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"The Taming" provides a different take on politics

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

A political comedy that's not really political. That's one way to describe the Whidbey Playhouse production of "The Taming, A Political Comedy," by Laura Gunderson. The play opens Friday in Oak Harbor, with performances running through April 16. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 2:30 p.m. Sundays, with a bonus Saturday matinee at 2:30 p.m. April 16.

Directed by Kevin Wm. Meyer, "The Taming" is a wild ride led by a Miss America contestant who kidnaps two women on opposite sides of the political fence to convince them to help her "update" the Constitution. So, while politics are at the forefront of this story, it doesn't pick sides, and that's one of the many things about it that appealed to Meyer, who was on the selection committee for this season's productions.

"I read it and I laughed out loud while I read it," he said. "We had a reading on Zoom of several plays and people laughed out loud when they read it, so I went, 'I think this is a pretty good production.' I like the concept of it. And I like puns and takeoffs on historical facts and this is loaded with them. You've got Hamilton in there and Madison and G-Dubs for George Washington, and one section takes place at the continental convention when they're writing the Constitution, and so I liked that comical take on historical facts."

If one is not a Constitutional scholar, do not fear. You'll be able to follow along just fine.

"Recently I was thinking, you know, if people don't really know much about the creation of our country and our Constitution, they know a lot about it from "Hamilton" and "1776," and if that's the only historical reference you've got, you can still laugh your tail end off watching this thing," said Meyer.

The cast of three women may be small, but they are mighty. Each of them plays at least one other character – something that appealed to all of them.

"I think it's really exciting, actually, because it goes beyond just changing your voice and changing your costume," said Dianna Gruenwald, who



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Katherine's (Abby Nordstrom Thuet) vision for the Constitution begins to make sense to Patricia (Tamra Sipes) and she begins to understand it's possible to put political differences aside in "The Taming, A Political Comedy." The production opens Friday at the Whidbey Playhouse in Oak Harbor.

plays liberal blogger Bianca and Charles Cotesworth Pinckney as well as a third character. "Each of my characters has very specific facial expressions, body posturing, movements that help differentiate between the three characters that I play. Also, there's so much tie back throughout the play with each character that something has to be a little common, or similar, between them. We were able to come up with whatever we thought embodied those characters, which are caricatures of personality types but to an extreme, I think, and that was really fun."

Abby Nordstrom Thuet, who plays Katherine and George Washington, among others, also enjoyed the process of creating her characters, likening the acting experience to an adult version of playing dress-up, in a way.

"I liked the show because it's a character show," she said. "As grownups, you get to do theater as a chance to step back to that magical fantasy

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Founding fathers and signers of the Constitution Charles Cotesworth Pinckney (Dianna Gruenwald), George Washington (Abby Nordstrom Thuet) and James Madison (Tamra Sipes) have a significant impact in "The Taming." The comedy opens Friday at the Whidbey Playhouse in Oak Harbor.

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With Jim Freeman



This is the first column I have ever typed with just one finger. Normally I use two. Let me know if you notice any difference.

Of course, it will take me twice as long to type these

improvisational musings, but what else do I have to do?

Vacation

One thing I can say about Arizona, it has lots of rocks. It has some trees, but mostly rocks. It also has lots of playgrounds and places to buy cheeseburgers. People in Arizona don't change their clocks twice a year, so nobody bitches about that.

Almost 4, almost 6

Our granddaughters wake up running. They go to bed running. Can you imagine waking up running? What about the coffee?

Grandma Tama used to treat us to milk/coffee when we would visit her in Hattiesburg, Miss. I never felt so adult. I sipped on the milk/coffee and smellin' the bacon while Tama whistled in her apron. Glorious!

Grandma to our almost 4- and 6-year young granddaughters is the Tama in our duo. She knows they are too young for milk/coffee. Grandma cooks whatever the girls want after they run to breakfast. French toast and dunk eggs. While they have yet to ask for bacon, I know the time is coming.

Quotes

It's pretty clear now that what looked like it might have been some kind of counter-culture is, in reality, just the plain old chaos of undifferentiated weirdness. ~ Jerry Garcia

My bed is a magical place where I suddenly remember everything I forgot to do.

~ Anonymous

Marriage is the alliance of two people, one of whom never remembers birthdays and the other who never forgets them.

~ Ogden Nash

If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.
~ Dalai Lama

Did you know?

In 1938, a yellow baseball was used for the first time in a major league game (Dodgers vs. Cardinals). The ball was more visible, but the yellow dye came off on the sweaty hands of the pitchers, and the idea was abandoned.

There's a basketball court above the Supreme Court. It's known as the Highest Court in the Land.

In 1892, Andrew Borden and his wife, Abby, were murdered at their home in Fall River, Mass. Their daughter, Lizzie, was tried but not convicted of the crime. The case was memorialized in a popular rhyme beginning with "Lizzie Borden took an axe...."

In 1932, every telephone in the U.S. and Canada went dead, as AT&T and the Bell System shut down all its switchboards for one minute in memory of Alexander Graham Bell, who had died two days earlier.

Alexander Graham Bell believed his greatest invention was not the telephone but rather the photophone, which

allowed for voice transmission on a beam of light. It was a precursor to modern fiber-optic communication.

Louis Vuitton (1821–1892) walked to Paris as a teenager in search of work. He began as an apprentice trunk maker and packer, and in 1853 he was chosen to be the personal box maker for the wife of Napoleon III. His original design of a stackable rectangular canvas bag replaced the heavy, domed trunks of the day. Vuitton died in 1892, but his fashion brand continues to thrive and is known for its high-quality trunks, luggage, and handbags with the signature LV monogram print.

In 1861, to help pay for the Civil War, the U.S. government levied its first income tax (three percent of all incomes over \$800). The Revenue Act, signed by Abraham Lincoln, was repealed in 1871.

1782 – General George Washington honored three courageous soldiers of the Revolutionary War with the first Purple Heart medals. The Purple Heart decorates those members of the U.S. armed forces who have been wounded in battle.

1888 – Theophilus Van Kannel, of Philadelphia, received a patent for the revolving door. His invention was intended to replace swinging doors that let in drafts and made it difficult to control the temperature of buildings. Despite some stories to the contrary, there is no evidence Van Kannel did not like holding doors open for women.

Carl Switzer (1927–1959) is best known for playing Alfalfa in the Our Gang short films from the 1930s. Switzer was a gifted singer and musician, though he was always typecast as Alfalfa and did not get many serious acting roles. One of his later roles was a small part in *It's a Wonderful Life*. In addition to acting, he bred and trained hunting dogs for some of the Hollywood elite, including Roy Rogers, James Stewart and Henry Fonda.

Benny Goodman was 14 years old when he began his professional career as a clarinet player. He took a job in a band on an excursion boat on Lake Michigan.

Kit Kat, the chocolate-covered wafer bar, is a big hit in Japan, in part because kit kat translates to "You will surely win." They are often given as good luck charms to students ahead of school exams.

1930 – Betty Boop made her first appearance in the cartoon *Dizzy Dishes*. The character was modeled after Helen Kane, a famous singer of the 1920s, and Clara Bow, a popular actress in the 1920s.

Allen Funt's television classic, *Candid Camera*, debuted in 1948.

One popular episode of the show filmed the reactions of citizens after they saw former President, Harry S. Truman, walking down the street, occasionally stopping to ask the time.

March Madness

I hope the historic info above did not add to your mind confusion. I love brief history.

Basket ball is over. History is not.

More stuff

I was on vacation so long, I began spelling Jim as gym. The kids did not care. No matter how it is spelled, I am Jim Jim to the girls.

Next time

Tiring of typing with one finger, I may dictate next week. If I can find a program that understands me, we'll be in business.

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Bits & Pieces



Local Langley Area Restaurants Stir up Donations for World Central Kitchen

Langley restaurateurs, long known for their prowess with food, are doing what they do best to help the refugee crisis in Ukraine with the "Hope in a Bowl" event, being held April 10, between 5:30 and 7:00PM at the Braeburn Restaurant.

Soup, prepared by a large group of local restaurants, will be served up with bread for a donation of \$20, which will benefit World Central Kitchen (WCK), an organization that provides food relief on the front lines of major disasters, which is currently providing hot meals in war ravaged Ukraine and the surrounding countries where refugees have fled. WCK started with a simple idea: when people are hungry, send in cooks. WCK prides itself on being the first to the frontlines providing meals and in building resilient food systems with locally led solutions.

Lisa, owner of the Braeburn, and Stefen Bosworth, owner of Savory, both in Langley, will be on hand to serve the community. Participants are asked to bring their own bowl and spoon to the event to save the cost of supplies and cleanup. Drinks and local wine will also be available with a contribution. Local musicians are providing entertainment and tables will be set up in front of the Braeburn and on the plaza.

The Langley Chamber of Commerce is seeking volunteers to help with set up, serving and clean up. Anyone interested can contact the chamber at langley@whidbey.com

Those interested in donating can do so directly to WCK at <https://wck.org/> or at <https://tinyurl.com/3hnbwdam> to donate locally. All donations will go to WCK.

[Submitted by Inge Morascini, Langley Chamber of Commerce]

Building Community with South Whidbey Young Professionals

Goosefoot Community Fund continues to assist local businesses through a new program: Whidbey Young Professionals Week (YPW).

YPW, scheduled for April 11 through April 16, features both educational and social events geared towards young professionals, under the age of 45, who live or work on Whidbey Island. Young professionals come from every level of business and every industry. Whether someone owns or manages the business, works the front counter or out in the fields, or picks up all the jobs that need to be done, a young professional is a do-er, ready to improve their skills, their business and their community.

The week features six free activities, including branding and financing workshops, networking and social opportunities and a farm-to-restaurant networking potluck. A full list of events can be found at <https://swypw.com>.

"We are the next generation of leaders," said Sami Postma, lead organizer of YPW and events and education coordinator for Goosefoot Community Fund. "We can bridge the divide each of us is feeling as we emerge from the pandemic and share

knowledge and resources, promote each other's businesses, products and services into success and work together to build the future we want here on Whidbey."

YPW will complement already-existing business programs like Whidbey Entrepreneurs and the local chambers of commerce by bringing the younger generation of leaders together to meet the unique needs that come early in one's career. An Oak Harbor group, the Whidbey Young Professionals, is another opportunity for monthly meetings and gatherings for those on the north end or young professionals willing to travel to Oak Harbor.

The YPW planning committee is led by four young professionals: Sami Postma from Goosefoot, Alanah Lawrason from Foggy Hill Farm, Francesca Coenen-Winer from the Taproom at Bayview Corner and Joe Menth from Feather & Fox Print Co.

Learn more at <https://swypw.com>, through Facebook at www.facebook.com/swypw or Instagram at www.instagram.com/swypw/.

[Submitted by Sami Postma]

Larsen Invites Second District High School Students to Participate in 2022 Congressional Art Competition

Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02) is inviting high school-aged students who live or attend school in Washington's Second Congressional District to showcase their artistic talents in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition. Art submissions and forms are due to Larsen's office by Monday, May 2, at 5:00PM PDT.

"I am encouraging the many gifted young artists in Northwest Washington to submit their artwork to the 2022 Congressional Art Competition," said Larsen. "I am excited to see this year's submissions and to highlight the talent Washington's Second District has to offer."

The U.S. House of Representatives holds the annual high school visual art competition to encourage and recognize artistic talent in each congressional district. The competition is open to all high school students (grades 9-12) who live or attend school in the second district; students can check whether they are second district residents or attend school in the district at <https://larsen.house.gov/helping-you/art-competition-zip.htm>. All art entries must be original in concept, design and execution. Interested students can find details and a full list of contest rules on the website above.

The winning entry will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol. The winning student artist and one guardian will also be flown to Washington, D.C. to be recognized at an award ceremony at a date to be determined. Last year, Susanna Lee from Lynnwood High School won the district wide competition with her piece, "You and Your Future." Since 1982, more than 650,000 students have participated in the nationwide Congressional Art Competition.

Entry forms must be signed by the student, a parent or guardian and a school faculty member. Entry forms and artwork submissions are due to the Everett office by Monday, May 2, at 5:00PM PDT. Students needing assistance in delivering their artwork to Larsen's office can call Kevin Phan at 425-252-3188.

Signed forms can also be mailed or delivered with artwork to Larsen's Everett office: Office of Rep. Rick Larsen - Everett Re: 2022 Congressional Art Competition Wall Street Building 2930 Wetmore Avenue, Suite 9F Everett, WA 98201

For more information about this year's competition, visit <https://larsen.house.gov/helping-you/art-competition-zip.htm>.

[Submitted by Joseph Tutino, Rep. Rick Larsen's Office]

\$85,000 in Grant Funds Awarded to Reserve's Historic Buildings

The trust board of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve and the Friends of Ebey's are pleased to announce 11 historic buildings will receive Ebey's Forever Grants for preservation in 2022.

Grants funding was awarded for the following projects: The Abbott/Knowles House; Bearss/Barratt House; Captain Whidbey Inn; Comstock Well House; Haller House; Hampton/Gould House; Joseph Libbey House; E.O. Lovejoy House; McWilliams Barn; Dr. White House; and the Zylstra House.

The Ebey's Forever Grant program is a community-driven grant program supporting the preservation, rehabilitation, and continued use of historic buildings within Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve. By providing annual matching grants, the Reserve helps property owners stabilize and sustain heritage buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Kevin and Angela Turkington, owners of the E.O. Lovejoy House, were the recipients of an Ebey's Forever Grant for a new roof on their 1890 home. "We are extremely grateful for the work the trust board, the advisory committee and of course Ebey's Forever Grant Program are doing for our community! We so appreciate your continued investment in our wonderful Lovejoy home, but also into our community and least of all in us! This indeed is our forever home and the generosity we have received will ensure it will remain part of Coupeville's history for many years to come," said Turkington.

The Ebey's Forever Grant program has been funded entirely through private donations to the Friends of Ebey's, a local nonprofit organization that supports the Reserve. "The Ebey's Forever Grant Program is a powerful reflection of the community," said Julie Dougherty Winger, executive director of the Friends of Ebey's. "The Ebey's Forever Grant was born out of an idea between the trust board and local residents. Not only does the program help care for structures used by local businesses, property owners, and farmers, it has also contributed well over \$1.6 million into the local economy. The grant program is community supported heritage preservation and local economic development. As the world seems to be in constant flux, it's comforting and humbling to know that the care and consideration the community shows the Reserve is continuous. This grant program would simply not be possible without donations from individual donors."

Since its inception, the Ebey's Forever Grant program has provided funding for over 100 preservation projects, ranging from painstaking roof replacements on Victorian homes to foundation repair for some of the Reserve's important working barns and agricultural buildings.

Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve was established in 1978 to protect a rural community and its significant history. Preservation is accomplished through partnerships, conservation easements, local land use regulation, and the cooperation of landowners.

[Submitted by Carol Castellano, Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve]

Don't be surprised by Social Security taxes

When you reach the appropriate age, it's easy to apply for Social Security retirement benefits – just go to Social Security's website, fill out the online form and you're essentially done. But many people overlook the next step – completing Form W-4V, which asks you how much federal income tax you want withheld from your benefits. And if you skip this step, you could face an unpleasant surprise when it's tax-filing time, because Social Security benefits can indeed add to your taxable income.

Here are the details:

- *If you're a single filer...* If your "combined" income is between \$25,000 and \$34,000, you may have to pay income tax on up to 50 percent of your Social Security benefits. ("Combined" income includes your adjusted gross income, non-taxable interest, and one-half of your annual Social Security benefits.) If your combined income is more than \$34,000, up to 85 percent of your benefits may be taxable.

- *If you're married and file jointly...* If you and your spouse have a combined income between \$32,000 and \$44,000, you may be taxed on up to 50 percent of your benefits. If your combined income is more than \$44,000, up to 85 percent of your benefits may be taxable.

These numbers might seem high, but they don't mean you'll lose 50 percent, or 85 percent, of your benefits – they are just the percentages of benefits you may be taxed on, at your personal income tax rate.

To help avoid a big tax bill or an underpayment penalty, you can file Form W-4V with the Social Security Administration and request to have 7, 10, 12 or 22 percent of your monthly benefit withheld. Your tax advisor can help you choose the withholding percentage that's appropriate for your situation.

The amount of taxes you may need to pay will also depend on when you start taking Social Security. The earlier you take benefits, the smaller your monthly checks, and the smaller the taxes. But taxes should not be a key issue in deciding when you need to begin collecting your payments. Rather, you should consider other factors, such as your anticipated life expectancy, your employment situation, your spending needs and the benefits for your spouse.

Here's something else to keep in mind: Because Social Security taxes are based on your overall income, as described above, the amount of money you withdraw during retirement, and where that money comes from, can also affect your tax situation. For example, withdrawals from a traditional IRA are taxable and will increase your adjusted gross income, but withdrawals from a Roth IRA will be tax-free, provided you've had your account at least five years and you're over 59 1/2, so this money won't enter into your taxable income calculations and it won't increase the tax you owe on your Social Security benefits. Similarly, withdrawals from health savings accounts (HSAs) used for qualified health expenses also won't count toward your taxable income.

By knowing exactly what to expect from Social Security, including the tax effects, you can more effectively incorporate your benefits into your overall retirement income planning – and the better your plans, the more you'll be able to enjoy your life as a retiree.

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Recipe of the Week

SHAKE UP
LENTEN DINNERS
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It's customary for people participating in Lenten fasting to skip meat and poultry dinners on Fridays between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. It is a sacrifice symbolic of the sacrifices of Jesus Christ. However, opting for vegetables and fish in lieu of meats doesn't have to mean sacrificing flavor.

"Seafood Pancakes" from "Judy Joo's Korean Soul Food" (White Lion Publishing) are a popular Korean appetizer. Any shellfish can be substituted, but the ingredients listed help keep the pancakes crispy. Enjoy this dish as a light lunch or in addition to other offerings for a tasty dinner.

SEAFOOD PANCAKES (Makes 4 to 5 pancakes)
2 ounces mussels, cleaned and debearded
2 ounces clams, cleaned
3 1/4 ounces rice flour
2 tablespoons cornflour
2 1/2 ounces self-rising flour
2 tablespoons dwengjang (Korean soy bean paste)

1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
3 large pinches of sea salt
3 1/2 ounces brown shrimp
5 spring onions, julienned
1 teaspoon garlic, grated or finely chopped
2 red chillies, thinly sliced at an angle
Vegetable oil for frying

In a large saucepan, add enough water so that it's three-quarters full and bring to a boil. Add the mussels and clams and cook until the shells open. Remove the shellfish and set aside to cool. Retain 3/4 ounces of the cooking liquid then strain it to remove the meat from the shells of the mussels and clams and set aside.

In a large bowl, gently whisk together the rice flour, cornflour, self-rising flour, dwengjang, pepper, salt and 8 ounces of cold water and liquid from the cooked shellfish until smooth. Add the brown shrimp, mussels, clams, spring onions, garlic and red chillies (keeping the seeds, if you like more heat) and stir batter until thoroughly combined.

In a large nonstick frying pan, heat a generous drizzle of oil over a medium-high heat. Spoon in the batter and spread it evenly to form a pancake about 5 inches wide. Fry until

golden brown and crispy on the base, about 3 to 4 minutes.

Carefully flip and cook for a further 3 to 4 minutes until the other side is golden. Transfer to a kitchen paper-lined plate to drain. Repeat with the remaining batter, adding more oil to the frying pan as needed.

Serve immediately with a favorite dipping sauce.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Heavy or sensitive issues could weigh on you, Aries. However, things are likely better than you think, so find a silver lining or someone with whom you can share your struggles.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Don't underestimate the power of positivity, Taurus. You can evoke more change than you may expect if you channel all of your confidence. Others will feed off your energy.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

A mysterious energy is affecting your decisions, Gemini. Don't be scared or suspicious. Just go with the flow for a little while and things will sort themselves out.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you will never be short on ideas, but you may need to figure out what is worthy of your energy. You can't focus your attention on a million projects without help.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Get yourself noticed for all the right reasons, Leo. Try your best in the workplace to have higher-ups see what you're made of this week and next. A promotion could be near.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Apply a reality check to assess which projects you should keep going and what ones are better left to the side. It just may free up a lot of extra time, Virgo.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Start looking at which desires or needs you have been ignoring, Libra. It might be time to reassess what you hold dear and rearrange your priorities.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

One-on-one interactions may have been a little rare lately, Scorpio. You should find the time to spend with a close friend or even a romantic partner. Make a plan today.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

An adrenaline boost comes your way this week, Sagittarius. You can plow through that to-do list that has been waiting for you for some time.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Your comfort zone gets a shake-up this week, Capricorn. Even if things may be a little awkward, it doesn't necessarily make them bad. Explore any possibility that comes your way.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

The stars are affecting your creativity and skills of perception. With these senses amplified, you may find solutions to problems that have evaded you.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Love is on the brain, Pisces. You will have plenty of opportunities to spend time together over the course of the next few days.

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Life Tributes

Andrea Lee Huff



Andrea Lee (Werre) Huff (77) of Oak Harbor, Wash., a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend passed away March 12, 2022, with her three children at her side. She was surrounded by her entire family's love.

Andrea was born Dec. 29, 1944, in Seattle, Wash., to Sebulon Werre and Anne (Werre) Rensink. She then moved to Bow, Wash., and then Oak Harbor, where she attended school and graduated as a Wildcat in 1963. Andrea married Ron Huff, who was brought to Whidbey Island by the U.S. Navy. Once married, they moved to Missouri, where Ron's family resides. After a few years, they moved back to Whidbey Island, where Andrea

worked hard and volunteered with the Jaycee's and various 4-H clubs. Andrea was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was also a life-long friend to many. She lived every day fully and embraced each moment which brought people closer to her. All that met her knew that she had a strong spirit and yet she was a humble and generous soul. We take comfort that she is at peace now and that she continues to bring light and strength to all of us through her many examples.

Andrea loved quilting, sewing, crafting, gardening and spending time with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also loved spending time with her friends, quilting group and the Lydia Circle ladies at Oak Harbor Lutheran Church.

Andrea is preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Ron Huff; her father, Sebulon Were; mother, Ann Rensink; and brother, Larry Rensink.

Andrea is survived by her children, Brandon (Barb), David (Karen), and Shelli (Brad), as well as her grandchildren, Brooke Huff (Jesse Broderson), Alexis Trumbull, Chelsea (Jeremiah) Tumulty, Aaron (Hannah) Trumbull, and Trevor Huff. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren Brenden, Selina, Landon, and Hadley, as well as her sisters Kathy (Steve) Timm, and Gail (Dave) Taylor.

In Andrea's honor a memorial service was held Tuesday, March 29 at the Oak Harbor Lutheran Church with reception following. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Lydia Circle at the Oak Harbor Lutheran Church in her name.

Sharon King



Sharon King passed away March 20, 2022. She was born in Harrison, Ark. Sharon is the daughter of Roland Bailer King and Hettie Geneva King, born Jan. 23, 1952.

She was raised in Yakima Valley and worked as one of the first female truck drivers. Sharon went on to work for Yakima County as a juvenile jail correction officer for 20 years! Sharon's passion to help kids led her into foster care for 30 years. She has helped hundreds of kids that faced challenges.

Sharon leaves behind sons Daniel King, David Herzog and Daniel's fiancé, Leticia Retana. She also leaves behind family and close friend Tamara Mains. Sharon will be missed by the many hearts she has touched.

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.

Lord I thank you that you provide all that we need to experience the fullness of life. I ask today that you strengthen us in your love to be a people who use our words to draw out the good in others. Grant us wisdom and patience as we learn to love one another as you have loved us in Christ. Amen.

Drew Barnhart, Lead Pastor
Living Word Church

"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person."

Colossians 4:6 ESV



Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

TUESDAY, FEB. 15

12:24 am, Ault Field Rd.

Reporting party advising is being blasted with gamma radiation cannon; advising coming from neighborhood behind.

5:34 pm, Dolphin Dr.

Reporting party advising allowed subject to store items at location; now concerned over their mental health. Stating reporting party exposed them to COVID on purpose; making posts on social media.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16

5:19 pm, Hubbard Hill Rd.

Advising last two weeks neighbor has been burning a fire; caller believes neighbor is doing this intentionally for harassment; advising they are burning right now.

THURSDAY, FEB. 17

3:16 pm, Sidney St.

Requesting call regarding unknown male coming to his door this morning and saying reporting party owed him money for lawn work. Advising he didn't hire anyone and just purchased the house.

3:49 pm, West Beach Rd.

Reporting theft of license plate. Occurred over a year ago. Reporting party received a ticket in the mail and realized the plate was never received and she wasn't even in town when citation occurred.

4:20 pm, Lakeside Dr.

Caller advising "they have a gun that I own;" caller advising Sheriff's office has the gun; caller is registered owner and wishes it to be destroyed.

FRIDAY, FEB. 18

7:02 am, Driftwood Dr.

States wife stole ID, removed name from checking account; occurred over time.

10:07 am, Saratoga Rd.

Requesting call; states doctor has told him he cannot drive; wants to know if it is true.

10:37 am, Ault Field Rd.

Caller advising at the top of the hill behind location found brain monitoring equipment. Requesting contact.

11:41 am, Goss Lake Rd.

Advising she is being threatened with chainsaws and knives to move out in 20 minutes; advising she has "all these pictures of the court cases."

5:13 pm, Maxwelton Rd.

Advising was on Snapchat; came across child from South Whidbey who was allowing high schoolers to use a fentanyl vape. Picture was posted at the high school; picture was taken during school hours.

SATURDAY, FEB. 19

12:03 pm, SR 20

Requesting call to know if there was a multiple vehicle accident at his property yesterday. Found vehicle and two females standing on his property this morning and when he asked them what they were doing, they said they were looking at the scene where the accident was last night.

1:56 pm, Brideck Ln.

Possible vehicle vs tractor. Older silver vehicle; driver was getting out.

9:53 pm, Boe Rd.

Advising just had a woman knock on her door; states she is the mother of reporting party's daughter's ex-boyfriend. The woman stated she is going to have reporting party's daughter hurt.

SUNDAY, FEB. 20

4:09 am, Ault Field Rd.

Reporting party advising subject is in parking lot with radiation machines; aiming them right at reporting party's house. Says they are pointed at his head through the wall and his ears are ringing.

4:42 am, Kimberly Way

Reporting party requesting additional checks of area; thinks subject is back in town and suspects she has been involved in burglaries in area; reporting party advising he isn't sure it is her, but thinks she might break into his home.

2:22 pm, Taylor Rd.

Advising two subjects were firing weapon behind reporting party's property, very close to his residence. Told reporting party they were "shooting a road kill."

3:58 pm, View Ridge Dr.

Reporting party says his sister, unknown date of birth, called him. Has not talked to her in over 30 years, reporting party now finding out she is wanted for a fugitive warrant in Wisconsin for stabbing her husband.

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

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What's Going On

Live Music: Carly Ann Calbero

Saturday, April 2, 6:00-9:00PM

Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

Multi-instrumentalist and songwriter Carly Ann Calbero covers a wide range of music, from Adele to Led Zeppelin in addition to her own original songs. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Lakou Mizik

Saturday, April 2, 7:30PM

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley

Lakou Mizik is a multi-generational, power-house collective of Haitian roots music with a soulful energy and a mix of styles that feels mystical and familiar at the same time. For tickets or more information, visit www.WICAonline.org or call 360-221-8268.

Sway Wild

Wednesday, April 6, 7:30PM

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley

Based in San Juan Island, Wash., indie folk-rock duo Mandy Fer and Dave McGraw are back at it with a new sound, and a new name: Sway Wild! Their exceptional vocal harmonies, coupled with Fer's pioneering electric guitar work, have become a vehicle to carry them around the world. For tickets or more information, visit www.WICAonline.org or call 360-221-8268.

Garry Oak and Prairie Plant Work Party

Thursday, April 7, 10:00AM-1:00PM

South Whidbey Tilth, Langley

Help clear Himalayan blackberries, Canada thistle and other invasive plants from around the trees so the established camas, yarrow, Oregon sunshine and other native flowers and forbs can thrive. There will be a talk in the classroom at 10:00AM to describe what young plants to look out for. Bring work gloves, spading fork, pruning shears, etc., and dress for the weather. To register or ask questions, contact Prescott at prscot@whidbey.net or 360-682-8642. South Whidbey Tilth is located at 2812 Thompson Rd.

Live Music: Tom Buenger

Saturday, April 9, 6:00-9:00PM

Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Tom Buenger draws inspiration from the likes of Ray Charles, Earth Wind & Fire, Howlin' Wolf, Eric Bibb, Amos Lee, and more. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Galleries & Art Shows

Spring Group Show

Opening Reception: Saturday, April 2, 5:00-7:00PM

Show continues through May 2
Rob Schouten Gallery, Langley

Among others, painters Anne Belov, James Tennison, Peggy Woods and Teresa Saia have contributed some beautiful new work, as have sculptors Georgia Gerber, Sharon Spencer and Dan Freeman. There is wonderful glass by renowned glass artists, Fritz Dreisbach, Steph Mader and Dan and Joi LaChaussee, as well as fused

glass houses by Dale Reiger, engaging assemblages by Sara Saltee and Pam Kueny Taylor, and intimate 24 karat gold paintings on copper by Mary Ellen O'Connor. Also included in the month's exhibit are handmade furniture and cutting boards, fine jewelry, ceramics and fiber art, as well as a wide array of other beautiful art objects sure to bring delight.

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

Apple Tree Bench Grafting with Dan Vorhis

Saturday, April 9, 10:00AM-12:30PM

Bayview Cash Store, Langley

Fee: \$20 per person

For the first hour, Dan will give a detailed slide presentation and lecture (with time for questions) about the science and basics of hardwood (or bench) grafting, followed by a hands-on lab. Everyone will have an opportunity to practice their cuts and to graft one apple tree. Rootstock, scion wood and other materials will be provided. If you have a grafting knife, bring it. Otherwise, you may borrow a knife from the instructor for your graft. Grafting knives are razor sharp, so any children must be accompanied by a responsible adult to handle the knife work. The workshop takes place in the Front Room, upstairs at the Bayview Cash Store, 5603 Bayview Rd. An elevator is available. For questions and to RSVP, contact education@southwhidbeytilth.org.



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County commissioners approve sales tax increase

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

In a unanimous vote, Island County Commissioners last week approved a one-tenth of one percent increase in the county's sales tax. The tax, which will take effect July 1, will bump the sales tax from 8.7 percent to 8.8 percent across the county, with the exception of the city of Oak Harbor, where the sales tax will increase from its current 8.9 percent to nine percent.

The increase translates to an additional 10-cents for every \$100 spent on taxable items. It's anticipated the tax will raise approximately \$1 million annually, and all funds are earmarked for affordable housing.

A public hearing on the matter was held in January and commissioners continued the hearing to last week to give the county's Human Services department a chance to come up with a framework for how the funds would be spent. Staff presented the framework to commissioners at a work session earlier this month.

The tax revenue will allow the county to develop new rental housing, purchase land, improve infrastructure and allow for redevelopment of existing properties. Populations who would benefit from more affordable housing include veterans, senior citizens, domestic violence survivors, families with children in danger of losing housing, people with disabilities or mental health issues and unaccompanied young adults ages 18 to 24.

But commissioners pushed back against some public comments that included residents not wanting "those people" here, saying some people have a misconception of who would most benefit from more affordable housing.

"Just to clarify who 'those people' are, that would be paralegals in your prosecutor's office; it would be road crew; it would be some of the folks in Human Services," said Commissioner Jill Johnson.

"It would be public health employees, it would be planning employees, it would be assessor's employees and it would be treasurer's employees, because we have employees working full time in this county who qualify [for affordable housing] under these AMI (Average Median Income) requirements."

"Childcare workers, retail workers, bankers," chimed in Commissioner Janet St. Clair. "That understanding of what workforce housing is, is important."

"I think it's important to think about who 'those people' are, because 'those people' are us," Johnson said. "There are new apartments that opened in Oak Harbor. They're nice looking -



Photo Courtesy of Island County Commissioners

Island County Commissioners have approved a one-tenth of one percent sales tax increase. Funds are to be used for the creation of affordable housing. Pictured from left are Jill Johnson, Melanie Bacon and Janet St. Clair.

\$1,700 a month. When I was 35 years old, working at Whidbey Island Bank as the assistant marketing director, I could not have afforded that apartment. With a college degree, with 15 years of work experience, I couldn't afford that.

"In fairness, there will be individuals who will be served that have mental health issues, who have chemical dependency issues... and some behaviors," she said. "Those people are also part of our communities and they're also a part of our families. I would challenge every one of us to lay out a family tree and not circle somebody who we would describe as 'those people.'"

Commissioner St. Clair, who said she was initially leaning toward voting "no" on the measure, felt it was important to recognize the additional tax, though small, would not be popular among many voters.

"We are at a 16 percent adjusted, mean CPI (consumer price index) inflation rate; 16 percent. People are feeling that," she said. "Add to that we have gas prices in some parts of our county as high as \$5 a gallon. These are real, real pressures that our working families are feeling. We, as advocates, need to acknowledge that what doesn't feel like a big thing to me, is a big thing to others, whether it's in perception or reality."

But St. Clair said that after much thought, it became apparent the county needs the extra funding for affordable housing.

"I want to first of all be clear that we do have a number of sources of revenue, such as document recording fees, etc. None of the

historic, local dollars that we have at our disposal are enough to create affordable housing," she said.

Commissioners also pointed out surrounding counties have already passed this tax.

"Whatcom County passed this tax. Skagit County passed this tax. Snohomish County passed this tax," Johnson said. "So most people who regionally go out and buy big ticket items, if you choose to buy that item in another community, you're creating workforce/affordable housing for that community. The only thing we are actually doing by not passing this sales tax is disproportionately putting a burden on our businesses that are going to have to pay higher wages to keep their employees in this market of unaffordable housing."

Under the law, 60 percent of funds collected must be used for construction of new affordable housing and for the purchase of land or buildings. Forty percent could be used for support services for new housing. County commissioners added two restrictions, including one that stipulates any new affordable housing created with these funds must remain so permanently. The other stipulation requires the tax be suspended after 10 years if no new housing units have been created, or at any time the balance of the fund exceeds \$10 million, or if the percentage of rent-burdened households falls below 10 percent.

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land we love and we get to play characters we would never be in real life and we get to say things and do things we would never do in real life, because it's play. You get to be on stage, you get to be ridiculous, and people applaud you for it."

Besides being filled with interesting characters, the show is filled with fast-paced dialogue. But the content isn't polarizing.

"It is a political satire," described Tamra Sipes, who plays conservative senate aide Patricia and James Madison. "There are some things in there that are truths, there are some things in there that are fun. It's not taking one side or the other. It really is summarizing our whole political history and how our democracy is. You go to 1787 and how our government came to be, and how our Constitution and the nation and our country, and all these differences that we had and how we were able to bring those together to form this amazing country that we have, with all these differences of people's opinion. So I would say it's more recognizing how we got to where we are today and people being able to have their opinions and their freedom of speech and the freedom of press and all those wonderful things."

Because of prior health protocols, staging for this production is simple, but effective. Meyer said he considered it a creative adventure.



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly
Katherine (Abby Nordstrom Thuet), right, has her work cut out for her trying to convince Patricia (Tamra Sipes), center, and Bianca (Dianna Gruenwald), left, to go along with her plan to change the Constitution in "The Taming," opening at the Whidbey Playhouse in Oak Harbor Friday.



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly
Bianca (Dianna Gruenwald), left, and Patricia (Tamra Sipes) find themselves at opposite ends of the political spectrum in "The Taming, A Political Comedy," but they are united in their goal to escape the situation in which they find themselves.

"I didn't have to worry about a set, so that left me free to be minimal," he said. "So you're going to see a hotel room which is the bare minimum, and a platform to give you an idea of another space. The slide projectors will give you a focus for where you are, and the lights are evocative of stuff and then somehow, we have to bring you to Philadelphia in 1787 and we do that with lights and slides."

It's a journey Meyer said he hopes audiences will find enjoyable and thought-provoking.

"I want them to think about the fact that even an army of one can make a difference and that's what I think Katherine is going for in this," he said. "She's got a goal and she's going for it and she knows the people she wants to come in and help her and she's focused on that, but she does it in a crazy way and that's where we get the laughs from."

"The Taming, A Political Comedy," opens Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Whidbey Playhouse. Tickets are \$18 per person. The opening night performance will also be live streamed for those not yet comfortable with attending in person. On-demand performances will be available for viewing April 8-16. Tickets and information are available online at whidbeyplayhouse.com.

"This is going to be fun, it's going to be entertaining, it's going to be informational," said Sipes. "It's going to be just a little bit of a different take on politics."

Island Angler

By Tracy Loescher

THE LORE OF SPORTFISHING

WHY WE FISH

On occasion I get asked, why do you fish? Before the overall price of recreational fishing climbed to what we see today, I imagined the question was a simple one, asked by people who had not fished at all, had been skunked on their first time out, or found it just plain boring sitting still watching the end of a fishing rod. Today that same question has a very different feel; I now feel that question also comes from longtime fishermen who have a hard time justifying the high cost, and in some cases, low fishing opportunities. I understand their thinking, especially if they are just starting out or are comparing the loss of opportunities we have now to the good old days.

But consider this – fishing is like any other hobby, there are costs involved and rule changes as the years go by, but a successful day of fishing will definitely trigger that emotion of "Wow, that is fun," and when you are done, you can't wait to go again. There are approximately 50 million recreational fishermen in the United States. Fishermen outnumber people who play tennis and golf, combined. There are many rewards associated with fishing. Here are just a few:

- Relaxation: Watching a bobber on the water, waiting for the bobber to begin to tremble and disappear below the surface, is mesmerizing. If you fall asleep while sitting in your chair at the lakeside, so be it; you must have needed the rest.
- Excitement: My wife has gone on an eight-hour driftboat fishing trip with me and during this trip she said, "How can you spend this much time just waiting?" I tell her it's worth every minute when that fish strikes, the rod tip finally bends down to touch the water and you know you've got a fish on!
- Competition: The natural urge to compete is in all of us and definitely in fishermen. Whether it's a simple competition among friends and family of who can catch the first fish, or the biggest fish, to the professional fishing tournaments that are worth thousands of dollars in prize money.
- Challenging: "How on earth are we going to find a fish in all of that water?" This type of thinking is what gets the gears turning in a fisherman's head. He begins to plan, to study, to inquire and to gather information that will answer that challenging statement.
- Camaraderie: Becoming longtime fishing buddies builds a relationship I can only compare to a man and his dog. They are ready to go early in the cold mornings and will hang with you all day. The only thing stronger than fishing buddies is the camaraderie built between members of the Armed Forces.
- Teaching young anglers: This is the most important reward a seasoned fisherman can receive, and it begins by giving. Make time to take young

anglers to the lakes, rivers, and streams; let them learn to cast-out and reel-in, learn to tie on a trout spinner, show them how to properly handle and bait a sharp hook, and to always pack out what you packed in. Teach them to love and respect the fish and to be good stewards of the outdoors.

• Food source: Fish is a food that is good for us and can be cooked in many ways. If you have ever encountered someone who does not like fish, then there is a good chance the person has never had really fresh or properly cooked fish. Imagine this – fresh rainbow trout cleaned, seasoned with just a shake or two of Old Bay spice, then slow cooked on an open alder wood campfire; tender, steak-like halibut kabobs with chunks of sweet onion, green bell pepper and mushrooms; a pan-seared fillet of king salmon drizzled with butter, placed on top of a fresh bed of pasta with alfredo sauce and chilled capers; a basket of battered, then air-fried crispy yellow perch, walleye or lingcod strips with steak fries on the side; a large, poached coho fillet over tender asparagus and generously covered with a light hollandaise sauce, topped with a sprinkle of freshly ground black pepper – now that's what I call food!

The month of April marks the beginning of the summer fishing season. Lake trout opener is on the last Saturday in April and halibut season will start near the beginning of April. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) released this year's halibut season; here is a quick look at what we can expect in the Marine Areas close to us (6, 7, 8-1, 8-2, and 9).

Marine Areas 6 - 10 (Puget Sound): Open April 7-9, 14-16, 21-23, 28-30; May 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, 27-29; June 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 23-25 and 30, as long as there is sufficient quota.

Rules: Marine Areas 1 - 10: Daily limit of 1 halibut per angler, with no minimum size limit. Annual limit of 4. All catches must be recorded on a WDFW catch record card. Possession limits remain the same.

Reason for action: The National Marine Fisheries Service has adopted final regulations for Pacific halibut fisheries in 2022 including the season dates described here. This emergency rule revises state regulations so they conform to federal regulations.

Additional Information: Recreational halibut is quota-managed; days open are dependent on available quota and areas will close when the quota is projected to be taken.

Fishing is one of the things the entire family can do and enjoy. It does take some forethought and there is some cost involved, but if you keep the trip simple and fun, the memories created will erase all the things you may have worried about. Here is my email: tlfishmonger@gmail.com. Feel free to send me a fishing story.

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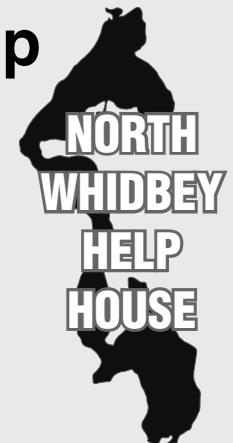
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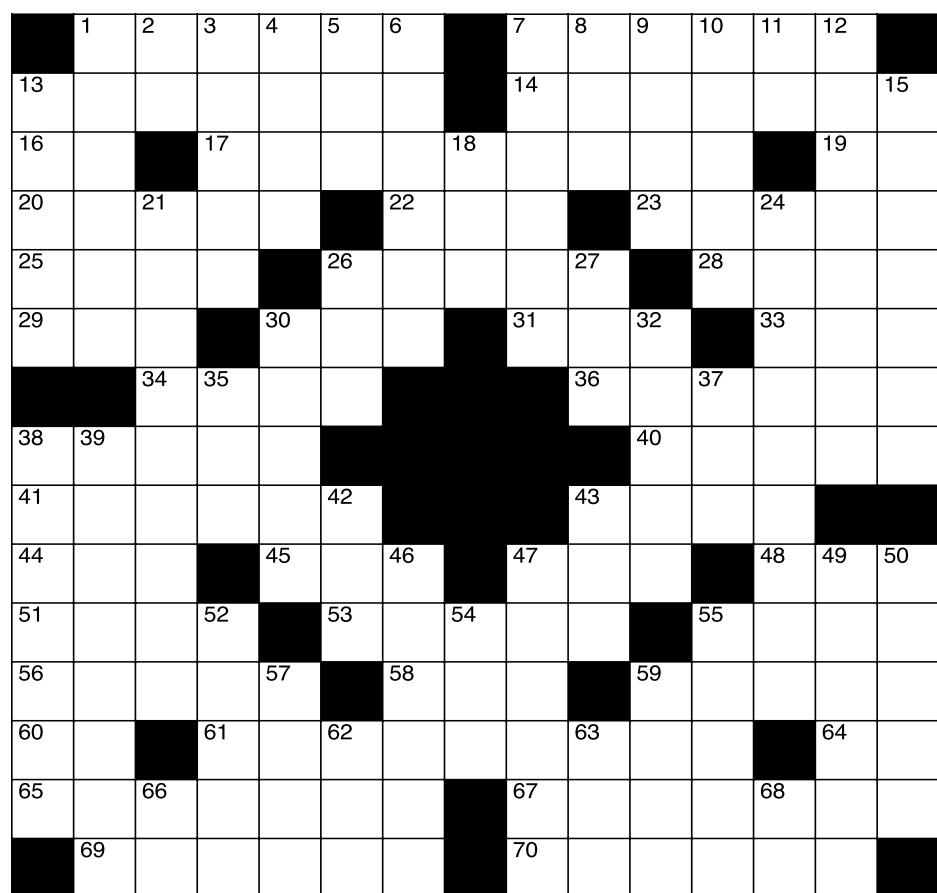
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7. Fish parts
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17. Popular superhero
19. Partner to Pa
20. Shivering fits
22. Wrath
23. Linguistics pioneer
25. Large integers
26. A way to prepare food
28. Group of badgers
29. Peyton's little brother
30. Rock out
31. Danish krone
33. Take from with force
34. Baroque musical instrument
36. Zodiac sign
38. Hebrew alphabet letter
40. Independent member of a clone
41. Type of garment
43. Satisfy
44. One point south of due east
45. A way to wipe out
47. Moved quickly on foot
48. Bar bill

51. An idiot

53. Performed with the voice silent
55. Body fluids
56. Rhythmic patterns
58. "— my i's"
59. Type of wrap
60. It shows who you are
61. Carousel
64. Type of college degree
65. Molding
67. Closes again
69. Verses
70. Surface

CLUES DOWN

1. Short, thick stick
2. Rhode Island
3. Animals of the horse family
4. Very important persons
5. Folk singer Di Franco
6. Boredom
7. Long speech
8. Footballer Newton
9. Expression of sorrow or pity
10. Linear accelerator
11. One quintillion bytes
12. Smallest interval in Western music
13. Box
15. Cheese dish
18. Make a mistake
21. Done by all people or things
24. Circumference
26. Chum
27. Electrocardiogram
30. Sandwich chain Jimmy —
32. Showed old movie
35. Important event on Wall St.
37. Where wrestlers work
38. Free from contamination
39. Eastern Canada coastal region
42. Slang for gun
43. High schoolers' test
46. Fathers
47. Call it a career
49. Productive
50. Musical groups
52. Yellowish-brown
54. Lowest point of a ridge
55. Beloved late sports-caster Craig
57. Fill up
59. Cardinal number that's the sum of 5 and 1
62. Frost
63. Jewel
66. Atomic #45
68. Top lawyer

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, March 31	Fri, April 1	Sat, April 2	Sun, April 3	Mon, April 4	Tues, April 5	Wed, April 6
North Isle H-50°/L-42° AM Showers PM Sunbreaks	North Isle H-52°/L-44° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-53°/L-43° Showers	North Isle H-52°/L-44° Showers	North Isle H-51°/L-42° Windy with Periods of Rain	North Isle H-54°/L-40° Showers and Sunbreaks	North Isle H-53°/L-45° Showers and Sunbreaks
South Isle H-49°/L-38° AM Showers PM Sunbreaks	South Isle H-51°/L-43° Afternoon Showers	South Isle H-52°/L-43° Showers	South Isle H-53°/L-42° Showers	South Isle H-51°/L-43° Windy with Periods of Rain	South Isle H-52°/L-38° Showers	South Isle H-55°/L-41° Showers and Sunbreaks



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What inspired you to write and self publish your book?



Selene Muldowney-Stratton

Oak Harbor

The name of my book is "Paws, Wings, Hooves, & Hope on the Farmstead." We live on a farm with an array of animals, from cows and sheep to ducks, geese, llamas and goats. The book captures their lives. They, like all living creatures, want food, water, shelter and companionship. We have realized how valuable they are in teaching us compassion and grace. Each animal we encounter, care for and shelter is special, often with different personalities. This book profiles the quirky characters we share our lives with and reminds us to appreciate the world's occupants just a little bit more.

This book is intended for ages 0 to 99 and can be purchased through Amazon for a hard copy, kindle, and a few online retailers.



Jim Siggens, Oak Harbor

The book is: "Otu's Feather" and it is about a young boy growing up in a woodsy forest village. Originally it was about an Indian boy, but I soon realized that the story is universal and Otu became a young boy in any wooded village on Earth and at any time in history; last year or centuries ago.

He has grand wishes for self-improvement and seeks help from a wise shaman. What happens next involves self-discipline, effort and belief.

The book is intended to be read to a younger crowd, children and grandchildren. The artwork is striking and illustrates the story beautifully.

Right now the book is available on Kindle (an international distributor is in the works). The Wind and Tide Bookstore in Oak Harbor has copies for sale.



Win Stites, Coupeville

I was inspired by the late Dorothy Neil, then Island historian and columnist for News Times, to compile my articles into book form. I wrote stories about crew life aboard a seaplane, both funny and oft terrorizing! Also, Eileen Brown, editor of the Navy's weekly, Crosswind, published them regularly. Both Neil and Brown encouraged me to self-publish the book I named "Cat Tales," the name referring to the PBY Catalina. We crew members called the aircraft "our old Cat." Over 3,200 were built from 1935 through World War II. A few restored Catalina PBYs still fly today, including a PBY static display owned by the PNW Naval Air Museum on Pioneer, across from the museum [in Oak Harbor].

My book can be purchased on Amazon.

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Community Bulletin Board

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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 njish@gmail.com. More info at our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSoundDragon-BoatClub?ref=hl

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County (BBBSIC) is actively seeking new member(s) for its Board of Directors. Join the board's exciting array of professionals! BBBSIC is seeking individuals who are committed to defending the potential of youth in our community through their

time, skill sets, and influence in the community. To complement the existing board, candidates with expertise in accounting, law, nonprofit management, networking, or fundraising are of particular interest. Committed to diversifying its board to better represent our community, BBBSIC encourages BIPOC and LGBTQIA community members to inquire. Please contact admin@bbbsislandcounty.org for more information.

The Island County Medical Reserve Corps (ICMRC) is a local network of volunteers organized to improve the health and safety of communities on Whidbey and Camano 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.

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 some-



one's life! To volunteer or get more info, email wamothermentors@gmail.com or call 360-321-1484.

JOB MARKET

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