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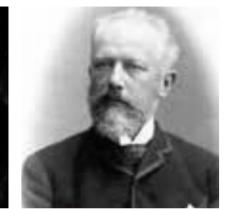
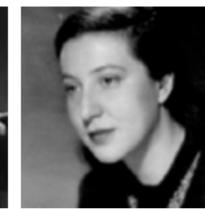
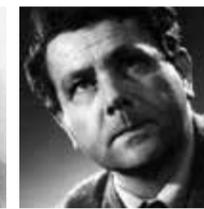
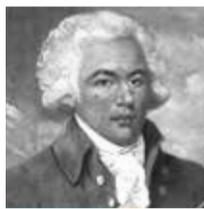
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Photo Courtesy of Saratoga Orchestra of Whidbey Island
 Conductor Anna Edwards will lead the Saratoga Orchestra of Whidbey Island through its upcoming performances of the program "A Novel Idea, Listening to Music through Storytelling," at 3 p.m. March 19 and 20 in Oak Harbor and Langley, respectively.

Saratoga Orchestra celebrates musical storytelling

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

From the Beatles to Tchaikovsky, Saratoga Orchestra of Whidbey Island will celebrate the musical stories of some of the world's best composers in its upcoming concert "A Novel Idea, Listening to Music through Storytelling," with special guest Marta Zekan. Performances will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at First Reformed Church in Oak Harbor and again at 3 p.m. Sunday at Island Church in Langley.

Music director and conductor Anna Edwards told *Whidbey Weekly* she wanted to explore the stories behind the music to help audiences better understand the story within the music.

"An important concept for the Saratoga Orchestra is that we want to engage with our audiences. We want to bring a fabulous experience to our listeners in a way that is excellent, entertaining, and fun," she said. "For me, what I find fascinating about music are the many interesting stories behind music. Discovering background and finding influences of composers make the piece more interesting for me to listen to and to learn. I love to find 'character' in music."

To help with that endeavor, Edwards enlisted the aid of Zekan, a former host at KING-FM radio.

"Marta [Zekan] is brilliant in finding interesting and fun stories to offer listeners, which brings a whole other way to experience music," Edwards explained. "One of the things I love about Marta is that she doesn't want to give you a specific story or a specific way for 'you,' the audience member, to listen, rather she offers information so the listener can find their own personal path through the music."

Zekan said there are many different ways to listen to music, and she hopes the extra infor-

mation she'll be contributing to the concert will enhance the experience for audience members.

"Think of me as a sort of color commentator – giving the audience different ways into each piece," she explained. "It might be something historical, or something we can relate to just as a fellow human being. The goal is to make listening even better."

"Some folks have strong emotional responses to music, others enjoy following the more technical aspects of it. Either way, I hope the little stories I'm sharing about the music and its composers will enhance everyone's enjoyment,"

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Photo Courtesy of Saratoga Orchestra of Whidbey Island
 Former radio host Marta Zekan will be a special guest at Saratoga Orchestra's upcoming concerts, where she will spin a narrative sure to take audiences on a fascinating journey through the music being performed.

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ON TRACK

With Jim Freeman



Jim Freeman decided to go back on vacation for awhile longer. This column originally ran March 8, 2018.

Happy Valentine's Day, a month late.

The adjacent cute picture of an antique Valentine card is

courtesy of Billie Bard, South Whidbey's only known, as far as I know, Valentine card collecting genealogical guru gardener.

Billie's heartwarming colorful collection is now on display in the lobby of the Freeland Library. Some of her collection dates back to the 1880s.

Last month, Daniel and I were lobby locked with curiosity as we saw Billie finishing up her circus vignette themed display. Several questions later, we knew a whole lot more about these incredible creations.

So will you if you stop by. Library parking is free, although challenging. I use the street by Dr. Bob's and Freeland Warehousing and Storage so I don't have to risk calling my insurance agent whom I have yet to meet.

Alley Cat

Remember the 1963 Grammy Award winner for 1962's rock n' roll song of the year? What do you mean you weren't born yet?

No matter your birth year, you would recognize this song. However, you may not know the story behind the grooves of Bent Fabric, creator, composer, and recipient of that 1963 Grammy.

It took a thorough reading of the small print on record 6, side 1, band 4 of the Reader's Digest Music Program Notes of the eight vinyl albumed *All -Star Piano Magic* (1980) to get the scoop. May I quote yet-to-be public domain liner notes without permission?

Don't tell. Like Vegas, what happens on the page, stays on the page.

"It may be simpler to remember the spelling of 'supercalifragilisticexpialidocious' than to find one's way through the maze Bent Fabricius-Bjerre created to establish credits for his individual talents. To begin with, he recorded 'Alley Cat' in 1962 in Copenhagen, Denmark, under the alias Bent Fabric. He wrote the tune under the name Frank Bjorn, the pseudonym he used as the composer-pianist star of a Saturday night Danish TV show called *Around the Piano*.

Material for the show was also provided by Frank Barklay and Bert Graves, both of whom were actually Bent Fabricius-Bjerre. Some time later, Jack Harlen (a pseudonym for Britt Simonson) added lyrics to Bjorn's persistent and rhythmic tune.

When released in the United States, the recording of 'Alley Cat' made the best-seller charts (a first for a Danish record), and won a Grammy for Best Rock and Roll Recording of 1962."

I just Binged to save my friends Brigit and Jim any possible interruption researching the competition that year for Mr. Bjorn's winner.

The other four nominees for the 1962 best rock recording award were Mary Wells (*You Beat me to the Punch*), Neil Sedaka (*Breaking Up is Hard To Do*), Sam Cooke (*Twistin' the Night Away*), The Drifters (*Up on the Roof*), and The Four Seasons (*Big Girls Don't Cry*).

For me, that Alley Cat history line proves there is way more to the Danish culture than pastries, underwater Maritime museums, beautiful beaches, incredible cuisines, superb festivals, and wonderful people.

The Danes could also be the world leaders in creative pseudonyms. Maybe there is an online class.

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I am just too darn excited to wait. Surely enthusiasm is a defense? How about deadlines?

Irish Fun in Coupeville

Now in its 11th year, the Shifty Sailors' St. Paddy's Day Bash will be held once again at the Coupeville Rec Hall, March 17 from 6pm until 9pm. This annual celebration with family and friends is a feast of music and food that sells out quickly. Corned beef and community. Eclectic'ly Celtic. Saratoga Sirens. Brush off your blarney stone and get ready.

Post Oscar

Growing up in Ohio in the 50s, the Sunday night Academy Awards black and white TV telecasts started at 9 p.m., Columbus time. Mom usually made us go to bed at 7 p.m. Sunday nights to be fresh for school the next day.

Right. Pre-Oscar night naps for 90 minutes? Yep. Mom made us go to bed. Then right before Bob Hope's opening monologue, she would wake us up. Like we were really asleep?

Now that I am considerably older, this year I did not need to take a nap before the Oscars. This year I was able to take a nap during.

Just ask Autumn

Should you ever stop at the Pay-Less customer service desk to cash in your lottery ticket, buy some smokes and Sudafed, or just to pick up the latest copy of *Whidbey Weekly*, you may meet Autumn.

When she is not helping a customer, Autumn may be answering trivia questions asked by loitering customers like me. Not only is her trivia knowledge the result of her lifelong curiosities, much of Autumn's recent education comes from *ID: Ideas & Discoveries*, a magazine sold within a few feet of her control center.

For example, on page 56 of the May issue of *ID*, I learned there are 37,000 known species of spiders living on our planet. These species have a combined weight of about 27.5 million tons.

To top it off, according to "zoologists at the University of Basel in Switzerland and Lund University in Sweden... the world's spiders eat a combined total of up to 800 million tons of meat and fish per year, while humans eat no more than 440 million tons of meat and fish annually."

Think about that. Spiders from all over the world, eating all that prey, yet such determined arachnids do not even have a McDonald's or a Skippers to go to.

I'll have to ask Autumn if they still have Skippers anywhere. When I was a rookie DJ in Bend, Ore., in the 70s, Bonnie, our best sales rep, asked me to do a remote broadcast at the grand opening of a new Skippers. Not only would I be going live with cutaway broadcasts from the lobby, I would be able to participate in the all-you-can-eat fish contest. Like the egg-eating contest in *Cool Hand Luke*, or last weekend's mussel-eating contest in Coupeville, where food and speed can pin one's tolerance meter.

What was I thinking? Me, a Midwest kid raised on a diet of meat and potatoes, speed-eating cod on a Saturday afternoon with a microphone at the ready. Lesson learned—don't talk with your face, fish full.

Since the statute of hallucinations has run out, let me just say that after that remote, I became very remote.

I never went back to that Skippers, or any other. Nor did I ever go to a Long John Silver's or an Arthur Treacher's Fish and Chips or any fish market that did not offer free Swedish fish.

In fact, the last time I saw a fish stick, I stepped on it.

My interest in fish and fishing started and stopped on those mosquito infested rivers of southern Missouri, back when Grandpa would get me up at o-dark-thirty to drive his '53 Chevy along the hilly and windy roads in the Ozark dark, towing a fishing boat that had no bathroom or record player.

Or was it all those games of Fish we played with Mom? How much more fishing did a kid have to do?

Go fish, young man, go fish.

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artists and earth-based cultures across the world have proclaimed over millennia: that life on this planet is radically interconnected. Our bodies, thoughts, minds, and spirits are affected by the whole of nature and they affect this whole in return. In a time of ecological crisis, this talk explores practices for living with meaning on our beloved, imperiled earth."

Haupt is an Audubon master birder. She has created and directed educational programs for Seattle Audubon, worked in raptor rehabilitation in Vermont and been a seabird researcher for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the remote tropical Pacific. Her writing has appeared in a variety of publications such as *Orion*, *Discover*, *Utne*, *LA Times Literary Supplement*, *Wild Earth* and others.

Books she has written include *Mozart's Starling*, *The Urban Bestiary: Encountering the Everyday Wild*, *Crow Planet: Essential Wisdom from the Urban Wilderness*, *Pilgrim on the Great Bird Continent and Rare Encounters with Ordinary Birds*. Her highly personal new book, *Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature and Spirit*, invites us to live with the earth in ways that are both simple and profound. Haupt will be signing copies of her book at the Kingfisher Bookstore in Coupeville Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00PM and at the meeting itself. She lives in Seattle with her husband and daughter and a mixed backyard chicken flock. Haupt's website is www.lyandalynnhaupt.com.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]

Outcast Productions Presents First Production of the 2022 Season

Joey Green (formerly Greenberg) has been a stand-up comic for nearly 50 years. Now, at 72, he is working the condo circuit in Florida struggling with an audience that either cannot hear him or is falling asleep. To make matters worse, his ex-wife, Arlene, now deceased five years, has returned to help him cope with the news that he is dying. In a visit to his adult children, Joey tries to make his life of missteps right, and in his own mind he does, even as in the words of his son Howard, he remains a pain in the ass, then, now, and forever.

And Now, Direct from the Condo Across the Street, by Henry Meyerson, is directed by Phil Jordan and features Christina Boom, Jim Carroll, Miles Harrison and Teresa Hess. The show runs March 11 thru March 26, tickets are available for purchase by credit card at OutCast Productions Tickets (ticketleap.com) or email ocp@whidbey.com to reserve seats and pay at the door by cash or check. Tickets for Outcast Productions are \$16 for students and seniors (62+) and \$20 for adults. All tickets for the Thursday, March 24 performance are \$14. Doors open 30 minutes in advance of performance.

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[Submitted by Carolyn Tamler, Outcast Productions]

The 2022 Salish Sea Early Music Festival Presents Russian Guitar and Beethoven's Flute for Friends in Ukraine

The 2022 Salish Sea Early Music Festival opens with an exploration of

Beethoven-era repertoire for flute and guitar featuring antique Russian and English instruments and repertoire by prominent flutists and guitarists from Russia, France, Germany and Italy. Guitarist Oleg Timofeyev will play a Russian seven-string guitar made in Russia in 1815 and Jeffrey Cohan will play an eight-keyed flute made in London in 1820.

The program will include music composed collaboratively by guitarist Louis Ange Carpentras (1786-1852) and flutist Antoine Tranquille Berbiguier (1782-1835), along with works by guitarist Mauro Giuliani (1781-1829), flutist Theodor Gaude (1782-1846), and one of the first modern-day performances of a sonata for flute and Russian seven-string guitar by Czech guitarist Ignaz von Held (1764-1816), which can be heard in an online performance by Timofeyev and Cohan at www.youtube.com/watch?v=_6ZunqMH7E8.

Timofeyev, originally from Moscow, and Cohan have performed together in six cities throughout Ukraine. Both have ancestors who lived there. Timofeyev lived with his family and did research in Kiev for several years, funded by a Fulbright fellowship.

The concert will take place at 7:00PM Wednesday, March 16 at St. Augustine's in-the-Woods Episcopal Church, 5217 S. Honeymoon Bay Road in Freeland. Admission is by suggested donation: \$15, \$20 or \$25 (a free will offering), and those 18 and under are free. Masks and vaccination required. For additional information, please see www.salishseafestival.org/whidbey.

[Submitted by Jeffrey Cohan]

Register Now for Two-Day Boating Skills and Certification Course Earn the Required Washington State Boater Education Card

Registration is now open for America's Boating Course, a two-day boating skills and certification course, to be held at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club Saturdays April 2 and April 9, by the America's Boating Club of Deception Pass. Successful completion of the course, conducted over the two Saturdays from 9:00AM to 5:00PM, will qualify individuals for the Washington State Boater Education Card now required for most boaters.

The cost to register is \$40. For a spouse or partner sharing the course materials, it will cost an additional \$20. For more information or to sign up for the course, contact Jerry Liggett at 626-695-9897 or jliggett4@hotmail.com. Registration and payment can be done online at www.deceptionpassailandpowersquadron.com/square-payments.html. Registration deadline is March 26.

According to state law, most recreational boaters in Washington are required to complete a boating safety course and carry a Washington State Boater Education Card. You are required to have a Boater Education Card if you fit the following criteria:

- You operate a vessel with a 15-horsepower (or greater) motor.
- You were born after Jan. 1, 1955.
- You are 12 years of age or older.

The boater safety class not only meets Washington's state requirements but can reduce the risk of accidents and injuries, and may save money on boat insurance. The boating course includes a comprehensive introduction to boating, covering boat types, boat engines, boat selection, and more.

According to instructor Jerry Liggett, this is the most comprehensive introductory boating course available, and will give novice boaters the skills needed to enjoy

their time on the water and boat with confidence. The boating squadron offers free on-the-water training for participants, but that will be dependent on COVID restrictions.

America's Boating Club of Deception Pass is a 44-year-old nonprofit organization, with more than 75 members from Whidbey and Fidalgo islands, and is part of the United States Power Squadrons, a non-profit boating organization dedicated to education & training of safe boating activities.

[Submitted by Jennifer Geller, America's Boating Club of Deception Pass]

Local Startup Uses Platform to Raise Funds for Kids in Ukraine

A local startup, 52andChange, is using its new platform (www.52andChange.org) to raise as many \$1 - \$10 donations between March 7 - 20 as it can to support Voices of Children, a Ukrainian charity that is providing psychological and evacuation assistance to children and families in Ukraine. The 52andChange platform will tally small donations as they come in and provide Voices of Children the total amount raised at the end of the campaign.

"52andChange started from the basic premise that if we all give a little together, we can change the world," said Alix Roos, co-founder. "We are a small team with a big dream... that if 10,000 or 100,000 or a million people joined together to give a buck or two to a change-making nonprofit, the impact could be enormous. Right now, people are holding tight to their wallets, but the vast majority can still give a buck and change to help. When a lot of people give, it can really make a difference, with very little investment."

Until this week, 52andChange has been featuring a different weekly U.S.-based nonprofit. However, when the invasion of Ukraine began, organizers decided to shift focus for a campaign. Said Roos, "My 10-year-old daughter asked me if 52andChange could try to help, and our team began looking into charities working with children on the frontline. We found Voices of Children."

52andChange is also providing a \$1,500 match for all donations that come in. "We hope we can spread the news and raise a significant amount of money through a lot of people giving a little. We hope the people who have the capacity to give larger amounts directly to charities do, but for those who can't give a lot, or want to participate in a collective giving campaign, our platform caps at a \$10 gift — but you can also choose to give just \$1. At 52andChange it's how we give together, not who can give the most."

52andChange hopes to watch dollar donations multiply as the word spreads throughout the campaign, so everyone can come together and provide meaningful funding for families who are suffering in Ukraine.

About 52andChange:

52andChange LLC is a new platform that supports nonprofits through large-scale micro-giving. Through "collective giving," supporters become change-makers alongside their online community by giving \$1-\$10 to a weekly vetted charity. The small investment coupled with the impact creates a catalyst for more giving. Featured nonprofits receive all donations, and a standard credit card processing fee is added to the total at checkout along with a voluntary tip for 52andChange.

Visit <https://52andchange.org>, <https://www.facebook.com/WeAre52andChange>, <https://www.instagram.com/weare52andchange/> for more information.

[Submitted by Alix Roos, Co-Founder 52andChange]

All the Benefits at a Much Lower Cost

Oak Harbor is expected to have its first mini-roundabout (RAB) installed this year. The location is NE 7th Avenue and

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

Representative Paul, Washington state residents are getting hammered by taxes and inflation, and you want to suspend collecting state sales tax for three days over Labor Day? A state that has an \$8-\$15 billion surplus?

Let's see, a family that spends \$1,000 to buy school items will save, drum roll, \$65! Wow, almost enough to buy a half a tank of gas or a small bag of groceries.

How about dropping the sales tax for the rest of the year or cancel the gas tax for 2022? (Or both...) In case you might have missed it, the state has an \$8-\$15 billion (\$8,000,000,000 - \$15,000,000,000) surplus, depending on who's number you use. Again, using that hated math, this is roughly \$1,000 - \$1,500 per person (about eight million residents in Washington).

Since the state took it from me and doesn't need it, I want my money back; a cashier's check or cash would be fine.

Rick Kiser
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Author Lyanda Lynn Haupt Presents Earth Connections to Whidbey Audubon



Lyanda Lynn Haupt - Photo by Tom Furtwangler

Whidbey Audubon Society is holding its first hybrid meeting Thursday at 7:00PM. Seattle-based award-winning author, naturalist and ecophilosopher, Lyanda Lynn Haupt, is the featured speaker whose topic is *Rooted: Connecting to the Earth*. Preregistration is required to attend in person with a limit of 24 people, first come-first served. Attendees must wear a mask and be vaccinated with a booster. The meeting is at the Bayview Cash Store, upstairs in the Front Room, 5603 Bayview Road, Langley. There is an elevator and rest rooms.

The program is free and open to the public. Anyone wishing to attend online via Zoom may register by noon Thursday. Registration for the Zoom link and to attend in person is on the Whidbey Audubon website, www.whidbeyaudubonsociety.org. The link to the registration form is on the home page or under event listings.

Haupt's writing is at the forefront of the movement to connect people with nature and wilderness in their everyday lives. She states, "We live in a time when cutting-edge science supports a truth that poets,

N Oak Harbor Street. The reason, well it is needed to address a sight distance problem, improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians, and make the intersection operate more efficiently.

The City has looked at a full-size RAB. This was a single lane with a center landscaped island with minor realignments to the approaches. This concept would require the acquisition of additional right-of-way, relocation of utilities, storm drain improvements, and take six to nine months of construction disruption. The estimated cost for the full-size RAB is \$1.9 million.

The city council recognized this improvement would be beneficial but had concerns with the high price tag. The city engineering team explored alternatives and found a very cost-effective solution. This solution is to install a mini-RAB. The mini-RAB will fit within the existing curb limit and will not require any modification to the pavement. In addition, the engineering and public works field staff have the experience and expertise to design and install the mini-RAB using in-house staff. The only exception is that an outsourced contractor will be used to relocate the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps on the east approach leg, where the crosswalk will need to be relocated.

Costs

The estimated cost is \$32,600, considerably lower than the full-size RAB. You may ask what the downside is. Both the full and small have the same level of service but the large RAB has a higher capacity. However, for the expected increase in traffic on this roadway, the need for the additional capacity is estimated to be well beyond 30 years and it is possible the needed capacity to address growth will be provided by the mini-RAB. Commonly it is thought the mini-RAB will restrict movement over the existing intersection movement by having an island in the middle,

but it does not. In fact, it improves vehicle movement by allowing larger vehicles, such as buses, fire equipment, and semi-tractor trailer rigs to traverse over the island. This is by design and is a leading factor in why mini RABs have grown in popularity.

Update to City Council

At the Feb. 23 council workshop, the city council concurred to proceed with the construction of the mini-RAB this year. Council members expressed that they were pleased with the efforts this can be performed in-house and that staff has developed a cost-saving solution.

Next Steps

So what to expect next? Outreach and coordination with the community and specialty users such as transit services, the school district, and business. While it is expected most drivers know how to drive a RAB, some may not know how to drive a mini-RAB. The big difference is the mini-RAB has a center island that can be driven over completely. Construction will follow and is expected to be performed late spring/summer this year.

For updated information on this project, please go to the City of Oak Harbor website at www.oakharbor.org/7thAveRAB.

Contact

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[Submitted by Sabrina Combs, M.A., Communications/IT Manager, City of Oak Harbor]

Oak Harbor Music Festival, Windermere Whidbey Island Announce Evenings in the Park Series

The Oak Harbor Music Festival (OHMF), in partnership with Windermere Real Estate Whidbey Island, plans a series of four Wednesday evening concerts in August.

The shows will be free to the public, and will all take place at the pavilion in Windjammer Park.

The series, titled Sounds of Summer at Windjammer Park, is scheduled for Wednesdays, Aug. 3, 10, 17, and 24.

OHMF Board President Cynthia Mason said the concert series is intended to "continue to inspire the community with the power of music, to give friends and families a chance to be together for an evening of music, and to celebrate the upcoming tenth annual Oak Harbor Music Festival, returning to Pioneer Way on Labor Day Weekend. And we are thrilled to partner with Windermere Real Estate to bring this new event to our community. We would not be able to make it happen without Windermere's support."

Windermere's Owner, Kristen Stavros, said, "The Oak Harbor Music Festival is a landmark event for Whidbey every year. Adding a more intimate series of commu-

nity events leading up to it and utilizing the beautiful new space at Windjammer Park just makes sense! Celebrating music, waterfront, summer, and community is very meaningful to us and perfectly aligned with our company's values. We are so proud to be a part of the positive impact Oak Harbor Music Festival makes locally. Can't wait to have fun with all of you this August!"

Further details will follow as the line-up is finalized.

Oak Harbor Music Festival's mission is to inspire our community with the power of music. As a 501(c)(3) organization, the festival has provided scholarships to graduating seniors from all three Whidbey high schools for the past eight years.

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[Submitted by Cynthia Mason, Board President]

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Carolyn Mary Shimek



Carolyn Mary Shimek, age 76, passed away Nov. 27, 2021, on Whidbey Island, after a long battle with cancer.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Jerry; son, Tom; daughter, Patty; and grandkids, Hannah and Zach. She spent most of her life in Washington, growing up in the Nisqually Valley. She raised a family in Tacoma and University Place and spent the last third of her life at beautiful Bush Point, on Whidbey Island.

Carolyn worked as a secretary for the legislature in Olympia, Roman Meal Bread Company and the school districts of University Place and Oak Harbor. As the glue of the family, she loved to bake and spend summers at Stetson's on Hood Canal. She was always welcoming to all and laughed easily. Everybody knew she made, among other things, the best potato salad and Almond Roca, which she joyfully gave away every Christmas. She loved her cats and Husky Football. She was a very caring, loving, and supportive wife, mother, and grandmother.

Carolyn is in our thoughts and memories and always will be. A memorial service will be held later this summer at Stetson's on Hood Canal.

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

Pam's Prayer Corner

In honor of my late mother-in-law, Pamela Kaye Young, this column is a place where

believers can share their prayer requests for others to help lift them up in faith. The prayers can be for you, a family member, or anything weighing on your soul. Email info@whidbeyweekly.com or call 360-682-2341 to share your prayer requests.

Sovereign Lord,

Our hearts grieve over the egregious violation and injustice that comes from the Russian invasion of Ukraine. We see images of millions fleeing on foot in the barren cold of winter. We see buildings devastated and fires burning. We hear nightly pleas from President Zelenskyy, desperate for any and every nation to do something to stop the unchecked aggression over sky and land. The outside world is united in disgust, yet none but freedom fighters and passionate foreigners are willing to stand in harm's way to defend the Ukrainian people. And yet still, our diplomats say, "Never again!" What is this madness?

We say with the prophet Habakkuk, "How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds" (Habakkuk 1:2-3 NIV).

Defend the cause of justice, O Lord, and repress the onslaught of evil. Confound the counsel and strategies of Putin and lay siege to the arsenal of death known as the Russian military. Hearten and embolden brave warriors in the Ukraine as they seek to defend their honor, dignity and security within their rightful homeland. Bless and comfort the traumatized and grieving; feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the wounded, and end this hellacious madness that destroys and harms the earth and its citizens.

Yet in the end, save us from ourselves so that we do not become like those who seek our undoing. Teach peoples at war to replace their hate with love. Help us to see one another as neighbors, friends, and kindred souls. Call us back to the wisdom of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who said, "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." Hasten the day of peace, withdrawal of troops, and rebuilding of the Ukrainian people's lives and nation. Oh God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In the name of Heaven's Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen!

Pastor David Parker
First United Methodist Church

"For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations." Psalm 22:28



**THURSDAY, JAN. 20
4:26 am, Lato Dr.**

Carbon monoxide detector has been going off occasionally. Reporting party has been feeling extra sleepy lately.

5:25 am, Sidney St.

States "They are trying to kill me;" states roommate is. Called in two days ago and it is happening again.

3:40 pm, SR 20

Requesting call to report scam. Subject claiming to be from State Farm in reference to a motor vehicle accident. But there has been no motor vehicle accident.

5:17 pm, Long Dr.

Requesting call regarding law enforcement presence in her neighborhood earlier today. Saw on Facebook was for subject who was armed. Wondering if it involved her direct neighbors. Unknown address. States they are crazy.

7:27 pm, Goss Lake Rd.

Subject advising she is tired of "being jerked around;" "they have blocked me in and I have seen multiple officers drive by;" line disconnected.

7:43 pm, Virginia Ave.

Reporting party advising daughter is missing; recently moved in. Now states she has been found. States she was in spare room.

10:01 pm, Oak Harbor Rd.

States male is jumping in front of vehicles.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 21
10:10 am, N Main St.**

Advising patient is vaping in ER has been asked to stop, will not comply, is becoming combative.

10:32 am, East Harbor Rd.

Female just kicked vehicle. Next to massage office. Subject kicked is in red Colorado truck. No apparent medical need. Female is on the corner.

12:14 pm, Crescent Dr.

Requesting call; wanting to report prank phone calls.

2:28 pm, SW Fairway Ln.

Reporting loose horse on Fairway toward Swantown Road. Brown horse; no blanket.

4:10 pm, Patmore Rd.

Advising people are calling him "a Neo Nazi" at the nearby dog park. Advising they have been throwing away the bags used to pick up dog poop.

4:28 pm, Haines Rd.

Neighbor is sending a loud shrill whistle into reporting party's house.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 22
8:32 am, S Main St.**

Female in parking lot yelling and throwing items at reporting party's vehicle.

10:18 am, Casey St.

Advising older female neighbor lives next door to reporting party; came over to his residence and handed him a card from V13 and said "Call these people, I need to talk to them." Says she speaks very broken English and reporting party does not know what this was about.

11:44 am, Whitney Dr.

Requesting call; has dog that was previously adopted by neighbor; wants to know if she can keep it.

3:11 pm, Honeymoon Bay Rd.

Advising Honeymoon Bay Road is being used as a race track; three or four lower sport-type vehicles passing and speeding each other. No plates.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 23
5:34 pm, Lyon Rd.**

Caller states intruder broke into house, pushed past reporting party. States is in wheelchair; not sure where they went.

11:09 pm, Ault Field Rd.

Reporting party advising subject is using radiation to injure his inner ear; states she is at Auld Holland Inn, but doesn't know what room. Has guns she stole from reporting party and is very dangerous.

**MONDAY, JAN. 24
12:16 pm, E Troxell Rd.**

Advising male subject used ATM card to withdraw money; acted like was with Department of Licensing. Noticed money missing from bank account.

12:52 pm, SR 525

Caller advising of male on tractor drinking from liquor bottle; drove tractor to gas station; still at location.

1:26 pm, SR 525

Advising female in parking lot is acting strange; asking customers for meth, walking off towards ferry now.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 25
7:28 am, Mobius Loop**

At 5:30 am male subject was at Mulkilteo ferry, said he was going to blow up NAS Whidbey. White male with black hair in silver Chevy. Going to be doing 100 percent ID check at all gates, unknown determined amount of time.

12:13 pm, Appian Way

Requesting call to know what his rights are for vehicle that has not been returned to him from someone who borrowed it.

4:10 pm, SR 525

Caller advising received threats via phone today and is afraid to go home; from car dealership reporting party purchased vehicle from. States they were going to do to her what she's done to them.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26
6:46 am, Sandy Hook Dr.**

Reporting party advising was sleeping and something exploded and he's bleeding. States he had to go to neighbors to call.

12:52 pm, Bayview Rd.

Reporting party wishes to press charges against boss; boss is reporting party's dad.

3:21 pm, NW Coveland St.

Caller states 10 minutes ago in stall next to her, saw large and small shoes in same stall. Pointed toward the toilet. No sounds from stall. Unknown if feet in the shoes or if just pairs of shoes. Thought odd. Requesting a check.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 27
11:46 am, Langley Rd.**

Advising of ongoing problem with speeders. Multiple vehicles. Reporting party states he's been contacting passing speeders and questioning them. Was involved in verbal dispute with male yesterday who was driving a Honda-type vehicle.

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

What's Going On

Birding Fort Casey State Park

Saturday, March 12, 9:00AM

Fort Casey State Park, Coupeville

Janet Hall will lead this free excursion hosted by Whidbey Audubon Society. This is a good trip for beginner birders. Expect to explore the habitat near the lighthouse, then head up the trail (short but steep) through the forest to the picnic area. Meet at the lighthouse parking lot. Drive up the road into the park (1280 Engle Road) and take a right by the flag pole (do not go down the hill to the fort) and drive to the end of the road to the lighthouse parking lot. You will need a Discover Pass, binoculars and bring a scope if you have one. For more information, contact Janet Hall at birderbiker56@gmail.com or 360-969-1340.

Shop Out for Kids

Sunday, March 13, 11:00AM-5:30PM

Monday, March 14, 11:00AM-5:30PM

A Touch of Dutch, Coupeville

It's time for all things Dutch! Check out the chocolate gold coins, licorice and all kinds of wonderful items. A portion of the day's sales will be donated to the Coupeville School Foundation, which provides an extra measure of support to the Coupeville schools through teacher grants, scholarships and the Promise Fund. A Touch of Dutch is located at 11 NW Front St.

Birds on Display

Through March 15

Oak Harbor Library

For a limited time only visitors to the Oak Harbor Library can see local owls and

some raptors up close. All specimens were predeceased birds preserved under Whidbey Audubon Society federal and state permits. Volunteers are involved in collecting, preserving and preparing these specimens for educational programs and displays.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Thursday, March 17, 4:00PM

Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor

Entries include Island Transit, Oak Harbor Fire Department, Whidbey Cruzers, Thrive, Wicked Teuton and much more! Immediately following the parade, a corned beef and cabbage dinner will be available at the American Legion Hall for \$12 per plate. Children welcome.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Thursday, March 17, 5:00-8:00PM

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley

Free and open to the public! Music, Guinness, and a no-host full bar! Featuring music from Seattle singer-songwriter, Jed Crisologo. Come and raise a glass in honor of the Irish. For more information, visit www.WICAonline.org or call 360-221-8268.

Live Music: The Sea Notes

Friday, March 18, 6:30-9:00PM

Orlando's BBQ, Oak Harbor

No Cover

Featuring vocalist Valetta Faye. Orlando's is located at 656 SE Bayshore Dr, Ste 1. For more information, email colschwabe@gmail.com.

Male Ensemble Northwest in Concert

Saturday, March 19, 4:30PM

Whidbey Playhouse, Oak Harbor

Tickets: \$15

Male Ensemble Northwest was formed in 1982 and includes choir directors from Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Its purpose is to inspire young musicians in public schools and share the love of choral artistry with all communities. This hour of choral music will feature styles from Ireland, Russia, Finland, the Silk Road, Haiti, and the USA. For tickets or more information, visit www.whidbeyplayhouse.com or call 360-679-2237.

BloodworksNW Pop-Up

Monday, March 21, 10:00AM-5:00PM

Tuesday, March 22, 9:00AM-4:00PM

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley

Close to 10,500 children under age 15 are diagnosed with cancer every year. Blood donors are a critical lifeline for these children and their families. Your donation can make all the difference in the world. Sign up today at <https://schedule.bloodworksnw.org/>. Appointments and masks are required. No guests under the age of 16 are permitted on site.

Meetings & Organizations

Whidbey Island Genealogical

Searchers (WIGS)

Tuesday, March 15, 1:00PM

Zoom Meeting

Mary Kircher Roddy will present "Finding Jane Graham's Parents - Using Clusters and Records in Three Countries." Using Fan Club Research (Family and Friends, Associates and Neighbors) when records are scant, can prove helpful. Non-WIGS members, please send an email to whidbeygenealogical@gmail.com by March 13 to receive Zoom invitation. All are invited to join us. Sign on to Zoom 10 minutes early.

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

Medicare Advantage Plans

Thursday, March 10, 2:00PM

Zoom Seminar

Island Senior Resources is hosting a workshop for people who want to switch from one Medicare Advantage Plan to another, or switch to original Medicare. Deadline to change is March 31. If you would like to explore your options, contact ISR to register: senior-resources.org/calendar and click the event date; or call 360-321-1600 or 360-678-3373, both Ext. 0.

Fruit Tree Pruning

Saturday, March 12, 10:00AM-1:00PM

Tilth Campus, 2812 Thompson Road, Langley

Gary Ingram will teach an on-site class on pruning trees for high fruit production. There will be a lecture followed by hands-on learning. The class will meet outside the Tilth classroom. Bring pruners and wear weather-appropriate clothing. \$5 for members and \$15 for non-members (cash, check or card payable on the day of the class). R.S.V.P. to education@south-whidbeytilth.org.

Growing Cool Season Vegetable Crops

Saturday, March 19, 10:30AM-12:00PM

Tilth Campus, 2812 Thompson Road, Langley

This class, taught by Anza Muenchow, will help you enjoy all those fresh organic greens this season from your backyard garden. She will discuss soil preparation, the best varieties to grow in our climate and pest prevention. Mid-March is the time to plant many vegetable starts and sow your peas, parsley and arugula. \$5 for Tilth members and \$15 for non-members (cash, check or card payable on the day of the class). R.S.V.P. to education@south-whidbeytilth.org.

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Oak Harbor school board selects superintendent

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Michelle Kuss-Cybula has been selected as the next superintendent of Oak Harbor Public Schools.

Following interviews with the three final candidates for the position last week, the district's school board made its decision Friday. Negotiations with the board on a final contract will now get underway and Kuss-Cybula is expected to begin her duties as superintendent July 1.

"We are excited to welcome Michelle to our community," John Diamond, board president, said in a statement released by the district last Friday. "The board was incredibly impressed with her 30 years of educational leadership and her vast knowledge of our district. This was one of the most difficult decisions because of how deep our applicant pool was, and we feel strongly we have selected the best candidate to lead Oak Harbor Public Schools."

"It's a tremendous honor to be selected as the next superintendent of Oak Harbor Public Schools," Kuss-Cybula said in the same district statement. "I'm excited to help carry the baton of the incredible work being done every day in our classrooms by

our students and staff. Oak Harbor is an amazing place, and my husband and I are excited to call it home."

Kuss-Cybula is currently the superintendent of the Cle Elum-Roslyn School District, but she has an extensive background in school administration. She was the principal of Sehome High School and Fairhaven Middle School in Bellingham, principal of Cascade Middle School in Sedro-Woolley and assistant principal of Sedro-Woolley High School and West Salem High School in Salem, Ore. She was also the director of teaching and learning for Bellingham Public Schools. She and her husband have two grown daughters.

She was one of three finalists for the position, who included Dwight Lundstrom, assistant superintendent of Oak Harbor Public Schools and Dr. Kimberlee Armstrong, associate superintendent of Santa Rosa City Schools in California. Each of the candidates spent a full day at the district last week, which included a virtual public forum.

OHPS interim superintendent, Karst Brandsma, will continue in his position through June 30. More information is available at ohsd.net.



Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Public Schools
The board of directors of Oak Harbor Public Schools has selected Michelle Kuss-Cybula to be the district's next superintendent.

Check out The Nightingale Project

Saratoga Orchestra of Whidbey Island is pleased to sponsor an upcoming event at the Nordic Lodge in Coupeville. "The Nightingale Project" will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 26 and includes a multi-media presentation on the life of Swedish singer, Jenny Lind.

"Our organization is excited to be sponsoring The Nightingale Project, featuring soprano Laura Loge singing songs that the Swedish operatic superstar, Jenny Lind, performed some 170 years ago," said Saratoga Orchestra Executive Director Larry Heidel. "Laura will be accompanied by pianist Steven Luksan and the whole program will be brought to life by local resident and one of this country's foremost experts on Jenny Lind, Kevin Hugh Lynch. Kevin stewards one of the most impressive collections of antique sheet music and will present a multimedia slideshow as part of the program. We look forward to bringing this amazing program to the Nordic Hall in Coupeville."

Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased in advance at bayleaf in Coupeville, Click Music in Oak Harbor or at Blue Sound Music in Langley. Cash, checks or credit cards will be accepted at the door. Visit sowhidbey.com for further details.



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Zekan continued. "I love that we're doing it this way – embedded within the concert – rather than doing a more traditional pre-concert talk. This way, the audience gets some context just as they are about to hear each piece."

Edwards said she has enjoyed putting this concert together differently.

"It has been great to collaborate with Marta to bounce ideas around concerning where to pair compositions," she said. "For this concert, we are playing all of Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's 'Four Novellettens' though we are choosing to pair each of his movements with other compositions. It has been fun to think about how to create a story journey through music."

As always, Saratoga Orchestra is pleased to highlight the work of women composers. Not only is that appropriate, since March is Women's History Month, but also considering the state of the world.

"I am very excited to perform Vivian Fine's 'Piece for Muted Strings (Elegiac Song),' Edwards said. "It has been a treat to talk with Vivian's daughter, Peggy Karp, about Vivian's life and her work. Vivian wrote this particular piece, which is subtitled "for the children of Spain," in response to the Spanish Civil War. It was written in 1937 as fascist forces led by Gen. Francisco Franco were prevailing in the Spanish Civil War. It is a gorgeous piece that defines reflection, sadness, strength, and hope. I feel that this piece is apropos for what is going on in Ukraine right now."

Changing public health requirements for COVID have affected Saratoga Orchestra performances as well, according to the organization's executive director, Larry Heidel.

"As of the beginning of March, we will no longer ask for proof of vaccinations," he said. "Masking is certainly encouraged but not mandatory. Luckily, the two venues where our concerts are held have plenty of space to spread out."

One thing that has not changed over the course of the pandemic is the cost to attend a performance by this professional orchestra.

"While many organizations are raising their ticket prices, we are committed to maintaining our pre-pandemic prices during this time," Heidel said. "We feel strongly about keeping our concert experience affordable and accessible. We also are family friendly, in that students 17 and under may attend free of charge when accompanied by an adult. This is a great opportunity for students to be introduced to a professional music ensemble and it just might spark further exploration."

Cost to attend is \$25 for adults, \$20 for senior citizens and military and those 17 and under are free with an adult. Advance tickets can be purchased at Blue Sound Music in Langley, bayleaf in Coupeville and Click Music in Oak Harbor. Tickets are also available at the door. More information is available online at sowhidbey.com.

"Music allows us to experience a broad range of feelings through sound," Edwards said. "Live music brings us together to experience these feelings together. After many people in our community have felt isolated because of the pandemic, my hope is that through music, we will bring shared peace, beauty, excitement, and hope. We want to bring meaningful and terrific music to our community."



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Sweet yet savory ground meat served on a bun is a comfort food classic that has been a staple for restaurants and home cooks for decades.

Sloppy Joes are beloved sandwiches that feature meat paired with a lip-smacking, tomato-based sauce. Some attribute the original Sloppy Joe to a cafe in Sioux City, Iowa, where in 1930 a cook named Joe added tomato sauce to his "loose meat" sandwich. Others say the sandwich evolved from sandwiches that were introduced by Floyd Angell, the founder of the Maid Right Restaurants, in 1926. Others attribute the recipe to a bar and cafe in Havana, Cuba, called "Sloppy Joe's."

Though the origin story is debatable, most people agree that the sandwiches are delectable. Sloppy Joes are called by many different names in various parts of the country, including yum yums, steamers and slushburgers. While it's traditional to make them with ground beef, any other meat can be substituted, including ground turkey for a leaner take. Try this recipe for "Turkey Sloppy Joes for a Crowd" from "Taste of Home Healthy Cooking Cookbook" (RDA Enthusiast Brands, LLC) by the Taste of Home Kitchen.

TURKEY SLOPPY JOES FOR A CROWD

- (16 servings)
- 3 pounds lean ground turkey
- 3 medium green peppers, chopped
- 3 medium onions, finely chopped
- 2 1/4 cups ketchup
- 3/4 cup water
- 3 tablespoons white vinegar
- 3 tablespoons spicy brown mustard
- 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 16 whole wheat hamburger buns, split



In a Dutch oven coated with cooking spray, cook the turkey, green peppers and onions over medium heat until the meat is no longer pink and the vegetables are tender; drain.

Stir in the ketchup, water, vinegar, mustard, jalapeño, and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 20-30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve on buns.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, the universe is subtly trying to tell you to slow down a bit. Don't ignore those nagging feelings that you should take breaks whenever you can manage them.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Prioritize your goals and put yourself first for the time being, Taurus. All eyes will be on you and you want to be sure that you are presenting the best version of yourself this week.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Gemini, take every opportunity to foster growth in your professional ambitions. Network as much as you can and explore continuing learning offerings through your job.

CANCER – June 22/July 22
Something surprising may help you feel more connected to the universe around you, Cancer. Sensory overload can be enhanced by spoiling yourself with something special.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23
Leo, the small steps you are taking lately will eventually cover much distance, so keep up the progress. Some things take time and right now it's a lesson to learn.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, even if things seem like they are a bit out of control, find ways to put yourself in a good place. Slow down and stay grounded as much as you can.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, only a few months into the new year you may be having trouble staying motivated with your resolutions. A partner or cheering squad can keep you going.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Physical affection is a great way to showcase your love right now, Scorpio. Take advantage of all the hugs, kisses and subtle touches you can muster in the days to come.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, space out your tasks so the week doesn't seem like it is rushed early on. Don't put too much pressure on yourself to get everything done immediately.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Look for ways to delve into the arts this week, Capricorn. Explore unique hobbies or visit a museum with a new exhibit. Work with your hands as much as you can.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, invest in your home space with some upgrades that will add warmth and a feeling of coziness. Creature comforts can have a profound impact on your mood.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
This week you will need to assert yourself at work, Pisces; otherwise, others may overlook your contributions. Get what you deserve.



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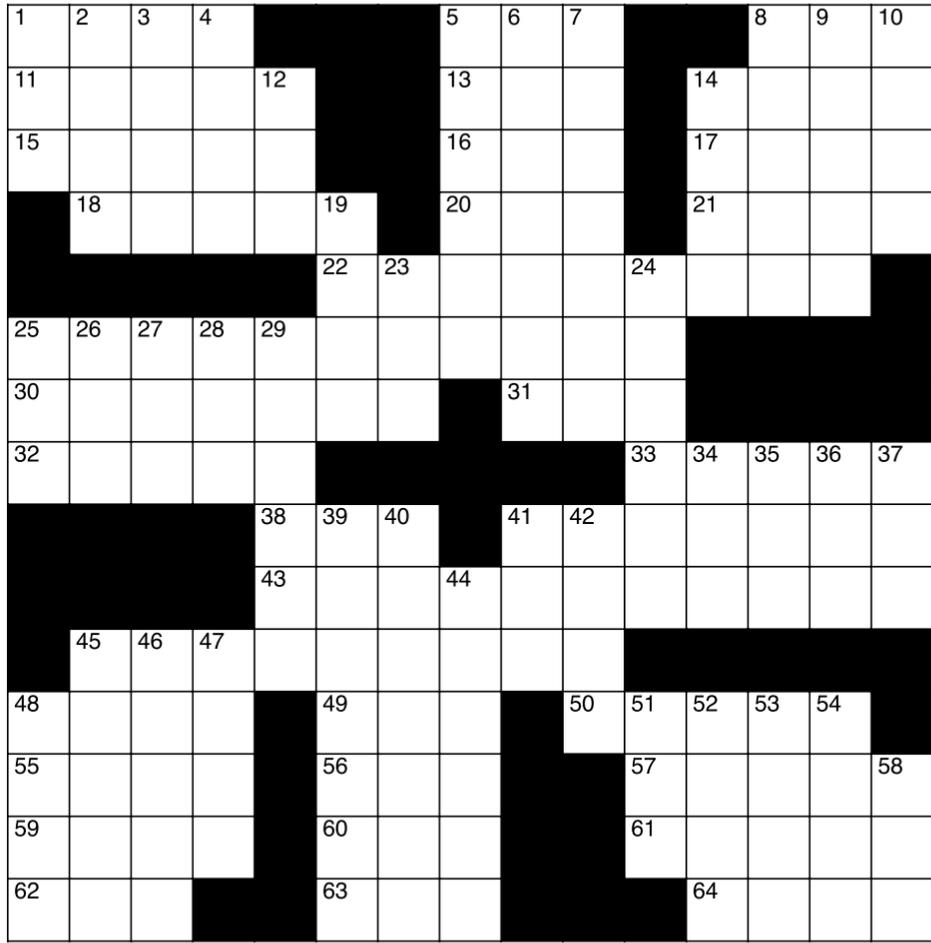
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. One who regrets
- 5. Time zone
- 8. Subway dweller
- 11. Bend in a river
- 13. Alias
- 14. Isodor __, American Nobel physicist
- 15. Very (music)
- 16. Zero
- 17. Phil __, former CIA
- 18. Competitions
- 20. Unwell
- 21. Puts in place
- 22. Gets rid of
- 25. Allows light to pass through
- 30. Climbed quickly
- 31. We all have it
- 32. There's a North & South
- 33. Emaciation
- 38. Supervises flying
- 41. Very dark colors
- 43. Unwanted
- 45. Grants
- 48. Three visited Jesus
- 49. Wife of Amun
- 50. Broadway actress Daisy
- 55. A Spanish river

56. I (German)

- 57. French opera composer
- 59. Six (Spanish)
- 60. Last letter
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. Noah had one
- 63. Make a mistake
- 64. Tall plant

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Computer memory
- 2. "Et __": "And wife" (Latin)
- 3. Ancient Syrian city
- 4. College army
- 5. Cassava
- 6. Talented
- 7. Capital of Estonia
- 8. Finger millet
- 9. In a way, assists
- 10. Men's fashion accessories
- 12. Misery
- 14. Skin disorder
- 19. Selling at specially reduced prices
- 23. Good friend
- 24. Stationary portion of a generator
- 25. Expression of disappointment

- 26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 27. Where birds fly
- 28. Midway between north and northeast
- 29. Chaotic states
- 34. Comedic actress Gasteyer
- 35. Kids' dining accessory
- 36. Snakelike fish
- 37. Midway between south and southeast
- 39. Assign lifelike qualities to
- 40. One who cites
- 41. Midway between east and southeast
- 42. North wind
- 44. One or the other
- 45. Cavalry sword
- 46. Of the Hungarian language
- 47. Life stories
- 48. Flat tableland with steep edges
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Plant that makes gum
- 53. French cleric
- 54. One point east of northeast
- 58. Free from

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, March 10	Fri, March 11	Sat, March 12	Sun, March 13	Mon, March 14	Tues, March 15	Wed, March 16
North Isle H-49°/L-37° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-51°/L-39° AM Clouds PM Sun	North Isle H-51°/L-44° Windy and Showers	North Isle H-52°/L-43° Chance of Showers	North Isle H-53°/L-43° Chance of Rain	North Isle H-52°/L-41° Chance of Rain	North Isle H-60°/L-37° Chance of Showers
South Isle H-46°/L-34° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-50°/L-36° AM Clouds PM Sun	South Isle H-51°/L-42° Windy and Showers	South Isle H-52°/L-43° Showers Possible	South Isle H-50°/L-44° Chance of Rain	South Isle H-51°/L-39° Chance of Rain	South Isle H-49°/L-41° Showers Possible



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

For what in your life are you most grateful?



Liz Lange, Coupeville

Relationships. My connection to others in my life including God, my parents, siblings, spouse, child, friends, co-workers, the community I work with, the lady I sat next to on the plane for a two hour flight from Arizona to Washington, the kind checker at Haggen I see weekly, the customer service agent on the phone who chatted about her cross country move while working to lower my internet bill, my childhood friends, my dog, all of them. Relationships, our connection with others, is what shapes us. Whether it was short lived, ended negatively, or long lasting and full of kindness, all the connections we make give purpose and meaning to our lives and I am so grateful for each of them.

Fernando Trujillo, Clinton

That's easy, my family. They have always been in my corner whenever I have needed them. I'm grateful for the wisdom and love they have shown me every day. This year has been a trying time for us as a family, but it's brought us closer together. I'm grateful to be a part of this family. So if I could offer some advice, be grateful for the family that always stands in your corner whenever you need them.



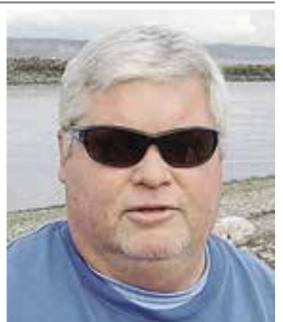
Alicia Hill, Oak Harbor

I am most grateful for joy. Joy helps me see the wonder in the simple things, and hope in the hard times. Looking into a glistening raindrop balancing on a pine needle, I see the wonder of creation and marvel at intimate details of the Creator, that far surpass my imagination. I am grateful for the joy that radiates from eyes lit up and smiles and hugs between parents/children, friends and lovers. These moments bring me much joy. When I was crippled with no medical hope of different, the joy of the Lord in Christ Jesus was my strength.

I am most grateful for the joy that comes from walking with Jesus.

Steve Harkey, Freeland

I would say my parents. Every day I use what they taught me. I try to live by the values they gave me to be a better person in this world. I'm not a very religious guy, which probably gives my mother a frown. My father wasn't very religious either but we all still went to church on Sunday. Being one of 10 kids we never had much, but we were all taught to work hard for what you wanted in life. My life is good and I enjoy what I do most every day.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Island Shakespeare Festival is seeking new members to join our Board of Directors. We're looking for people who are passionate about high-quality live classical theater and can devote time and energy to support the work of Island Shakespeare Festival's important cultural, social, and fiscal position on Whidbey Island. Our current needs include individuals with backgrounds in the following areas: human resources, donor relations, finance, as well as other skills related to overseeing a performing arts organization. Board members are asked to provide input and feedback to the Board and staff of ISF, attend one full board meeting per month, serve actively on board committees, and attend activities and events sponsored by ISF. Women and persons of color strongly encouraged to apply. For more information, please contact jeff.natter@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@bbbsis-landcounty.org for more information.

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

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Go to www.pnwnam.org and click on "Volunteer" or just stop by and introduce yourself.

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