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Twist again with Janie Cribbs and T.Rust at Langley Street Dance

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Dance lovers didn't get to twist a lot last summer, but there is ample opportunity to twist the night away Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Langley Street Dance, to be held in front of Callahan's Firehouse on 2nd Street.

Normally a Langley Main Street event, this particular street dance is being put on by a group of private citizens (the official Main Street event was canceled).

"Main Street board did not want to do it this year so I reached out to a few people and Bam! – the street dance is on," said Callahan McVay, owner of Callahan's Firehouse and one of the organizers behind this year's event.

The dance, which has drawn up to 500 or more people in the past, is slated to be much the same as other years, although the time frame is a little tighter – just two hours – and there is one band being featured, Janie Cribbs and the T.Rust Band, instead of multiple groups.

Lead singer Janie Cribbs told *Whidbey Weekly* via email the band is thrilled to be able to perform in front of a live audience again.

"After 16 months of not seeing the band or playing live music, we are so excited to be back doing what we all love," she said. "Despite not performing for so long, we have been rehearsing, writing and finishing up the album 'Second



File Photo

In the past, the Langley Street Dance has drawn big crowds. Organizers say this year's event will follow COVID-19 health and safety guidelines.



Photo Courtesy of Janie Cribbs

Janie Cribbs and the T.Rust Band will get things moving Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Langley Street Dance. The group will perform material from its new album and plenty of familiar songs perfect for dancing. The event will take place in front of Callhan's Firehouse on 2nd Street in downtown Langley.

Chance' that we started in March 2020. In some ways, it has been interesting and rewarding to have had the time to be fully engaged with our musical decisions and produce a great set of songs that totally reflects where we are now, having all gone through a world-wide pandemic together."

Cribbs said those who attend the street dance can look forward to an entertaining evening of fun.

"[It will be] pure, unadulterated music-to-your-ears JOY," she described. "We have two full hours of fabulous dance material – many new original tunes and some great old familiar ones, too.

"We have a new song called 'Might as Well Have a Good Time;' we hope everyone will be ready to kick off their shoes and leave their worries behind!" Cribbs continued. "If you're not ready for a big crowd, you can listen to the music from a distance and of course, we are complying with state [health] guidelines and recommendations."

The band, which includes Cribbs on lead vocals, percussion and accordion, also features Joe Reggiatore on acoustic and electric guitars, Kevin Holden on drums and percussion and Dave Willis on bass, upright bass, hand drums and banjo.

Those attending Saturday will hear a mix of music sure to get toes tappin' and feet moving. Some tunes may be familiar, but much of it is original, including new material from the band's new album, which also happens to drop Saturday.

"We will be performing all 10 songs from the CD, so if you like 'Original Roots, Blues and Sultry SOUL,' we guarantee you're gonna love it!" Cribbs said.

Copies of the band's new CD will be available at the street dance as well as online. (janiecribbs.com) A new band T-shirt will also be available to purchase.

Former Langley mayor, Tim Callison, will be the emcee for the evening, helping to usher in and celebrate a return to community events. McVay said efforts to put on the street dance have been met with enthusiasm, despite some lingering concerns over COVID-19.

"Most in the community are supportive, some are scared," he said, adding safety for all in attendance is a priority. "We are and will be in full compliance with COVID-19 restrictions."

For information, go to callahansfirehouse.com or find it on Facebook. For information on Janie Cribbs and the T.Rust Band, or to purchase its new CD, visit janiecribbs.com.



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Last Saturday I had a dream I was trapped in a pan of popping popcorn. It turned out to not be a dream. I was trapped in an earful of fireworks.

What I thought was the sound of loud popcorn was actually loud explosives.

Hold the butter and salt.

Thought provokers

Why do peanuts float in regular coke and sink in a diet coke?

How is it we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Did you ever notice when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

The punishment of packaging

Last week, mask-less joy returned as I spent time with a dear friend who has re-relocated to Langley. As one of the founding mothers of the Village by the Sea, Marj has created and witnessed some incredible history.

As we reminisced, neighbors like Steve, Wally, Randy, and Holden stopped by to say "hello." For a moment it felt like we were back in the 50s. Neighbors being neighbors. Is *glorious* too strong a word to describe the experience?

Among the myriad of subjects we discussed, our only intense moment concerned the difficulty of opening packaging. This we cannot blame on the pandemic. We blame plastic, sealed jars, and child proof bottles.

A few years back, Consumer Reports issued its annual Oyster Awards for the hardest-to-open packages. The winner: a 2006 Uniden digital cordless phone set, whose clam-shell packaging took testers 9 minutes 22 seconds to open.

Whether it is the protective packaging of Keebler's cookies, the industrial strength plastic of 40 Duracell AA batteries, or peanut butter seals, military training is not sufficient for today's product liberations.

The looped protective plastic cap which postpones milk consumption, the serrated child proof cap of Thousand Island dressing, and soup cans with beer can ring technology are three of my least fave openings.

Unable to open the salad dressing cap to get to the sealed cover, I flipped the top of the untwistable cap, drove an ice pick through the seal, and began to squirt onto the wilting lettuce.

It took me awhile to get a dressing release system together. Unfortunately,

haste makes waste and excessive spillage.

No wonder Mom made our thousand island with mayo, ketchup, a small soup bowl and a spoon. Why mess with a bottle?

The senior forum web site, www.seniorforum.com, offers some classic complaints by frustrated openers.

We've noticed it with the Bud Light beer caps.....feel like we almost need a pair of pliers to open! Bags of chips can be hard to open as well. Think manufacturers are using some type of Super Glue to seal this stuff with today. With a lot of food jars, we have to use a rubber jar opener. My wife don't have the strength in her hands she did years ago.

I need my slip-jaw pliers to open the screw cap on a bottle of club soda water.

My ultra sharp kitchen shears can just barely open a pack of Swiss cheese.

Try opening the hard crimped plastic cover on anything from the hardware store. They sell a special tool now just to open the packaging. Thing is, how do you open the tool package?

I remember when things use to be child proof. Now it seems like things have changed to adult proof.

I think that manufacturers are worried about product theft or adulteration, so they have created super durable, hard-to-open packaging. A related concern are those multiple "safety seals," intended to guard against food product contamination. A container screw-top lid is often sealed over with tight-fitting clear plastic, and when you remove that there's often an inner seal that's hard to remove as it's difficult to grab onto it.

And don't get me started on product lids as on pill bottles whose removal requires that you push down on them while also twisting or squeezing the cap!

I always have a salesperson open the toughies (heat sealed plastic) for me. It's usually educational for both of us.

Where I shop now, the golf ball packages are locked up and you have to get staff to open the locker. When they were left out you just took the balls out, put them in your pocket and leave the empty package behind. It's the same with sporting goods like hunting knives. The staff then leads you to the check out counter to pay for it in some cases.

For my tools, I have at the ready a pocket knife, an X-acto knife, a pair of pliers, and Dad's magnifying glass to see the too small to see *Tear here* area.

One reason I never take vitamins or aspirin—I am unable to get the caps undone.

I also have a flashlight by the microwave so I can read the instructions on my frozen dinners.

Like Aunt Dorothy said, "James, it's hell getting old."

Magic Fingers

Remember plugging quarters into Magic Fingers coin boxes in motels, as long as Dad had enough quarters?

Years ago in Sequim, we located a motel with those not-so-child-proof vibration sensations. Who needs pinball?

In college, one of our fraternity brothers rigged a fan-less fan motor to the bottom of his bunk bed springs creating his own magic fingers for free.

No wonder our parents sent us to college.

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Bits & Pieces

Hanks To Assume Command of NAS Whidbey Island



Capt. Eric Hanks, Prospective Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island

Capt. Matt Army, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island, will turn over command of the air station to Capt. Eric Hanks during a change of command ceremony Friday.

The change of command ceremony will be held at 11:00AM, in the Indoor Wash Rack Facility. Guest speaker for the event is Sarah Rhoads, vice-president, Amazon Global Air. The presiding officer will be Rear Admiral Brian Collins, Commander, Navy Region Northwest.

During the past year, Army championed new tactics, techniques, and processes in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, finding transformational ways to lead the installation and provide uninterrupted support to the operational squadrons. His leadership and vision ensured on-time deployments which consistently met the Navy's world-wide mission in support of national interests. He also fully embraced available virtual venues to provide new tools for success, creating a responsive team that had the agility to resolve key issues with a more rapid response time and significantly streamlined management and operational processes.

Army was also instrumental in expanding community outreach activities throughout his tenure, successfully engaging elected officials, local tribes, civic organizations and other members of the public on major issues including noise impacts from flight operations, long-term resolutions for PFOA/PFAS water contamination, adequate military housing, and more than 120 missions by the base's Search and Rescue Unit.

Under his leadership, the base won numerous other high level Navy awards, including the Navy Community Service Award Flagship winner for Environmental Stewardship; Solid Waste Association of North America Gold Excellence Award for achieving a 73 percent recycling rate that generated over \$200,000 in revenue; Finalist for the Capt. Edward F. Ney Award for Food Service Excellence and winner of the 2019 and 2020 Edward Carlson Award for the best worldwide small category Navy Lodge.

Army is retiring from the U.S. Navy after 28 years of naval service and will reside in Mill Creek, Wash.

Hanks, a native of Jennings, La., is a 1997 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. Following his designation as a Naval Aviator in August 1999, Hanks amassed over 3,300 flight hours, primarily in the Navy's Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance community. He began

his operational career with Patrol Squadron (VP) 16, with deployments to the U.S. Europe and Southern Combatant Command areas of responsibility. Subsequent operational tours include a tour as USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Catapult and Arresting Gear Division Officer; a department head tour with the Golden Eagles of VP-9 with combat deployments to U.S. Central and Pacific Combatant Command AORs; and a commanding officer tour with the Skinny Dragons of VP-4. While commanding VP-4 forward deployed, he served as Commander Task Groups 67.1/3/5 leading anti-submarine warfare and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance operations in support of U.S. Europe and Africa Combatant Command assigned missions.

Hanks' shore assignments include a tour as an Advanced Maritime Instructor Pilot with Training Squadron 35; Defense Sensitive Support Officer and Special Activities Officer with U.S. Africa Command; Deputy Division Chief and senior military wargame analyst on The Joint Staff J8-Studies, Analysis, and Gaming Division (SAGD); and most recently as the Executive Assistant to the OPNAV Programming Division Director (N80).

Hanks will assume command of the Navy's sole air station in the Pacific Northwest. The installation employs over 8,700 active duty military and over 2,100 Department of Defense civilians and full-time contract employees. The annual economic impact the base brings to Island County and surrounding communities exceeds \$1.04 billion.

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

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County Hosts Island-Wide Scavenger Hunt on Whidbey

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County (BBBSIC) announced it will host a brand new fundraiser this summer, Whidbey Island Scavenger Hunt, or WISH.

"WISH is a new fundraiser, designed to help reestablish community connections, remind us of all the island has to offer, and build new bonds with our fellow Whidbey residents while raising funds to help children right here in our community. We are getting a lot of the local nonprofits and businesses involved, and it's going to be a hoot!" explains Executive Director, Tiffany Scribner.

Participants can enter solo, or in teams of two to take on a wide variety of challenges suitable for all ages in this island-wide, digital scavenger hunt. Safe, socially distanced quests include taking photos and videos, answering trivia and finding locations all over the island. The answers will then be submitted through the Eventzee app (available free from Google Play and the App Store). Participants are asked to raise funds to support BBBS and will be awarded bonus points for dollars raised. Those who register before July 9 will receive bonus points, and those meeting their fundraising goal will also receive a pair of tickets to the zoo. Winners of the event will receive prizes such as Fire HD tablets and those who complete challenges will be entered into daily giveaways during the event where they could win prizes like a mountain bike. The event will run from Friday, July 23, 11:00AM, through Monday, Aug. 2, 4:00PM. Registration for the event is \$10 per scavenger.

"We are so excited to see our community come together, have fun and support the kids who benefit from our programs! We hope this event becomes a yearly tradition everyone on Whidbey looks forward to," states Debbie Merritt, president of the board of directors.

Registration and more information can be found at bbbsislandcounty.org/wish or on the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County Facebook event page.

Those who are interested in donating can do so by texting "WISH2021" to 50155 or through the website.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please contact the BBBSIC office at 360-279-

0644 or admin@bbbsislandcounty.org with inquiries.

About Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County

BBBSIC has been creating and supporting one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and potential of youth since 1999. By matching children, ages 6-16, with caring, adult role models, BBBSIC is giving youth dependable friends who help expand horizons, reach their full potential, and enrich their futures. Independent research shows that positive mentorship has a direct, measurable, and lasting impact on children's lives. All contributions enable BBBSIC to continue to support and foster current match relationships while providing more local children with life-changing mentors. Approximately \$1,250 funds the establishment and continuation of a new one-to-one match relationship for one year.

To learn more, become a mentor, donate and/or offer support, please visit <https://bbbsislandcounty.org> or follow BBBSIC on Facebook, Instagram @bbbsislandcounty, and Twitter @bbbsic.

[Submitted by Tiffany Scribner, Executive Director, BBBSIC]

WorkSource Centers in Island, Whatcom and Skagit Counties Now Reopen to the Public

As Washington continues to reopen, WorkSource Centers in the Northwest Region (Island, Whatcom and Skagit counties) have reopened to the public as well, by appointment only. WorkSource Centers provide individuals looking for work a place to conduct job search activities and use computers. COVID safety measures are in place, so space is limited. To reserve a time, visit worksourcewa.com, or call:

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[Submitted by Scott Iddings, WorkSource Whatcom]

Skagit Valley College Selects Jordan Carver as Men's Soccer Head Coach



The Skagit Valley College (SVC) Athletic Department is pleased to announce Jordan Carver has been selected as SVC's new men's soccer head coach. Coach Carver comes to the Cardinals with exceptional coaching experience, including 11 years as head coach at Iowa Western Community College (IWCC). In 2013, he led the Reivers to a National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Championship, and he was named Coach of the

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Don't let investments go on vacation

Now that we've gained at least some space from the COVID-19 pandemic, summer travel is heating up. But while you might be eager to hit the road, you won't want your investments to take a vacation – you need them to work hard for you consistently. But how can you make this happen?

Here are some ideas:

Know your destination. "If you don't know where you want to go, then it doesn't matter which path you take." This bit of wisdom, paraphrased from the classic children's book, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, may be appropriate for, say, hikers exploring a new landscape. But as an investor, it matters a great deal which path you take. If you only dabble in investing, occasionally putting some money into one investment or another, it will be difficult to build a portfolio that's consistently working in your best interest. It's important to create a long-term investment strategy based on where you want to go in life – that is, how long you plan to work, what sort of retirement lifestyle you envision, and so on.

Match goals with investments. Some investments are designed to achieve certain goals. To illustrate: When you contribute to an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, you're investing for one specific, long-term goal: a comfortable retirement. While you can tap into these accounts for other purposes – though doing so might incur immediate taxes and penalties – they are designed to provide you with income during your retirement years. Similarly, you may have other investments for other purposes, such as a 529 education savings plan. Here's the key point: Goals-based investing, by its nature, can help ensure your portfolio is always working on your behalf, in the way you intended.

Invest for growth. Ideally, hard work produces results, and one of the main results you want from your investments is growth – that is, you want your investments to appreciate in value so they can eventually help you meet your goals. But if you are overconcentrated in vehicles such as certificates of deposit (CDs) and government securities, you may end up lowering your growth potential. That's not to say that CDs and Treasury bills are in some sense "lazy." They can provide you with income and help you reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. But to achieve most of your goals, you'll need a reasonable number of growth-oriented investments working for you, with the exact percentage based on your needs and life stages.

Check your progress. How else can you ensure your investments aren't just taking it easy? By checking up on them. If you follow a buy-and-hold strategy, your portfolio shouldn't require many changes if it already reflects your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. Too much buying and selling could jeopardize your ability to follow a consistent, long-term strategy. However, "buy and hold" doesn't mean "buy and forget." By reviewing your portfolio at least once a year, you can determine if your investments are performing as they should. If they're not working for you as you'd like, you may need to make some changes.

If you're traveling this summer, relax and enjoy yourself – but keep those investments working hard

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

9:21 am, SR 20

Caller entered on highway side for loop trail, found male face down, semi-conscious. States when tried to wake male, male flipped reporting party off so reporting party left area.

10:14 am, SR 20

Male reported earlier at Rhododendron Park face down in trail is now on reporting party's property rifling through reporting party's belongings. No weapons seen.

2:04 pm, Fort Casey Rd.

Caller reporting an aggressive deer in area of large houses as you are entering park. No one hurt.

4:02 pm, San Juan St.

Reporting party advising of domestic turkey walking around neighborhood. Is now in reporting party's yard. Unknown where turkey belongs. Is all white.

4:05 pm, Taylor Rd.

Bus just hit reporting party's mail truck. Bus is now parked at Crescent Harbor Elementary School. Bus driver did not stop.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

12:41 am, Ault Field Rd.

Caller states someone is following him with machine used to lobotomize people; states they are in his house; correction, "They're not following me, she goes everywhere I go."

10:07 am, Taylor Rd.

Large hog in road. Approximately 200 pounds, brown.

FRIDAY, MAY 28

4:45 am, Ault Field Rd.

Reporting party advising obsessed stalker is firing lobotomy ray at him; ongoing issue.

5:28 am, Stellar Ln.

Reporting party states he is trying to sleep and there are five people on property that shouldn't be there. Unknown weapons.

12:24 pm, Degraff Rd.

Reporting party states hostage situation occurring; wife is inside sending money to subjects. Subjects state they have daughter and granddaughter. States law enforcement can't be seen.

SATURDAY, MAY 29

8:26 am, Meadowood Ln.

Reporting party advising ongoing issue with two male neighbors yelling curse words through front door. States they cut through berry bushes to get there.

SUNDAY, MAY 30

10:02 am, Brentwood Pl.

Four young black angus cows loose in reporting party's yard; unknown owner.

10:24 am, Smugglers Cove Rd.

Requesting call regarding if it is legal for neighbor to be running wood chipper and making noise on a Sunday.

12:46 pm, SR 20

Reporting party doesn't know her location, showing in between Henni and Monkey Hill; language barrier; states 24-year-old daughter was yelling at her and reporting party said she didn't want to drive in her vehicle anymore.

1:42 pm, SR 20

Advising driving southbound, window just shattered; believes bullet struck window; has pulled over. No injuries.

5:39 pm, Taylor Rd.

States three black cows are loose in someone's front yard. Reporting party trying to get better location.

6:46 pm, Haines Rd.

Advising neighbor just came to location with large stick; banged on the window wanting reporting party to turn down the noise. Believes he is responsible for all noise and vibration in the residence.

6:50 pm, Ocean View Dr.

Reporting party states they were at the property, came home and neighbors came over and taped cardboard over their cameras at the property after they left. Was seen on cameras by reporting party.

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Public hearings planned to discuss port's Industrial Development District proposal

By **Melanie Hammons** Whidbey Weekly

The Port of Coupeville's commissioners will be holding a series of public hearings on how an Industrial Development District (IDD) designation can modernize port assets. The hearings, scheduled to begin this fall, aim to outline ways an IDD creation can successfully address issues of aged infrastructure and long-deferred maintenance at the Coupeville Wharf in particular.

The IDD concept, which has been around since the 1950s, allows Washington's ports to levy a special property tax, or Industrial Development levy, to fund needed capital improvements. This unique levy would be allocated to exclusively fund needed repairs and enhancements throughout the Port of Coupeville Industrial Development District.

A recent Port of Coupeville newsletter focused on the pressing need for substantial upgrades and repairs to structures that were built decades ago. Port Executive Director Chris Michalopoulos said these much-needed improvements and deferred maintenance tasks have a combined cost estimate in excess of \$13 million. The latest capital finance plan prepared by the group projects that existing Port tax revenue and operating income are inadequate to cover these costs. That is why Coupeville's port commissioners are considering ways an Industrial Development District levy can address this.

Michalopoulos expressed great optimism about the future of the Port's assets, namely the Wharf, adjacent Collections Boutique building (former Gillespie's Meat Market) and Greenbank Farm.

"I believe the IDD promises to be a real game-changer for the health and vitality of

the Historic Coupeville Wharf, Old Gillespie Meat Market, and Greenbank Farm," said Michalopoulos.

"The rehabilitation and preservation of these historic assets are the Port's top priorities," he continued. "They are major contributors to the economic vitality of Whidbey Island as well as Island County, drawing tourism revenue from outside the county and even outside the state of Washington." He emphasized the unique nature of the Coupeville Wharf as the last structure still standing that is representative of the mosquito fleet era of early commerce and transportation.

Coupeville Chamber of Commerce Director Lynda Eccles says she's in full agreement on not allowing the Coupeville Wharf to fall into disrepair.

"The Wharf is a huge part of our local history. It's near and dear to all of our hearts. At the same time, we acknowledge it to be an aging structure, facing an ongoing need to repair and maintain its integrity," she said.

Eccles said if there's any way the Chamber can support the goals of the Port to preserve and maintain its historic structures, it wants to do so. She also said the proposed IDD would be a subject of discussion at the Chamber's July Board meeting.

"It (the proposed IDD) sounds like an interesting plan. Speaking for the Chamber, we are of course keenly interested in the issues that affect Coupeville. And we also look forward to learning more at the public forums scheduled for later in the year," Eccles said.

The bulk of the costs called out in the plan are associated with wharf repairs and upgrades. These include features such as dredging, seismic stabilization and ways to



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly

Repairing and modernizing Coupeville's iconic wharf and other Port of Coupeville assets has led port commissioners to look into creating an Industrial Development District. A series of public hearings on the proposed IDD will begin this fall.

compensate for tidal effects and rising sea level adjustments on the causeway and wharf buildings. Other tasks involve piling and understructure replacement and repair.

Since 1997, Greenbank Farm has been an integral part of the Port of Coupeville. The farm has a unique history all its own, one that highlights the agrarian heritage of Whidbey Island. From its dairy farm beginnings to the largest loganberry growing operation in the United States, the barns and buildings have housed a variety of eateries, offices and art galleries through the years.

One item in the plan for Greenbank Farm annotates the construction of a 5,000 square foot multi-purpose building, something the Port has considered for about 15 years, says Michalopoulos.

"With the addition of this space, we have the ability to add more part-time and full-time jobs, as well as potentially house Whidbey-made goods and services. Along with the increase in tourism dollars generated, all can result in benefits to our local and county-wide communities," he said.

Michalopoulos said in addition to the wine shop, art galleries and bistro currently in residence at the farm, he's looking forward to the farm hosting other related operations in the future.

"It could be anyone from a brewery, distillery, coffee bean roasting operation, or individual retail spaces. Other possibilities include art space, public space, office rental spaces (on the second floor) or whatever else the board feels would be an economic driver for the communities we serve," he said.

The last item in the capital finance plan deals with the repairs and enhancements suggested for the Collections Boutique building,



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly

Some pilings supporting the Coupeville wharf are badly in need of repair or replacement. Port of Coupeville commissioners are considering creating an Industrial Development District which would then allow the port to levy a special property tax to help with the cost of repairs and maintenance.

plus their associated costs. The bulk of the costs for the building involve understructure repairs and reinforcements to the pier cement pad and stairway. Michalopoulos said the capital finance plan, which lists necessary repairs and maintenance in their entirety, as well as their line-item costs, will be presented to the public at the first hearing.

The Port of Coupeville's office spaces are located at 765 Wonn Road, Building E in Greenbank. To learn more about the work and purpose of the Port of Coupeville, and for more information about future meetings and documents, see its website at portoc.org



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Greenbank Farm is one of the Port of Coupeville's assets that port officials say could be impacted positively should commissioners establish an Industrial Development District to help repair and maintain properties such as the farm, the Coupeville wharf and the old Gillespie's Meat Market building.

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Year. Most recently, Jordan served as an assistant coach at Salt Lake Community College and helped the Bruins win a National Championship in 2020.

Jordan Carver earned a Master of Arts in Coaching and Athletic Administration in 2012 from Concordia University and a Bachelor of Arts in History in 2008 from Grand View University (GVU). While at GVU, he was named an Academic All-American. Jordan earned an Associate of Science in Applied Sciences in 2004 from Utah Valley University.

"We are excited to welcome Jordan and his family to Skagit Valley College!" said SVC Athletic Director Mitch Freeman. "The experience Jordan brings as a national recruiter, mentoring student-athletes beyond the soccer field and supporting them after their two-year college experience, reflects SVC's commitment to equity in access, achievement, and community."

Skagit Valley College is a member of the Northwest Athletic Conference, which consists

of two-year colleges in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and one college in British Columbia.

To stay connected with the Cardinals Fan Zone, visit <https://athletics.skagit.edu/>

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

WSDOT's Multimodal Mobility Analysis Reporting Moves to an Interactive, Online Dashboard

People use the transportation system in different ways and to better understand how, the Washington State Department of Transportation is shifting its analysis from a print publication to a fully interactive, online dashboard.

WSDOT's recently released Multimodal Mobility Dashboard (wsdot.wa.gov/about/data/multimodal-mobility-dashboard/) delivers annual performance data and multi-year and annual trends for numerous travel modes on select state-owned facilities. Included are user-friendly features that include accessible, interactive data visualizations and maps.

In addition to highway travel information, the dashboard format provides quick access to performance information for areas ranging from public transportation to WSDOT's Incident Response program while providing in-depth analysis of multimodal freight mobility, Amtrak Cascades, Washington State Ferries, walking and biking as well as from airports statewide.

Currently, data compiled is through 2019. Data for 2020 will be added in the next update, which is currently scheduled for winter 2021. For some measures, daily data from March 2020 through the present is available in WSDOT's COVID-19 Transportation System Performance Dashboard, which shows the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on Washington's multimodal transportation system. Highlights from the Multimodal Mobility Dashboard include:

- In 2019, 35.4 billion vehicle miles were traveled on state highways
- Washington public transportation users took 239.9 million trips in 2019

- Washington State Ferries carried 24.3 million riders in 2019
- Amtrak Cascades trains carried 7,100 bicycles in 2019

The Multimodal Mobility Dashboard achieves goals set forth in a 2019 comprehensive engagement process, which helped WSDOT determine how to best meet stakeholder needs for system reporting. The process included interviews with over 130 internal and external stakeholders and made a strong case for moving away from a text-heavy document to a more streamlined, accessible online version that also allows users to download all data and charts in a variety of formats.

Additional information about WSDOT performance reporting, including the new Multimodal Mobility Dashboard, is available on WSDOT's Accountability webpage (www.wsdot.wa.gov/Accountability/).

[Submitted by Joe Irwin, WSDOT]



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.

Splash 2021 Music Festival

Friday, July 9, 4:00PM

A community drum circle will be held at Blue Sound Music in Langley.

Sunday, July 11, 3:00PM

A recital of 20th century percussion ensemble music will be held at Langley United Methodist Church. Music of Johanna Beyer, Carlos Chavez and John Cage's piece for amplified cactus, among others.

Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra presents these two free events. More information can be found at www.pnwmusic.org or call 360-929-3045.

Lions Club Swap Meet

Saturday, July 10, 9:00AM-2:00PM
Blue Fox Drive-In, Oak Harbor

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. An outdoor, free, family and pet friendly community event. For more information, call 360-679-9468 or email wilclions@gmail.com.

Kiwanis Beachcombers Bazaar

Saturday, July 10, 9:00AM-3:00PM
North Whidbey Middle School Field, Oak Harbor

The ultimate antique, craft and yard sale. Go to www.oakharborkiwanis.org for more information.

Community Pickleball Day

Saturday, July 10, 10:00AM-2:00PM
South Whidbey Sports Complex, Langley

Learn about opportunities for learning and playing pickleball in our community. All free activities. Highlights of the day include demonstrations, raffle prizes, snacks for kids, sign up for pickleball programs, learn about upcoming pickleball court projects and find local pickleball opportunities. The Sports Complex is located at 5598 Langley Rd. For more information, visit <http://swparks.org/event/pickleball-community-day/> or email whidbeyislandpickleball@whidbey.com.

Langley Street Dance

Saturday, July 10, 6:00-8:00PM
Callahan's Firehouse, Langley

Featuring Janie Cribbs and the T. Rust Band with Tim Callison serving as special M.C. Everyone welcome to come out and dance your blues away!

Live Music: Midnight Hour

Saturday, July 10, 6:00-9:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

Midnight Hour is a classic rock/blues band driven by powerful lead vocals, smoking-hot keys, and a versatile lead guitar, plus a wailin' sax and drivin' drums! No cover. For more information, visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

American Roots Music Series

Saturday, July 10, 7:00-8:00PM
Deception Pass State Park, North Beach Amphitheater

Named for the ancient river gorge that divides the city of Ronda in Andalusia, Trio Guadalevin explores the roots that bind the Americas with Southern Europe, the Maghreb and West Africa. The concert is free to attend, though a Discover Pass or Day Pass is required for parking. Bench seating is available, but feel free to bring your own folding chair. For more information, visit: <http://parks.state.wa.us/folkarts>, or contact Makaela Kroin, Program Coordinator, at Makaela.Kroin@parks.wa.gov or 360-902-8635.

Street Dance: Rubatano Marimba

Wednesday, July 14, 6:00-8:00PM
Bayview Cash Store, 5603 Bayview Rd, Langley

Rubatano Marimba plays heart-warming and dance-inducing Zimbabwean style marimba. 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.

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting Course

Friday, July 16, 6:00-9:00PM
Saturday, July 17, 9:00AM-5:00PM
NWSA Range, 886 Gun Club Rd., Oak Harbor
Cost: \$50

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

For questions or to register call NRA instructor John Hellmann at 360-675-8397 or email NWSA.Training@gmail.com. Additional information can be found at www.northwhidbeysportsmen.org.

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Life Tributes

Capt. Richard J. Toft, USN (Ret)



Capt. Richard J. Toft (Dick), USN (Ret) of Oak Harbor, Wash., passed away May 4, 2021 in his home, surrounded by family after a tough battle with esophageal cancer.



Dick was born in Trenton, N.J., July 14, 1940, the son of Richard J. Toft Sr. and Marie Stoveken Toft. He graduated from Trenton Catholic Boys High School in 1958 and then went on to graduate from Rutgers University in 1962 with a BS from its School of Agriculture before starting his career in the military. Post retirement from the Navy, he went back to school in 1990 and received his Master's in

Education at Western Washington University, alongside his youngest daughter, Katie, who was working on her BAE. He often mentioned how special it was to be able to meet Katie for a slice of pizza in the student union once a week like school chums.

His Navy career began following his graduation from Rutgers when he attended Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island and was commissioned in Dec. 1962. Dick's path to becoming a Navy pilot kicked off as a Bombardier/Navigator in the A-3B Skywarrior from 1964-1966, deploying aboard the USS Coral Sea for an 11-month deployment, taking part in the first bombing strikes on North Vietnam. After being designated a Naval Aviator in 1967 upon completion of pilot training in Pensacola, Fla., he reported to VA-34 and made a Mediterranean deployment aboard USS Forrestal, flying the A-4C Skyhawk. While stationed at NAS Whidbey Island, he fell in love with the Pacific Northwest and a sweet schoolteacher, Rosemary Dellwo, of Spokane, Wash., and they were married for 50-plus years. After a few deployments and stints elsewhere, Rosemary and Dick finally returned to Whidbey Island, where in 1971 he joined VA-128, transitioning to the A-6A Intruder. In the same year, Rosemary and Dick welcomed twin daughters, Marie and Madeline (Maddy) into the world.

From 1972-1976, Dick served as Safety Officer, Maintenance Officer, and Operations Officer, flying multiple aircraft as part of VA-196. During this time, he was deployed aboard the USS Enterprise to the Indian Ocean and took part in Operations "Bold Journey" and "Frequent Wind," the evacuation of Cambodia and Saigon. He then went on to VA-128 where he served as the Safety Officer and Ops Officer. In 1976 he and Rosemary welcomed their youngest daughter, Kathleen (Katie). In 1980 Dick reported to VA-95 and took command of the "Green Lizards." While in command, the squadron deployed to the Mediterranean and completed two years of accident-free flying. In 1983 he went on to serve at the Pentagon, assigned to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in the Strike and Amphibious Warfare Division. He served as Commanding Officer of NAS Fallon, Nev., from 1985-1987 before returning to NAS Whidbey as Chief of Staff. The final tour of duty took Dick, Rosemary, and youngest Katie to beautiful Monterey, Calif., to run the Aviation Safety School at the Naval Postgraduate School. It was a fitting bookend to his career, since he had started off at this school back in 1966.

Dick served in the United States Navy for 30 years, retiring with the rank of Captain in 1993. He accumulated over 5,000 flight hours and over 800 carrier arrested landings. He was awarded the Legion of Merit (two), Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (one individual and three strike flight), Navy Commendation Medal (three), National Defense Service Medal (two), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (three), and the Humanitarian Service Medal (two).

In 1993, upon retirement from the Navy, Dick returned to Oak Harbor to teach at Embry-Riddle. This New Jersey native, now a Pacific Northwest convert, was here to stay. Never one who could remain idle, he quickly became the human resources director for Island County and served in that role for 13 years, until he officially retired at the age of 67 and focused on fishing, crabbing, and volunteering. With a quiet humility, he volunteered his time supporting the local community and marine life preservation. He was active in numerous organizations, serving on the Marine Resources Committee, the board for New Leaf and as a 28-year honored Rotarian who was known for leading the group in song every week. He was a familiar face at the Fourth of July pancake breakfasts and fireworks stands. He also realized his dream of owning a Fisher sailboat, named the Iolanthe, and took several trips with his buddies and other Fisher enthusiasts. Dick enjoyed gardening and pruning his Bonsai collection and was known by many as a mentor and an excellent storyteller with a quick wit and a love of music.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents and younger brother Bo. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary, and his three daughters: Marie, Maddy (Spouse: Jodi Laakso and stepdaughter Jacy), and Katie, who blessed him with his beloved granddaughter Bailey Bo. He is also survived by his three sisters: Patty Toft, Susie Ispanky, and Norreen Bulotti.

There will be a Catholic Service at 10 a.m. July 17 at St. Augustine's in Oak Harbor, followed by a graveside service with eulogy, music, and honor guard at Sunnyside Cemetery in Coupeville, Wash., at 1 p.m.

Memorial donations can be directed to the following nonprofits that speak to the love and passion Dick had for Whidbey Island and the Pacific Northwest: Oak Harbor Rotary, www.ohrotary.org/sitepage/foundation-donations; Whidbey and Camano Island Land Trust, www.wclt.org.

Family and friends can share memories and condolences at www.whidbeymemorial.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.

America just finished celebrating 245 years of independence from England. With the usual fanfare of Americana, BBQs, parades, family gatherings, festivities, music and lots of fireworks, there was great cultural cheer. This is all wonderful, and yet, the Bible calls us to celebrate a different kind of independence, better understood by dividing the one word into two: "IN-Dependence!" the first boasts of self-sufficiency, autonomy and freedom from the yoke of another. The latter speaks of our neediness to rely upon the strength and support of another – and this "another" is Almighty God. To this one, we offer this prayer:

Most gracious and merciful Father, In you we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28). We thank you for the gift of life and the privilege of our freedom. As we reflect on the 245 years this nation has held this geo-political status, may we become ever conscious of how we can all help to form a more perfect union in this land. Let our hearts be softened for the tired, the poor, the huddled masses yearning to breathe free. May we seek to steward this gift of freedom to bless all peoples of the world. Teach us to showcase true neighborly love, true equality and justice for all, and the hope that one day, there will be no poor or oppressed or discriminated against among us. Make us one family, even in our differences. We pray all these things through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who said, "And there shall be one flock and one shepherd" (John 10:16 NIV). Amen.

Pastor David Parker
First United Methodist Church

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance." Psalm 33:12.



Gerald Leroy Bryant



Our beloved "Jerry" went to be with the Lord late Monday night, June 28, 2021, after fighting a long illness. This fireman has fought his last battle.



Jerry was born Feb. 11, 1942, to Thomas Bryant, Sr. and Virginia Vowell in Decatur, Ill. Jerry enlisted in the Navy at the age of 18. He spent 21 years serving our country, with great pride. Jerry retired from the Navy in 1980, and then returned to become a Fireman at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island in 1981. He spent 20 years serving our community as a fireman on the Island. Jerry married Mildred

"Pearl" Davenport in 1978 in Oak Harbor, Wash. Jerry was a brave man taking on a widow, with two daughters, Debra Davenport and Gina Davenport-Shields.

Jerry was loved and known by many locally for his wonderful gift of helping others, and his fabulous sense of humor. He was always there to lend a helping hand to friends, family, and strangers when in need. Jerry enjoyed fishing, hunting, RVing, spending time with his family, enjoying time in the wilderness, and his love for chicken wings and ribs!

Jerry is survived by his wife, Mildred "Pearl" Bryant; oldest stepdaughter, Debra Davenport; and youngest stepdaughter, Gina Davenport-Shields; grandchildren Tony Pierce Jr., Natasha Pierce-Sharpe, Alisha Pierce-Burgess, Jonathan Shields; great-grandchildren, Tristan Pierce, Logan Pierce, Wyatt Holden, Kingston Burgess and Aurora Burgess; sister-in-law Patricia Bryant, Thomas Bryant and Patrick Bryant.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Bryant, Sr., his mother, Virginia Vowell, and only brother, Thomas Bryant Jr.

A public viewing and funeral service were held at Wallin-Stucky Funeral Home, Oak Harbor July 6 A reception immediately followed. A private family burial took place, after the reception, at Fern Hill Cemetery.

The Bryant family suggests memorials and donations be made in Jerry's honor with the Oak Harbor Fire Department and Hospice of the Northwest in Mount Vernon, Wash.

Arrangements are entrusted to Wallin-Stucky Funeral Home, Oak Harbor. Please visit Jerry's page in our Book of Memories online at www.wallinfuneralhome.com to share memories and leave condolences.

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





SWEET DUNGENESS CRAB

July 1 marked the beginning of the summer Dungeness crab season. A large, male, hard-shell crab is a wonderful prize on anyone's table; or with a couple of limits of large male crabs, it's time to invite the family over for a crab feed, to include sweet corn on the cob, fresh, small red potatoes, chunks of your favorite kielbasa sausage, all finely seasoned with Old Bay and fresh ground black pepper. Summer crab season runs through Labor Day weekend, then the state pulls us off the water for a couple months. Then opportunities usually open back-up in November for a winter season.

Best bait

Just about anything. The biggest concern for most avid crabbers is to keep the cost of crab bait low; I keep and freeze all my lingcod, cabazon, and any other fish carcasses; crabs love to pick the bones clean. Cheap canned cat or dog food works well to help attract the crabs into the trap; simply poke a few small- to medium-size holes in the can and let the scent leach out and drift with the underwater current. Chicken or turkey backs, necks and drumsticks are always great bait; try to keep the poultry bait frozen before putting it into the trap. This slows the consumption rate down and catches more crabs. Clams are another go-to bait. They are a natural food source, just check the regulations first for what type and how many can be retained. There are also bait pellets and oily scent additives found at most tackle stores. No matter what your bait of choice is, be sure to attach the bait the best you can in the center of the trap; crabs are good at reaching in from outside for a snack.

Best water

Pick a slower tide swing if possible; slower underwater currents allow the crab to roam around freely to feed with less resistance. In July, 30 to 40 feet of water is a good depth; as August and September roll around the majority of the males start moving into deeper waters - 60 to 90 feet may be the most productive. You can always prospect a little, leave pots at different depths and see which pot has the most keepers in it after a good soak. Be sure you have enough rope to ensure your pot marker buoys will remain above water and visible through a high tide and don't risk crabbing in rough water. If there are small craft advisories, just wait. If you must retrieve the pots, find a friend who is going out in a bigger boat. Bottom line: Don't risk your life or a family member's life over crab pots.

Cooking crab

Depending on how many crabs you need to cook, if at all possible, scoop up a couple of five gallon buckets of seawater at the dock or on your way back to the dock. The seawater has just the right amount of salt and minerals to make the crab taste wonderful. If this splashes too much saltwater around in the boat, try lids on the buckets or you can add sea salt to the tap water at the time of cooking.

Cooked whole or cleaned? If you are concerned about anything funky cooking out of the non-edible parts of the crab, no problem, simply separate the legs and body meat from the main shell, remove the finger-like lungs and shake loose any remaining kling-ons, then drop them into the boiling water. The "crab butter" or "maiden's paste" found in the body cavity can be tasty but it may not be to everyone's liking, and in some studies it is not recommended to eat this material. One last thing, even if the crab is of legal size but is fairly soft-shelled, do not bring it home; the crab has molted and has not had time to fill in the voids with meat - just take a picture and let him go.

Storing crab

Most people eat the crab the same day they catch it, or the next day, but there could be occasions when you may need to cook and save some for the following weekend or longer. I have tried storing whole frozen crabs two ways: Cooked and frozen and raw and frozen. Cooked and frozen is the way to go. For the crabs frozen raw, thawed and then cooked, the flesh was somewhat mushy. On the other hand, the flesh on the cooked frozen crabs that were allowed to thaw, then were quickly reheated with steam or a quick dunk back into boiling water was much firmer, very close to same-day-catch and eat. Some of my friends catch their limits of crab, cook them, carefully remove all the meat from the shell, then freeze it. To keep just the meat usable for months they air dry the meat for a couple of hours, put it in a non-zippered sandwich bag, then vacuum seal the whole thing; as long as the vacuum seal is not compromised, they enjoy tasty crab meat for soups, stews and crab-cakes up to four to six months.

Crab tricks

- Here are a couple good-to-know crab techniques:
- Use the last pointed joint of a crab leg as a crab meat pick.
 - Use a sharp edge like a double bladed ax lodged in a stump to press the belly of the crab body against to dispatch and hold the whole crab, next grab all the legs and pull down slightly and back toward yourself, you wind up with two easy-to-clean halves.
 - After 11 to 14 minutes, transfer the crab from the boiling pot to ice water to stop the cooking process; a short dunk will still leave the crab meat warm.

October and November are normally regarded as the harvest months, but for salmon fishermen and crabbers, July marks the beginning of the seafood bounty. July and August will be the peak time to pressure can, freeze, and smoke our catches to ensure a holiday season treat. Watch the winds, be aware of the fog and get out on the water for some salmon and crabbing while it lasts. Take the young anglers with you, be safe, and good luck out there!

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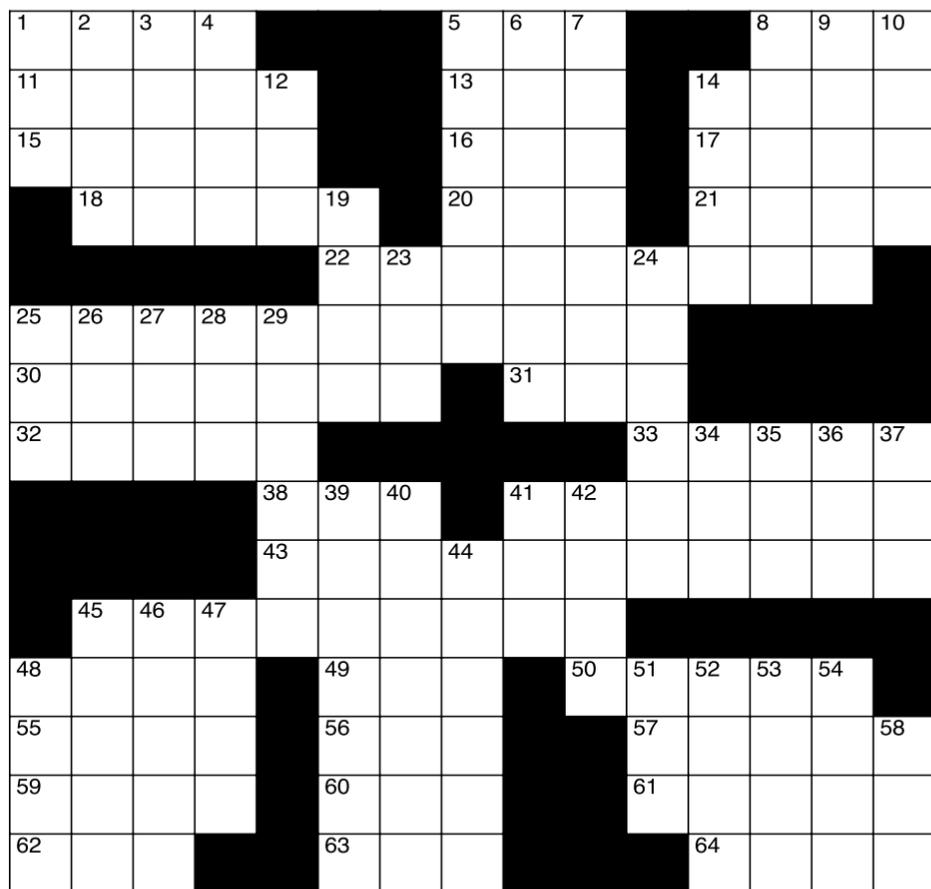
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Language group with Iranian influence
- 5. No seats available
- 8. Health insurance organization
- 11. Having a strong sharp smell or taste
- 13. Defunct European economic organization
- 14. Dutch word for "language"
- 15. Hard to penetrate
- 16. When you'll get there
- 17. Iranian city
- 18. Small fishes
- 20. Dry white wine drink
- 21. Turkish city
- 22. U.S.-born people
- 25. Synthetic resin
- 30. Major nerve in human body
- 31. Type of recording
- 32. Small drum
- 33. Alters
- 38. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 41. Venezuelan capital
- 43. Free of deceit
- 45. Member of Ancient Hebrew nation
- 48. Competition
- 49. Launch an attack on

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Father
- 2. Performed perfectly
- 3. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 4. Thin, compact object
- 5. One attempting to find something
- 6. No longer working
- 7. Egg-shaped wind instrument
- 8. Book of Genesis character
- 9. Volcanic craters
- 10. Brand of American automobile (slang)
- 12. Hip hop icon Kool Moe ___
- 14. Bangladeshi monetary unit
- 19. Self-immolation by fire ritual

- 23. Family of genes
- 24. Et ___: indicates further
- 25. Pacific Standard Time
- 26. S. American wood sorrel
- 27. Women's ___ movement
- 28. Chinese hoopster Ming
- 29. Layers of rock
- 34. Patriotic women's group
- 35. Solid water
- 36. Shade of brown
- 37. Very fast airplane
- 39. Put clothes on
- 40. Quality of one's character
- 41. Time zone
- 42. Primates
- 44. Pleasantly
- 45. Metrical feet
- 46. Rogue
- 47. German river
- 48. Relieves from
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Those who resist authority
- 58. Criticize

Answers on page 11

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, July 8 North Isle H-70°/L-56° Mostly Sunny	Fri, July 9 North Isle H-74°/L-58° Mostly Sunny	Sat, July 10 North Isle H-73°/L-57° Plenty of Sunshine	Sun, July 11 North Isle H-75°/L-57° Sunny and Warm	Mon, July 12 North Isle H-74°/L-56° Sunny and Warm	Tues, July 13 North Isle H-74°/L-57° Sunny and Warm	Wed, July 14 North Isle H-73°/L-56° Mostly Sunny
South Isle H-77°/L-60° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-81°/L-61° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-80°/L-60° Sunny and Warm	South Isle H-81°/L-61° Plenty of Sunshine	South Isle H-81°/L-61° Sunny and Warm	South Isle H-80°/L-60° Plenty of Sunshine	South Isle H-79°/L-59° Mostly Sunny



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

As someone who volunteers at the Langley Whale Center, what do you think would surprise a first time visitor?

Jeanne Hamilton

Coupeville



I think first time visitors to the Whale center will be impressed with the wonderful displays, artifacts and information at the center that tell the story of

the whales that frequent the Salish Sea: the endangered Southern Resident killer whales (salmon eaters) the Biggs, (marine mammal eaters) killer whales, gray whales and hump-back whales. As volunteers we share a love for these magnificent marine mammals and delight in sharing all that we know with visitors that walk in the door, many who have never seen a whale before. The biggest thrill is when whales are spotted swimming past Langley. You can be sure we will grab binoculars and hustle down to Whale Bell Park to catch a glimpse of them in their natural environment. That is what being a docent is all about!

Dan Meyer, Langley

People, young and old, are often stunned by the size of the gray whale skull in the Whale Center. The whole whale wouldn't fit in the Center but the size of the skull speaks to the massive dimensions of a gray whale. Then we tell them the skull is from a juvenile gray whale, not even a full grown adult! They are also surprised to find no teeth on the skull - they don't have any. The 40-foot animal feeds on four-inch krill, by straining hundreds of them through their baleen (where the teeth would be). Of course we show samples of the baleen. Amazing creatures!



Dominic Montaperto

Langley

Something shocking to a first time visitor would be learning about the difference between our Southern Resident orcas and the Biggs orcas that both live in



the Pudget Sound waters. Without knowing otherwise, it's easy to view all orcas as the same, instead of animals with different ecotypes, each having unique eating habits, family groups and languages.

Donna George, Langley



I think a lot of people are surprised by not only the number of whale sightings we have in our area, but also by the many different types of whales we see.

From the gray whales who visit us in the springtime, to the growing number of humpbacks we see in the Sound, to the occasional Minke whale and finally to the two ecotypes of orcas who live here, we see a lot of whales!

We have a big whale sightings map hanging in the Langley Whale Center that shows recent land-based sightings by location and type of whale and people are drawn to it and amazed how full it can be at times!

I think whales are pretty universally loved, and people are truly interested in learning about them, so it's wonderful to share knowledge and stories, especially with new visitors. I like to think people leave with more understanding of all the whales that frequent this area and some excitement to keep their eyes on the water!

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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.

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We are seeking a candidate with at least 4 years of bookkeeping/accounting experience. The ideal candidate will have experience with inventory driven businesses, multiple accounting software programs, and be experienced with GAAP. There is a need for a strong understand of A/P, receiving and terms available as well as attention to detail and care of our A/R processes. This role prepares reports from regular Cash Flow Reports to draft Income Statements for management and CPA and is responsible for most accounting activities from payroll, sales, and purchases to tax return preparation, including some payroll-related and excise tax returns.

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In addition to accounting responsibilities, our Bookkeeper role supports our robust benefit package, any experience with Human Resources will elevate candidates in our search for the right person. While we have an excellent team of HR support, navigating open enrollments, explaining benefits and connecting employees to the right place is a valued part of the service this role provides.

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