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Saratoga Orchestra sets pop-up performance dates

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

As COVID restrictions begin to ease, all kinds of live entertainment opportunities are popping up – like Saratoga Orchestra of Whidbey Island’s Pop-Up Pops concerts. There are six free performances on three different dates, the first two are set for June 26.

And, while not a musical term, “pie” does figure prominently into the group’s first Pie ‘n Pops performance.

“For our June 26 concert there is no theme per se, other than we just wanted to present something fun,” explained Saratoga Orchestra’s Executive Director, Larry Heidel. “The program will be a potpourri of familiar light classics, Disney favorites and more. The concept for ‘Pie ‘n Pops’ seemed natural, since Wild Crow Pie Co. is headquartered at the South Whidbey Community Center – and who wouldn’t want to enjoy a nice slice of pie while listening to live music?”

While pie may not be on the menu at the concerts set for July and August, there will be treats for the ears that should prove to be just as sweet, according to Heidel.

“For our July 24 concert we are looking forward to partnering with Whidbey’s loveable Shifty Sailors singing group to present a program of Sea Shanties, Celtic and pirate music,” he said. “The idea came about after watching TikTok rediscover shanties during the pandemic. It should be a lot of fun to perform together. Personally, I’m quite excited for our Aug. 14 concerts featuring members of Saratoga Orchestra’s brass and percussion sections performing large ensemble works.”

This series of summer concerts represents a couple of firsts for Saratoga Orchestra – it will be the first time members of Whidbey Island’s only professional orchestra will be performing live since the pandemic shutdowns and the first time orchestra members will perform outside.

“I believe the musicians are more than ready to get in front of an audience,” Heidel said. “This will be the first ever outdoor concerts for Saratoga Orchestra. We are encouraging audience members to bring folding lawn chairs and sun hats for shade. We’ll be crossing our fingers the weather cooperates.

“Outdoor concerts are always tricky,” he continued. “We do have a couple of contingency plans for alternate venues, but I’m optimistic our beautiful Whidbey summer weather won’t let us down. One thing we learned during the height of COVID-19 is to be flexible. I encourage people to double check on our pnwmusic.org website to make sure we are still performing.”

The concerts are free, but those interested in attending MUST get a free ticket online at pnwmusic.org. It’s all part of public health requirements for social distancing and safety.

“We will be following the current recommendation of the CDC and Washington Dept. of Health,” said Heidel. “We’ll also be respectful of the venue’s own requirements. In general, for these smaller outdoor events, we ask folks to please mask if not vaccinated and we’ll have our pool noodle patrol out in force to encourage social distancing by seating pods.”

See **SARATOGA** continued on page 12



Photo Courtesy of Saratoga Orchestra
Saratoga Orchestra of Whidbey Island, under the direction of Anna Edwards, is planning a series of Pop-Up Pops concerts. These free, outdoor concerts will take place at locations on south, central and north Whidbey Island.



Photo Courtesy of Saratoga Orchestra
The professional musicians of Saratoga Orchestra of Whidbey Island will put their talent on display this summer at a series of free, outdoor concerts. Performances will take place June 26, July 24 and Aug. 14.

POP-UP POPS Concert Schedule:

Saturday, June 26
 1 p.m. – South Whidbey Community Center, Langley
 4 p.m. – First Reformed Church, Oak Harbor

Saturday, July 24
 1 p.m. – South Whidbey Community Center, Langley
 4 p.m. – Town Pavilion Park, Coupeville

Saturday, Aug. 14
 1 p.m. – South Whidbey Community Center, Langley
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ON TRACK

With Jim Freeman



Is it possible to be too transparent? Too translucent? Who decides when we get to too?

Ever wear a tutu?

Okay, I'll just ask Alexa when she comes back from her eyebrow weave. One must be patient with a spokesperson who knows everything.

Proud

Do you remember your high school graduation? Did you save your program? Was the auditorium too hot? Did your dad really want to go?

Last week's *Whidbey Weekly* was chock-full of neat stuff. One of the pages, always available online, honored the graduates of the Class of 2021.

Half of the tributes expressed, "We are so proud of you."

I remember Aunt Dorothy in her mesmerizing Mississippi accent once saying she was proud of me.

So, I Binged the question as to who invented this expression. Furthermore, how does *proud* feel?

In the 60s, I almost got tattooed with "The Few, The Proud, The Marines" one Friday night in Long Beach. My arm was not big enough for all those letters, no matter what font I selected.

Here is what I learned from Uncle Bing and Noah Webster.

Proud is derived from the Latin word *prodesse*, meaning to be useful and beneficial. No wonder we are all glad and delighted when we feel proud. Our latest graduates instill pride in others as they feel proud themselves.

Yes, we are proud of you, Class of 2021. So very proud. In fact, we are beginning to vibrate in proudness.

Just ask Jim

This week's question to this page three columnist is a food query – Who invented mayonnaise?

It took awhile to get the answer. Had to finish my sandwich first.

Mayonnaise, like Popsicles, was created by accident. Old man Mayo dropped a crate of freshly laid eggs while walking to the barn. Mrs. Mayo was walking to the same barn, eventually colliding with her husband and his soon-to-be broken eggs.

Mrs. Mayo was carrying two jars, one with vegetable oil and one with vinegar.

As the caveat "Hold there, Mrs. Mayo" was yelled, both parties fell with simultaneous spillage.

It was not pretty.

To this day, the long-line of Mayo descendants will agree the mixture of old man Mayo's raw eggs with Grandma Mayo's vegetable oil/vinegar combo was nothing short of a miracle whip.

French Beginnings

Okay, so the last paragraph was made up. According to www.whoinventedit.com, there is a true story.

"It was in the year 1756 when the chef of Duke de Richelieu in France invented mayonnaise. Actually, it was one of those instantaneous and marvelous accidents of the past that helped in the invention of mayonnaise.

"During the siege of Mahon (which is the capital of Minorca), there was a shortage of food supplies. That was why the chef thought of whipping eggs and oil together without adding any seasoning. This dressing was served to a dinner party hosted by Duke de Richelieu.

"Mayonnaise got its name after a battle was won against the British people in Port Mahon. The word Mayonnaise was named after Mahon."

Do it for the kids

Last Saturday, the South Whidbey Schools Foundation premiered five videos to educate and inform the public of their incredible and necessary work.

The third video showcases a singing and playing Tom Walker pulling at heart strings and ear lobes with his self-penned, *Ring the Bells*.

Marvelous. Thanks Tom and Randy Hudson.

If you would like to know more about how the South Whidbey Schools Foundation "does it for the kids," go to their web site, www.swsfoundation.org. You might see a teacher you know or would want to know. Their dedication is inspiring. See what you think. If you feel like feeling good, their bucket is never too full.

Tarzan speaks

A couple of issues back, I shared historical information about many actors who played the role of Tarzan in movies and on television.

Since Olympic swimming champ Johnny Weissmuller was the most remembered Tarzan, last week and this week I revisited his first six films. Maureen O'Sullivan was Jane. Off camera and out of the jungle, Maureen was also Mia Farrow's mother.

I wonder if Cheetah was invited to their holiday gatherings.

When Tarzan puts his foot down, whether it be to Cheetah, lions, tigers or elephants, he yells firmly, *Umgawa*.

While it sounds like a small town in eastern Washington, Umgawa brings the elephants to do labor, scares off the lions, and makes the natives retreat into the woods.

Umgawa is a very powerful word. Speak it sparingly at the mall.

Kid Wisdom

Thanks to Mamacita in Greenbank for the following kids' wisdom. Who cares if these answers are true? We're looking for smiles.

Q: How do you decide who to marry?
You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.
~Alan, age 10

Q: What is the right age to get married?
Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then.
~Camille, age 10

Q: How can a stranger tell if two people are married?
You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.
~Derrick, age 8

Q: What do you think your Mom and Dad have in common?
Both don't want any more kids.
~Lori, age 8

Q: What do most people do on a date?
Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.
~Lynnette, age 8
On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.
~Martin, age 10

Q: When is it okay to kiss someone?
When they're rich.
~Pam, age 7

The law says you have to be 18, so I wouldn't want to mess with that.
~Curt, age 7

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do.
~Howard, age 8

Q: Is it better to be single or married?
It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.
~Anita, age 9

Q: How would the world be different if people didn't get married?
There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?
~Kelvin, age 8

Q: How would you make a marriage work?
Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck.
~Ricky, age 9

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"I've worked with Jennifer for over eight years in Home Health Care and I have witnessed her wearing many hats. Her breadth of knowledge and ease in which she adapts to new roles constantly amazes me. She is our go-to person for policy issues, specific and general education related to CMS rules and regulations.

As field staff members, we often bring our challenges to Jennifer. She listens, provides constructive feedback and is always only a text or phone call away for both nursing and therapist.

This type of support is critical; enabling us to effectively provide excellent care to our patients."

Jennifer Croy is a **real healthcare hero**.

Changing rules and government regulations while adapting to a healthcare landscape plagued by a pandemic is an enormous challenge. It requires a person who can help keep our staff and patients safe while supporting our caregivers as they deliver great home healthcare.

Jennifer does all that and more; writing protocols and policies and onboarding new team members while juggling phones and IT issues that might otherwise go unnoticed.

She is our rock star.

Thank you, Jennifer, for all you do!



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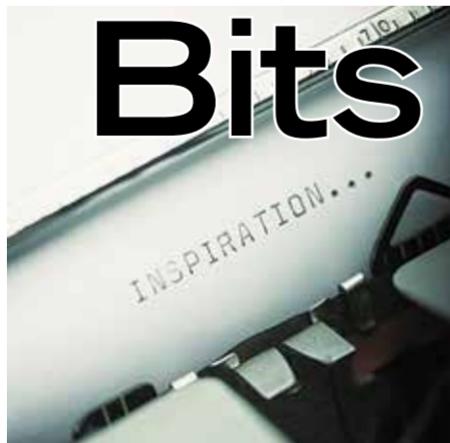
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Bits & Pieces

Amerigroup Insurance No Longer Accepted at WhidbeyHealth Primary Care and Walk-In Clinics Starting July 1

This is an announcement about changes in health insurance coverage for some of WhidbeyHealth's patients. WhidbeyHealth has made the decision, effective July 1, to no longer accept Amerigroup coverage for services at its Primary Care Clinics at Cabot Drive (Oak Harbor) and Freeland, as well as its Walk-In Clinics in Oak Harbor and Clinton. Coverage and acceptance of Amerigroup insurance will continue at its Medical Center, Emergency Department and Specialty Care Clinics, like Women's Care and Surgical Care. This also means WhidbeyHealth cannot provide primary care or walk-in services to patients with Amerigroup Medicaid.

Despite extensive efforts to work with Amerigroup, patients continue to experience excessive delays in claim processing, high rates or incorrect denials of coverage, and long waits for reimbursement. WhidbeyHealth has notified patients with Amerigroup coverage of this change and have provided guidance about how to easily change to another Medicaid program, such as Community Health Plan of WA, Coordinated Care of Washington, or United Healthcare Community Plan.

WhidbeyHealth is constantly striving to provide the community with improvements to provide greater access and excellent care. Its role is to help patients get every dollar of insurance benefit they are entitled to. Patients with questions or who would like assistance changing their Medicaid coverage to another provider, WhidbeyHealth staff is ready to help with any assistance needed. You can reach the Patient Financial Services department by calling 360-682-2850. You can also contact the State Medicaid program directly at 800-562-3022.

Stay connected with WhidbeyHealth for current information at facebook.com/WhidbeyHealth or at whidbeyhealth.org.

[Submitted by Conor O'Brien, Marketing Manager, WhidbeyHealth]

Tim Babcock, Former Skagit Valley College Men's Soccer Player and Coach, to be Inducted into the 2021 Northwest Athletic Conference Hall of Fame

Skagit Valley College Athletic Department and the Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) are pleased to announce SVC Men's Soccer Player and Coach, Tim Babcock, will be inducted into the NWAC Hall of Fame virtually June 23.

Tim is a 1988 graduate of Monroe High School and played soccer at SVC during the 1988 and 1989 seasons. He won the North Region titles both years, along with the NWAACC Championship in 1988, taking 2nd in 1989. In 1988, he was named 1st Team North Region Forward and the NWAACC Tournament MVP. The following year, Tim was selected as the 1st Team North Region Forward. He went on to play at the University of Washington in 1990 and 1991 and then professionally for the Seattle SeaDogs. In 1998, Tim served as Men's Soccer Head Coach for the NWAACC Champion SVC Cardinals.

In addition to Tim Babcock, the 2021 NWAC Hall of Fame Class includes: Rick Anderson, (Everett Community College, Baseball Student-Athlete); Dr. Peter Dufour (Olympic College, Track & Field Student-Athlete); Shirley Hauter (Everett Community College Multi-Sport Student-Athlete); Mark Poth (Big Bend Community College, Basketball Coach); Larry Walker (Everett Community College, Contributor). Team inductees: 1948-1949 Olympic College Men's Basketball Team; 1952 Everett Community College Football Team. These individuals and teams represent a stellar class of personal, professional, athletic, and team success.

About the Northwest Athletic Conference: The NWAC is the athletic governing body of

two-year colleges in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and British Columbia. There are 15 men's and women's sports and 10 championship events. Approximately 4,200 student-athletes compete in the NWAC, representing a student population of over 395,000. Many NWAC student-athletes continue their academic and athletic careers at the NAIA-NCAA levels. The Northwest Athletic Conference promotes the three ideals of Character, Competition, and Community.

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

State Commerce Director to Speak Locally About Economic Recovery Registration now open for online annual meeting, Q&A

June 24, Island County businesses will have the chance to ask State Department of Commerce Director Lisa J. Brown, Ph.D., about recovery efforts and support for small business at the online annual membership meeting of the Economic Development Council for Island County (EDCIC). Registration is now open.

EDCIC members and the local business community are welcome to participate in the meeting via Zoom from 11:00AM to 12:30PM. State Rep. Dave Paul, who serves as the EDCIC's board vice president, will moderate the Q&A session following Dr. Brown's presentation.

Though the event is free, registration is required at <https://bit.ly/3uY60f7>. Registered guests can submit questions for Dr. Brown via email to info@edcilandcounty.org.

The EDCIC is Island County's designated Associate Economic Development Organization (ADO). This affiliation creates a two-way channel for information and assistance between the county, its businesses and the Washington State Department of Commerce.

Through its relationship with the Department of Commerce, EDCIC administered two rounds of Washington Small Business Grants to Island County small businesses in 2020. EDCIC promoted two more rounds of Department of Commerce department grants and helped businesses apply for them.

"We're thrilled to have Dr. Brown share her insights with our members. The relationship and resources we have through the state Department of Commerce allow us to help businesses grow and invest in Island County," said Sharon Sappington, EDCIC executive director.

During the annual membership meeting, Sappington will recap the past year's activities and discuss the EDCIC's county-wide focus on economic resiliency, one-on-one business counseling and plans for the upcoming year.

After Dr. Brown's presentation and the Q&A session, the annual meeting will conclude with the business portion and members' vote on the slate of new officers. George Henry, EDCIC board president, will kick off the day's session and will preside over the business segment at the end.

[Submitted by Jackie Zils, for Economic Development Council for Island County]

Whidbey Island Lions Club Third Annual Swap Meet

The Whidbey Island Lions Club of Oak Harbor is proud to announce its third Annual Swap Meet at the Blue Fox Drive In. The Whidbey Island Lions Club hosts a series of summer time Swap Meets that offer an opportunity for all businesses, vendors, garage, yard, and estate sellers a chance to reach more buyers by selling their wares at the Blue Fox Drive In. The swap meets are an outdoor, free, family and pet friendly community event, which runs every Saturday at the Blue Fox Drive In from July 10 through Aug. 28 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. Vendors are charged a minimum fee of \$20 per 12' x 12' space and all proceeds from the swap meets help support the Whidbey Island Lions Club's programs and proj-

ects in the community. New this year, the swap meets are now open to fresh produce and fruit vendors along with classic and modern auto parts vendors. One person's junk can turn out to be another person's treasure. Also, as an added bonus, vendors are welcome to take advantage of a special offer - prepay for seven (7) swap meet dates and get the eighth (8) date FREE. The Blue Fox Drive In is located at 1403 N. Monroe Landing Road in Oak Harbor.

To learn more about the Whidbey Island Lions Club and for vendor information, email wilclions@gmail.com or visit <https://e-club-house.org/sites/whidbeyisland/>

[Submitted by Carolyn O'Dell, Whidbey Island Lions Club]

Bayview Corner Street Dances Return

Bayview Corner Summer Street Dances make a triumphant return. Goosefoot Community Fund is pleased to announce this summer's street dance lineup.

Street Dances are every other Wednesday – July 14 through Sept. 8 – from 6:00 to 8:00PM at the Bayview Cash Store, 5603 Bayview Road. Rain or shine! Free admission and family friendly. Beverages are available for purchase. Keep an eye on <https://goosefoot.org/news-events/> for up-to-date information about COVID-19 safety regulations in place at the time.

July 14 – Rubatano Marimba kicks off the 2021 Bayview Corner Summer Street Dance series with its heart-warming and dance inducing Zimbabwean style marimba. Tanya Boyd, Paul Hayes, Kerry Holland, Dana Moffett, Micah Petrich, Billy Piepenbrink, Alea Robertson, Annie Rundberg, Warner Scheyer and Tillie Scruton will be joined by guest singers Leslie Breeden and Dyanne Harshman and Zimbabwean guest musician John Mambira.

July 28 – Janie Cribbs & T.Rust provides powerhouse vocals laced with gritty guitar featuring original soulful songs, compelling stories and blues-drenched licks by members Janie Cribbs, Joe Reggiatore, Kevin Holden and Dave Willis.

August 11 – Western Heroes are a group of local musicians who have been providing original dance music to the Whidbey Island community for 14 years. From polka to punk, their diverse collection of songs are all played with one goal in mind: to get people up and moving. Michael and David Licastro provide vocals and guitar, Lorraine Newland on bass and vocals, David Maloney on drums and Larry Neubauer on keyboard.

August 25 – PETE is the quintessential Whidbey Island garage band, performing rock and blues dance music and American groove music. The band is comprised of Goosefoot's own Freddie Butterworth on drums, Dave Draper on guitar, Marc Strader on bass, with special guests David Licastro on guitar and Danny Ward on sax.

September 8 – Eric Vanderbilt-Matthews Quartet (EVM Quartet) is well-known in the PNW swing dance scene for its solidity of groove and fiery soloists. Multi-instrumentalist Eric Vanderbilt-Matthews is a graduate of both SWHS and the UW jazz studies program. He's toured and played in festivals internationally and is a regular performer at the prestigious Djangofest NW. He is joined by Keegan Harshman on bass and William Mapp on drums, along with some surprise guests.

Goosefoot Community Fund works together with the South Whidbey community to create essential solutions. It addresses community needs, helps local businesses grow, preserves great places, and connects neighbors. Learn more at goosefoot.org

For more information about its role in the community, like it on Facebook, or visit www.goosefoot.org.

[Submitted by Sami Postma, Goosefoot Community Fund]

Island Ready App

The Department of Emergency Management has released its updated app into app stores. Download and use the app to prepare yourself and your family for hazards our county may face. The app allows users to receive alerts, make a plan, read through preparedness checklists, and more. The app is available

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

I'd like to invite the readership of your paper to assist me in evaluating the planning for a project – a homeless shelter on Whidbey Island.

Known facts:

-The homeless population on Whidbey Island is centered/concentrated IN downtown Oak Harbor and its environs.

-The "services" needed by the homeless are located in Oak Harbor i.e; The Spin Cafe - The Opportunity Council - the Homeless Coalition office - doctors/dentists - markets - ideal spots to panhandle - restaurants - thrift stores.

-There is usually only 1-2 Island County Deputy Sheriffs on duty at night to cover the entirety of Whidbey Island.

Given these facts...Where would the IDEAL placement for a homeless shelter be on Whidbey Island?

In/near downtown Oak Harbor?

Near Deception Pass?

At the corner of SR 20 and Morris Rd. ~ 5.9 miles south of Coupeville? - a VERY BUSY HIGHWAY INTERSECTION - VERY near the OLF (USN Growlers touch and go landing strip) - Ryan's House - across the highway from a GUN RANGE.

In Clinton?

In Langley?

IF the homeless shelter were to be located 5.9 miles south of Coupeville - would it make any sense to...

- transport the homeless TO the shelter - FROM Oak Harbor - EVERY evening?
- transport the homeless FROM the shelter - TO Oak Harbor - EVERY morning?
- be placed in a facility with NO cooking facilities - and - NO showers?

Some VERY pertinent questions:

-What is the documented number of homeless on Whidbey Island?

-How do we know these numbers are accurate?

-Where specifically are they located on Whidbey Island?

-Has any attempt been made to distinguish between:

1. Genuinely/temporarily "out of luck" homeless people/families
2. Mentally ill homeless people
3. Chosen "lifestyle" homeless people
4. Drug and/or alcohol addicted homeless people

- Why is a shelter being proposed by the Whidbey Island Homeless Coalition to be placed in a rural location (at the corner of SR 20 and Morris Rd. ~ 5.9 miles south of Coupeville) when services they will need or job training opportunities - access to doctors/dentists - are going to be more available in a city like Oak Harbor or Langley.

- If Island County is going to subsidize services to the homeless via Whidbey Homeless Coalition, shouldn't there be ongoing oversight and auditing, as well as measures to contain the associated homeless encampments that such a shelter would encourage?

Wayne Flaaten
Greenbank, Wash.



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[Submitted by Jill Johnson, Island County Commissioner - District 2]

Local Purple Heart Recipient Jennifer Horn to be Honored with Trip to the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, West Point Oak Harbor Army Veteran Chosen to Represent Washington's Purple Heart Recipients as Part of the 2021 Purple Heart Patriot Project



A local Purple Heart recipient has been chosen to be one of the nation's 2021 Purple Heart Patriot Project honorees. U.S. Army Specialist (SPC) Jennifer Horn will represent her fellow Purple Heart heroes as Washington's representative at a multi-day tribute to the courage and sacrifice of America's combat wounded. The Purple Heart Patriot Project is a program of

the National Purple Heart Honor Mission. The all-expenses-paid trip includes visits to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, historic Washington's Headquarters, a special tour of the newly renovated National Purple Heart Hall of Honor and other tributes to service.

"Jennifer and her fellow Patriot Project honorees are true American heroes," said Richie Lay, a Purple Heart recipient and chairman of the National Purple Heart Honor Mission. "America's Purple Heart veterans have given so much to defend freedom and that sacrifice must always be remembered. We are privileged to be able to provide this unique salute to service for our Purple Heart heroes."

"Our Purple Heart recipients have made enormous sacrifices for America and this is our opportunity to say 'thank you' on behalf of a grateful nation. For some, this will be like the homecoming they never had. We received hundreds of nominations from across the country and we look forward to honoring Jennifer for her sacrifice and lifelong service to her community," said Col. Russ Vernon (Ret.), executive director for the National Purple Heart Honor Mission.

Asked what service meant to her, SPC Horn said, "It was an absolute honor to serve my country. I am incredibly grateful for the experiences I had and the skills and values I picked up during service. The Army established a strong foundation of professionalism, among other valuable skills, that have shaped me as a person."

Horn enlisted into the Army in 2002 and ultimately served for three years, including a tour in Mosul, Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. April 16, 2005, SPC Lee sustained a mortar injury while serving in Iraq. The blast left her with multiple shrapnel injuries, including to her eye, arm, leg, chest and neck. Along with her Purple Heart, SPC Horn was awarded numerous medals and commendations during her service, including the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal and more. Since her time in the service career, Horn has married, became a registered nurse and is the proud mother of two children.

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is located just north of West Point, New York, at the site where General George Washington first awarded the Badge of Military Merit in 1782 during the Revolutionary War. The badge, shaped like a purple heart was the forerunner of today's medal. In addition to creation of the museum, the National Purple Heart Honor Mission was instrumental in the creation of the Purple Heart Forever stamp now issued by the US Postal Service, and the organization was the driving force behind bipartisan legislation establishing the nation's first official Purple Heart Commemorative Coin, which will be minted in 2022.

Those wishing to learn more about the National Purple Heart Honor Mission or donate to support the Purple Heart Patriot Project should visit www.PurpleHeartMission.org.

[Submitted by Bob Driscoll, National Purple Heart Honor Mission]

Excellence in Education Scholarship - Cascadia Eye 2021

Cascadia Eye has chosen three outstanding students from 65 applicants to receive its 19th Annual "Excellence in Education" Scholarships.

Cascadia Eye's Excellence in Education Scholarship has been awarding \$1,000 to students since 2003. The scholarship is based on GPA, an essay about the student's intended career path and letters of recommendation.

The decision was not easy, as all the applicants were impressive and deserving. However, these three students quickly rose to the top of the pack. Cascadia Eye awards the scholarships to:

- Emily Fiones - Mount Vernon High School - Skagit/North Snohomish County scholarship
- Abigail Sorenson - Bellingham High School - Whatcom County scholarship
- Ashley Lynch - South Whidbey High School - Coupeville/Oak Harbor/Island County scholarship

Emily Fiones plans on attending the University of Washington to study Biology after receiving her Associates in Biology from Skagit Valley College this summer. The selection committee

was impressed by Emily's academic achievements, but also her involvement in clubs like the Future Business Leaders of America, Teen Council, and the National Honor Society. It is clear Emily is a driven individual who has overcome a great deal of hardship to achieve all she has. Cascadia Eye is proud to award her this scholarship and hope it will enable her to continue to pursue excellence and improve the study of biology through the resilience and capabilities she has already demonstrated.

Abigail Sorenson plans on attending Pacific University to study Kinesiology. Abigail's ultimate career goal is to become a physical therapist. Her many years in cross country and distance track inspired her to help people be active in a healthy way. The many extracurricular activities Abigail has been involved in - such as being secretary of the BHS Volunteer Club, vice-president of the BHS Sports Medicine Club, and being involved in several committees, paired with outstanding academic achievement, made Abigail an instant standout for the selection committee. Cascadia Eye knows she will continue to take that spirit of involvement and community care into her chosen profession and gladly awards her this scholarship.

Ashley Lynch plans on studying Psychology at Gonzaga University. The selection committee was very impressed by Ashley's focused efforts in suicide prevention. Her involvement in the Forefront Suicide Prevention program through the University of Washington shows a dedication to mental health that will make her an enormous asset to the field of psychology. Excellent grades and extracurricular involvement are wonderful things to have, but Ashley goes beyond that in her care for those around her and for that reason Cascadia Eye has awarded her this scholarship.

Cascadia Eye would like to thank everyone who applied this year for its "Excellence in Education" Scholarship and wishes all of the applicants the best as they enter higher education.

[Submitted by Hans Fritz, Marketing Assistant, Cascadia Eye]

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Curse of the Starving Class

Thursdays, June 17 & 24, 7:30PM
Fridays, June 18 & 25, 7:30PM
Saturdays, June 19 & 26, 7:30PM
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley
Standard Ticket: \$35

The play, a perfect balance of dark comedy and biting satire, is about a family faltering in their search for security, escape and the American Dream. Written by Sam Shepard. Directed by Deana A. Duncan. For tickets or more information, visit www.wicaonline.org.

Dine Out for Kids

Friday, June 25, 11:30AM-9:00PM
Front Street Grill, Coupeville

Front Street Grill will donate a portion of the day's sales to the Coupeville Schools Foundation. The Coupeville Schools Foundation provides an extra measure of support to students through teacher grants, college scholarships and the Promise Fund.

Sasquatch Walk

Saturday, June 26, 1:00-3:00PM
Downtown Oak Harbor

Fundraiser for Pioneer Way Pop-Up Park. \$30 to participate. Preregistration required. Register at oakharbormainstreet.org/events. Meet at Flintstone Park by 12:45PM. Eat, drink, and have fun!

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below

Cost: Free:

Open Book - Donna Barba Higuera

Friday, June 18, 10:00AM

Lupe Wong Won't Dance is a funny middle-grade book full of complicated situations and a Mexican-Chinese heroine who muddles through her mistakes, one bad decision at a time. Register at sno-isle.bibliocommons.com.

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

Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum

Tuesday, June 22, 11:30AM

Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.

Museum volunteer and Collections Management director, John Hughes, will be the speaker. The program will be: U.S. Naval Air Station (NAS) Port Lyautey - A World War II Naval Seaplane and Airbase Perspective. This will include NAS Port Lyautey's role in countering the German U-boat threat in the eastern Atlantic Ocean at the height of the Battle of the Atlantic. Admission is free but a no host lunch will be offered for \$12. For more information, call 360-240-9500 or email eventsco-ord@pnwnam.org.

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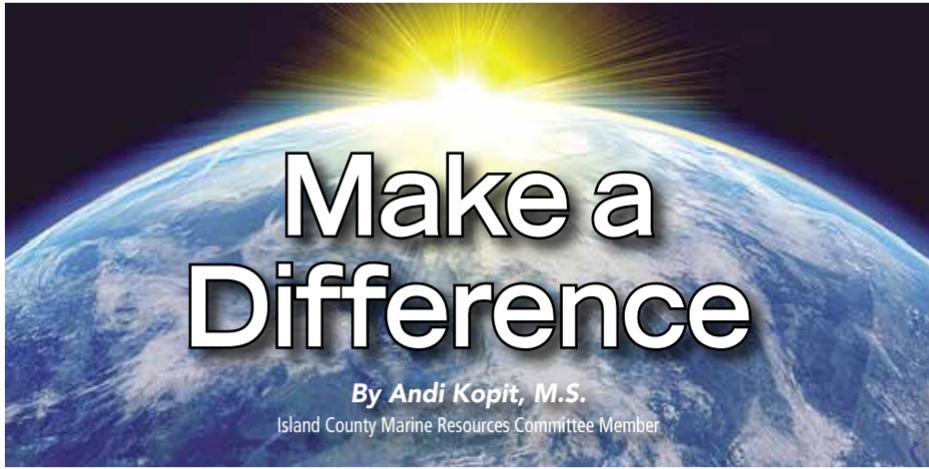


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Throughout the pandemic one thought has continually occurred to me, "I am so lucky to be on this island." I have taken full advantage of the shoreline and natural spaces we have access to as Whidbey Islanders and it has kept me sane through this trying time. It is clear I was not alone in feeling this way because the evidence of many, many people enjoying these beautiful places is there: trash. The evidence we humans leave behind. The good news is we can take action and maybe learn a thing or two in the process.

One type of human evidence is particularly persistent in the environment. It is found in many things, from straws and candy wrappers to the clothes we wear. Can you guess what it is?

That's right! Plastics. Scientists are learning more and more everyday about what these plastics do in the environment and how plastics affect living things. The plastics I notice when walking on the beach are large pieces of everyday plastic, but a lot of plastics that end up in the ocean are teeny, tiny pieces called micro-plastics. The smaller and smaller the plastic pieces become, the more living organisms can eat them. Those big pieces of everyday plastic we see on our beautiful beaches will be tossed around in the waves and broken into smaller and smaller pieces until they, too, are micro-plastics. Unless we take action and do something about it!

First, you can work at reducing the plastic you and your family use every day. Using a reusable water bottle, wearing clothes made of natural fibers, and replacing single use plastic items with reusable ones are all great places to start. Next, you and your family can head out to those beautiful beaches and pretty parks on our incredible island and conduct some rad research! We here at the Island County Marine Resources

Committee count on community science to monitor our local beaches. Here is a trash clean-up project you can do with your family to help us learn about the trash that's ending up on our shores:

Step 1: Visit the Island County Marine Resources Committee website at www.islandcountymrc.org to download the Trash Clean-Up Graph PDF to fill out.

Step 2: Collect the trash you find on the beach. Remember to keep yourself safe by following current COVID-19 protocols and do not pick up anything that looks dangerous, like sharp items or needles. If you find a large piece of debris or creosote-treated wood, you can report it to officials using the MyCoast app. Find more info and download the app at mycoast.org/wa.

Step 3: Sort your trash into plastics (including fishing line, Styrofoam, and nylon rope), metal (such as aluminum cans), paper (cardboard, beverage cups), and other. Count how many pieces you have in each category and record your data on the Trash Clean-Up Graph. If you can, take a picture of the trash you've collected.

Step 4: Properly throw away or recycle the trash and admire the clean beach you are leaving behind!

Step 5: Share your graphed results and trash pictures with us on Facebook (be sure to tag @ICEHDNR) or through email (a.prusha@islandcountywa.gov) and help us collect information about trash on our beaches so we can all keep working to make a difference!

If you would like to learn more about the Island County Marine Resources Committee and what we do, go to www.islandcountymrc.org or attend one of our monthly meetings! If we all take action and do our part to take care of our beautiful islands, we can make a difference for the community, wildlife, and ourselves.



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The adage "opposites attract" is one that would seem best not applied in the world of cuisine, yet there exist plenty of examples of weird and whacky food combinations that are real head-scratchers because, quite simply, they should not work. French fries and ice cream; mango and chili powder and bacon with just about anything (including chocolate) sound like food concoctions borne out of a dare, yet these mash-ups work and are, dare I say it, quite delicious. Being of a scientific disposition, I began to wonder what is happening on a chemical level to make these foods complement each other, and here we are! By understanding what is going on at a molecular level, it may be possible to create new dishes that make use of these properties, giving them the potential to surprise and delight your family and friends!

Dipping French fries into ice cream (particularly of the soft-serve variety) has reached cult-like status, especially at a certain fast-food restaurant that has a red-headed girl as its mascot. What flavor profiles make this unlikely pair so delicious? The answer lies in the fact starch and fats are friends. There's a reason cake or cookies with ice cream are classics, so it stands to reason a fried starch which has been salted to enhance the flavor would work just as well, if not better, with ice cream. Given this information, what other unlikely blends could be possible? As strange as this may sound, spicy chips dipped in cream cheese is a dish which should be on your food list. Think of them as a twist on nachos with sour cream, but with more emphasis on the play of sweet with salty. Give them a try and introduce them to a friend – I guarantee you will be a convert and everyone will be grateful for this culinary tip!

Sprinkling slices of fruit with chili powder is the basis of popular Mexican street food, and my favorite fruit to be used in this way is mango. I feel the chili accentuates the "fruitiness" of the mango and it turns out there is a scientific reason for this: the capsaicin in chili powder not only arouses our sense of smell (and consequently, our sense of taste) but it additionally augments the sweet acidity of the mango (or whichever fruit you prefer). So, capsaicin (without registering too high on the Scoville scale) has the ability to bring out sweetness, which means putting hot sauce on a brownie should produce a similar result! Skeptical? So was I until I tried it! The key is to find a chili that corresponds to your ability to handle heat, as there is no point in drowning out the sweet profiles with a chili that induces a face-melting reaction!

As we head into summer time, the sweet and salty combination comes into play again, with pairing prosciutto and melon – cantaloupe to be exact. Interestingly, and as a side note, in South Africa, we call cantaloupe *spanspek* (short for *Spaanse spek*), which translates literally to "Spanish bacon." The reason for this is an 18th century governor ate bacon and eggs every morning for his breakfast while his Spanish wife preferred cantaloupe; thus the name "spanspek" was born. Anyway, the point here is melon is delicious and pairing it with a salty meat seemingly takes both food items to new and tantalizing heights. Perhaps this summer a charcuterie board featuring these two tasties is in order...I'd love to see photos of your charcuterie boards, readers!

It doesn't end there, of course. There are so many other ways in which we can pair the unlikeliest of food items, and make amazingly

tasty companions of them. Take for example, the simple pairing of strawberries with balsamic vinegar. What? Yes, strawberries and balsamic are a match made in heaven. The balsamic actually serves to sweeten the strawberries – just don't douse the fruit with too much, otherwise it ruins the entire experience. Moderation is the key; it creates balance. The idea behind pairing foods together is they balance each other out, one accentuates the flavor of the other.

So with this notion in mind, let's play a game. Word association it is! If I were to say "cheddar cheese," what word springs to your mind first? Burgers? Nachos? Quesadillas? What about apple pie? This one did not ring synonymous with cheese for me at least, but there it is, apple pie and cheddar cheese. The more I think about it, the more it just makes sense. The salty sharpness of the cheddar cheese mingling with the sweet and spicy flavor of the apples totally works – not to mention the decadence of the pie pastry. While this combo did at first shock me in a sense, it would definitely be top on my "to-try" list. Maybe you could put it on yours, too!

If these weird food combinations have taught me anything, it's that we should always be adventurous and open in our culinary journeys. Regional specialties which may seem alien to us are specialties for a reason! It's not because they don't work, it's because they do – we just might not have thought of those combinations wherever it is we hail from! In any event, I wanted to leave you with a recipe in keeping with the high strangeness of the flavor marriages mentioned here today, yet is just about as delicious as a flavor match goes – red eye gravy!

My dear readers, I hope you try this gravy recipe I use from www.epicurious.com. If you haven't tasted it already, I hope you like it as much as I do! Please let me know what you think by writing to letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com along with your comments, questions and any other Dish! worthy stories!

Red Eye Gravy

Country ham (6 oz)
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
½ cup chicken broth
½ teaspoon to 1 teaspoon sugar
½ cup black coffee (strong coffee)

In a large skillet over medium heat, melt the butter. Cook ham for about three minutes per side. Remove from the pan and set aside. In the same pan the ham was cooked in, pour the coffee and stir with a wooden spoon over medium-high heat, dislodging all the bits of ham drippings at the bottom of the pan. Add broth and sugar and simmer, stirring occasionally, until the entire mixture thickens to approximately a quarter cup – about 4 or 5 minutes. Add 1 tablespoon of butter and whisk in until completely blended. Remove from heat and pour into a gravy boat or serving dish. Pour over ham or serve next to it and enjoy!

www.epicurious.com/recipes/food/views/country-ham-with-redeye-gravy-56389462

www.eatthis.com/weird-food-combinations/
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

2:37 am, Mobius Loop

Reporting party advising a Chinese rocket is orbiting the earth and is out of control. "I have heard they don't know when it's gonna come down."

10:23 am, Highland Trail Rd.

Requesting call. Reporting party says he needs a phone trap on his phone because suspect is trying to extort more money out of him.

THURSDAY, MAY 6

6:44 am, Witter Rd.

Reporting party advising received call from subject claiming to be from Amazon fraud alert group; said laptop and phone were hacked by Russian hackers. Requesting gift cards be sent to them to fix issue and scramble IP address.

7:10 am, S Main St.

Reporting party states yesterday someone came into apartment and stole daughter's school bag with laptop in it. Daughter mentioned seeing a "shady dude" wandering the complex.

5:54 pm, Sandberg Ln.

Reporting party advising her garbage can is no longer present from community garbage cans. Advising she wants to know where her garbage cans are.

9:20 pm, Humphrey Rd.

Reporting party advising male across street from reporting party has had bright light shining into reporting party's living room; reporting party advising light is too bright.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

7:11 am, Oak Harbor Rd.

Advising transient in school bus stand. "Doesn't look good." Laying on ground and flopping around. Yelling and screaming. Transient male, unknown name, maroon long sleeve shirt and dark pants.

12:30 pm, W Crescent Harbor Rd.

Reporting party states male just tried to jump out in front of reporting party's vehicle. Hispanic male, darker skinned, 5'5, black jacket and jeans. No weapons seen.

8:28 pm, NE 9th St.

Caller states blue Toyota Corolla is chasing him in his vehicle. States driver was yelling at reporting party and said he was going to follow reporting party home.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

1:06 am, Mobius Loop

Male on the line advising he has been reporting crimes for months; provided a list of people he believes should be arrested. Refused to provide number.

6:22 pm, Shawn Ave.

Caller requesting "public assist;" advising had power outage earlier today and needs help turning on his TV.

7:56 pm, Diane Ave.

Male has been coming onto reporting party's property and will talk to him-

self, then tries to go through sliding door. Just happened one minute ago.

10:33 pm, Windy Ridge Rd.

Reporting party advising something is rattling in walls of house; caller put phone up to wall, call taker can hear what sounds like drilling in the walls. Reporting party advising started 10 minutes ago.

SUNDAY, MAY 9

2:20 pm, Humphrey Rd.

Requesting call. Advising law enforcement was at location to look at neighbor's light facing reporting party's house. Advising law enforcement didn't look at right spot.

3:36 pm, Lodgepole Ln.

Reporting party states neighbor next door has live band playing in backyard. Requesting they be told to turn down music. Park manager is out of town and couldn't reach neighbor to tell them to turn it down.

3:54 pm, Silverspur Rd.

Reporting party advising someone in area is shooting peacocks. Advising one deceased in yard and male just threw one in the woods.

4:05 pm, Lodgepole Ln.

Caller with slurred speech. Advising band had stopped playing when she called. Couldn't state what was happening. Caller then started mentioning how ICSSO hates her. Music heard in background of call. Caller not being clear with answers. Said she may be having an anxiety attack. Denied aid. Requesting law enforcement re-respond for noise.

4:33 pm, Crestview Pl.

Reporting party states large cat seen 20 minutes ago in backyard of location. Last seen entering woods behind neighbor's. States much larger than domestic cat; size of medium to large dog, brown with white tail.

MONDAY, MAY 10

9 am, SR 20

Reporting party advising male standing on side of road "in a fog." Reporting party advising another male is sleeping in a sleeping bag on the line of SR 20.

TUESDAY, MAY 11

1:12 am, 4th St

Reporting party advising person coming to back door of residence telling her to turn on light, that she was getting arrested tonight. Reporting party reports no weapons.

2:04 pm, Mobius Loop

Caller requesting call; has completely hypothetical general question not relevant to any case and not needing to report anything.

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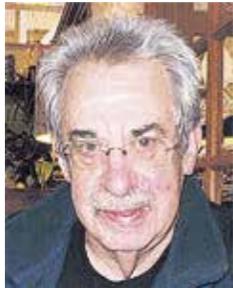
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Life Tributes

JOSEPH NORBERT STROYAN



Joseph Norbert Stroyan, age 84, passed away peacefully June 2, 2021, surrounded by love, laughter, and tears as his family and friends shared his final moments.

Joseph, born in Tacoma, Wash., was the only child of Joseph N. Stroyan and Lola M. Brubaker. His dad was a blacksmith working in isolated lumber camps. Joe's early memories included riding the rails in a drafty boxcar to attend school at the nearest town.

Joseph graduated from Washington High School in Portland, Ore. Because his parents were divorced, Joe held a job after school sweeping up debris in a local neon sign company. One of his favorite stories was that the first day on the job,

he accidentally knocked over a long line of finished Flying "A" neon gas station signs which tumbled over like dominoes. They all ended up in pieces. He didn't get fired!

Joseph was drafted into the U.S. Navy in 1955, where he learned Machine Accounting which was a brand new job classification at the time. This was his first introduction to those new machines called computers. He carried those computer skills forward the rest of his life.

Joseph met his future wife, Sharleen A. Williams, at a house party in the University District of Seattle in 1960. Sharleen had been invited because she owned a portable record player. Joe was there with another date. The rest is history.

Married in 1961, they brought three tall, strapping boys into the world, and eventually to Oak Harbor. During the 60s Joe was able to tune in and kick back while still part of the corporate world holding computer jobs at Safeco, Systems Analysis, Paccar, Washington Federal Credit Union, Washington Preferred Life and Chapman-Pierce Ford.

In 1977 the family moved to Oak Harbor after purchasing the Alpen Haus motel on Midway Blvd. Later they changed the name to North Whidbey Inn. In Oak Harbor, Joseph mastered an entirely new skill set. Instead of ones and zeros, he graduated to plumbing, bed making, and running his own business. Sharleen currently carries on these skills, except for the plumbing.

Joseph will be missed by his wife, Sharleen, who has been his best friend for the past 60 years. He is also survived by his three sons, Barry (Darlene) Stroyan of Everett, Deric D. Stroyan of Oak Harbor, and Garth (Deanna) Stroyan of Tenino, Wash. His grandchildren are Michelle (John) Chavez, Krystal (Rob) King, Brian (Shania) Stroyan, Scott (Emaly) Stroyan, Connor J. Stroyan, and Kalaina K. Stroyan. He is also survived by three great-grandchildren.

Rest in peace Joseph. Your family and friends miss your wonderful presence and support. We love you.

As per Joseph's request, a private family ceremony will be held at a later date, with interment happening afterwards at Cascade Pioneer Cemetery in North Bonneville, Wash. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Joseph's name to WhidbeyHealth Hospice.

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.

God of wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. As we complete another school year that was not easy, from our district's offices to our students, we praise you for giving us life, for saving us, and for choosing us to be your people. As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done for us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of our local schools, both public and private. We ask that you bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace this coming summer. We praise you, God!

Amen

Matthew Erikson
Hope Church Oak Harbor - Pastor

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."

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By Mary Elizabeth Himes

MAINTAINING YOUR HOME

Insurance is an agreement between parties to transfer risk. This means one party pays another party to provide financial compensation in the event of loss of assets, property or life. Most Americans are familiar with personal insurance which protects their homes and cars; the problem is most Americans do not understand what they are paying for. We want to help you have a better understanding and over time, use this platform to educate you about personal insurance and its benefits.

The importance of understanding coverages cannot be ignored. Our last article discussed the different types of homeowner's insurance and what they covered in very general terms. As summer is now here, there are items you should consider when it comes to your home and how it is insured. In Washington there are some maintenance issues that should be addressed to make certain a claim will be covered by your carrier. So, we will touch on a few items to which a homeowner should pay attention.

What many insureds do not know is carriers often do short visual inspections of insured homes which do not require the insured to be contacted. This is done to make certain an insurance company is managing the number of potential claims by weeding out unacceptable risks.

Roof Maintenance:

Poor roof and gutter maintenance is one of the most common ways an insurer will not renew a policy. Indicators of poor maintenance are excessive moss growth (Organic Growth) on the roof of ANY structure on the insured property. Many people think it is just the main home, but all detached buildings on the property are also covered under Coverage B – OTHER STRUCTURES. Broken or sagging gutters are unacceptable, as the water may back up into the eaves and into the walls of the home, causing extensive damage.

Organic growth can lead to additional moisture seeping into the wood beneath the outer covering of the roof, be it asphalt, wood or metal, causing rot, mold and leaking. The growth can also attract pests that can destroy the wood, leading to leaking and burrowing into attic areas of the home. The homeowner is responsible for maintaining the home and eliminating potential hazards to the structure. Rot, mold and rodent or pest infestation is not covered under most home policies and may require additional endorsements. If it is



found at the time of a claim that maintenance was neglected over a long period of time, the carrier may deny or pay less on a claim.

Trees and Brush:

Homeowners are responsible to keep trees and brush trimmed back away from the home. Tree limbs touching the roof are a way for animals to possibly find a way into the attic and walls of a home, causing openings in the structure which may lead to water damage. Overgrown trees and brush are fire hazards and a hindrance to the safe access into the home or property.

Many times, insureds are concerned with a neighbor's tree falling onto their property and causing damage; if this happens, the neighbor is liable for the damage caused by the tree.

Debris:

Debris on the insured property is also unacceptable and can lead to a cancellation or non-renewal. Debris is garbage, old appliances, abandoned vehicles, old construction materials, etc. The hazards of these items are they are potential fire hazards but also liability hazards, as they pose a threat of injury to persons or the environment. Abandoned vehicles and old appliances can house rodents or can become an attractive nuisance for children who may decide to be adventurous and play in a vehicle or large appliance (freezer/refrigerator). Construction materials can be a fire hazard, as they may have flammable chemicals on them. The same is true of old batteries and paint.

These are just some simple items homeowners can manage to keep their homes insurable. Sometimes the upkeep can get overwhelming for older homeowners and extra help is needed. We have many volunteer organizations on Whidbey Island to aid homeowners who may be overwhelmed with caring for their property. Reach out to Island Senior Resources and The Center in Oak Harbor for information about those organizations.



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NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH

POWER UP!

Like a high-performance car, maintaining a healthy, active lifestyle requires ongoing tune-ups and maintenance. For many reasons, men tend to put their health on the back burner. Maintaining a healthy, active lifestyle requires some effort, but the payoff is worth it!

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the greatest threats to men's health are heart disease, cancer, unintentional injuries, chronic lower respiratory disease, and stroke. Fortunately, most men can improve their health with healthy lifestyle choices like adjusting your diet and including physical activities in your daily routine.

Adding common sense precautions like safety ladders, seatbelts and eliminating smoking count too! As men age, their health concerns evolve. Does joint pain limit your lifestyle, snoring keep you from getting a good night's sleep or could testosterone therapy help you feel younger?

Men who take charge of their health can significantly lower your risk and increase your overall quality of life. National Men's Health month is a perfect time to set some goals and take steps to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

START WITH THE BASICS:

- **EAT HEALTHY** Choose vegetables, fruits, whole grains, high-fiber foods and lean sources of protein, such as fish. Limit high saturated and trans fats, and foods with added sugar and sodium.
- **WATCH YOUR WEIGHT** Losing excess pounds — and keeping them off — can be a challenge, but it can lower your risk of heart disease as well as various types of cancer.
- **GET MOVING** Exercise can help you control your weight, lower your risk of heart disease and stroke, and possibly lower your risk of certain types of cancer. Choose activities you enjoy, such as tennis, basketball or brisk walking. All physical activity benefits your health.

MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES

- **DON'T SMOKE** If you do smoke or use other tobacco products, ask your doctor to help you quit. Avoid exposure to secondhand smoke, air pollution and chemicals, such as those in the workplace.
- **LIMIT ALCOHOL** If you choose to drink alcohol, do so in moderation. Limit yourself to two drinks a day if you are under 65 and one drink a day if you are older than 65.
- **MANAGE STRESS** If you feel constantly on edge or under pressure, your lifestyle habits may suffer — and so might your immune system. Take steps to reduce stress — or learn to deal with stress in healthy ways.
- **AVOID RISKS** Motor vehicle accidents are another common cause of death among men. To stay safe on the road, wear your seat belt and follow the speed limit. Never drive under the influence of alcohol or any other substances, and don't drive distracted or while sleepy.

ASK FOR HELP

If you or someone you love is dealing with anxiety, stress, isolation, or depression, you're not alone. Suicide is another leading men's health risk. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, nearly 20 percent of Americans have behavioral health concerns yet only half of them seek treatment.

Depression is a huge risk factor in suicide. If you have signs/symptoms of depression — such as feeling sad or worthless and have lost interest in normal activities — talk to your doctor - help is available.

If you're contemplating suicide, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800-273-8255), call 911 or your local emergency number, or go to the nearest emergency room.

BOTTOM LINE

Understanding health risks is one thing. Taking action to reduce your risks is another. Start by making healthy lifestyle choices. The impact might be greater than you'll ever know.

- **GET IT CHECKED.** Don't wait to visit the doctor until something is seriously wrong. Your doctor can be your best ally for maintaining health and preventing disease. Follow your doctor's treatment recommendations if you have health issues, such as high cholesterol, high blood pressure or diabetes.
- **SCHEDULE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE** Ask your doctor about when to have preventive care such as cancer screenings, vaccinations, and other health evaluations.

Even if you're feeling healthy, regular checkups and age-appropriate screenings CAN improve your health and reduce premature death and disability.

Staying healthy is a lifelong journey; Chart your course!

Contact one of our primary clinics to schedule a wellness exam or physical today!

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INTERNATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

YOU'RE NEVER TOO YOUNG OR TOO OLD TO CREATE A HEALTH GAME PLAN

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- Set some health goals
- Upgrade your diet
- Increase your activity level
- Get it checked out

Even if you're feeling healthy, regular checkups and age-appropriate screenings CAN improve your health and reduce premature death and disability. Visit: [Whidbeyhealth.org/menshealth](https://whidbeyhealth.org/menshealth) to learn more.

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Ready, set, Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival is a go!

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival has been given the green light to proceed. The 57th annual festival, produced by the Coupeville Festival Association, will take place Aug. 14-15, and will be the first festival of its kind to take place on Whidbey Island since the pandemic brought an end to such events.

"It's a huge sigh of relief," said Deborah O'Brien, president of the Coupeville Festival Association's board of directors. "Personally, I view it as a gift we can give to the community, now that we're coming out of COVID. It's a gift to the vendors, too, to try to establish some normalcy. It's important that we keep going forward; we've become so used to looking inward in the last 16 months, now we can be outward-looking."

O'Brien, who took over as board president in January, said she and the rest of the board were devastated by having to cancel the event last year – the first time in the festival's 57-year history.

"It was incredibly difficult," she said. "We held out as long as we could, but we could see the writing on the wall."

While board members are thrilled the association is able to proceed with a festival in August, the lingering effects of COVID will affect how this year's event will look.

"We are planning on the state being opened up June 30," O'Brien said. "We don't know what things will be like in August, so we are going by the protocols that are in place now for planning purposes. That means we have spaced the booths out to allow for social distancing, which means we have had to cut the number of booths down to 130 from 190."

O'Brien was quick to point out no vendors were eliminated due to the downsizing.

"We didn't cut anybody," she said. "We accepted vendors last year and then had to cancel. We've carried all those vendors forward to this year. We did lose some vendors, through attrition, which took us down to 130."

"We already have 20 vendors on a waiting list now," O'Brien continued. "But the vendors have been so patient and we've been in constant communication with them."



File Photo

Mark your calendars for the Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival, scheduled to take place Aug. 14-15 in downtown Coupeville. Don't expect huge crowds, however, this year's festival has been scaled back a bit to conform with pandemic health precautions.

Jewelry, art and hand-crafted items of all kinds set the Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival apart from other gatherings, O'Brien said.

"We have an incredible lineup, with 40 new vendors who haven't been to the festival before," she described. "Nothing that has been commercially made is allowed in our festival. We don't have the products that are more associated with carnivals, for example. These items are extremely high quality. We try to keep it affordable, but high quality."

Having the festival back on the calendar means the association can get back to giving back.

"The festival allows us to give out grants and scholarships," O'Brien said. "At this point we've given out well over a million dollars in grants and scholarships, and we're pretty

proud of that. Last year we couldn't give any because we didn't have the festival."

One of the keys to the Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival's ongoing success, according to O'Brien, is its volunteers – the heart and soul of the festival.

"Pulling everything together this year is akin to starting our heart with a 220-volt line," she laughed. "But we have and want to solicit the most incredible group of volunteers. We hadn't planned on having food, but people have jumped in and we've got food. People are coming out of the woodwork to help. We welcome volunteers – they are the heart and soul of this organization. It takes 200 volunteers to pull this festival together and every year they just sort of appear."

As O'Brien mentioned, the festival is scaled back a bit this year. One big change is there won't be live music, because current health guidelines prevent it. And because there could still be some COVID protocols in place in August, the board has decided to try to keep this event as local as possible.

"We can't control crowd access, obviously, but we are trying to make this strictly an island-wide festival instead of a state-wide festival," she said. "I think we're just looking for it to be a community-centered event to try to bring people together after being forced to be apart for so long."

O'Brien said she believes the smaller scale will be beneficial to Coupeville businesses as well.

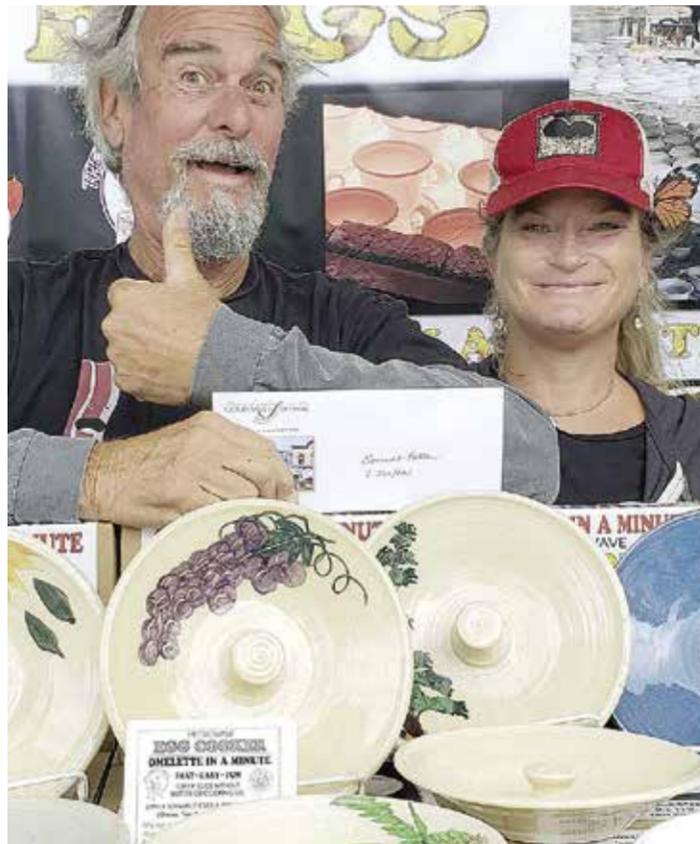
"We are going to pretty much keep it like it was, just smaller," she said. "It's going to be what we're terming a 'return to 20 years ago,' before it got so big. Smaller, more intimate. It will allow more access to merchants. I know in some ways the festival is inconvenient for merchants and in some ways it increases business for merchants. This year merchants and vendors will be working together with us to put on an incredible festival."

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival can sign up through the website at coupevillefestival.com or by emailing O'Brien at cfboardpresident@gmail.com.



Photo Courtesy of the Coupeville Festival Association

All items sold at the Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival must be hand-crafted and high quality. This year's festival Aug. 14-15 will feature 130 booths and at least 40 first-time festival vendors, with items ranging from original paintings to handcrafted pottery, jewelry, woodwork and more.



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The pandemic obviously stopped live performance of any kind in its tracks last year. Heidel said the forced time off has led to some impressive plans for the summer, in addition to the pop-up concerts, which are all part of the "Splash 2021 Summer Music Festival."

"When we planned for the summer, we planned big," he said. "We have such an enormous wealth of talent here on the island and it's great to be able to highlight our members. An example of that is the creation of PNW Percussion on the Rock, a four-day workshop exploring percussion ensemble music in the 20th century. We couldn't have done this without two exceptional percussionists that live here on Whidbey, Brandon Nelson, Oak Harbor High School band director, and Erica Montgomery, who is the former principal timpanist in the D.C. Air Force Band. We look forward to growing this program into a highly regarded event that our PNW Conducting Institute has become."

International travel restrictions mean the fifth season of the PNW Conducting Institute will take place on a smaller scale, once again with the help of local talent.

"With the help of conductor Sebastian Serrano, music director of Oak Harbor Methodist Church, we hope to attract a number of orchestral conductors virtually auditing the workshop from South and Latin America," Heidel explained. "This format proved to be successful when we previously held this as a virtual workshop last summer. The only person I'm not quite sure it worked well for was an Australian conductor that awoke at 3 a.m. to participate."

Heidel said those interested should also pay attention to the Festival of American Song in July, featuring cabaret legend Steve Ross. Ross is coming from New York City to perform and hold a public masterclass.

After months of staying apart Heidel said it is strange but exciting to be planning for live, in-person performances once again. He said the shutdown was brutal for musicians financially, but it forced them all to seek creative alternatives.

"[The most difficult part of the shutdown in the beginning was] the total loss of income," he said. "What it did do was have to reinvent how we perform and teach music. There

is some great technology developed to be able to rehearse together online, teach students virtually and even put together individual tracks for release as a YouTube performance."

As things begin to normalize, Saratoga Orchestra is already looking ahead to its next full season in front of Whidbey Island audiences starting this fall. There may even be more summer concerts in the future, too.

"We have a great season scheduled to start in October with subsequent performances in January, March and May of 2022," said Heidel. "We are excited to present some of the material that was slated for our canceled 2020 performances. Depending on the response we get from this summer's music festival, this could be a year-round venture for us."

Find more information at sowhidbey.com and get tickets and details on this summer's pop-up concerts and more at pnwmusic.org.





OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What do or did you most admire about your father?



Cynthia Mason

Oak Harbor

Blind to prejudices, he always treated everyone equally. He worked hard, played hard, and loved deeply. I miss him very much. He transitioned in 2018.

Irene Gustafson

Coupeville

I most admired the way my Dad taught us about love, especially for family. He and Mom were happily married for 72 years.

They showed each other love by holding hands, going on dates, dancing, playing tennis, swimming, camping, hiking and other things. Dad chose a 9 to 5 job to give him more time with us. He and Mom taught us to play. Dad helped us with homework.

They took us to church where we were taught how we were loved and should love others. Dad passed on a few years ago, but left us with love.



Victor Zarate

Oak Harbor, Navy Exchange Manager

My dad, who is my stepdad, told me I should "make sure to hold on tight to that girl." That girl he was referring to was my future wife. It truly is the best advice I ever took.

He also taught me the value of working hard. These two things have proven to be the best advice I have ever received. Happy Father's Day, Wilson Taylor!

Diana Estep

Oak Harbor

My dad adopted me when I was 3 years old. I had 7 siblings. Every weekend we would get into a train my dad had made. He pulled this train with his tractor and pulled it around the neighborhood picking other children up along the way to take us all for a ride. As I got older, Dad would take us to cruise the avenue after teen dances. He was a funny dad that you never got tired of.

When I was younger, I asked dad if he would take me bird hunting. He said, "As long as you are my pretend dog." So I went in the brushy ditch and scared the birds out. Dad never shot at the birds.

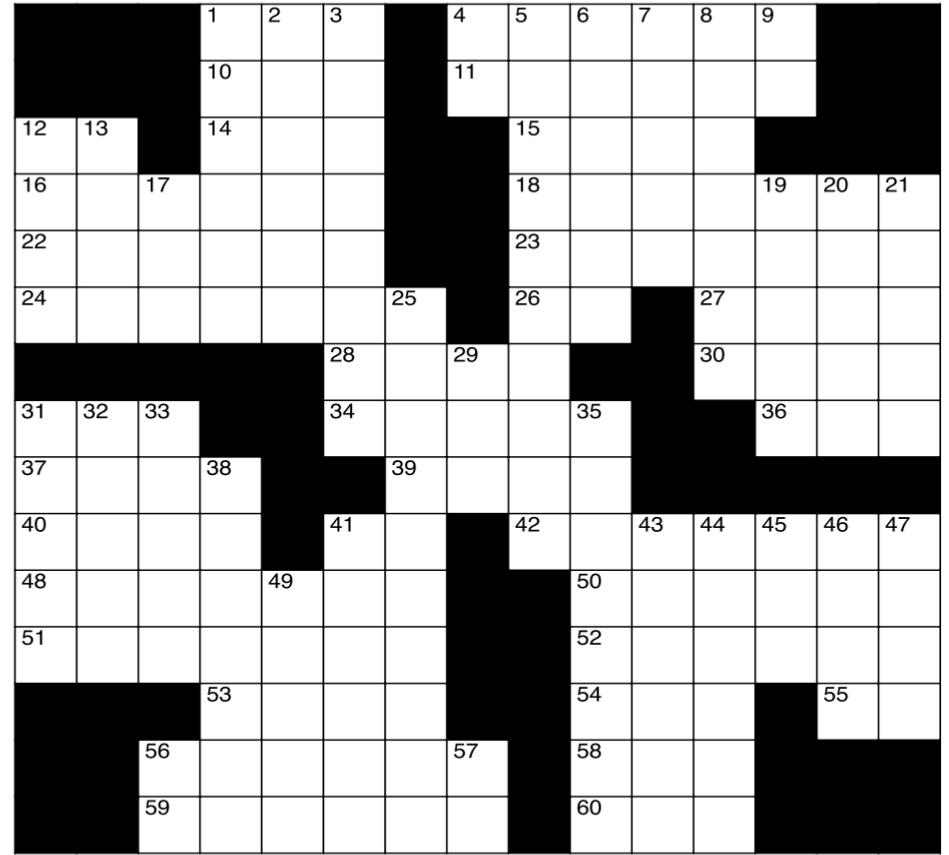
Another time we got into his Mercedes Benz to get a turkey for Thanksgiving. Dad and I chased wild turkeys until one got tired. We put it in a box and brought it home.

My children were treated just as special as I had been.

Dad passed October 6, 1994. Children came from many places to be at his memorial service. They asked me if I would take them to the funeral home to see my Dad. The mortician was in awe. The children wanted to make sure he still had his pony tail. They pulled it out from behind his head. They were so happy. If you'd known my Dad, Carl Leo Blaschka, he would have loved you too.



Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. "Sleepless In Seattle" actress Ryan
- 4. One of Santa's reindeer
- 10. Before the present
- 11. Type of butter
- 12. Location of White House
- 14. Motion
- 15. Tree part
- 16. Regions around the North Pole
- 18. Fits on a boat's gunwale
- 22. Discuss after it's happened
- 23. Milk substitute for coffee
- 24. Describes one who believes in supreme being
- 26. Equally
- 27. Famed director Forman
- 28. Popular apartment style
- 30. British School
- 31. Advanced degree
- 34. Order of architecture
- 36. Investment account (abbr.)
- 37. Snakelike fishes
- 39. Children's tale bear
- 40. Norse personification of old age

41. Atomic #58

- 42. Moving your head
- 48. 1878 Kentucky Derby winner
- 50. Frankfurter
- 51. Small, seedless raisin
- 52. Device in papermaking machine
- 53. Go
- 54. Open payment initiative (abbr.)
- 55. "Westworld" actor Harris
- 56. Saturated with salt
- 58. Marry
- 59. Report on
- 60. Midway between north and northeast

12. Group of languages

- 13. Large First Nations group
- 17. Circulating life force in Chinese philosophy
- 19. Excludes
- 20. Body cavity of a metazoan
- 21. Swedish monetary unit
- 25. Works with
- 29. Partner to "to"
- 31. Rewards (archaic)
- 32. One of Caroline Islands
- 33. Type of alcohol
- 35. Eat a lot
- 38. Nuns
- 41. Dog

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Rays
- 2. Self-centered person
- 3. One you look after
- 4. Prosecutor
- 5. Portion
- 6. Speaks ill of
- 7. Formal system for computer programs
- 8. To make angry
- 9. Rural delivery

Answers on page 15

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

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North Isle H-66°/L-53° Plenty of Sunshine	North Isle H-66°/L-52° Mostly Sunny	North Isle H-65°/L-52° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-67°/L-53° Mixed Sun and Clouds	North Isle H-73°/L-56° Sunny and Warm	North Isle H-71°/L-56° Mixed Sun and Clouds	North Isle H-72°/L-57° Cloudy
South Isle H-68°/L-52° Sunny	South Isle H-67°/L-52° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-68°/L-53° Mixed Sun and Clouds	South Isle H-72°/L-54° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-78°/L-57° Sunny and Warm	South Isle H-76°/L-57° Mixed Sun and Clouds	South Isle H-77°/L-58° Mostly Cloudy



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Here we go again! Five family yard sale with quality household and yard items for all ages. Saturday, June 26, 8:30am-4pm and Sunday, June 27, 8:30am-2pm, 1734 Whales Run Place (Look for the red signs one mile towards Oak Harbor from the Coupeville traffic light on SR 20). Furniture, BBQs, tools, DVDs/Blue Rays, clothes, best-selling books, and much more! Masks appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pregnant? Need baby clothes? We have them and the price is right – FREE. Pregnancy Care Clinic, open Tuesday 10am-4pm, Wednesday 12pm-7pm, and Thursday 10am-4pm. Stop by at 670 SE Midway Blvd. in Oak Harbor.

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

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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@islandshakespearefest.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 volunteer at one of the Habitat for Humanity of Island County stores, you are helping local families attain decent, affordable housing. Income from the stores is vital to giving families a path to homeownership. We need people who can commit to help out in our Oak Harbor or Freeland store at least two-hours per week. Schedules are flexible. Our friendly volunteers provide customer service, help with receiving donated household items and furniture, and maintain the store. We also need drivers and driver helpers who will professionally represent Habitat as they pick up donated items using our trucks. Please call either store for more information. Oak Harbor: 360-675-8733, Freeland: 360-331-6272.

College student? Student of history? History buff? Opportunities are available to spend constructive volunteer hours at the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum. Go to www.pnwnam.org and click on "Volunteer" or just stop by and introduce yourself.

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

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

reception@islandseniorservices.org

JOB MARKET

Director of Development: Meerkerk Gardens (MG), a private nonprofit garden, open to the public, is located on beautiful Whidbey Island in the Puget Sound – 43 acres of gardens and natural areas with woodland trails attract over 20,000 visitors annually. MG promises an outstanding opportunity for a dedicated individual within a dynamic and growing organization. The successful candidate will have proven leadership experience, administrative, and financial skills as well as a solid background in membership development, fundraising, and public relations; must be an effective communicator who can interact with diverse groups. Responsibilities will include planning, organizing and directing all of Meerkerk's fundraising efforts including membership, major gifts, annual fund, planned giving, special events and capital campaigns. You will be working collaboratively with a volunteer Board of Directors in strategic planning, implementation of goals and objectives, and development of public awareness and support. Qualifications: Bachelor's degree or equivalent, five years of progressively increasing development experience with a proven record of fundraising, exceptional written and oral communication skills, experience using databases to track donor giving and to retrieve and analyze information to advance fundraising efforts, and ability to work collaboratively with the board and support staff. Experience working with nonprofit and/or educational organizations is highly desirable. Compensation: This is a new part-time position with

potential for full-time within a year. Flexible time of approximately 25 hours per week with an hourly rate commensurate with education and work experience. Reports to the Board Vice-President-Development Chairperson. To Apply: E-mail resume, cover letter stating qualifications and salary requirements, and three professional references to rmcclung@meerkerkgardens.org or Mail your resume to Meerkerk Gardens, Attention: Dr. Re McClung, PO Box 154, Greenbank, WA 98253 (0) CAREGIVER: All Heart Agency, LLC is hiring full and part time caregivers for adults with disabilities on Whidbey Island (Oak Harbor). Must pass background check and be at least 18 years old with high school diploma/GED or higher education. No experience needed. Paid training and benefits. Please call Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm, 360-320-6072 to schedule time for application and interview at Coupeville office (2)

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The summer of 2021 and beyond is going to be an exciting time for Penn Cove Brewing Company. We are very pleased with the recent opening of the Freeland Brewery and Taproom and look forward seeing the friendly faces of the entire island community not only in Freeland but at all of our taproom locations. For all of the latest news, events, beer offerings and specials, follow us on social media as well as checking our website. Cheers!

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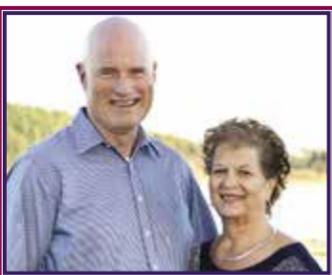
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