

January 27 through February 6, 2022

LOOK FOR *Island Times* INSIDE

Whidbey Weekly

Your Source For "What's Happening" On Whidbey Island

Locally Owned • Locally Operated

NEWS • ISLAND 911 • CALENDAR • PUZZLES

COLUMNISTS • CLASSIFIEDS

Warm Your Soul with a Winter Stroll



January 29 • 3-6PM

Stroll Historic Downtown Oak Harbor this Saturday and participating merchants will have cider, cocoa, tea & treats while you walk & shop!

oakharbormainstreet.org



DO YOU NEED BUSINESS CARDS? YEP WE CAN DO THAT!

Whidbey Weekly & PRINTING



Full Service Graphic Design & Printing!
Give Us A Call Today 360-682-2341!

1131 SE Ely Street • Oak Harbor
www.whidbeyweekly.com



Willie Shaw Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Main Street Association
Get together with family and friends for a Winter Stroll through downtown Oak Harbor Saturday from 3 to 6 p.m. and enjoy hot tea, cider, cocoa and even snacks at participating businesses.

Oak Harbor stroll aims to shoo away the winter blues

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

The Oak Harbor Main Street Association invites all those interested in fighting the “winter blahs” to its first ever Winter Stroll through downtown Oak Harbor Saturday from 3 to 6 p.m. Participating merchants will have lots of merchandise to browse, plus there will be hot tea, cider, cocoa and treats to warm the taste buds and much more.

The Winter Stroll is hopefully the first of many such events on the horizon for OHMSA.

“Our plan in 2022 is to do themed strolls/walks the last Saturday of the month,” explained Marketing Coordinator Teresa Besaw. (Besaw is also *Whidbey Weekly’s* graphics designer.) “The hope is to get people walking/strolling around, shopping, seeing and getting to know businesses that maybe they had not checked out before.”

In addition to the warm refreshments, live music has been added to jazz things up even more.

“[There will be] live music at Harborside Village, vendors at The Loft at Fidalgo and Dock and Whidbey Island Macaroni Kid [will be holding a] book swap at Harborside Village,” Besaw added.

Always on the lookout for ways to attract people to downtown Oak Harbor, OHMSA found success with last year’s Sasquatch Walk. The organization hopes to build on that success with these monthly activities.

“Last year we tried last Saturday sale events, they didn’t really take off,” said Besaw. “The Sasquatch Walk was really popular. Several people told us they discovered places they never knew were downtown. Our hope is to continue these discoveries.”

“We are encouraging the community to come downtown and touch base with their favorite shop and also stop in new businesses and see what they have to offer,” said Margaret Livermore, interim OHMSA executive director. “It is important for people to see what businesses are downtown.”

Some businesses are pulling out all the stops, such as PNW Vibes, located in The Loft (at Fidalgo and Dock Streets).



“We have invited a few small businesses to our Loft building to share with our customers,” described PNW Vibes owner Juliana Uluave-Gould. “It helps our shops and businesses to offer sales and appreciation as well for the support, especially after the holiday season. We always want to be engaged with our seasons in Main Street. Especially during these dark months.”

Uluave-Gould said events like the Winter Stroll are a great way for Main Street merchants to communicate with and create plans for customers.

“I think we all like to have something to look forward to,” she said. “We’ve had great success from themed events that we would invite vendors, or entertainment to the experience. This is the season of inspiration and designing. We’ve changed over to the next lineup of designers, restocked on our popular items. It’s a great time to relax and take your time to walk through and simply enjoy our downtown Oak Harbor.”

Uluave-Gould added they are raffling off a swag bag filled with more than \$200 worth of merchandise. Tickets are \$5 each and will be available throughout the week and the day of the Winter Stroll. All proceeds will benefit North Whidbey Help House.

Find more information about the Winter Stroll online at oakharbormainstreet.org.

“We do not know how many will come downtown for our first event, but hope as people learn about our Last Saturday events that more people come,” Livermore said.

“Get outside and enjoy our beautiful views and discover some shops and restaurants in downtown Oak Harbor,” encouraged Besaw.



Willie Shaw Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Main Street Association
Catch up with friends or family, discover new places to shop and enjoy live music and warm treats at the Winter Stroll in downtown Oak Harbor, Saturday from 3 to 6 p.m.

ON TRACK

With Jim Freeman



NOTE: Jim Freeman is on vacation the month of January. This column originally ran Jan. 26, 2017.

Let us begin with a real mind blower of a question to test your awareness level today. How do you

tell the gender of an ant?

Well, first you throw the ant in a glass of water. If it sinks, it is a girl ant.

If the ant floats, it is a buoyant.

Oh my, that was bad. Thanks to my niece Terri, in Liberty, Mo., for that one.

Polar Bear Dive

We finally caught up with Jon Gabelein, a longtime South Whidbey icon, after he dried off and warmed up from the annual New Year's Day Polar Bear Dive. Remember, you heard it here last.

"We had 146 official participants in the water and another 182 people enjoying the event from shore. The polar bear dive adventure definitely brings together a very cool crowd of islanders! The event included music, hot chocolate and coffee as well as several fires for preheating and defrosting. We even had cookies! Registered participants received official Whidbey Island Polar Bear Dive Survivor shirts. The proceeds from this year's polar bear dive support Island County 4-H teen leadership activities."

Congrats to Jon and all of the cool cats!

Grandparents Fun

Recently I asked our readers for any stories they might like to share regarding their grandkids. Many thanks to all of you for your incredible responses. We'll plug these stories in from time to time, as space and memory permit. The following was submitted by one of our longtime readers, The Phreeland Fantom.

"You asked your readers about their experiences with grandchildren. Ours range from 15 to 30 years of age. We have tried over the years to show our grandchildren the softer more beautiful and wonderful side of life. Particularly the grandsons, we tried to show not everything has to be destroyed or beaten with a stick (even stinging nettles and Himalaya berry bushes). Rotting stumps do not have to be kicked down and stomped on. Spiders do not have to be killed just because their mother is afraid of spiders. And woolly bear caterpillars won't bite, but grow up to be butterflies.

"But it is granddaughters where you want experiences. Ours is now 25 years of age. She is a young woman of her own. "OF HER OWN" is a unique way of describing her. She was born at 8:08 AM on 8-8-1991. A family member, who believed in numerology, indicated the granddaughter would be her own woman, singular of mind and purpose, would change directions in a moment with the same intensity, because of all the eights in her birth. And she is all of that! But enough of that part of her.

"Some instances with her - When she was just a toddler, I was holding her and she was looking at my face. She stroked my beard very softly, then turned to her mother and said "OOF OOF OGGY." Apparently my beard felt like their dog. Everyone laughed. She turned around and with those tiny little hands grabbed my beard on each side of my face and gave me a kiss. It can only be described as one of those super wet, all over the place, flavorful kisses which only a very young child or very drunk date could produce.

"Several months later, I was holding her, when she found hair on, and in, my ears. After pulling on my ears, she turned to her mother and shouted gleefully, "ELF EARS." Cute! I went to the barber the next week.

"When she was three or four, she noticed the long hairs in one of my eyebrows. After she had isolated the three longest, I told her those were my *grandchildren hairs*. There was one of each, for each of the grandchildren. Each hair started growing when each grandchild was born. And when the grandchild misbehaved or lied or was mean, that grandchild's eye brow hair would grow.

"She studied the three of them very closely. She then pulled on the longest one and said, 'This one must be my brother's, because he is so mean to me all the time.'"

Ballpoint pens

When NASA started sending astronauts into space they quickly discovered ballpoint pens would not work in zero gravity. To combat this problem, Congress approved a program and NASA scientists spent a decade and over \$165 million developing a pen that writes in zero gravity, upside down, on almost any surface, and at temperatures ranging from below freezing to over 300° C.

The Russians used a pencil.

Your taxes are due again in April.

Thanks to my accountant for letting me share his e-mail.

Beautiful English

I called an old school friend and asked what was he doing. He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum and steel under a constrained environment."

I was impressed. Upon further inquiry, I learned he was washing dishes with hot water, under his wife's supervision.

Thanks to TJ of Columbus, Ohio, for sharing the above observation.

Birthday Greetings

Why wait for the morning paper? We can tell you now. Join us in birthday greetings this Thursday, Jan. 26, for Paul Newman, my sister's heart throb; Friday, Jan. 27, we salute Skitch Henderson, born on that date in 1918, in Halstad, Minn.; for Saturday, Jan. 28, birthday candles can be blown out for the twin Piccard brothers, Auguste and Jean Felix, who achieved the height of 57,579 feet in a hot air balloon and sealed gondola, piloted by his wife, Jeannette. I would have loved to have been a fly on the gondola on that trip.

Sunday, Jan. 29, is the anniversary of William McKinley's birth. I know all about this 25th President of the United States. In 7th grade CORE class, back in Upper Arlington, Ohio, at Jones Junior High, I had the pleasure of writing my first junior high report about McKinley. I even remember my first sentence as Dad and Mom and I worked on that sentence for several days.

William McKinley, the 25th President of the United States, was born in Niles, Ohio, Jan. 29, 1843.

Pretty powerful stuff, eh? Fast forward to my law school days when I met a fellow named William McKinley from Anchorage, Alaska.

"Hey, Bill, I did a report on your namesake in 7th grade. Are you related to the President?"

"He was my great, great grandfather."

Well, not only did I become great friends with the kin of our 25th President, now that my buddy Bill is almost 20 years older than President McKinley ever got to be, our boy Bill looks just like the president did before Sept. 14, 1901, the fatal day in Buffalo when the president lost his life.

Not that there is a lot of demand for celebrity look alikes for President McKinley, if there is a trend developing, let me know. I can summon Bill through his network of retired lawyers.

Don't forget

Valentine's Day is coming. Want to save a ton of cash on all your Valentines? Try the card section of the Dollar Tree in Oak Harbor, down the street from our Whidbey Weekly offices. Most cards are two for a dollar. With all the money you save on cards, you can buy yourself more gifts!

To read past columns of *On Track* in the Whidbey Weekly, see our Digital Library at www.whidbeyweekly.com.

ALREADY OWN A DUCTLESS HEAT PUMP?
THEY NEED REGULAR MAINTENANCE AND WE DO MAINTENANCE ON ALL MAJOR BRANDS OF DUCTLESS HEAT PUMPS

Island Ductless
heat pumps
Your local experts on ductless heating and cooling
360.321.4252
Islandheatpumps.com

PHONE: 360-682-2341 FAX: 360-675-2162

Whidbey Weekly
LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED

1131 SE ELY STREET | PO BOX 1098 | OAK HARBOR, WASHINGTON 98277

Publisher.....	Eric Marshall	Contributing Writers
Editor	Kathy Reed	Kathy Reed
Marketing Representative	Noah Marshall	Jim Freeman
Graphic Design	Teresa Besaw	Kae Harris
Production Manager	TJ Pierzchala	Tracy Loescher
Circulation Manager.....	Noah Marshall	Helen Mosbrooker
		Shannon Bly
		Melanie Hammons

Volume 14, Issue 4 | © MMXXII Whidbey Weekly

PUBLISHED and distributed every week. No part of this publication may be reproduced without the written consent of the publisher. The Whidbey Weekly cannot be held responsible for the quality of goods or services supplied by advertisers in this publication. Articles, unless otherwise stated, are by contribution and therefore the Whidbey Weekly is not in a position to validate any comments, recommendations or suggestions made in these articles. **Submitted editorial is NOT guaranteed to be published.**

DEADLINES: The Whidbey Weekly is a submission based editorial with contributing writers. Please feel free to submit any information (please limit to 200 words) that you would like to share with the Whidbey Weekly. You may submit by email to editor@whidbeyweekly.com, by fax to (360)682-2344 or by postal mail to PO Box 1098, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. **Submitted editorial is NOT guaranteed to be published.** Deadline for all submissions is one week prior to issue date. For more information, please visit www.whidbeyweekly.com.

Rotary

Club of South Whidbey Island

Our members would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their generous support as sponsors for 2022.

Gordon Anderson Joe Cervantes, Coldstream Wealth Management

Bob & Fran Davidson Kit Gerwels, Washington Trust Bank, Smokey Point

Braden Giswold, Saratoga Dental Chad & Mary Gladhart

Curt Gordon, Island Asphalt & Sitework Ray Green, Building Source

Dick & Victory Grund Heath Gunn

Bill & Carolyn Haroldson Lauren Hawley, SaviBank, Freeland

Kevin Luu, T Mobile Todd Mannie, AP Mechanical

Bob & Nancy McClain Jack Ng, China City

Dean Olmstead Leilani McClure, McClure Custom Homes

Eddie Mulcahy Edward Park, Langley Dental

Nancy Parra, Sebo's Do-It Center, Clinton Greg & Linda Petrillo

John & Marie Plakos Jeffrey Pleet, Edward Jones, Oak Harbor

James Porter, Porter Insurance Jay & Carol Ryan

Paul & Mickey Sarkis, Village Pizzeria Gary West

Mark Schuster, The Schuster Foundation Randy Wilcox

Annemarie Schweiger, Keller Williams, S Whidbey Nick & Marlene Zeffereys

Proceeds provide scholarships for local students, support projects and services, assisting our friends & neighbors, and other service activities.
www.southwhidbeyrotary.org



Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

I would like to encourage voters to vote "YES" on the South Whidbey School District Levy. Unfortunately Ms. Newton presents an incomplete picture of the facts both in the Voters' Pamphlet and her letter to the SW Record.

1) The State does provide for basic education. That basic education does NOT provide funds for music, art, athletics, after-school sports, extra-curricular programs, substitute pay, purchase of new curriculum, support services for special needs students, and food service. So, if we go back to "basic education," then we shut down ALL of the above and more. If your child participates in any of the above items, then it's gone without the levy. I don't believe the majority of parents who have students enrolled in the district want these cuts.

2) Salary stats: the top superintendent's salary for 2019-20 school year was \$396K in Washington according to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Our superintendent's salary is way down on the list. Comparing the superintendent's salary to the governor's salary is an apples to oranges comparison. When you factor in the governor's mansion costs with all the upkeep, transportation/travel perks, business lunch/dinner perks, security perks and other perks—the governor's salary jumps to \$250K or more. Salaries for teachers in our district range from \$85K to \$140K per OSPI. If you really want to complain about salaries, then how about the \$3.2 MILLION salary of the former WSU coach, which we, the taxpayers, had to pay out on his contract.

3) Student mastery stats in English, math, science: State percentages are 59.6, 48.9, 46.7. SWSD percentages are: 62.7, 45.5, 58.2. Improvement in math is on the superintendent's district goals for the immediate future. Ms. Newton failed to mention graduation rate comparison: the State is at 83 percent while our district is at 94 percent. Sorry, I can't buy the rhetorical statement that our district has "such poor educational outcomes." Not when you see the complete picture.

4) Ms. Newton also failed to mention in her letter that "homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements" can apply for property tax exemptions.

5) The website referenced in Ms. Newton's letter and Voters' Pamphlet is owned by Jeff Heckathorn. Mr. Heckathorn has provided the "Against" argument for the Everett and Edmonds School District levies. Does he live in both districts? He specifically fights against property tax increases and school levies in surrounding districts. And he has ties with former SWSD alumni from the 1990s.

These "attack" tactics are being used to promote dismantling the public school system in this country, replacing it with a "School Voucher" system—which only benefits the rich and Christian Nationalists. What puzzles me is what I read on Ms.

Newton's website. She moved to the island in 2014. From my 50-year perspective of being on "the rock" having children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren going to our schools, she doesn't have a long history with the school district. Her website says she is a wife, a mom and a HOMESCHOOLER. Hmm, does this make sense to you, the voter?

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR KIDS AND VOTE YES ON THE SCHOOL LEVY!

Charlene Davenport
Clinton, Wash.

Help Shape the Future for Our Children...Serve on the South Whidbey School Board

The South Whidbey School District has a vacancy for an interested parent or citizen to serve on the school board of directors as a representative for District 1. All citizens are invited to nominate candidates for this position, provided the nominees are registered voters in South Whidbey and who reside within District 1 of South Whidbey School District.

Term will expire November 2023.

Applications must be submitted by Feb. 18.

Application forms can be found at www.sw.wednet.edu/school_board/School-boardapplication (www.sw.wednet.edu > School Board > School Board Director Application).

District boundaries and map are available on the district website: www.sw.wednet.edu or www.sw.wednet.edu/school_board/district_boundaries_for_directors/.

Must include a one page summary about why you want to be a school board member and what qualifications you have to be an effective school board member.

Apply to: South Whidbey School District
Attn: Kristy Macarro
5520 Maxwellton Rd., Langley, WA 98260
Phone: 360-221-6808 ext 2245

Email: kmacarro@sw.wednet.edu

[Submitted by Kristy Macarro]

New Farmers is Focus for Tilth's Annual Meeting

"No Farms No Food" was trademarked in 2016 by the American Farmland Trust, and intends to raise awareness about the loss of farmland and the availability of fresh, local food for the future. Whidbey Island's young and old farmers are well aware of the importance of local food, especially if the island were to be cut off from the mainland due to a disaster.

South Whidbey Tilth is hosting representatives of the Puget Sound Agrarian Commons to speak at its annual membership meeting Saturday, beginning at 3:00PM. The Commons is affiliated with the national organization, Agrarian Trust. Tilth is especially keen to welcome the local Agrarian Trust because the Commons is currently requesting proposals to farm the 10-acre parcel right next to the South Whidbey Tilth campus on Thompson Road. As stated by Taylor Reid of the Beginning Farmers, "This call for farmers presents an opportunity for restorative, community-centered farming on Whidbey Island. It is a unique challenge—and opportunity—for strengthening food sovereignty in an island community with a long agricultural history." These values jive with those of South Whidbey Tilth, an educational nonprofit whose purpose is cultivating living soil and community action to build an environmentally sound and socially equitable agricultural system since 1982. Tilth has worked to demonstrate this purpose on their 11-acre parcel on Thompson Road since 2000. Rhys Thorvald Hansen, Puget Sound Agrarian Commons | Agrarian Trust and other common community members will present a short program.

To learn more about the Agrarian Trust, visit its website at <https://agrariantrust.org/commons/puget-sound-washington-agrarian-commons/>.

The public is welcome to this free event via Zoom. Contact President Gary Ingram at president@southwhidbeytilth.org, or leave a message at 360-321-0757 to receive a link to the event. Following the half-hour program, Tilth will present 2021 accomplishments and 2022 plans, followed by elections for five positions on the governing council. Non-members are welcome to attend the full event.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, South Whidbey Tilth Association]

Skagit Valley College Department of Music to Hold Auditions for The Sound of Music

The Skagit Valley College (SVC) Department of Music will hold auditions for *The Sound of Music* Wednesday, Feb. 2 and Thursday, Feb. 3. Auditions will take place in SVC's Phillip Tarro Theatre at 6:00PM, 7:00PM and 8:00PM.

The production is seeking a group of actors ranging in age from 5-107 who reflect the diverse actors of our community. All ages — particularly children — are encouraged to audition. Those auditioning should be prepared to sing 16 bars of a song that demonstrates their vocal range. Please bring sheet music; accompaniment will be provided. In addition, a 90-second monologue is encouraged. Readings will be available.

Important information about auditions, rehearsals, and performances:

All participants must be vaccinated for COVID-19, including children.

Rehearsals will take place Monday–Thursday from 6:00-9:00PM beginning Monday, Feb. 7. A few Saturday rehearsals will also be held for specific groups in the cast. Not every actor will be called to every rehearsal. Tech week will take place April 17-21 in McIntyre Hall.

Performances will take place in McIntyre Hall April 22-May 1. Tickets go on sale starting Tuesday, March 15.

To set up an audition, or for more information, contact Dr. Diane Johnson, diane.johnson@skagit.edu.

[Submitted by Arden Ainley, Assistant Director of Strategic Marketing and Communications, SVC]

The Trust Board of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve Opens the Ebey's Forever Grant Program for 2022

For more than 10 years, the trust board of Ebey's Landing NHR has provided grant funding for owners of historic properties within the reserve through the Ebey's Forever Grant program. With the stewardship of property owners, the fundraising success of Friends of Ebey's, and the historic preservation expertise from the trust board office, the Ebey's Forever Grant program is one of the most successful small grant programs available for historic preservation.

Over \$1.5 million has been granted and matched by owners of historic structures throughout the reserve. To date, over 100 projects have received grants and 78 projects have been funded, including 18 projects on historic downtown Coupeville's Front Street. Projects include barns and outbuildings, private historic homes and historic storefronts along Front Street in Coupeville. All property owners of historic structures within Ebey's Reserve are encouraged to consider applying for an Ebey's Forever Grant. Trust board staff are able to assist through the application and project process.

The Ebey's Forever Grant was created to provide assistance to private property owners, nonprofit organizations and local governments whose historic property is located within the reserve. The building should be listed as a contributing structure on the National Register of Historic Places, the list of buildings noted in the Central Whidbey Island Historic District and/or listed on a Washington State Heritage Building Register. The structure should be in need of repair and must retain a significant degree of historic character and original building material.

Eligible work on buildings includes (but is not limited to) repair and replacement of roofs, foundations, sills, walls, structural framework, chimneys, building systems (if tied to preservation need), trim, windows and doors. Work should preserve or restore historic materials and character-defining features and facilitate the continued use of the building.

The trust board is now accepting applications for the 2022 Ebey's Forever Grant. Applications for funding on historic buildings within the reserve are available at www.nps.gov/ebla and www.EbeysReserve.com. Applications are due Monday, Feb. 28 by 5:00PM.

For more on the Ebey's Forever Grant program or to schedule a recommended site visit, contact the Preservation Coordinator, Claudia Kiyama, at EBLAPresCoord@gmail.com or call the office of the trust board at 360-678-6084.

[Submitted by Jordan Belcher, trust board of Ebey's Landing NHR]

State Launches At-Home Rapid COVID-19 Test Portal Tests can be ordered and shipped directly to Washington households at no-cost

In an effort to increase access to at-home rapid tests across the state, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has launched a statewide portal which allows COVID-19 tests to ship directly to households. Beginning last week, Washington state residents are able to visit www.sayyescovidhometest.org to order rapid-antigen COVID tests online, and will receive those tests delivered at no cost. People can order up to five free tests for a household. However, supply will be limited at first, and will restock as supply into the state increases.

"We anticipate people's initial need of the test kits will exceed our current supply pretty quickly, but our focus is sharing what we have right now," said Lacy Fehrenbach, MPH, CPH, deputy secretary for prevention and health. "We want to make sure the tests we have are in homes when our state needs testing the most – during this current surge."

This is a statewide expansion of the ongoing partnership with CareEvolution and Amazon, a pilot program through NIH, which delivered 800,000 tests in parts of Eastern Washington. Following the success of that program, DOH reached out to expand the partnership across the state to offer tests to all Washingtonians.

"This is an important step toward making tests more widely available across the state," said Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, secretary of health. "As we work with our federal partners, we look forward to seeing an increase in the number of tests flowing directly into people's homes over the next several weeks."

People can still get COVID-19 tests through any of the following options:

Order free at-home COVID-19 tests through the Federal program COVIDtests.gov.

Purchase an at-home test at local retailers and pharmacies.

If you have health insurance, most insurers will now directly cover or pay you back for up to eight at-home tests per month, for each person on your plan.

Find a test at a testing location near you.

It is possible to report a positive test



result from an at-home test through the state's COVID-19 hotline. Hotline personnel will determine next steps based on your zip code so results can be recorded and reported. Staff can also guide callers through any questions they may have. The state hotline, 1-800-525-0127 (then press #), is available Monday from 6:00AM to 10:00PM and Tuesday to Sunday (and observed holidays) 6:00AM to 6:00PM. Language assistance is available.

DOH encourages all smartphone users to download or enable WA Notify for exposure notifications and to plug in positive results. Those using WA Notify at the time they test positive for COVID-19 can record their positive test results directly into WA Notify on their devices.

It is important to note we are experiencing a surge of cases across the state, so if you have symptoms, you should assume you have COVID-19, even if you don't have a test to confirm it, and stay home if you're sick.

Tests can be ordered here:

sayyescovidhometest.org (English)

sayyescovidhometest.org/casa.html (Spanish)

[Submitted by Washington State Department of Health]

Washington State Department of Commerce Awards Island Transit Solar Panel Grant

Island Transit has received an Energy Retrofits for Public Buildings program award in the amount of \$133,795. The funding through the Washington State Department of Commerce, and matched by Island Transit, will be used to install solar photo-voltaic panels on both the Camano and Coupeville transit facilities.

This award is one of the \$3.5 million in grants provided by the Department of

Commerce to state and local agencies across communities in Washington State. In total, the 29 retrofit projects will provide over 2.2 megawatts of solar energy and will produce more than 3 million kWh annually, which is enough to power 280 homes.

These rooftop solar panels are part of the agency's transition to reducing carbon consumption by gaining energy from zero or low carbon sources.

"This transition will not only reduce our dependency on non-renewable energy, but will also lower our agency's electricity costs," said Todd Morrow, Island Transit executive director. "This grant is essential as we move closer to our goal of a zero emissions fleet."

Island Transit continues to support a sustainable, clean transportation future with renewable energy solutions.

To learn more about the Washington State Department of Commerce energy grants, visit www.commerce.wa.gov/growing-the-economy/energy/energy-retrofits-for-public-buildings/.

To learn more about all of Island Transit's projects, please visit www.islandtransit.org/projects.

[Submitted by Selene Muldowney-Stratton, Marketing & Communications Officer, Island Transit]

Local Business News

Harmony Health Grand Opening Celebration

Harmony Health has opened a new location in Oak Harbor, Wash. and is inviting everyone interested to join them for an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony Wednesday, Feb. 2. They will be celebrating all day with the ribbon cutting at 2:02PM at their 285 Midway Blvd location, Suite 7, Oak Harbor.

Harmony Health, a chiropractic health care facility, offers reliable chiropractic care

services without unnecessary treatments, therapies or excessive costs. At Harmony Health, Dr. Keith Martin believes in a total wellness experience, helping patients achieve total health through comprehensive and holistic medical care personalized to suit each individual's needs.

Join Dr. Martin and the staff at Harmony Health for a meet-n-greet, refreshments, free adjustments and the introduction of their newest laser technology, Erchonia's Zerona, a full body fat loss treatment that allows patients to target areas of stubborn fat, and is the first laser specifically designed for body contouring.

Dr. Martin, a graduate of Palmer University in Davenport, Iowa, has been licensed to practice chiropractic care since 1983. He practices the Diversified and Thompson manipulation technique as well as Activator method.

Any individuals seeking adjustments will be required to fill out minimal healthcare paperwork giving permission for treatment. These adjustments are available on a first come/first served basis.

Erchonia's Zerona Z6 is being offered for weight loss at this location through association with Dr. Kat O'Halloran, a naturopathic doctor, located in Edmonds, Wash. Staff are trained to administer the treatments and assist with recommendations for financing.

Harmony Health is committed to following CDC Guidelines and taking every precaution necessary to ensure the safety and health of all patients and the community.

For additional information please visit www.HarmonyHealthOakHarbor.com or contact the clinic at 360-672-9898 or email HarmonyHealthOakHarbor@gmail.com.



Harmony Health

Are you well adjusted?

Harmony Health, a new chiropractic care business, hopes so!

Or you can come in to see how we can help you! Dr Martin has over 30 years of adjusting experience and even some new programs that might surprise you.

Our Grand Opening with Ribbon Cutting is at precisely 2:02 PM on 02/02/2022.

Come help us celebrate and allow us to "straighten you out" in the best way possible!

Harmony Health Oak Harbor
285 NE Midway Blvd Ste 7
360.672.9898
www.harmonyhealthoakharbor.com

Shop Habitat for Humanity For Used Couches, New & Used Mattresses and Bed Frames!



Habitat for Humanity
of Island County

Habitat for Humanity
New: Mattresses, Flooring, and Online Store!

We offer a variety of new and used products. Find your next treasure with us today!



www.islandcountyhabitat.org | freeland-store.mybigcommerce.com

OAK HARBOR • 290 SE Pioneer Way • 360.675.8733
OPEN: Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm
store@islandcountyhabitat.com

FREELAND • 1592 Main Street • 360.331.6272
OPEN: Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm
southstore@islandcountyhabitat.com

PAID OPINION

Consider a Future that will be much better than the Present or the Past

Yes, Joseph C. Coomer, a Candidate for Congress representing the 2nd District as a Republican is asking the citizens to consider a future that will be much better, than the present or the past.

Coomer advocates that the USDA Forest Service (FS) in fighting forest fires change from a ground operation with many men often requiring many days if not weeks to extinguish a fire to almost an exclusive air operation using the C-5 aircraft in sufficient numbers so when the alarm sounds as many as needed can be dispatched. With their combined payloads, they will be able to extinguish the fire in a single pass.

Integral with this proposal is to assign the air operations responsibility to the US Air Force. Analysis will show that this is the most logical and economic decision that can be made.

For example:

Assumptions: An adequate number of C-5s have been converted to tankers and are now operational. By the time aircraft can arrive, the fire is predicted to be 10-acres. It is predicted that they will need $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch water over the area to extinguish it. Calculations show that this quantity is 203,000 gallons. A C-5 has payload of 40,000 gallons.

A forest fire has just been spotted. Only one call is made and that is to the fire station at Travis AFB. In less than 15 minutes, 5 of these monsters are on their way to the site flying at 450 mph. In less than an hour these giant birds will arrive and then in less than 10 minutes in a single pass the fire is out. (It is also predicted that when this fleet becomes operational, there will be no more "major" forest fires, because they will all be extinguished in their infancy!)

(To compare, if they use their aircraft a Grumman S-2T aircraft made in the 1960s has a payload of 1,200 gallons, they would need 170 of them for that quantity of water. This is absurdity but is even worse. They only have 22 in their inventor and those are distributed over California so it is impractical to have more than 6 at a fire. They can deliver 7,200 gallons when they need 203,000 gallons. The conclusion is the task requires real air power and the FS has none!)

Is this not the future that we all seek?

No, *Coomer* does not advocate an end to earthquakes, because that too is impossible. *Coomer* proposes a total new concept, suspension, to be used to design or modify structures to be earthquake-proof. Understand that when an item is suspended, it is not connected to Mother Earth. Not being tied, it is impossible for a quake to force a suspended item to move. Without movement, there are no dynamic loads generated. A suspended item will survive unharmed by any earthquake, even by a magnitude 10 one. (If one is looking for a manual on this concept, there is none! They have to be written.)

Grasp that this is the solution that MAN has been seeking forever. Designing structures that are actually earthquake-proof, able to survive unharmed even by a magnitude 10 one. (Being totally new because *Coomer* "discovered" it, one will find no manual that describes suspension design. The manual will need to be written.) Incorporating suspension in their designs or modifying existing structures to be suspended will result in a future where earthquakes will no longer be a danger or a concern because all significant structures will be designed or modified to be earth-

quake-proof.

Is this not the future that we all seek too?

No, *Coomer* cannot stop the rain and enough rain can cause flooding. What *Coomer* suggests is that every watershed be evaluated, finding out how much water is the result of a quantity of rainfall. Using current technology, determine the optimum size and number of dams needed and build them. This is proposed for every watershed in the US. The project is similar to the TVA one that was done in the 1920s but more than a magnitude larger with construction requiring 10 years or more and possible building more than 100 dams. For economic reasons, there will be two classes of dams, primary and secondary. The primary dams would control floods up to about 6 inches of rainfall. The government would purchase all land necessary. The secondary would be for over 6 inches and hurricane produced rain that can exceed 30 inches. The government would pay for the "right to flood" costing about 25% of the value of the land. Because the secondary reservoirs would basically be dry lakes allowing the owner to use the land as normal. If it is used to control flooding, the owner would be fairly compensated for any losses due to controlling the flooding. It would be a win-win for all.

This results in a future where there will be no more "major" floods because every watershed will have been evaluated and the optimum size and number of dams will have been built to prevent all flooding.

Is this too not the future that we all seek too?

Coomer is the engineer, who has designed all these concepts that would end "major" forest fires, end all flooding, and with all structures now quake-proof resulting in earthquakes will no longer be considered a danger or concern

Coomer advocates that our Nation needs a war-time economy, but without a war. Like wartime, there will be lots and lots of jobs, far more than there are workers to fill them. Like in a war, there is so much that needs to be done., The numerous dams need to be constructed, C-5s converted to tankers, our National Forest and Parks converted to pristine, our bridges and highways repaired, improved, or replaced, our airports improved, our train system improved with possible 250 mph bullet trains designed and built, the list is endless. Like in a war, our taxes will be higher as we should be fiscally responsible. With unemployment less than 2% results in nearly all are working, happy making money. Lots of money is being circulated and the circulation of money is another responsibility of government too, Predicted is in spite of higher taxes, almost all will enjoy a higher standard of living.

Is this not the future, that we all see too?

(There is so much more that deserves to be discussed, like improving our education system, improving our aircraft and their safety, but here there are space limitations.)

Phone: 360-929-2397, Donations appreciated.

Make checks payable to to "Coomer for Congress". and mail them to 2920 N. Heller Rd, MH # E, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

The views and opinions expressed on this page are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of this newspaper.



THANK YOU FOR READING WHIDBEY WEEKLY | REDUCE → REUSE → RECYCLE



Make a Difference

By Tabitha Jacobs-Mangiafico
Sound Water Stewards Whidbey Coordinator

Have you heard the Buzz? Sound Waters University is the first step in "Just doing something."

Make connections on Whidbey Island and Camano Island and be a part of Hope in Action right here in the Pacific Northwest at Sound Waters University, Sat., Feb. 5, 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. Whether you have just moved here, or you have been a resident for many years, or you are just visiting, something drew you to Whidbey Island, and Sound Waters University will inspire you to dig in and become rooted in this wonderful Island community.

Discover a kinship with the University's environmentally focused class sessions, its stewardship-minded attendees, and pursue the virtual sponsor and exhibit hall, curated specifically to connect you with local nonprofits, associations, and companies. We suggest taking your favorite beverage, sit, sip and scroll through these valuable resources. (www.soundwatersuniversity.org/exhibitors/)

What brought you to Whidbey Island? For Dave Davis and Barb Hardman, they saw an advertisement for Sound Waters University by chance on a ferry ride and attended in 2016, purchased a home in 2017, completed the volunteer training in 2019, and moved to Whidbey Island permanently in 2020.

"Now after hundreds of volunteer hours spent in a dozen different environmental stewardship programs, Sound Water Stewards and Sound Waters University are a big part of our island friends, our island activities and the gel of our island tapestry. Sound Waters University was the first step to find who we wanted to become and who we happily became." (Dave Davis and Barb Hardman, class of 2019)

How do you get involved? Learn more about the training program here: www.soundwatersuniversity.org/exhibitors/SWStraining/.

After Sara Dore attended her first Sound

Waters University and completed our volunteer training, she has volunteered every year for our Mussel project. Do you yearn for mental and spiritual connections, are you fraught with feeling hopelessness and apathy? Jack Buchard felt the same way. It took a close friend to suggest to Jack, "Jack, just do something!" This jolt led Jack to Sound Waters University, where more than 700 people were participating in person in 2019.

He recalls, "The energy and opportunities flowed like a flood tide. The Keynote Hillary Franz talked about 'uniting to protect our waters.'" Exploring the exhibits, he too discovered the volunteer training program. After briefly considering the demanding schedule and commitment, he received a lot of information and encouragement from Lee Badovinus and other Sound Water Stewards and signed up that afternoon. He had found his way, to just do something. "Start now, where you are, with what you have." (Jack Buchard, class of 2019)

What are you doing to make a difference in your community? As Jack's friend would say, "Just do something." Signing up for Sound Waters University features distinguished environmental authors, change agents, researchers and naturalists; the classes will deliver in-depth information about the area's wildlife and natural history, infusing you with hope for a flourishing Salish Sea. Our focus is the Pacific Northwest's ecology, its beauty and fragility. (www.soundwatersuniversity.org/register/)

Make connections and find your niche. Applications are now open. After the virtual symposium, join us for a Virtual Town Hall Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. via Zoom; hear directly from other stewards about how they feel invigorated with doing something! Our training has brought joy, fascination, education and a sense of purpose to many of the volunteers. View our events page to stay informed. (soundwaterstewards.org/events/)




The Rock Taxi Cab

Your Designated Driver ... a Friend for LIFE!

360.914.3250

24/7 Rides • Safe, Friendly & Reliable

www.therocktaxi.com



Whidbey SeaTac Shuttle & Charter

Leave the driving to us!

Direct Non-Stop Service Between Whidbey Island – Paine Field – SeaTac Airports

360.679.4003 | www.seatacshuttle.com

HONOR THE MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONE

We can design and print their memorial program.



Whidbey Weekly & PRINTING

360-682-2341 • 1131 SE Ely Street • Oak Harbor

www.whidbeyweekly.com

Oak Harbor Main Street Presents

Warm Your Soul With a Winter Stroll

January 29 • 3-6PM

Stroll the participating downtown Oak Harbor businesses for hot tea, cider, cocoa & treats!

Walk, Shop, Dine Historic Downtown Oak Harbor

www.oakharbormainstreet.org



OAK HARBOR MAIN STREET Whidbey Weekly

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.

Karaoke with Ryan

Friday, January 28, 7:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Live Music: Steven Crabtree

Saturday, January 29, 6:00-9:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Steve's unique blend of folk, rock, country, blues and cabaret has stunned and entertained audiences of all ages and creeds. Hailing from Los Angeles originally, Steve has made the Pacific Northwest his home and base camp since 2007. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Auditions for "The Taming," a Political Comedy

Saturday, February 5, 1:00-4:00PM
Sunday, February 6, 1:00-4:00PM
The Star Studio at Whidbey Playhouse

Opening April 1 and on stage through April 16 is 90 minutes of hilarious/serious theater, a love of Pandashrews, undying giddiness for James Madison and the Miss America Pageant. A pageant contestant kidnaps a liberal activist blogger and conservative senator's aide in order to get them to help her rewrite the U.S. Constitution (which will be her talent performance in the pageant). Got that? Skewering liberals and conservatives alike, "The Taming" hits political partisanship in the funny bone!

CAST: Three women - A Republican Senator's aid, a liberal blogger and a Miss America contestant from Georgia.

AGE RANGE: 30+

Cold readings from printed scenes. Prepared scenes optional, but not necessary. E-scripts are available for viewing at www.Playscripts.com. If you have any questions please contact the office at 360-679-2237. Access from the theater's parking lot at 730 SE Midway Blvd, Oak Harbor. Prior to auditions, proof of COVID-19 vaccination is required and masks are mandatory.

Meetings & Organizations

South Whidbey Parks & Rec Levy Information Open House

Thursday, January 27, 7:00-8:00PM
Zoom Meeting

On the February 2022 ballot, registered South Whidbey voters will be asked to consider funding the parks system for four years beginning in 2023. This levy is a replacement of the expiring Maintenance and Operations levy and funds the district's operations. The levy rate beginning in 2023 will be 22 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value which is a two-cent increase over the 2019 levy rate. The district staff and commissioners will answer any questions on the upcoming levy. Citizens are encouraged to attend.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85348439014?pwd=b1E0aVIHM-k02a3FWSWVxVXFjU291QT09>
Meeting ID: 853 4843 9014
Passcode: 197031
One tap mobile
+12532158782,,85348439014#,,,,*197031#
US (Tacoma)
+13462487799,,85348439014#,,,,*197031#
US (Houston)
Dial by your location

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 853 4843 9014
Passcode: 197031

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85348439014>

If you are unable to attend this session, an additional meeting will be held Feb. 2 at 7:00PM online. Links for that meeting to follow.

Puget Sound Energy Presentation

Tuesday, February 1, 6:00PM
Virtual Meeting

Island County will host a representative from Puget Sound Energy to give a presentation to the board and citizens about outages. They will be taking comments and questions from citizens. This meeting will be virtual only. Staff and public may join the meeting by using the following options:

To attend by phone, you may access the meeting by dialing: 1-669-800-5335 and enter meeting ID number: 491 987 8603
To attend by way of video, you may access the meeting via StarLeaf: <https://meet.starleaf.com/4919878603/app>.

Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers (WIGS)

Tuesday, February 15, 1:00PM
Zoom Meeting

Steven Morrison presents "Western Overland Trails." The major trails from the midwest to the west - Oregon, Mormon, Santa Fe, California routes and more will be covered. Sign on to Zoom 10 minutes early. Non WIGS members: send email to whidbeygensearchers@gmail.com by Feb. 13 to receive zoom invitation. All are invited to join.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting

Every Monday, 7:00-8:00PM
Carole's Barbershop, Freeland

A meeting dedicated to dealing with the problem and solution for recovering from the effects of growing up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family. For more information, contact Clayton at 360-989-4248 or visit www.adultchildren.org

Al-Anon

Every Wednesday, 9:30-10:30AM
432 2nd St., Langley

If a friend or relative has a problem with alcohol, you can find solutions for yourself at Alanon.

Al-Anon Group

Every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30PM
Oak Harbor Lutheran Church, 1253 NW 2nd Ave.

Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Al-Anon group can help. Call Randy at 360-914-8084 for meeting information.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Day, 12:00 & 8:00PM
432 2nd Street, Langley

For more information, call 360-221-2070

Gamblers Anonymous

Every Tuesday, 6:30PM
The Senior Center, Mount Vernon

All are welcome. The Senior Center is located at 1401 Cleveland Ave. For further information, please call Washington State Gamblers Anonymous at 1-800-222-5542.



Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

SUNDAY, DEC. 5

12:24 am, Balda Rd.

Reporting party advising sent explicit photos of himself to someone and now they are sending them to others, family members, etc. Unknown who this person is; photos sent through Snap Chat; believes she lives in Arkansas.

4:37 am, N Oak Harbor St.

Reporting party advising male subject is yelling "I need my f***ing pills;" now two males are fighting.

11:18 am, Waterloo Rd.

Requesting call; says homeless subject was told to push their car onto reporting party's property.

1:18 pm, East Harbor Rd.

Caller advising was cutting tree down and it fell over road. Truck just hit tree. No airbag deployment.

1:40 pm, Mobius Loop

Advising brother called, said he was out with girlfriend drinking and woke up this morning and his car was gone.

3:33 pm, East Harbor Rd.

Requesting call regarding male who cut tree down; wanting to know if law enforcement cited him for being negligent.

10:00 pm, Hastie Lake Rd.

Three loose calves, all black, in the road on west side of intersection. Unknown who they belong to.

MONDAY, DEC. 6

12:53 pm, NE 4th St.

Requesting call; states neighbor opened his door Saturday and yelled at reporting party. Nothing physical. Requesting phone call only. Adamant did not want contact.

5:22 pm, Main St.

Advising male drove into the parking lot; struck three vehicles; no injury. Appears to have been drinking.

TUESDAY, DEC. 7

6:48 am, N Main St.

Reporting party advising female in hospital gown outside of location; advising she needs to leave, as children will be arriving soon. Unknown name for subject.

2:22 pm, Airline Way

Reporting party advising brother punched window out of his pickup truck. States brother is trying to get reporting party to go somewhere and he doesn't want to go.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8

7:21 am, SW Terry Rd.

Reporting party states she found note on her vehicle using profanities and telling reporting party to "f*** off." Unknown why someone would leave the note. Suspects possibly for her neighbor, not her.

11:21 am, Mobius Loop

Reporting party trying to call bank at Midway/Pioneer; calling dispatcher a f***ing punk. Male recalling from Okla.; swearing and cussing at call-taker.

12:06 pm, Wanamaker Rd.

Caller requesting civil standby; needing to move back into location but prior boss is known to be aggressive and may be at the residence.

8:38 pm, SR 525

Reporting party had somebody looking into window; unable to see subject right

now. Reporting party advising sent out a warning shot outside.

THURSDAY, DEC. 9

8:09 am, W Crescent Harbor Rd.

Caller advising there are cats in a barn at location. Worried if something happens to the barn? When verifying reporting party's information, subject hung up.

12:38 pm, Firehouse Rd.

Caller advising just found out subject has been pooping in garden. Requesting extra patrols and phone call to discuss concerns.

6:45 pm, Fort Nugent Rd.

Reporting party ran into firewood in roadway near location. Sustained damage to his car. Reporting party putting on spare now, black Jaguar.

FRIDAY, DEC. 10

12:34 am, Ault Field Rd.

Reporting party advising someone is running their mouth; using their radiation technology to pull chemicals out of people's bodies.

4:05 pm, Tomchuck Ln.

Reporting party states two cows are in the road. Reporting party wouldn't give middle name and DOB.

4:57 pm, SR 20

Advising male subject throwing items at cars and crossing fog line; reporting party had to swerve to miss. In area of Ebey's Landing.

6:01 pm, Clinton Beach Pl.

Caller states "druggies" followed him to his residence. History of subjects stealing from reporting party.

8:05 pm, Goss Lake Rd.

Reporting party states law enforcement needs to look up video from Aug. 2019, where two officers grabbed her arm out of a Japanese bus. Was sitting on the step. That's why she has this court date with the fake license plate.

9:30 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising subject is at location trespassing. Harassing reporting party by saying she has "a big ass."

10:39 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising heard around six explosions in the area; just heard one recently, heard about five minutes ago.

SATURDAY, DEC. 11

9:23 am, Deception Pass Bridge

Reporting party states there is a paddling event occurring in Deception Pass today from 9am to 2pm. Is not going great with the weather. Has already had overturned kayakers. No need for fire response. Wanting to make fire/medical aware that may occur and assistance may be needed medically at some point.

10:30 am, Barrett Rd.

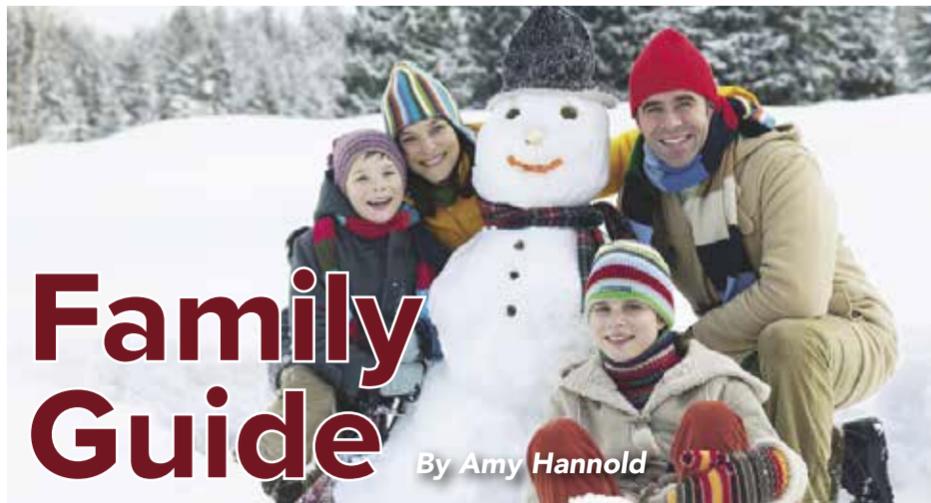
Caller advising neighbors are "setting off bombs." Ongoing issue. Normally does this New Year's Eve, make gigantic bombs. Began last night.

4:29 pm, Torrence Ln.

Female walking down the middle of Torrence Lane, walking with a steak knife and yelling. Butcher knife and carrying a cowboy hat.

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





Family Guide

By Amy Hannold

Send Your Love from Loveland: Loveland, Colo., also known as "Sweetheart City," has been doing the Valentine Re-Mailing Program for 76 years. Each year, the city and its volunteers lovingly hand stamp and re-mail valentines from all 50 states and more than 110 countries.

Lovers from across the world can send in their valentines to the Valentine Re-Mailing Program and volunteers will hand stamp the envelope with a special envelope artwork stamp, postmark and re-mail the letter to your sweetheart.

To send your card through the Sweetheart Valentine Re-stamping Program:

- Address the Valentine with the recipient's address
- Stamp the Valentine (with the appropriate postage)
- Place the Valentine in a larger, first-class envelope (be sure you have enough postage as the letter will be returned to you if you don't)

Stamp the larger envelope and address it as follows:

Postmaster – Attention Valentines
446 E 29th St.
Loveland, CO 80538-9998

Mailing deadline is Feb. 7. Mail may be sent after the deadline, but it will not reach the recipient before Valentine's Day.

An Exchange of Winter Reads – A FREE book Swap for All Ages: Bring a book or two you'd like to gift to someone or, just bring your bag and join us for some FREE "New-To-You" books.

Gently-read, good condition books for all ages will be available to anyone, whether or not you bring books to donate.

The free book swap will be inside the mall, in downtown Oak Harbor, Saturday, Jan. 29, 3 to 6 p.m.

This event is part of the Oak Harbor Main Street Association's "Warm Your Soul, with a Winter Stroll" event, where merchants will offer a warm drink or sweet treat as you explore downtown Oak Harbor.

Choose a "new-to-you" book, regardless of whether you bring a book or not.

There will be hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes on hand for participants and for the books.

Family In Nature at Deception Pass State Park – FREE Outdoor Experiences with Your Kids:

Have you ever wanted to take your children to play outside but weren't exactly sure what to do? If so, join the interpretive staff at Deception Pass State Park for their Family in Nature program. This nature-based program is designed as a fun and highly interactive experience for children ages 3-5 years and their families. Programs last approximately 90 minutes and consist of story time, creative play and parent-led activities and crafts. Events are FREE, a WA State Discover Pass is required for park entry. Events are planned twice a month, through June. To attend, pre-registration for each month opens the 25th of the prior month. deceptionpassfoundation.org/park-programs/family-in-nature

Mr. Yuk Helps Everyone Poster Contest:

The poster contest hosted by the Washington State Poison Center is open to all Washington students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. Feb. 11 is the deadline to submit your entry. wpsc.org for contest rules and information

Kindness Starts with One – Be That One:

"Random Act of Kindness Week," Feb. 13-19, serves as a reminder of the power each of us has to change the world for the better, every day, simply by being kind. Ideas and inspiration for everyone at [Facebook.com/TheRandomAct-](https://www.facebook.com/TheRandomAct-)

sofkindnessfoundation.org or RandomActsofKindness.org. At the website there's an all-ages coloring contest, free printables, including 14 Grab and Go Games and Icebreakers, BINGO cards for kids to challenge their friends in acts of kindness, bookmarks, learning curriculums for all ages, and a kindness book list.

The Three Musketeers: A cast of local high-schoolers will bring this story to life with Whidbey Children's Theater in Langley, Feb. 18 – 27. It's a tale of heroism, close escapes, treachery and above all, honor...with a healthy dash of humor and no small amount of swashbuckling. A story of leaving home to chase a dream in a big world and discovering your true self, and finding that no matter how brave or skilled you are, it's always good to have peeps. Especially those who agree that it is "all for one and one for all!" Advance tickets are on sale, while they last! Wct-magic.org

Quest for a Glass Treasure: The Great Northwest Glass Quest is Feb. 18-22. Find one of over 350 plastic clue balls hidden on Camano Island and in the city of Stanwood to win a hand-blown glass ball. To begin your adventure, check-in at the event's website to view and/or download the Glass Quest Guidebook, TheGreatNW-GlassQuest.com. You'll find frequently asked questions, easy directions to Quest sites, a visitor's guide to the area, and an app with maps and all of the other information you will need.

Your search for a clue ball will take you on a self-guided tour of the Stanwood and Camano area, including parks, businesses and community sites. It's free to participate, with the exception of the Discover Pass requirement for state parks. Hint: Status of clue balls found are only updated at the end of each day for state park questing sites, where additional balls are hidden each day. If you're looking in the state parks, go to Thegreat-nwglassquest.com/updates.

Solve the Mystery: Sleuths of all ages are welcome to solve Langley's annual "Whodunnit," Feb. 26-27. Enjoy a day in the Village by the Sea as you view the crime scene, interview suspects, and then discover the solution. Work through the clues on either Saturday and/or Sunday, you need not be present to win in the prize drawing of correct solution entries at the "big reveal" Sunday. The cost to participate is just \$15 per map (\$12 for military, youth and seniors), includes a chance to guess who-dun-it, and possibly win great prizes. VisitLangley.com

Deception Pass Celebrates 100 Years in 2022:

As it commemorates the park's 100th year, the Deception Pass Park Foundation has a variety of events planned. Included are a monthly in-person/virtual speaker's series, guided forest walks, past park manager commemoration, Earth Day restoration project, Memorial Day summer program kickoff, trail maintenance day, American Roots concert series, and for the centennial, a community picnic in the park, which was a tradition dating back to 1919. These events are in addition to the annual summer programs such as Junior Ranger programs, evening talks, guided hikes, and more. Deceptionpassfoundation.org

Run to Swing the Gates at Deception Pass State Park:

Explore the park in either a competitive 5K (with chip timing), a 5K family fun run, or a 10K team scavenger hunt along the trails in the park March 26. Preregistration is required. The stroller-friendly and dog-friendly 5K course weaves through old growth forests with beautiful views of Cranberry Lake. Event proceeds benefit the park's educational programs. Deception-passfoundation.org

Find Fun for All Seasons: A calendar and guides pointing you easily to all-weather, all-ages activities and events on Whidbey and beyond can be found at WhidbeyIslandMacaroniKid.com.



BOOK ONLINE

MOVIE SHOWTIMES:
1-28-2022 thru 2-1-2022

WEST SIDE STORY (PG-13)
Friday – Tuesday: 4:00pm & 7:00pm

AMERICAN UNDERDOG (PG)
Friday – Tuesday: 4:30pm & 7:30pm

SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME (PG-13)
Friday – Tuesday: 4:15pm & 7:15pm

Closed Wednesday & Thursday!

1321 SW Barlow St • Oak Harbor
Movie Hotline 360-279-2226
Book A Party or Special Showing 360-279-0526
www.oakharborcinemas.com

Get Whidbey Weekly delivered to your inbox!

Visit our web site and subscribe to our newsletter. Each week, you will receive an email with a link to the new issue.

Whidbey Weekly

www.whidbeyweekly.com

Now Showing!
Friday, Jan 28 thru Sunday, Jan 30

SING 2 (PG)
SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME (PG-13)

BLUE FOX DRIVE-IN THEATER

BOX OFFICE OPENS AT 4PM, FIRST MOVIE BEGINS AT 6:00PM
11 & OVER \$6.50*; KIDS 5-10 \$1.00*; 4 & UNDER FREE *CASH PRICES
GO KARTS CLOSED FOR THE SEASON
1403 N MONROE LANDING RD • OAK HARBOR
360-675-5667 • www.bluefoxdrivein.com

WHY GO OVER THE BRIDGE FOR YOUR CUSTOM FRAMING & ART SUPPLIES?

Gene's Has It All!

We Specialize In Custom Framing

- Honest Pricing
- No Fine Print
- Friendly Service
- No Traffic Delays
- 15% Military Discount

Whidbey's Largest Selection of Fine Art Supplies

GENE'S ART & FRAME SINCE 1967

360-675-3854 • 250 SE Pioneer Way • Oak Harbor
genesartframing.com
9:30-6 Monday-Friday, 10-5:30 Saturday

Custom Framing • Pens & Pencils • Papers • Canvas
Brushes • Portfolios • Clay • Easels • Palettes • How-To- Books
Calligraphy • Drafting • Airbrush • Artists & Craft Paint
Supply Totes • Readymade Frames • Children's Art Kits

County extends hearing on potential sales tax increase

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Island County commissioners have continued a public hearing on a proposed sales tax increase, pushing a decision on the matter to March 22.

A public hearing was held last week on the proposal, which would increase Island County's sales tax by one-tenth of one percent, which translates to \$10 for every \$100 of taxable sales. Money from the increase would be earmarked for affordable housing.

The Washington state legislature approved House Bill 1590 in mid 2020, giving cities and counties the option to impose a sales tax increase, to be used for affordable housing or behavioral health, without a vote of the people. The cities of Langley, Oak Harbor and the town of Coupeville have given Island County commissioners the option to decide on the matter.

A total of 16 people spoke at the public hearing Jan. 18, appearing before commissioners both in person and online. Those who spoke were fairly evenly divided on the matter. Those opposed said it is wrong for commissioners to impose a sales tax increase without putting it on the ballot, while those in favor said the need for affordable workforce housing is critical.



Photo Courtesy of Island County

Island County commissioners listen to public comments during a public hearing Jan. 18 on a proposal to raise the county's sales tax by one-tenth of one percent. A decision on the matter has been postponed until March 22.

Island County Human Services Director, Lynda Austin, presented an overview to the commissioners.

"This bill empowers our local officials to help address the housing crisis much more expeditiously and treat the crisis with the urgency it deserves," she said. "The current estimated revenue increase is around \$1,100,000 annually. These new funds would bring a significant stream of funding year after year, allowing Island County to support affordable housing projects, with a goal of creating a pipeline of projects, adding units annually."

The law stipulates 60 percent of the funds collected could be used for construction of new affordable housing and for the purchase of land or buildings to be used for or converted to affordable housing. Forty percent of the money could be used for support services for new housing.

While there is a general plan in place for how the new funds could be used in Island County, commissioners asked Austin to present a more detailed plan March 22. Commissioners also added further stipulations to the proposed resolution, which Commissioner Melanie Bacon summarized in her weekly email.

"The commissioners revised the resolution to restrict the use of the tax for the creation and support of new affordable housing units and void the tax in 10 years if affordable housing isn't being built with the funds," Bacon wrote. "The commissioners also want to ensure we have a plan to guide the use of these funds, so we continued the public hearing until the end of March so a draft plan can be developed prior to the Board's vote."

If commissioners decide to approve the sales tax increase, it would take effect July 1. Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom, Jefferson and King

Counties, have already approved the increase. Bacon has indicated she will likely support the resolution.

"If I feel comfortable with the plan, I intend to vote in favor of enacting this tax," Bacon said in her email. "By the way, all our surrounding counties have enacted this tax, meaning if you buy something in Snohomish or Whatcom you are helping pay for affordable housing in those communities."

The proposal would increase Island County's sales tax from 8.7 percent to 8.8 percent. The city of Oak Harbor, which passed a two-tenths of one percent sales tax increase for transportation last year, would see its sales tax increase from 8.9 percent to nine percent.

Those interested may watch the public hearing at islandcountywa.gov and following the links to the board of county commissioners.



Photo Courtesy of Island County

Director of Island County Human Services, Lynda Austin, presents commissioners with an overview of the proposal to raise the county's sales tax one-tenth of one percent, to be used for affordable housing. The increase would generate approximately \$1.1 million a year for Island County.

GUEST COLUMN

HEALTH STARTS HERE - PRIMARY CARE WITH YOU FOR LIFE

Now that 2022 is upon us, there's no better way to welcome the new year than with a renewed commitment to your health and wellbeing. We each have unique needs to help us stay healthy and it's important to have a healthcare provider who can take care of you from head to toe. Someone who understands your health history, wellness goals and concerns.

Beyond just treating your aches and pains, your primary care provider offers comprehensive care including:

- disease prevention and screenings
- diagnosis and treatment of many types of illness
- education related to disease prevention or treatment
- injury care
- counseling
- coordination of your care

Primary care is your first resource for healthcare. It's about having a provider who will partner with you to help you stay healthy and able to live your best life.

Primary care incorporates several different kinds of healthcare services.

CHECK IN AND CHECK UP! One part of primary care focuses on wellness and prevention. To keep you healthy and free of disease, your primary care doctor will likely:

- take a careful look at your health history so they can determine what risk factors you may face
- offer vaccinations to keep you from catching a disease
- perform screenings so they can catch health issues early
- coach you on lifestyle changes you can make to stave off illness in the future

Another part of primary care is acute healthcare. These are issues or injuries that may come on suddenly and typically don't have a long-term impact on your health.



WHY PRIMARY CARE? Primary care is meant to be your main source for healthcare, one in which you have an ongoing partnership with your healthcare provider in the larger context of your community. Primary care is designed to:

- give you better access to healthcare
- lower your costs
- improve your health outcomes

Many people find that primary care is a better alternative than going to the emergency room because it's a less expensive and a less time-consuming way to treat basic, acute illnesses or injuries.

According to the Council on Graduate Medical Education, people who have easy access to a primary care provider tend to spend less money on their healthcare and are healthier, too.

AGING GRACEFULLY

Aging brings on its own unique challenges. As we get older, we may slow down, need to adjust our diet, and potentially modify some behaviors to ensure that we continue to thrive. Having a game plan and sticking to it is the first step.

From routine check-ups to managing diabetes, cardiac health, depression or serious conditions like cancer, the team at WhidbeyHealth is focused on your unique needs.

From infants to grandparents and all points in-between, our primary care clinics provide wellness exams, laboratory tests, and treat illness and injuries, including minor surgical procedures—all close to home.

LEARN MORE

Visit: <https://whidbeyhealth.org/primary-care> or contact a WhidbeyHealth Primary Care Clinic near you!

Primary Care Cabot Drive Oak Harbor, 360-675-6648

Primary Care Freeland, 360-331-5060



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What historical person would you like to meet, and why?



Lily T., Oak Harbor

I would like to meet someone from the Great Depression because I want to know what life was like and how they lived with so little during a hard time in history. I am very lucky to have a place to live and sleep, food in the fridge, and an awesome family.

Frankie M., Coupeville

George Washington because he bred mules and I want to ask him about it. And he was the first president and he fought in wars.



Valori S., Oak Harbor

I would like to meet Helen Keller because I think it is amazing she was able to learn to communicate even though she was deaf and blind. I cannot even imagine how anyone can do that.

I would like to ask her, why she never got married and if she had would she have wanted to have children?

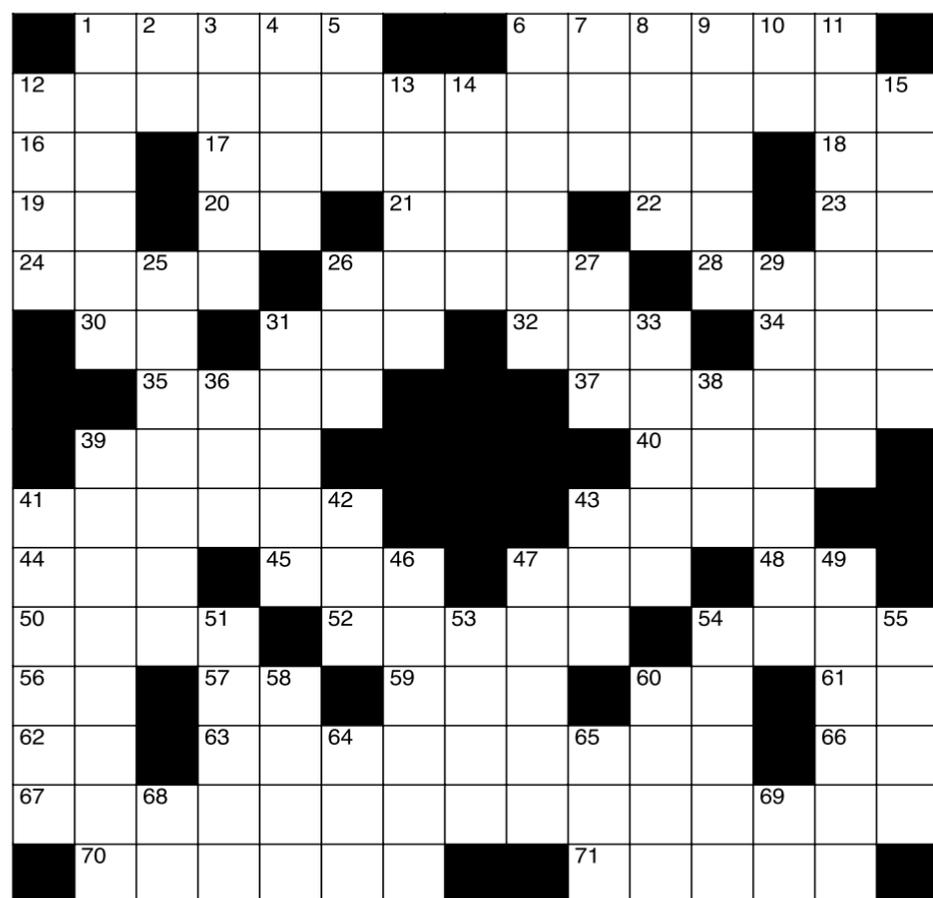
Cora F., Coupeville

If I could meet any historical figure, I would want to meet Harriet Tubman, because she is brave, clever and kind. Harriet was a nurse, Civil Rights Activist, and best known as "A leader in the underground railroad." She chose her life, story and has her own mind and opinion. To me it seems that she won't be bossed around and always takes care of others. Of course, I would not care to be in her time era, but I would love to meet Harriet Tubman!

NOTE FROM WRITER: I find her inspirational because you should follow your dreams, stay strong and be kind! The future is not set in stone.



Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Struck firmly
6. Shirt part
12. Nevertheless
16. Article
17. Adornment
18. Educator's helper
19. Healthcare pro
20. Atomic number 28
21. Extinct flightless bird
22. Mystic syllable
23. College sports decision maker (abbr.)
24. Edible mushrooms
26. Venerable English monk
28. Surrounded by
30. Forming fractional numbers from 4 onwards
31. Eastern France river
32. Short cry or yelp
34. Brew
35. Ornamental box
37. In a way, surfaced
39. Attired
40. Peculation
41. Netted
43. It shows you paid (abbr.)
44. Payroll firm
45. Antidiuretic hormone
47. Japanese classical theater
48. The first two

50. Ancient burial chamber
52. Type of card
54. Expression of sorrow or pity
56. Hectoliter
57. Morning
59. NYC subway dweller
60. Law enforcement
61. Sodium
62. Elevated subway
63. Facility where wild animals are kept
66. Integrated circuit
67. Seaman's tool
70. Drink to
71. Small group

14. Type of gin
15. Moved around in pursuit of fun
25. Makes light bulbs
26. Story of one's life
27. Small island in a river
29. A type of bliss
31. Genus of large herons
33. A way to make dry
36. One's grandmother
38. Vocal style
39. Pronunciation mark
41. American Indian chief or leader
42. Insecticide
43. Go bad
46. Capital of Zimbabwe
47. Polish river
49. Cast out
51. People of India and Sri Lanka
53. Cleaning fabrics
54. Very skilled
55. Pouches
58. Restaurant must-have
60. Native Americans from Arizona
64. Remaining after all deductions
65. Fleece
68. Dorm official
69. It cools your home

CLUES DOWN

1. Poem
2. Everest is one (abbr.)
3. Olympic legend Jesse
4. Portable tent
5. When you hope to get there
6. Unwavering
7. Back muscle
8. Within
9. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
10. Six
11. Involved as a necessary part
12. 2002 Liotta, Patric film
13. Living thing

Answers on page 15

CAN DO SUDOKU!

On a scale from 1 to 10...5.6

Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9

	1		3			7	8	
	7		1	6			5	
				7	9	5	4	2
	2	7		1		8	3	
9	8	4	5	2				
	6			4	1		9	
	4	5			2		1	

Answers on page 15

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Jan. 27	Fri, Jan. 28	Sat, Jan. 29	Sun, Jan. 30	Mon, Jan. 31	Tues, Feb. 1	Wed, Feb. 2
North Isle H-46°/L-36° AM Clouds Partly Sunny PM	North Isle H-48°/L-38° Partly Sunny AM Cloudy PM	North Isle H-48°/L-45° Chance of Rain	North Isle H-50°/L-44° Chance of Rain	North Isle H-48°/L-41° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-46°/L-39° Showers Possible	North Isle H-48°/L-35° Mostly Cloudy
South Isle H-47°/L-34° AM Fog Partly Sunny PM	South Isle H-48°/L-36° Partly Sunny AM Mostly Cloudy PM	South Isle H-49°/L-44° Chance of Rain	South Isle H-48°/L-43° Chance of Rain	South Isle H-46°/L-40° Chance of Rain	South Isle H-45°/L-37° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-47°/L-34° Mostly Cloudy





Life Tributes

Stephen Winslow Young



Stephen Young, longtime resident of Oak Harbor, Wash., passed away in his home unexpectedly Dec. 23, 2021. 'Steve' was 74 years old, born in Macon, Ga., Sept. 2, 1947.



He is survived by his two daughters, Suzette Cordova and Sandra Riley; his grandchildren: Cristina Aparicio, John Michael Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Felicia Armstrong, and Ray Riley; and great-grandchildren: Emma Aparicio, Aubrey Armstrong, Noah Armstrong; and his sister, Patty Herman.

Steve proudly served his country for over 30 years in the U.S. Navy, during the Vietnam War era.

Steve retired in the area he loved, very close to Deception Pass State Park. He loved his dog, Gus, and made several new friends on the many walks they took through the park. The park was a very special place for Steve, and he prided himself on the care he offered throughout the years to the local hummingbird population, which he cherished. Steve had a soft heart for nature and will truly be missed by those lucky enough to have known him.

A graveside service will be held for Steve at Maple Leaf Cemetery in the spring. In lieu of flowers, please make donations on Steve's behalf to Deception Pass State Park.

Beverly Kathleen (Caldwell) Lawson



Kathy, to all who knew her, passed away at the age of 78 Dec. 30, 2021 at Harborview Medical Center, Seattle, Wash., after a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

Wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Kathy's love of life didn't come to an end with her death. Her family and friends will continue to honor her legacy by living their Christian lives to the fullest.

Kathy completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education at East Central Oklahoma State College in Ada, Okla. She was among the few graduates to be hired to teaching positions in California. While teaching primarily fourth grade in elementary schools in Fontana, Bloomington, Lancaster, and Palmdale, Calif., she completed an additional 60 semester hours toward a Master's degree in Education. Kathy took great pride in her school and students where she shared her passion for learning with hundreds of children over the years.

It was during her early years teaching in California that Kathy met and married the love of her life, Gerald Kenneth "Jerry" Lawson, in 1967. It was from this union that yielded two wonderful sons, Garrett Mitchell and Jeffrey Kenneth Lawson

However, the saddest point in her life happened when Jeffrey lost his battle with cancer in 2016 when he was only 42 years old. He tragically left behind a beautiful wife, Noel, and their two wonderful daughters, Chloe and Camryn.

The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy to Kathy. Most of all, she loved spending time with family. She also loved painting, sewing, quilting, and reading. Quiet evenings with her family nearby while working on a quilt or reading a good book were among her greatest treasures in life, besides being a very active church member.

Though earning a minor in music in college, she rarely played the piano but never wanted a home without one sitting in the living room. She did love learning to play her alto and tenor recorders but rarely made enough time for that. Most weekends were spent as during the week: reading a good book or magazine and hand sewing on a quilt.

Kathy professed her faith in Christ while a young woman at her home church, First Baptist Church, Ada, Okla. Whether attending her own Sunday School class or teaching young children, her life revolved around her professed Christianity from her earliest memories.

During school breaks from teaching in the elementary schools in California, Kathy often explored the local libraries, scouring the shelves for good books to read. She had an uncanny ability to find happiness in her daily activities, which more often than not involved some aspect of Christian service. She had an excellent alto voice and her favorite times were singing in the choir. This was borne out from her youth when she played the piano and assisted in leading the youth choirs in her home church. Her pleasant, quietly reserved personality was contagious to everyone she met.

Kathy was born to Lyle and Evelyn (Mitchell) Caldwell on June 19, 1943. She is survived by her husband, Jerry; a son, Garrett; daughter-in-law, Noel; two grand-daughters, Chloe and Camryn; a brother, Larry; and a number of cousins, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her youngest son, Jeffrey Kenneth.

A brief interment service was held at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Wash., Jan. 11, 2022.

George Henry Lam



George Henry Lam, a longtime resident of Oak Harbor, passed away Jan. 9, 2022.

George was born at the family home on Monkey Hill Road Aug. 7, 1930, to John and Josephine (Reins-tr) Lam; he was the second youngest of eight children. He attended Oak Harbor schools, and in 1951, joined the United States Air Force. George met the love of his life, Dorothy Kirschman, and they were married June 21, 1952. They had four children: Gordon, Linda, Gary and Sheri. In 1971, George retired from the Air Force after 20 years of service, attaining the rank of Master Sergeant. He then worked in civil service until his retirement in 1995. In his free time, he enjoyed hunting with his sons, grandsons and nephews.

George was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dot; his parents; and all his siblings. He is survived by his children: Gordon Lam of Clovis, N.M.; Linda Parker of Oak Harbor; Gary Lam of University Place, Wash.; and Sheri Berkimer of Oak Harbor; his grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside interment service will be held at Maple Leaf Cemetery Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022, at 11a.m., followed by a Celebration of Life at the family home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in George's name to the Hospice Foundation of America.

Charles Ray Krieg



Charles Ray Krieg, born Feb. 2, 1955 passed away at his Arizona home Sunday Jan. 9, 2022, following visits from immediate family, and with Robin by his side, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Chuck was born at Polly Harpole's Maternity Home in Coupeville to Karl and Darlyne Krieg. He was the first of five children.

A graduate of Oak Harbor High School class of 1973, Chuck forged amazing lifelong friendships with his high school classmates. During his high school years, he can be remembered playing football and wrestling. He also worked at a local grocery store during his high school years.

Following high school, Chuck attended college focusing on accounting. After relocating to Anchorage, Alaska in 1983, Chuck began his career in the business and construction industry. He owned a seamless gutter business as well as worked for Eastwind Construction.

Chuck returned to his hometown of Oak Harbor in 1989 to begin his venture into business with Krieg Concrete Products. He was a respected businessman in the concrete industry, running Krieg Concrete Products until he sold the business and began his retirement in 2012.

Chuck Krieg was the father of four children, Kia, Kristi, Sarah, and Charlie. Tyler Moch joined as son-in-law in 2003. He was a grandfather to Tristan Hilkey, Kylie Hilkey, and Cohen Krieg.

Chuck shared the last 18 years with his beloved wife, Robin. They married in Las Vegas and enjoyed their time in Oak Harbor, as well as many travels in their motorhome. Eventually, they purchased a home in Florence, Ariz., where for the last four years, they have enjoyed the winter months in the Arizona sun.

Chuck was an avid golfer and could always be found at the Whidbey Golf and Country Club nearly every Wednesday and Sunday. Those close to him knew those days were sacred days, shared with many dear friends on the course. His other hobbies over the years also included volunteering with Little League, bowling, riding his Harley and attending horse races with his family.

Chuck was preceded in death by his dear daughter, Kia Lynn Krieg Moch, and father, Karl Krieg.

A celebration of life will be scheduled at a future date.

Pam's Prayer Corner

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

Lord we thank you today for every opportunity that you give us to experience and practice love and grace. Thank you for showing us exactly what it looked like by setting the example in Jesus. Grant us the courage and the boldness to walk with you, and demonstrate your goodness to our families, our friends, our community and our world.

Drew Barnhart
Lead Pastor, Living Word Church

"So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Philippians 2:1-4 ESV



Judith Kristin (Anderson) Biddle



Our beloved Judy went peacefully to heaven at her home Jan. 10, 2022, with family at her side, due to complications with Parkinson's disease.

Judy was born July 4, 1948, in Oak Harbor to Delmon and Juanita (Van Dyk) Anderson. She attended Oak Harbor schools, was active in a variety of clubs and student committees and was senior class homecoming queen. Judy graduated from Western Wash. State College, earning her degree in teaching. She later obtained her master's degree at Lesley University. Judy then continued as an elementary teacher, grades 1-3, in Oak Harbor for 25 years. Teaching was Judy's true passion, which she held close to her heart. Judy's teaching expertise was highlighted in a national teaching publication.

She married her high school sweetheart, Bruce Biddle, Aug 2, 1969.

They started their relationship in the summer of 1964, where they met at the Blue Fox Drive-In and celebrated 53 years of marriage together. They raised three adopted children, always living on North Whidbey, except for the four years while attending college. Judy and Bruce had a wonderful partnership in life.

Bruce taught P.E., Industrial Arts, and Health at Oak Harbor High School and North Whidbey JH/MS. He also coached football and wrestling.

They loved the Oak Harbor community that they had both grown up in and had many life-long friends. Through the years, Judy was involved in several organizations, including North Whidbey Garden Club, Big Brothers and Sisters, First United Methodist Church, Carskadden Hospital Guild, Delta Kappa Gamma International, OHEA, WEA, and NEA. Judy was a driving force for "The Back the 60s Class Reunion," which included the OHHS classes of 1960-1969.

Bruce and Judy were world travelers, having visited many states and countries. They greatly enjoyed their travels with their travel buds Jim and Jan Baertschiger. They enjoyed boating and camping, walks on the beach, family trips with their children, family gatherings at Big Lake, and the Whidbey Cruzers. However, HOME was always the best place to be. Their greatest joy was spending time with family, including their sweet grandsons.

Judy is remembered as a kind, loving, generous, creative, and intelligent woman. A mentor with a huge heart and THE BEST smile, she was loved by many. Judy enjoyed a stylish, colorful wardrobe, including a fun hat or scarf. She was an accomplished gardener, cook, seamstress and avid reader. Judy loved to decorate her beautiful home. Judy cherished connecting with her family and friends and loved nothing more than to share photos.

Judy is survived by her husband, Bruce V Biddle; her children: Kyle Biddle, Chad (Tie) Biddle, and Lia (Nate) Long; grandchildren, Oliver and Elliot Long; brothers: Doug (Micki) Anderson, Roger Anderson, and Jeff (Donna) Anderson; sister-in-law, Barbra Anne (Aubrey) Dale; and many nieces and nephews and their families: Tod (Jennifer) Anderson, Scott (Jeni) Anderson, Kristin Wren, Katie (Tom) Sichler, Chris (Erin) Anderson, Erica (Mark) Mills, Tracy (Brian) Ladyman, Anker (Jennifer) Anderson, Kevin (Emily) Anderson, Mitchel (Jennifer) Anderson, and Darren (Laura) Anderson.

Judy was much loved by her family and will be greatly missed. The family offers gratitude to all who shared their time with Judy.

A memorial service will be held March 19, 2022, at Wallin Funeral Home in Oak Harbor at 1 p.m., followed by a reception. Please reach out to the funeral home for any COVID restrictions. The family suggests remembrances be made to Hospice of Whidbey Health, your local Lions Club, American Parkinson Disease Association, or a charity of your choice.

Rusty (Oliver) L. Elam Jr.



Oliver Leroy Elam Jr., known by his loved ones as Rusty, was born in Oroville, Calif., March 18, 1964. He was preceded by his mother, Virginia Walshaw, and his father, Oliver Elam Sr. He moved to Oak Harbor, Wash., and lived there for many years before his passing Jan. 12, 2022. Rusty grew up in Feather Falls, Calif., racing dirt bikes. He also worked for his father, Oliver Sr., as a logger and later worked at a recycle center at the Navy base on Whidbey Island.

Rusty met Virginia Welch, now Potterf, at the age of 24 and they married a few years later in Reno, Nev. They had two children together, James Oliver Elam and Cynthia June Elam (Valentine). Though they were no longer married, Rusty and Virginia stayed friends. At the time of his passing, Rusty had two grandchildren and one on the way. His grandson, Silas Jameson Elam, from his son and daughter-in-law, James and Maddison, and his granddaughter, Whitley Mae Valentine, from his daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia, and Scott.

Rusty's memorial service will be held at Rocky Point Recreation Area Jan. 29, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The address can be found at Rocky Point Recreation Area (navylifepnw.com).

Rusty was well known for his big rigs and mudding in his truck he called Big Red. His love for dirt bikes was passed down to his children when he built them a minibike and even more to his son, James, when they rode their KLRs together on weekends. Rusty was a talented welder, whether he was building a minibike or welding horse-shoes together to make a coat rack. He was an amazing mechanic, as he helped his son rebuild the engine for his first truck and repaired his daughter's rear axle when she jumped her first car off the road.

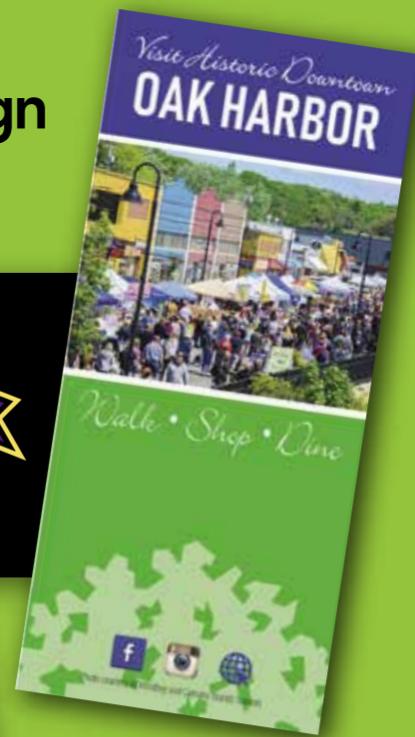
Rusty loved spending time with his grandchildren. Whether it was rolling around in the grass with them or giving them tractor rides, he was always putting a smile on their sweet, little faces. We are grateful for the time he spent with us and hold these memories close to our hearts.

Rusty was a beloved father, grandfather, and friend. We will all miss his fun-loving nature. Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and condolences at www.whidbeymemorial.com.

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

From Concept To Completion We've Got You Covered!

Full Service Graphic Design & Printing!



In addition to being your favorite source
for news and events on the island
we are now your source for:

Logos • Brochures • Flyers
Posters • Business Cards
Loyalty Cards • Postcards
Mailers • Rack Cards
Magnets • Cards • Invitations
Printing • Copying • Folding
Comb Binding • Laminating
Cutting • Direct Mail Services
Notary Public

Whidbey Weekly
& PRINTING

1131 SE Ely Street • Oak Harbor • 360-682-2341
advertise@whidbeyweekly.com
www.whidbeyweekly.com



NEED BRAKES?

WE CAN SAVE YOU UP TO \$250
ON BRAKE SERVICE
VERSUS OUR
COMPETITORS.
WARRANTIED
AT 30K
LOCATIONS
NATIONWIDE.



FULL SERVICE AUTO REPAIR

Mobil 1
Lube Express

Star Service Oil Change

No Appointment
Necessary!

\$44⁹⁵
Full Synthetic

\$38⁹⁵
Includes 4X4 & SUV

- ✓ FREE Anti-Freeze & Fill
- ✓ FREE Transmission & Fill
- ✓ FREE Power Steering & Fill
- ✓ FREE Brake Fluid & Fill
- ✓ FREE Differential & Fill
- ✓ FREE Transfer Case & Fill
- ✓ FREE Windshield Washer Fluid & Fill
- ✓ FREE Battery Fluid & Fill

- ✓ NEW Oil & Oil Filter
- ✓ LUBE Chassis
- ✓ INFLATE Tires
- ✓ VACUUM Interior
- ✓ WASH Front & Rear Windows

- ✓ Wiper Blade
- ✓ Air Filter
- ✓ Belts & Hoses
- ✓ Headlights & Signal Lights

\$1*
Per gallon
of Unleaded
Limited Time Only
* Ask for details

Flat Rate Auto Repair only \$89⁹⁵ per hour

always
FREE ESTIMATES!

At Hilltop Service Center we only repair and replace parts that are needed. We will not oversell or install unnecessary parts. We are highly trained brake technicians, not high pressure sales people.

Most cars up to 5 qts. 5W20, 5W30, 10W30. Other grades extra. Some filters cost extra. Vehicles with Skid Plates may be extra. Plus \$1 Environmental Disposal Fee.

Diagnostic Scope & Scan

\$89⁹⁵

- Retrieving Codes
- Reset Check Engine Light
- Up to 1 Hour Diagnostic
- 12 month/12,000 mile warranty

Safety Inspection

Labor Includes

- Scope & Scan (Retrieving Codes, Reset Check Engine Light)
- Brake Inspection
- Tire Rotation
- Inspect Belts & Hoses
- Inspect Exhaust System
- Check Charging System
- Test Ignition Cables
- Tire Rotation & Balance
- Inspect Suspension
- Check all Fluids
- Test Anti-Freeze

\$89⁹⁵

Radiator Flush & Fill

starting at **\$85⁹⁵**

Flushes Radiator, Engine Block, Heater Core & Hoses to -35° below

Computerized TUNE-UP Special

\$79⁹⁵*
4 cyl

\$89⁹⁵*
6 cyl

\$99⁹⁵*
8 cyl

- Check Compression
- Clean/Replace Spark Plugs & Air Cleaner
- Inspect/Replace Distributor Cap & Rotor
- Check Charging System
- Inspect Ignition Cables
- Scope & Scan
- Adjust Timing & Idle Speed
- Safety & Brake Inspection

*Plus Parts

Brake Reline Special **FREE Brake Inspections**

2-Wheel Front Brake Reline or 2-Wheel Rear Brake Reline starting at **\$119⁹⁵**

DRUMS

- H Raybestos Brake Shoes
- Machine Drums
- Rebuild Wheel Cylinders
- Adjust Parking Brake
- Bleed & Adjust System
- Road Test Vehicle
- 3 Year or 26,000 mile Warranty

DISCS

- Install Raybestos Disc Pads
- Machine Front Rotors
- Repack Wheel Bearings
- Clean-Lube Sleeve & Bushings
- New Seals
- Bleed & Adjust System
- Road Test Vehicle
- 3 Year or 26,000 mile Warranty

Raybestos
The Best in Brakes

LIFETIME
BRAKE PARTS
AVAILABLE

Most Cars - HD Shoes
Semi-Metallic Extra

We can save you up to \$100 on select tire sizes & brands vs. our competitors!

- Factory/Dealer Trained Certified Technicians
- Best Extended Warranty on Parts & Labor
- Genuine Factory Replacement Parts

Purchase Tires & Auto Repairs
using your Exxon/Mobil
Card to make time payments.

FREE REBALANCE
FREE TIRE ROTATION
FREE ROAD HAZARD
FREE FLAT REPAIR
with any Tire purchase

HILLTOP AUTO SERVICE 675-7011

826 S.E. Midway, Oak Harbor Serving Whidbey Island since 1957

Community Bulletin Board

To place an ad, email classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com

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.

Be the difference in a child's life and become a foster parent today! Service Alternatives is looking for caring, loving, and supportive families to support foster children. 425-923-0451 or mostermick@servalt-cfs.com

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/NorthPugetSoundDragonBoatClub?ref=hl

Medical Marijuana patients unite; If you need assistance, advice, etc. please contact at 420patientnetworking@gmail.com. Local Whidbey Island help.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of homicide, burglary, robbery, assault, identity theft, fraud, human trafficking, home invasion and other crimes not listed, Victim Support Services has advocates ready to help. Please call the 24-hr Crisis Line 888-388-9221. Free service. Visit our web site at <http://victimsupport-services.org>

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@island-shakespearefest.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 Islands. Volunteers primarily include medical and public health professionals but other volunteers who have no healthcare backgrounds are also utilized. MRC responds to local emergencies such as natural

How'd you do?

3	1	5	6	2	7	8	4	9
6	7	4	8	5	9	1	2	3
8	2	9	4	3	1	6	7	5
2	4	8	5	9	3	7	1	6
5	3	6	1	7	8	2	9	4
7	9	1	2	4	6	5	3	8
1	5	2	9	6	4	3	8	7
4	8	3	7	1	5	9	6	2
9	6	7	3	8	2	4	5	1

Surprise A Loved One With An Ad With Us!
Only \$45
Call 360-682-2341 to schedule your ad today!

Whidbey Weekly
 1131 SE Ely Street Oak Harbor

disasters and public health emergencies. If you are interested in volunteering please contact us at Island County MRC website for application and information.

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.

JOB MARKET

Island Transit is Hiring! If you are looking for a solid career with great pay and benefits including two retirement plans, we are hiring. Visit www.islandtransit.org/employment to apply. Island Transit is a drug and alcohol free workplace and an equal

Auto • Home Life • Business
Call: (360) 675-1598
Se Habla Español

Richard Voit
 Richard Voit Agency
 390 NE Midway Blvd
 A102, Oak Harbor
rvoit@farmersagent.com

FARMERS INSURANCE

employment opportunity employer.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nordic Track Challenger Crosstrainer/ski exerciser in great condition, \$200; Dry-wall panel hoist/lift to handle sheetrock by 1 person (11-1/2 ft height), only used once, \$150; Roll-top solid oak desk, 1950s antique, great condition, \$200; Vintage Arabia of Finland Ruska complete dinnerware set for 8, \$175. Call 360-222-0109 (1)

ANIMALS/SUPPLIES

Good Quality Grass Horse Hay round bales for sale, \$70; Feeder Round Bales for sale, \$60. 360-321-1624

If you or someone you know needs help in feeding pet(s), WAIF Pet Food Banks may be able to help. Pet Food Banks are located at WAIF thrift stores in Oak Harbor (465 NE Midway Blvd) and Freeland (1660 Roberta Ave) and are

generously stocked by donations from the community. If you need assistance, please stop by.

WANTED

WANTED: We buy running or not! We recycle cars, trucks, motorhomes, travel trailers, motorcycles, boats, tractors, dump trucks and much more. Free estimates on junk removal and junk vehicle removal. TJ's Recycling, 360-678-4363

Art, Antiques & Collectibles. Cash paid for quality items. Call or text 360-661-7298

Was your Dad or Gramps in Japan or Germany? I collect old 35 mm cameras and lenses. Oak Harbor, call 970-823-0002

Always buying antiques, collectibles, sporting goods, tools, garden equipment, furniture, vehicles, tractors and boats. Cash paid at loading out. 45 years experience. 360-678-5888 or text 360-969-1948.

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

US Postal Mail

Whidbey Weekly Classified Department
PO Box 1098
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

E-Mail classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com
 Telephone..... 360-682-2341
 Fax 360-682-2344

PLEASE CALL WHEN YOUR ITEMS HAVE SOLD.

Please try to limit your classified to 30 words or less, (amounts and phone numbers are counted as words) we will help edit if necessary. We charge \$10/week for Vehicles, Boats, Motorcycles, RVs, Real Estate Rental/Sales, Business Classifieds and any items selling \$1,000 and above. We do charge \$25 to include a photo. The FREE classified space is not for business use. No classified is accepted without phone number. We reserve the right to not publish classifieds that are in bad taste or of questionable content. All free classifieds will be published twice consecutively. If you would like your ad to be published more often, you must resubmit it. **Deadline for all submissions is one week prior to issue date.**

No Cheating!

S	M	O	T	E	S	L	E	E	V	E				
N	O	T	W	I	T	H	S	T	A	N	D	I	N	G
A	N	E	P	A	U	L	E	T	T	E	T	A		
R	N	N	I	M	O	A	O	M	A	D				
C	E	P	S	B	A	E	D	A	A	M	I	D		
T	H	A	I	N	Y	I	P	A	L	E				
I	N	R	O	T	A	R	R	E	D					
C	L	A	D	R	A	I	D							
S	E	I	N	E	D	R	C	P	T					
A	D	P	A	D	H	N	O	H	A	B				
C	I	S	T	T	A	R	O	T	A	L	A	S		
H	L	A	M	R	A	T	P	D	N	A				
E	L	M	E	N	A	G	E	R	I	E	I	C		
M	A	R	I	N	E	R	S	C	O	M	P	A	S	S
S	A	L	U	T	E	B	A	T	C	H				

DID YOU KNOW MOST CLASSIFIED ADS ARE FREE?
Contact us for more info!
classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com

Business Spotlight

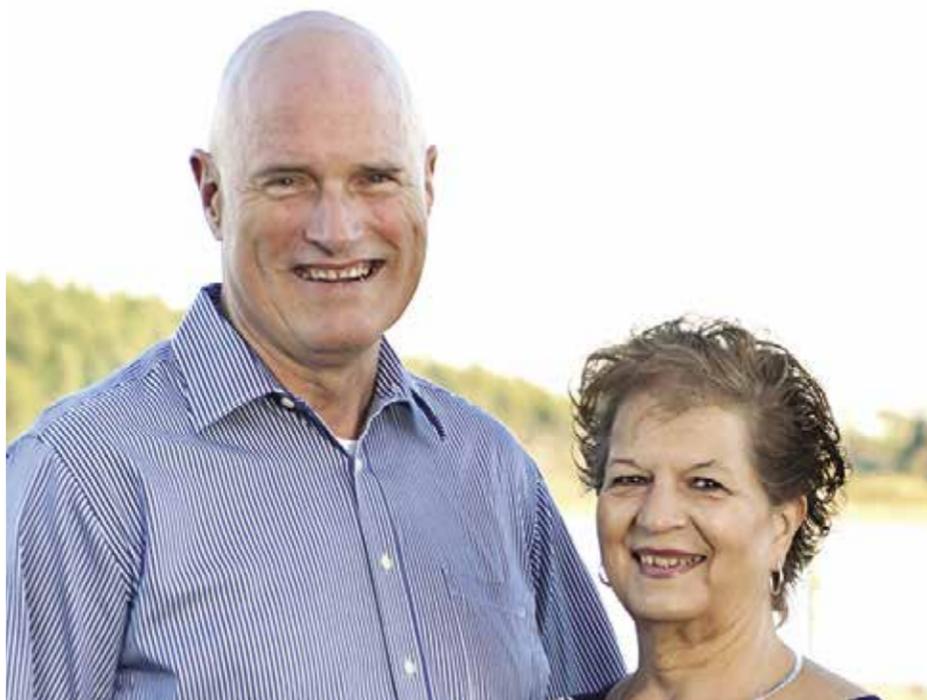
We can help your business grow.

We are a consulting firm that helps businesses like yours achieve unique goals.



Kenmore Analytics
Navigating the forest for the trees.

360-224-9066
kenmoreanalytics.com



Putting Heart into Quality Service

Paul and Heidi Kuzina and the staff of Whidbey Memorial Funeral Home consider it an honor to serve the community of Whidbey Island and beyond. Believing each person is a unique creation, they realize honoring the life of a loved one can be done in a variety of ways. Whether it is expressed through time honored traditions or new and contemporary ideas, they will work with the families they serve to bring forth a fitting remembrance of each person's life. They are experts at guiding clients through the maze of decisions that inevitably come with the loss of a loved one, and they do it with the utmost compassion, dignity, respect and integrity. They definitely are gifted at "putting heart into quality service."

"Warm," "comforting" and "homelike" are words that have been frequently used to describe the simply-stated elegance of their gracious facility. When families step into Whidbey Memorial, they are immediately greeted with a sense of genuine caring. Paul and Heidi have been blessed to have Edie Silvey and Elizabeth Lee as part of their team for several years and recently welcomed John Haas to its staff as a full-time licensed funeral director and pre-planning specialist.

John is a native of Oak Harbor and has returned with his wife Kyla to serve his home town. John is the third generation to call Whidbey Island home. His grandparents, Tom and Vivian Wright, were stationed here; his father, Johnny Haas, worked here in auto body rebuild. John returns after several years working in various ministry and related work in Michigan and Washington. He came into funeral service through working part time for Lemley Funeral Home in Sedro Woolley and then full-time for Evans Funeral Home in Anacortes.

Whidbey Memorial has steadily gained an honorable reputation through the tests of time for providing distinctive, dignified and dedicated service to the bereaved.

To learn more about the services Whidbey Memorial offers, call them at 360-675-5777, visit www.whidbeymemorial.com or stop by at 746 NE Midway Blvd. in Oak Harbor.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Caring Goes The Extra Mile

John Haas, Funeral Director and Pre-Planning Specialist



Whidbey MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME
Serving all Whidbey Island and beyond

746 NE MIDWAY BLVD • OAK HARBOR
360-675-5777

INFO@WHIDBEYMEMORIAL.COM • WWW.WHIDBEYMEMORIAL.COM

Let Us Clean For You!
Windows • Roof • Gutters



360-675-3005 - Anywhere on Whidbey
FREE ESTIMATES • LICENSED & INSURED
www.crystalcleanwindowshidbey.com
Veteran Owned And Operated

Celebrate With CAKE!



Forget me Knot
CAKE CO.

360-929-1452 • www.forgetmeknotcakeco.com

YOUR STORE FOR EVERYTHING PNW
GIFTS • APPAREL • CANDY
SOAPS • CANDLES & MUCH MORE!



PNW VIBES Market
Oak Harbor, Wa
715 SE Fidalgo Ave,
Suite 105 • Oak Harbor
360-720-2666
Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm
Closed Sunday

WHIDBEY ISLAND'S COUNTRY CLUB FOR PETS

From the tiny toys to the big boys!

- BOARDING
- GROOMING
- DAYCARE



360-675-7288

1614 West Swantown Road • Oak Harbor
sunsetkennel.com • sunsetkennel@aol.com

RING IN
2022
BY ENROLLING
FOR JUST \$22



360-675-2600
32650 Hwy 20 • Building D • Oak Harbor
thrivecommunityfitness.com

SAVE \$5 ON A GALLON OF PAINT
WHEN YOU BUY A COLOR SAMPLE



See Associate for Details. Expiration date 01/31/22
ACE
The helpful place.

150 SE Pioneer Way • Oak Harbor • 360-679-3533

ADVENTURERS WELCOME

Experience the Island's best cannabis.



Explore our menu and save with our daily and monthly specials.
ISLAND HERB
WHIDBEYISLANDHERB.COM
Phone and online ordering available through Leafly
5565 VAN BARR PLACE, UNIT F, FREELAND, WA
360-331-0140 | Hours 9am-7pm Daily
This product has intoxicating effects and may be habit forming. Marijuana can impair concentration, and judgment. Do not operate a vehicle or machinery under the influence of this drug. There may be health risks associated with consumption of this product. For use only by adults twenty-one years of age and older. Keep out of the reach of children.