state.wa.us/35/Things-to-do.

An "Adventure Lab" Awaits: Spend the summer exploring 10 Washington State Parks within Island County using this free, location-based digital treasure hunt for all ages, called "Adventure Lab." Similar to existing geocaching activities, the app guides you through the process of finding clues, solving puzzles and completing adventures as you experience each park. In June, there are two Free Parks days, when the Discover Pass is not required: June 5 and June 12. Adventureawaits.com for details about the app, Discoverpass.wa.gov, for park fee information.

Whidbey Island Art and Craft Makers Faire/Market: Start this summer's creative projects with a stop by this event which will

offer a variety of supplies, demonstrations and finished art for purchase. Saturday, June 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Greenbank Farm. To be a vendor, contact: whidbeyartswap@yahoo.com.

Celebrate Dad: Father's Day this year is Sunday, June 20. Create something special, and a fun tradition, by making a gift for Dad. Making gifts for Dad could spark conversations about other creative adventures you can have as a family this summer. Ideas and inspiration can be found at Dodoburd.com/homemade-fathers-day-gifts. Two fun gifts are the Mr. Roboto, made from re-purposed, recycled items such as tin cans and other household items, and the Mini Mint Tin Toolboxes, for helping Dad organize small tools and other items.

Summer Reading with Sno-Isle Libraries: Summer Reading at Sno-Isle Libraries starts Monday, June 21. Kids and teens who read 10 hours will earn a free book. There will also be weekly virtual events, a community scavenger hunt, and lots of booklists and activity ideas online all summer long. Sno-isle.org

Oak Harbor Kiwanis "Beachcomber's Bazaar": July 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Antiques, crafts, garage sale items, local businesses, service groups and food vendors will gather on the field adjacent to North Whidbey Middle School. Go and find some new-to-you treasures. Vendors welcome, information at OakHarborKiwanis.org.

Free Museum Admission to The Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum: The museum is pleased to participate in the "Blue Star Museum" program. Now through Labor Day, it offers free entry to the museum for active duty and their families. Hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Pnwnam.org and Facebook.com/pnwnam.

JUNE DAILY HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES:

June 1: International Dinosaur Day – Paleontology is the study of ancient life, including dinosaurs. Learn more about the prehistoric creatures with interesting facts, stories, activities and videos: Amnh.org/explore/ology/paleontology.

June 6: National Yo-Yo Day – Grab a Yo-Yo! Beginner to advanced Yo-Yo lessons are available at Yoyoexpert.com/learn.

June 8: Best Friends Day – Check-in on your friends today and let them know how much they mean to you. Make a date to get together to reminisce and enjoy a fun activity.

June 13: National Weed Your Garden Day – Have you started your garden? This is the day to be sure to weed it. If not, get growing! The Old Farmer's Almanac for Kids has tons of free articles about gardening, animals, science and other all-natural fun: Almanac.com/kids/at-home.

June 17: National Eat Your Vegetables Day – Whidbey Island is home to a number of wonderful farmers markets. Boost your kid's veggie-enthusiasm with a visit to a market, and choosing "new-to-you," locally grown vegetables. WhidbeyIsland.MacaroniKid.com has a guide to our local farmers markets.

June 21: National Seashell Day, National Selfie Day – Combine these two "fun holidays" with a trip to the beach, the finding of a seashell, and taking a selfie!

Summer's a Comin': Whidbey Island Macaroni Kid has your guides to summer camps, local events, short-drive destinations, and more: WhidbeyIsland.MacaroniKid.com.

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A Memorial Day Celebration Like No Other

By **Melanie Hammons** Whidbey Weekly

Oak Harbor Lions' third annual Memorial Day Ceremony, slated for Monday at 10 a.m. at Maple Leaf Cemetery, combines the very best of tradition with a 2021 spin. This year's socially-distanced, in-person event will also be live-streamed for the convenience of those unable to attend physically. But whether in-person or virtual, all are cordially invited to "A Memorial Day Celebration Like No Other."

At least 12 different groups have volunteered to host the service virtually, ranging from veteran's service organizations (VSOs) to local private businesses, according to Kelly Davidson, media contact and Oak Harbor Lions Club service chairman.

"The 2020 virtual ceremony received at least 8,000 views within 48 hours. Viewers from France, British Columbia, New York City, South Carolina, and Georgia tuned in," said Davidson of last year's event. This year the event is hosted by the Oak Harbor Lions Club and Fleet Reserve Branch 97.

"Our aim this year is to present a memorable service of appreciation to service members who've lost their lives, and to present it in such a way that as many people as possible could see it, too," Davidson said.



U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communications Specialist Seaman Aranza Valdez
Oak Harbor Lions Club member and Memorial Day ceremony organizer, Kelly Davidson, is presented with Colors during last year's recorded Memorial Day presentation. This year's ceremony will take place in person and virtually Monday at 10 a.m. at Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor.

No matter how people choose to attend, they'll witness a respectful service that also pays tribute to those service and community members who have lost their lives to COVID-19, Davidson said.

"We've all heard that 'this past year has been like no other,' and that's been especially true when it comes to our military," she said. "It's impacted our armed forces similar to the 1918 flu pandemic a century ago. The imposed isolation has also taken its toll; we've seen elevated rates of self-harm among them as well.

"That being said, we know the community at large has also suffered. So we wanted to acknowledge them too," continued Davidson.

A diverse range of speakers and presenters representing local and national government, NAS Whidbey Island, regional Lions Club officers, local VSOs plus many others will be in attendance. Program highlights include recognition of Gold Star families and a traditional wreath-laying segment. This year, the Fleet Reserve, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion will lay wreaths in memory of Master Chief Joseph A. Marketti Jr. (Following the Maple Leaf ceremony, the VSOs will proceed to Coupeville's Sunnyside Cemetery and place additional wreaths there at 1:30 p.m.)

Davidson said some other features unique to this year's ceremony, promise to enhance the service to an even greater degree.

"We are thrilled to welcome not one, but four different Color Guard details to honor our flag. These include the Sons of the American Revolution, ORION Squadron Sea Cadets, Oak Harbor High School NJROTC, and NASWI Color Guard," she said. "Along that note, we'll also have on hand a historical flag display courtesy of The Sons of the American Revolution, and 'A Toast to the Flag,' performed by the National Sojourners."

The ORION Squadron Sea Cadets will fill other roles in addition to their Color Guard detail, Davidson said. One member will recite a special, traditional Memorial Day poem, "Decoration Day," written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

"I'm very pleased with how our Sea Cadets have stepped up this year for the ceremony. Not only will they be acting as ushers to seat the VIPs, but we'll have the assist of their instrumentalists during the "America the Beautiful" rendition. Their bag-piper will lead our piping squad (three pipes) during the final song, 'Amazing Grace,'" she said.

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Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Lions Club
Memorial Day ceremony organizer, Kelly Davidson, left, stands with members of the Oak Harbor Fire Department during 2020's virtual event.

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WE REMEMBER

Eat local and fresh with first WIGC Weekend event of 2021

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

For the first time, Whidbey Island Grown Cooperative (WIGC) will be hosting a Whidbey Island Grown Cooperative Weekend in May in addition to the organization's September event. This month's event will take place Thursday through Monday over Memorial Day weekend. Local farms will partner with local restaurants to showcase a WIGC Weekend menu featuring local items.

Shannon Bly, an organizer for WIGC, said this year's May WIGC Weekend will kick off the season and encourage residents to eat locally while also helping connect restaurants and other businesses to local food and product sources.

"We will start our season off with a local food celebration for the start of the tourist season," she said. "That is also kind of when local food will really start ramping up."



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Grown Cooperative
The Whidbey Island Grown Cooperative Food Hub celebrated its one-year anniversary May 7. The service provides a way to order seasonal foods as well as locally sourced products online for consumers around the island. The hub works to bring new products and seasonal items to customers and updates its offerings frequently.

Bly said hosting multiple WIGC Weekends would allow the cooperative to connect with local businesses on a more consistent basis.

"I think two (weekends) will be great, but also this one that we are having in May, it is just encouraging local businesses to try out local food in their shops or markets or in their menu items," she said. "Even if they do not do it the rest of the year and they just do it a couple times a year at WIGC Week, that will get them in the door of what it is like to order from us, what to expect from producers when you are eating seasonally or when you are making a seasonal menu. And then hopefully they will get used to that and then as time goes on, they will be more used to buying local."

Bly said an objective for WIGC is to increase the amount of exposure to local foods and products and encourage partnerships with businesses to encourage greater use of items and food sourced from the island and nearby.

"One of our goals is to capture a larger share of the agricultural market within our local economy," she said. "Hundreds and millions of dollars of food and agricultural products are consumed here on Whidbey Island but the amount of local products is kind of small."

Bly said as restrictions lift and throughout COVID-19, residents of Whidbey Island have continued to support area restaurants through buying takeout or starting to eat in outdoor settings.

"I think people are really doing their part in going out to these places," she said. "And so we are just looking to say, 'How can we support these local businesses in bringing in more local food products?'"

Bly said WIGC has been busy growing its programs and recently launched its wholesale program May 21. The hope is to make using local products more accessible and convenient for restaurants and other buyers as a way to increase local products purchased.

"Sometimes, if you have to go to different farms for different products, you can have 10 different farms that are sending you fresh food; or, if you are a market, you might have 30 different local vendors," she said. "So, we are trying to consolidate that a little bit."

The Wholesale Food Hub will also allow those who aren't currently working with farmers to have the chance to try a number of products and get connected with sources on the island, she said.

"(We are) just looking at different obstacles of why local restaurants might not be buying those local products," she said. "Seasonal eating or knowing what is available is one of them and then also ease of ordering is another big one."

The upcoming WIGC Weekend will be a way to help start the

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New Oak Harbor nonprofit celebrates artistic possibilities

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

A new nonprofit organization based in Oak Harbor has plans to bring art – in all its forms – to the forefront of the community.

The Oak Harbor Creative Arts Foundation, fully licensed and registered as a 501(c)(3) with the state in April, has been working for more than a year to lay the groundwork for the organization and is now able to reveal plans for its two main goals.

"Our two primary goals are the establishment of a Makerspace and the construction of a new Performing Arts Center, both in the vicinity of downtown Oak Harbor," members of the board wrote in a joint response to questions submitted by *Whidbey Weekly*. "We are currently surveying properties for the first location of our Makerspace, and we are also in preliminary talks with another local nonprofit organization about pairing the material and human resources necessary to construct a Performing Arts Center."

The board of OHCAF is headed by President Cynthia Mason, who also leads the board of the Oak Harbor Music Festival. Rodric Gagnon serves as vice president; Lisa Sanchez is the board's secretary; Ronnie Wright serves as treasurer; and Mandy Koelbl and Therese Kingsbury round out the board, along with liaison Leslie Stoner.

Board members said all creative disciplines are welcome to be part of the foundation, including, but not limited to, painting, sculpt-



Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Creative Arts Foundation
A billboard for the Oak Harbor Creative Arts Foundation perches atop a steel post, announcing the newly formed nonprofit organization's presence and luring those who see it to learn more.

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"This year we are also pleased to welcome the Kent-Meridian Rifle Team from VFW Post 6785 to perform a rifle volley," Davidson went on, explaining she'd tried to get one every year to no avail. The team's commander is a 1972 graduate of Oak Harbor High School.

That's not the only local connection, though. Not surprisingly, they happen to have Navy connections as well.

"Following the rifle team's performance, the NASWI Honor Guard will carry out the solemn folding of the flag tradition. A model of the Nimitz, courtesy of the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum, will also be on display. Finally, a SAR fly-over will cap off the end of the ceremony," said Davidson.

Many individuals and groups pulled together this year to plan a reverent, multi-faceted service that Davidson described as befitting of those being honored and memorialized.

"The sheer level of participation and volunteerism has really overwhelmed me," she said. "It's been so gratifying to have numerous offers of time, labor and financial donations. The monetary donations in particular have helped greatly to defray the costs of offering a virtual service, which is something we felt to be an absolute must-have,"

After paying expenses, the proceeds will be divided four ways, between the OH Lions Club, American Legion Post 129, Fleet Reserve Branch 97, and VFW Post 7392.

"These VSOs, which serve so faithfully our military members, deserve all our support," Davidson said. She notes donations will even be accepted the day of the ceremony, though the ceremony itself is a free event.



Photo Courtesy of Samar Army
Dignitaries line up on the podium for last year's virtual Memorial Day ceremony in Oak Harbor. Pictured from left are Rep. Rick Larsen, NASWI commanding officer Capt. Matt Army, guest speaker Peter Hunt (U.S. Navy, retired), NASWI Chaplain Lt. John Quay, and Chief Bill Thiel (OHHS NJROTC, U.S. Navy, retired).

Maple Leaf Cemetery is located at 1961 NE 16th Street in Oak Harbor. Doors open for the event at 9 a.m. Island Transit and golf cart shuttles will provide free transportation from parking lots for those with difficulty walking. The livestreamed event can be found at facebook.com/ohlionsclub. More information is also available at ohlions.org.

Attendees should be masked for the socially-distanced, in-person event. Chairs will be provided for the convenience of those attending, but "people are more than welcome to bring their own, as they wish," said Davidson. "We want people to feel comfortable and relaxed."



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Services will be held at St. Augustine Catholic Church Friday, May 28. Viewing visitation from 9-10 a.m., Funeral Mass at 10 a.m., followed by interment at Maple Leaf Cemetery at 11:30 a.m. Please see full obituary online at www.wallinfuneralhome.com.

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 pray for the repose of the soul of all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day. As we remember them this Memorial Day, may their families find comfort knowing they are safely wrapped in your arms.

Please keep all those who will be traveling this weekend and throughout the summer safe. Guide them to their destination without incident.

We ask for these things in your name, Amen.



"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." John 15:12-13

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

9:52 am, Crow Rd.
Party requesting call to know if it is legal for neighbor to dump lawn debris on reporting party's property.

12:28 pm, Wheel Dr.
Caller advising female neighbor in his yard destroying his plants; she lives next door and is between her property and his but the plants she is digging up reporting party advising are his.

7:15 pm, Mobius Loop
Male caller on the line. Put on hold for incoming 911. Another call coming in; upset about being put on hold.

9:12 pm, Commercial St.
Caller advising needs to speak to law enforcement, not wanting to speak to call-taker. When asked name, caller stated "I'm Sick F**k."

10:02 pm, Cultus Bay Rd.
Reporting party recalling, states was told by the subject that has been messing with reporting party that the sheriff is going to blow himself up. States law enforcement should probably check around and just make sure.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

3:50 am, SR 20
Advising of male standing at the bus stop in the area, has been there for about an hour; is now laying on the ground next to the bus stop. Looks "lifeless." Reporting party doesn't feel comfortable checking breathing status.

10:29 am, Steelhead Dr.
Reporting a shared dock into the lagoon; neighbor states she owns half the dock; spray painted a line on the dock.

12:03 pm, N Main St.
ER requesting law enforcement to location when transport arrives. Advising he was belligerent last time at location and was upset when nurse took his cigarettes away after smoking in room.

1:47 pm, Lake Forest Dr.
Advising house was just shaken by a very loud boom, requesting area check; could not tell direction. Shook entire house.

5:51 pm, Longwood Ln.
Reporting party advising male at location driving loud pickup trucks on their own private property. Engines are too loud.

6:51 pm, Strawberry Point Rd.
Reporting party advising was walking on the water side., man was seen on the side of the road; saw reporting party then ducked into the woods. Reporting party walked by and saw male in woods with hands down pants.

8:19 pm, West Beach Rd.
Reporting party advising there is a seal at location and heard a male say "Yes I think three of us can drag it." Reporting party is worried subjects will take the seal and eat it.

MONDAY, APRIL 19

10:00 am, Amberwood Ln.
Party requesting call; states has been working with law enforcement to remove abandoned vehicles; has now been told second hand that vehicle is buried on property involved in homicide. States is an area where a hill is now that did not used to be there.

11:30 am, Bercot Rd.
Reporting party advising male at location is claiming to be kidnapped. Advising is saying he is 47 but is much older. Unknown who male is, has not seen him before.

1:43 pm, SR 525
Reporting party was rear-ended and female ran off.

2:44 pm, Jones Rd.
Caller advising just found otter living in basement.

4:23 pm, Engle Rd.
Reporting party advising was riding bike in area yesterday; subject threw Gatorade bottle out the window at reporting party; hit in the hip. Associated vehicle is tan, dented Honda; no plate.

10:01 pm, Mobius Loop
Reporting party advising just saw a commercial for talcum powder and how it can cause cancer. States uses talcum powder on his hiney. "Is this what caused me to be such an asshole?"

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summer season strong and highlight all of the island's offerings, including WIGC's resources for businesses and locals alike.

"It is a combination of celebrating local food, celebrating the nice weather and the start of our tourist season, and then also just giving restaurants an opportunity to check out the Food Hub Wholesale and how it works," she said.

Bly said the organization had also recently celebrated the first anniversary of the WIGC Food Hub, which allows consumers to order products from a wide variety of local producers. Pickup is available at three island locations – in Oak Harbor at the Elk's Lodge, Sherman's Pioneer Farm in Coupeville and Mutiny Bay Blues Farmstand in Freeland. Bly said as the summer nears, more and more products are being added, and the Food Hub is continually adding new and interesting items, ranging from cupcakes to raw goat milk.

"We are getting some fun things on there along with our normal veggies, meat, bread and dairy," she said. "It is cool – we are going to be a one-stop shop pretty soon."

For more details about WIGC Weekend and WIGC, visit whidbeyislandgrown.com.

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ing, dance, music, theater, welding, wood-working, culinary arts, computer arts, textile arts and "anything else that an imaginative mind might conceive."

The arts can be a big economic driver for a local economy, something OHCAF board members believe can be accomplished through its planned Makerspace and Performing Arts Center.

"Our Makerspace will in essence be a creative-economy incubator," said board members. "When creatives from multiple disciplines congregate and coordinate, new projects happen, new businesses form, and a fledgling sector of the economy goes from surviving to thriving. Our Performing Arts Center will be a place for artists to see and be seen. It will also be a place that attracts music and art lovers from far and wide to experience performances by local and world-class artists.

"We see the future of the Oak Harbor area as a thriving arts community filled with public art spaces, galleries, performing arts center, maker-spaces, and creative events and activities scheduled throughout the year," the board continued. "Our long-term goal is to grow the local creative economy by providing opportunities for local artists, artisans, makers, and crafts-people to make a living doing what they love."

While the OHCAF will serve artists and makers up and down Whidbey Island, board members said the group hopes to especially highlight the creativity which exists on North Whidbey

"There is a ton of creative-arts activity happening on North Whidbey as well [as South Whidbey], but much of it is either not as well-funded, or simply overshadowed by the sheer volume of other activities going on in the city," the board said. "A few shining examples are the Oak Harbor Music Festival,

the Whidbey Makers Market, and the newly formed Whidbey Island Farmers Market. The Music Festival has continued to grow every year and brings world-class [artists] to Oak Harbor that attract visitors from far and wide. The Makers Market has also continued to grow and has become the focal point of the Makers Movement on North Whidbey. The newly formed Whidbey Island Farmers Market is leveraging the beautiful new spaces in the recently renovated Windjammer Park and promises to bring some much-needed activity to that area.

"We believe that, given the right conditions and catalysts, there is a huge potential to develop the creative economy as a viable sector of the North Whidbey economy," they continued. "We plan to both be a catalyst, and to create those conditions that will serve to help creatives not only survive, but thrive."

Board members said they hope to work together with other artistic organizations on the island, such as the Whidbey Island Arts Council, but the two groups are not affiliated.

As the board works out its fundraising plans and goals for the future, members said they hope to shine a spotlight on all artistic possibilities.

"We hope to be a beacon of what is possible when optimistic, imaginative, and hardworking people come together to build something for everyone," they said. "We are already building a robust community of volunteers, donors, and eager artists and makers who all want to see these projects move forward in earnest. We owe it to all of them to make it happen, and we will."

Those interested in becoming involved with the Oak Harbor Creative Arts Foundation can go to ohcaf.org/contact-us to receive email updates and learn about volunteer opportunities.



Oak Harbor Creative Arts Foundation

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SPRINGTIME FISHING OPTIONS

Springtime fishing kicks off the third week-end of April when all of the trout lakes open. We received a very nice surprise this year when the state opened our Halibut season near the end of April as well. Next comes May first – lingcod and cabezon season have begun and run at least through June 15 in our local waters. These combined fishing opportunities give us the option of freshwater and/or saltwater fish to target.

Many anglers take advantage of the freshwater fishing and travel east to fish lakes like Lake Curlew, Potholes Reservoir, Banks Lake, Moses Lake and Lake Chelan, just to name a few. The east side of the state can be warmer this time of year but water temperatures are still low enough to keep the fish tasting great. Trout, walleye, large and smallmouth bass, yellow perch and channel catfish are what people are after, as well as some well deserved springtime air. A fresh mess of fish to deep fry and make tender fish tacos from or cook over a smoky alder wood open pit fire is the goal.

If you are a winter angler that fishes lakes for trout and other species in the waters that are open, then you are most likely chomping at the bit to get out on the salt. Saltwater angling takes on a whole new meaning of tackle and techniques; not much realistic sight fishing opportunities as deepwater is where the fish live, which requires a quick wrist when those subtle bumps on the bottom happen to avoid losing a \$10 jigging lure, but once mastered the rewards are fantastic! Halibut (the steak of the sea) kabobs made with a mixture of sweet onion, green and red bell pepper and large cubes of marinated halibut is top-shelf cooking! Lingcod, this ferocious-looking yet tender fish, is unbelievably good deep-fried in your favorite beer batter, or dipped in an egg wash and rolled in seasoned corn flour; team this up with some home-cut fries and you're eating like a king!

Springtime fishing after a long winter is truly magical and only during the early spring is the variety of fishing choices available to us. Once summer arrives saltwater seasons begin to close and some of the shallow lakes become unfishable or unproductive due to algae blooms or high water temperatures. Springtime is also a time to keep a curious

eye on the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) website; the volatile emergency regulation section can give us a glimpse into summer opportunities based on the department's changes to the current year's printed regulations. For example, the lower Skagit River opened for hatchery Chinook retention May 20 and will be open through May 31. The reason is "Harvestable numbers of hatchery spring Chinook are forecast to return to Marblemount Hatchery." This could be an indicator of a better-than-expected return of spring and summer Chinook salmon; it sure would be nice.

Springtime is a time of renewal and if you love and cherish recreational fishing in this state you owe it to yourself and your children to check out and get involved with one of many chapters of the Puget Sound Anglers. This organization is very active in making sure recreational anglers have a well-informed voice in Olympia. Since 1992 the state of Washington, on the advice of a third party study group, has cut Chinook and Coho hatchery numbers by 163 million fish! With member support, the Puget Sound Anglers chapter leaders have researched why this action has been taking place and is turning the tide on the incredible loss of fish and have initiated realistic efforts to recover Chinook and Coho salmon. We simply cannot wait on wild fish studies to fix things. Hatcheries are nothing new and it's time to seriously augment the rivers from brood-stock and revive the salmon in the surrounding waters and well managed and funded hatcheries is the answer.

Good lingcod numbers have been reported so far this season and a few nice sized cabezon too. Be sure to dispatch the cabezon quickly and get them on ice. A few years ago we landed a nice 22-inch cabezon; we were off the water and cleaning the fish, the flesh seemed a little tough when cut with a knife, and once cooked it was like shoe-leather; not exactly sure why but our thoughts were the fish may have stressed out and caused the flesh to "burn," so-to-speak.

Summer is just around the corner and the migratory salmon will be arriving in larger numbers. Be sure to respect the foggy marine layer when it is present – no fish is worth a mishap. Enjoy every trip out on the water, be safe and good luck catching dinner!

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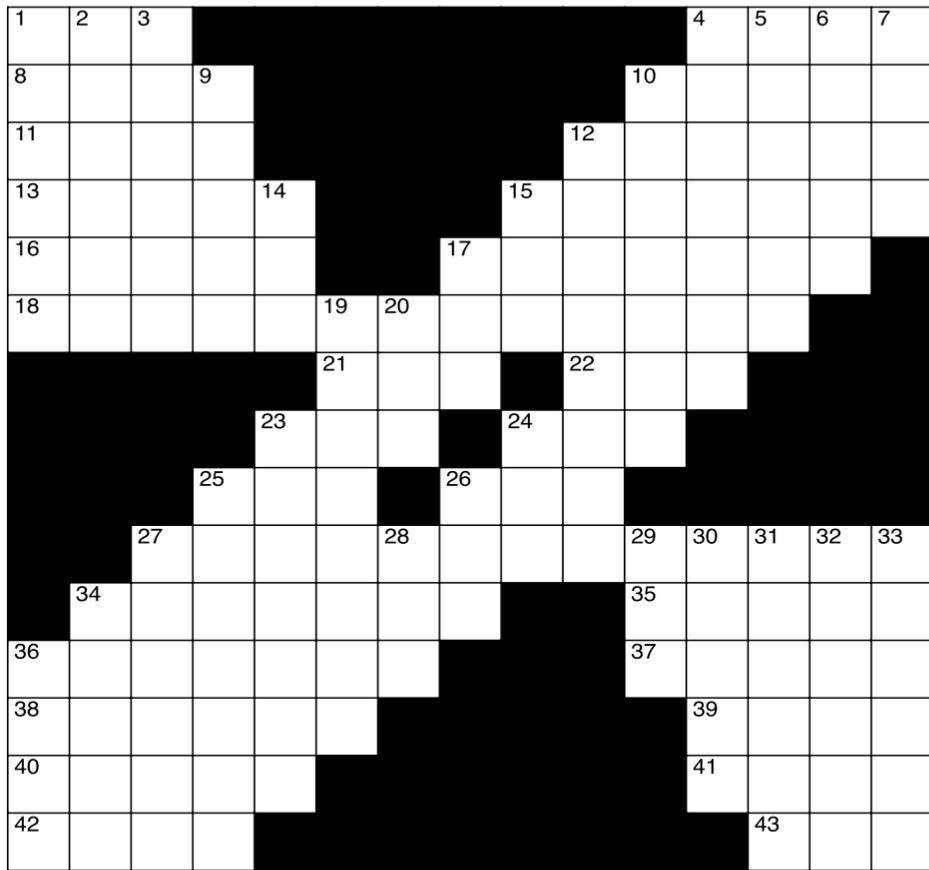
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Engine additive
- 4. A hearty laugh
- 8. Restrain
- 10. Dried coconut kernels
- 11. Nefarious
- 12. Elderly
- 13. Central part of a church building
- 15. Throw into confusion
- 16. Intestinal
- 17. Qualities of being religious
- 18. Live up to a standard
- 21. Seize
- 22. Go quickly
- 23. Automated teller machine
- 24. Bowling necessity
- 25. One point east of due south
- 26. Japanese honorific
- 27. A way to induce

- sleep
- 34. Makes cash register rolls
- 35. A city in S Louisiana
- 36. Make more cheerful
- 37. Manicurist
- 38. Consents
- 39. Network of nerves
- 40. Mocking smile
- 41. It covers the body
- 42. Partner to pans
- 43. Perform in a play

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Beautiful
- 2. Polynesian island country
- 3. Shrub of the olive family
- 4. Self-governing Netherlands territory
- 5. Shared one's view
- 6. Tailless amphibians
- 7. Charge passengers must pay
- 9. Sound sheep make

- 10. Known for sure
- 12. Filled with unexpressed anger
- 14. Student (abbr.)
- 15. Criticize
- 17. Gathering place
- 19. Informal alliances
- 20. One's mother (British)
- 23. Landholder
- 24. Peter's last name
- 25. Parties
- 26. Title of respect
- 27. Red wine
- 28. Pearl Jam's debut
- 29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- 30. Frosts
- 31. Cry of joy
- 32. Induces vomiting
- 33. Mother or father
- 34. Dal __: Musical navigation marker
- 36. Door fastener part

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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

As a veteran, what is your most memorable and positive experience while in the service of our country?

Colonel Richard E. Van Ness U.S. Army (Ret)

September of 1967, I started my first tour in Vietnam and was assigned to serve as Senior Advisor of MACB (Military Assistance Command Vietnam) Advisory Team



11, located in the coastal city of Na Trang. The Vietnamese commander of the unit we advised was Lt. Col. Pham Key Loan. He happened to be the same age and rank as myself. We became fast friends and had a wonderful working relationship. During the January 1968 Tet Offensive, we were the first unit to be attacked and overrun by uniformed North Vietnamese soldiers. Lt. Col. Loan and I shared the leadership of taking back our HQ compound. I recommended Lt. Col. Loan for the American Bronze Star for valor for his courageous actions in that firefight. I learned this would be one of the few given to a Vietnamese personnel.

For the next eight years, I was in and out of Vietnam working with U.S. Army Pacific and the U.S. Pacific Command. During this time, Pham Key Loan and I were both promoted to Colonel and made time to see each other when I was in the country. During 1972 and 1973, we were able to work together again while I was back in Vietnam Nam on full tour.

Leading up to the fall of Saigon in 1975, I was a Division Chief on the staff of the Commander in Chief of the Pacific Command (PACOM) and my specialty was the withdrawal of forces and equipment from the war zone. Two weeks before the fall of Saigon, I was dispatched to Vietnam with a list of important military officers that must be safely evacuated with their families before the country fell. I made sure Loan and his family were on the list. Families and military personnel were evacuated separately.

After returning to Hawaii, I was able to track their progress through the various processing stations in Manila, Guam, Hawaii and Camp Stoneman, in California. It was an exciting moment when Hahn, Loan's wife, and Lilly, their daughter, called me in Hawaii from Guam and I was able to tell her Loan was safely out. It was one of my greatest joys to see Loan again as he passed through Hawaii. They reunited again at Camp Stoneman, in California.

The family settled in Houston, Texas, where Loan worked for the county transportation authority and his wife worked for an insurance company. They were proud of the

fact they owned their own home and were able to educate their only daughter through nursing school. Our friendships endured over the years until Loan's death last year in 2020. I will always remember this true gentleman who became a U.S. citizen and was proud to declare he was able to make his way in his new country and never had to take a dime of support. I'm proud I shared those many years with him and his family.

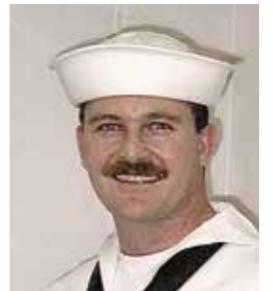
Mike Alberich Coupeville

My most memorable service experience was as an Army Warrant Officer pilot flying in Germany when the Berlin Wall and the border fence came down. I was a border pilot with the 11th ACR (Air Cavalry Regiment).



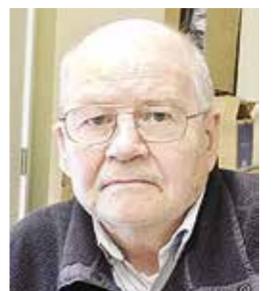
Dean McKinney Oak Harbor

One of my most memorable and positive experiences in my 20 year Navy career was in 1987, when I was returning from my first deployment. It was July 2nd and the USS Carl Vinson was returning to Alameda, California and passing under the Golden Gate Bridge. There were people on the bridge dumping box loads of flowers over the side where they fell onto the flight deck as we passed under them. The San Francisco Fire Department met the ship just as we cleared the bridge and was spraying water from their turrets, and Lee Greenwood's "Proud to be an American" was playing over the flight deck loud speakers. It was a wonderful way to be welcomed home.



Sonny Starks Oak Harbor

When, as an E-4 Navy Photojournalist, I stood on the flight line at Clark Air Force base to receive the first POW's returning from North Vietnam, I saw John McCain and James Stockdale leave the plane.



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