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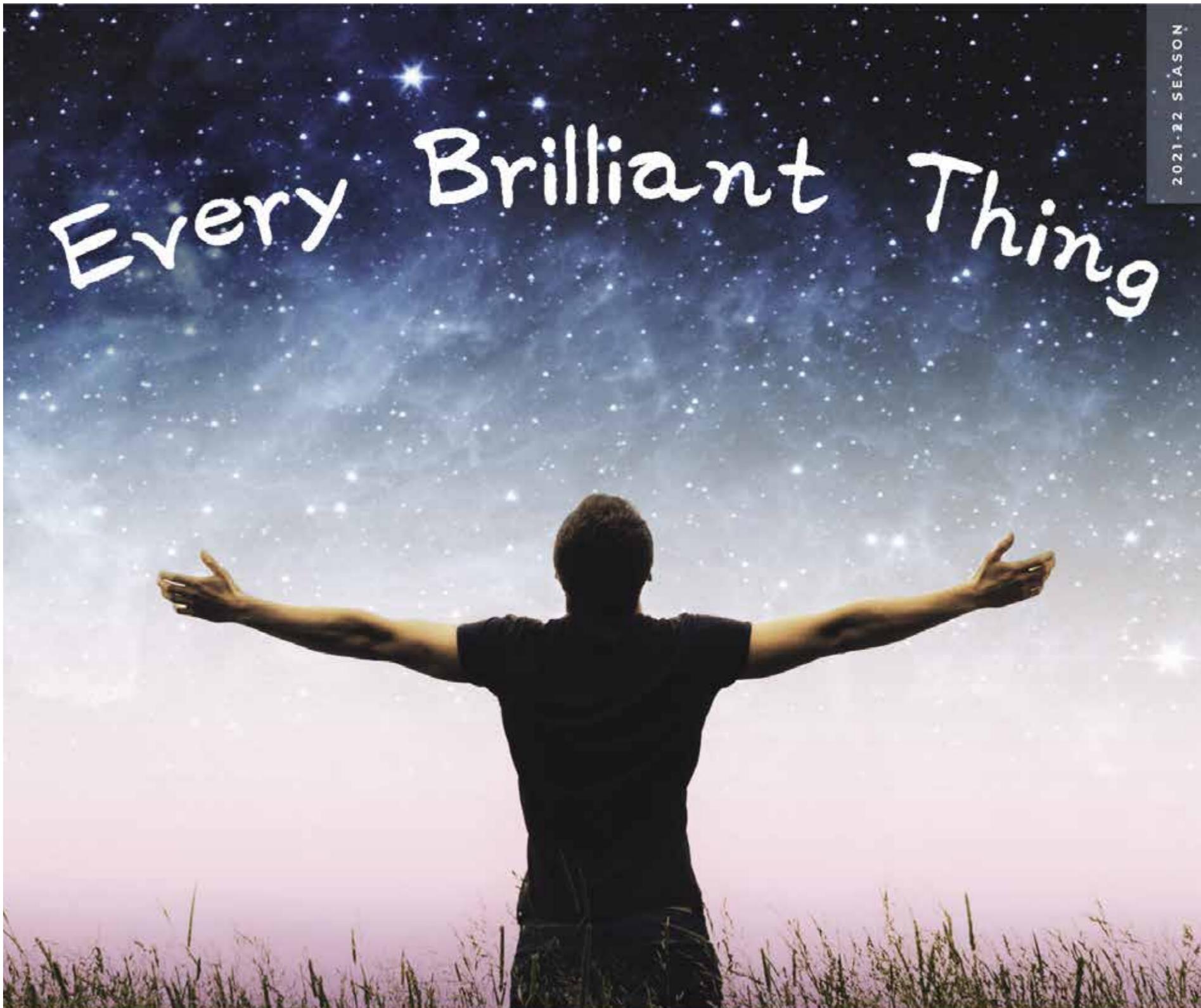
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# Every Brilliant Thing

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## WICA brings a touch of brilliance to the stage

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

"Every Brilliant Thing," the latest production by Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley, is a one-man show with unlimited possibilities. The show, which is being done in collaboration with Healing Circles Langley, opens Friday in WICA's Zech Hall and will run through April 23. Check wicaonline.org for showtimes and tickets.

The Duncan Macmillan play is being directed by Deana Duncan and features improvisational artist Billy Tierney – and the audience – and tackles a tough subject in a unique way.

"It's this hilarious, heart-wrenching, touching and funny play starring one actor as a narrator, or everyman, who takes the audience through his life from age 7 to present; a life deeply impacted by a depressive, suicidal mother and his later struggles with his own mental health," described Duncan, WICA's artistic director and acting executive director. "The audience is an integral part of the storytelling process, which makes this work so unique. The play was written for an improv artist and we're lucky enough to have Billy Tierney on island. He is a professional, trained improv talent who knows how to weave written story with the raw unrehearsed 'work' we'll get from each audience. The show will be a different one every time."

Tierney said he could easily envision himself doing this play when he read it, and felt it played to his strengths.

"By the time I finished the script, I was certain of the play's importance for our community and I felt called to commit myself and my time to it," he said. "My background is in improvisation, both teaching as an individual in front of larger groups and in performing with as few as one partner for shows as long as this one, but this will be a new experience for me. With that said, I feel confident in my ability to juggle the script, the audience, and the inevitable variables that come with a 50-page script that leaves room for improvisation."

Duncan said this production is a new experi-

ence for her as well, having never directed a one-actor play before.

"Nothing I've ever done before really matters or helps – there is no set, no props, no 'acting business,'" she said. "Billy is brilliant and came into rehearsal pretty much memorized (70 minutes non-stop), so that was amazing. But all the normal rehearsal business of blocking and working on telling the story isn't possible without the audience, who will literally be the final piece of this production, and I can't rehearse the audience, so Billy and I [have spent] hours debating the words, the meaning, where we want to move or stand absolutely still and how to engage the audience deeply in this really human story."

For those unfamiliar with this work, it tackles the difficult subject of suicide, but in a way that is non-threatening, relatable, touching and even humorous, Duncan said.

"The playwright, Duncan Macmillan, has these other brilliant plays I love and I had heard about this one but never looked at it," she said. "Then last April, a dear friend of mine... chose to take his life. And I wasn't processing it well, so I turned to theater and I remembered this play. 'Every Brilliant Thing' is probably the most personal play I've chosen to work on in my 21 years and 105 plays at WICA, because I'm hoping to create safe space to process this kind of loss with conversation, heart, and community. The fact the play is so funny also appealed to me, that we could tackle huge human conversations with humor and love, it's just so well written."

That very personal connection led Duncan to involve Healing Circles Langley with this production. Healing Circles Langley seeks to provide a safe space for anyone hoping to heal from physical or emotional/mental health issues.

"I didn't want to do the play if they weren't involved," Duncan said. "I think anytime we can tie our work to the greater community conversations, the better the work will be. These collaborations and partnerships are crucial."



Tyler Raymond Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts  
Billy Tierney brings his improvisational skills to the stage in "Every Brilliant Thing," a one-man play opening Friday at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley.

Diana [Lindsay, director of Healing Circles], has agreed to have Healing Circles open and available for anyone and everyone who needs a place to talk and process. She is also helping us lead two or three community conversations during the run of the show. One on suicide and depression specific and then tying this into the bigger picture with inviting Washington State End of Life group out to do a daytime talk."

As mentioned, audience participation plays a key role in this production. Because of that, no two shows will be the same. It makes for a challenging, unique kind of performance art.

"The audience has a huge role to play," Duncan said. "They will walk into the space and immediately pre-show, meet the actor, the narrator, the everyman in the space, who will fill them in on their 'role.' Billy will not put anyone on the spot but he needs people to come in with open hearts and minds and be willing to listen, to laugh and to be moved emotionally. We need you, audience, like never before. Please come see the show so we can fully tell this beautiful story. Sometimes showing up is the hardest part; this play asks us to show up just as we are and be willing to participate in something bigger than ourselves."

"I would love audiences to be fully present with me, sharing the vulnerability of the play and its contents as we move in and out of interactions," Tierney said. "I hope audiences come away from the show more open and willing to talk about the stuff that is hardest to talk about with their friends and family, and to do so in good nature with open hearts. I really hope audiences leave with joy and compassion."

"Every Brilliant Thing" will look a little different than other productions, in that the show runs about 70 minutes in length with no intermission and will be performed "in the round" in Zech Hall, not on the main stage. Seating will be limited to 90 people per show. Those attending are asked to arrive early to allow Tierney time to "set the stage" with the audience.

Information on tickets and showtimes can be found online at wicaonline.org. There will be 20 tickets for every show available for \$20. Find more information on Healing Circles Langley at healingcircleslangley.org.

"Although I have done 1,000-plus improv shows for live audiences, I have only ever been in one play, last June's "Curse of the Starving Class," by Sam Shepard at WICA, in the very brief, but important role of Sergeant Malcom," Tierney said. "I feel blessed to be able to take on

such a big role now and I feel confident to do it justice and perhaps even perform it with some brilliance."

"I know we say it a lot but it's true, you'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll be happy you saw this," said Duncan.



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Audiences will play a key role along with improv artist and actor Billy Tierney in "Every Brilliant Thing," opening Friday in Langley.

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# ON TRACK

With Jim Freeman



It appears from the local scuttlebutt that scuttling the butt is necessary. Let the scuttling begin.

Between January and March, I was not on vacation. Those of you who know me,

know vacation is not one of my vocabulary words. Following in the footsteps of our father, no vacations were part of the program except for school kids. Who had money for vacations?

I recall Dad interviewing a retired Navy guy for a sales job. When the fellow asked Dad how long it would be before he got a vacation, Dad said the answer was irrelevant until the Navy guy shaved his beard. No facial hair was allowed in 1975. And thus ended the interview.

My recent "vacation" was actually the period of time I spent with doctors, nurses, and therapists. At least I got three meals a day after they checked my vital signs, surely a priority at 6 a.m. Why not wake a guy from a deep sleep to check his blood pressure?

The medical world only makes sense to the medical team. The military was the same way. How will one understand "Hurry up and wait" until one has the experience?

I had so many doctors and nurses that some of my prescriptions worked against each other. My marriage was the same way. Like Dad said, "Don't tell me what you are going to do, show me what you did."

He told me this after I showed him a few pages of a book I was writing. Of course, The Bank of Dad was the producer of the book-to-be.

Once again, I have forgotten what I was writing about. Hope I was not cursing, the original name for the prison, Sing Sing.

Back to the medical world. I learned hospital beds are too short while hospital stays are too long. Thank goodness my future as a physician did not pan out. I would have no idea what kind of stethoscope to wear around my neck.

I don't envy surgeons. They start their cut 'n' paste day after the patient counts to three during sedation. The cut-tee takes a real vacation.

One of the treats one receives in a rehabilitation situation is the daily weighing of the non corpus delecti.

Depending on how each daily nurse subtracts the weight of the wheelchair, daily weighings may vary. In one 24 hour period, I gained eight pounds. That was bad math, not Whidbey Doughnuts.

One nurse remarked that I was "skinny." In attempting to correct her perception, I remarked that I was slender, not skinny.

"Skinny implies I need to eat. Slender is a choice."

There is much more to this scuttlebutt but writing about it is going to delay my next meal. Onward and upward.

### Cloud nine

Every cloud has a silver lining. When told every cloud has a silver lining, you should take heart that some good may come from even the worst situation. This phrase originated with the English poet John Milton, who first wrote, "...did a sable cloud turn forth her silver lining on the night?"

Milton wrote this in the dark of night, a black cloud shined a hopeful silvery light upon the earth. After this poem was published, writers often referred to both silver linings.

### Quote on

"When you turn 91, nothing works the way it used to." ~Blackie Cook

"A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him." ~David Brinkley

### Young pros

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

YPW, scheduled for April 11-16, 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 doing, 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>.

### Dog gone

The world's tallest dog was a Great Dane named Zeus. He was 44 inches tall and could reach seven feet four inches when standing on his hind legs. Great Danes were likely bred from two other massive breeds: Irish wolfhounds and old English mastiffs. They were originally bred to hunt wild boars, so the dogs had to be strong and brave. They were nothing like the gentle giants bred today. Over the millenia, these dogs have turned from vicious hunters to perfect family pets.

### Hair tonic

What's the difference between hair and fur? Nothing. All hair is made up of keratin, the same stuff that makes up skin, nails, hoofs, claws and horns.

Some people mistakenly think fur on an animal is denser, but hair on a human's head is just as dense as fur on an ape or a mouse.

In fact, human hair could accurately be called fur. One big difference is whiskers. Whiskers have nerves. When a cat's whisker brushes an object, the whisker sends signals back to the brain about the cat's environment.

### Fruit surprise

Watermelon, the favorite summertime fruit, is actually a vegetable related to cucumbers and pumpkins. It contains so much water that explorers once used watermelons in lieu of canteens.

### Wow

Inventor Trivia: Marion Donovan, a post-World War II mother, invented the disposable diaper. This followed her innovative diaper cover with pinless snaps. Pampers went on the market in 1961.

### 1936

It was during this year the first players were elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame, and Joe DiMaggio made his major league debut.

*Modern Times*, by Charlie Chaplin, was released.

The Hoover Dam was fully completed.

The Hindenburg made its maiden flight, 14 months before its dreadful disaster.

Margaret Mitchell published her novel *Gone with the Wind*, and *Life* magazine was created.

### Mellow yellow

Mustard is an ancient condiment. The Romans mixed un-fermented grape juice, known as *must*, with ground mustard seeds to make *mustum ardens*, or "burning must," which gives us the word mustard.

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# Bits & Pieces

## Letters to the Editor

### Editor,

Saturday, March 19, at the 6th annual Miss Oak Harbor Scholarship Pageant, we crowned our 2022 Miss and Teen Miss Oak Harbor Royalty, who will represent our city while serving the community for the next year. We supported nine contestants through our six-week program and ended the evening by awarding over \$21,000 in scholarships and awards! We continue to prove that this is not a beauty pageant but rather a program designed to encourage, inspire, and recognize the many achievements of the young women in our community.

The success of this program is not possible without the generous support of our sponsors. The Miss Oak Harbor board of directors humbly thanks the following businesses and individuals for their support and contributions:

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We would also like to thank our Mistress of Ceremonies, Erica Wasinger, our emcees, Annie Salinger and Chelsea Lonborg, our judges, Annie Cash, Brittney Shigley, Markell Egelston, Millie Goebel and Tim Miller, and our volunteer support, Abbie Martin, Cheryl Grehan, Cheryl Jandzinski and Kristin Griffith.

We acknowledge special appreciation for Ryan and Amy at Living Word Church for flawlessly producing the live-stream event.

We are so fortunate to live in such a caring and generous community that has a deep understanding of the value of our youth. We thank our supporters for their continued investment in our program, our contestants for their steadfast commitment to the program and its process, and the families who shared their daughters with us and cheered them on each week.

Miss Oak Harbor is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to inspire, challenge and mentor contestants while providing oppor-

tunities for them to develop life skills that will enhance their confidence, self-esteem and sense of accomplishment.

Sincerely,

River Powers and the entire Miss Oak Harbor Board of Directors

### The Aerialists: One Tough Way to Make a Living

In celebration of Earth and Ocean Month, Whidbey Audubon Society presents a program about birds who catch their prey on the wing Thursday, April 14. This is a hybrid meeting, which means attendees may come in person or participate online via Zoom. Preregistration is required for in person attendance and for nonmembers through the Whidbey Audubon Society website, [www.whidbeyaudubonsociety.org](http://www.whidbeyaudubonsociety.org), no later than noon April 14. The meeting in person is limited to 35 in the Bayview Cash Store, upstairs in the Front Room, 5603 Bayview Road, Langley. The program is free and open to the public. An email with the Zoom link will be sent by early afternoon of April 14 to those who have registered. The meeting begins at 7:00PM and the program is at 7:30PM.

Presenters Steve and Martha Ellis title this program, *The Aerialists: One tough way to make a living*. All bird species in our area have the ability to fly, and many of them make contact with their food from the air. Of the 232 species on Whidbey Audubon's checklist, however, less than 10 percent feed almost exclusively on flying prey. These are the aerialists: swallows, swifts, nighthawk, flycatchers, accipiters and falcons. There's a simple reason why seed eating species such as sparrows are so numerous: their food can't escape. And while we rightfully marvel at a Red-tailed Hawk dropping on a vole, try catching an evasive insect traveling six inches above the ground while you're flying 25 to 45 miles per hour. Or attempt to single out a bird in flight from a twisting flock of 500 Dunlin. The slightest miscalculation will result in serious harm. The aerialists are some of the most overlooked and under appreciated bird species. Each has its unique adaptations and habits that allow them to exploit food sources unavailable to other birds. Each also faces daunting challenges.

The Ellis's are longtime Coupeville residents. Steve is a past president of Whidbey Audubon Society and Martha is a member of the Washington Native Plant Society. Together they have been leading field trips and giving talks about a wide range of natural history topics for more than 30 years.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]

### Alzheimer's Association Offers New Online Support Group

The Alzheimer's Association is offering a new caregiver support group for residents of Oak Harbor. The free monthly meetings are currently being held online and are open to unpaid family caregivers and loved ones of people living with memory loss, Alzheimer's disease or any form of dementia. Alzheimer's Association support groups offer a safe and confidential place for family caregivers to share feelings, exchange practical information and learn about community resources. Meetings start in April and will be held the third Wednesday of each month from 1:30 to 3:00PM. For more information about the new support group, please contact the support group facilitator, Daesia James-Louis, at [daesiajameslouis@yahoo.com](mailto:daesiajameslouis@yahoo.com) or 609-200-9921. People may also call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline (1-800-272-3900) at any time for information, guidance and support.

[Submitted by Carrie McBride]

### Whidbey Bedside Singers Invites Community to Remember Loved Ones

Whidbey Bedside Singers will be singing songs of comfort, love and spirit to honor the lives of individuals who've died during the pandemic years. May 3, between 5:00-6:00PM at Greenbank Farm, all islanders and their friends and families are invited to listen and remember loved ones during a contemplative, meditative event. "Singing at Greenbank gives us a chance to acknowledge the losses we've all felt. We're grateful we can do this together as a community now," says Pam Nodus, contact person for the group. Plan to arrive before 5:00PM, and gather between the barn and storefronts. In case of rain, the event will be in the barn.

Pam also wants the community to know Whidbey Bedside Singers, formerly known as Whidbey Threshold Choir, is once again offering their music to islanders who are ill or dying. When invited to sing, two to four members of the group quietly gather beside the ill person to sing gentle, comforting songs. The songs are written by members of Threshold Choirs across the globe and represent messages of peace, kindness and love. Any person or organization may contact Whidbey Bedside Singers at 360-969-4474 to schedule a personal visit.

The international Threshold Choir's vision is to sing for those at the thresholds of life. Its vision is a world where all of life's thresholds are honored with compassion and shared through song. Threshold Choir has been a 501(c)3 organization since 2010. One of over 200 Threshold Choir chapters around the globe, Whidbey Bedside Singers also sings for people who are ill and expect to recover.

Whidbey Bedside Singers offer their songs freely at this event and always. There is never a fee.

For more information, contact Pam Nodus via email at [pamgar@whidbey.com](mailto:pamgar@whidbey.com) or call 360-969-4474.

[Submitted by Pam Nodus]

### The Whidbey Island Garden Tour is Back

Saturday, June 25, The Whidbey Island Garden Tour will be celebrating its 25th anniversary after a two-year pause due to COVID. It will be well worth your while to make the visit this year to the five outstanding gardens.

The tour began in 1995 to support the "Save the Woods on Saratoga" campaign. In order to protect county-owned land from development, Diane Kendy, Fran Abel and Betty Azur joined forces to hire lawyers for a fight to save the land. The three then networked with two other women, Judy Pringle and Holly Turner, to raise money by managing a garden tour of nine gardens. With the help of numerous volunteers and donations from sympathetic residents, the first garden tour was underway. A total of \$11,000 was earned for Save the Woods on Saratoga with no internet, email or cell phones, and in the process, the Whidbey Island Garden Tour was born.

After the successful campaign to raise money for local land conservation, the tour became an annual event, spurred on by interest in visiting beautiful gardens not otherwise accessible to the general public. Over the years, the mission of the WIGT has been to provide funding for nonprofit groups for the protection and thoughtful development of our common Whidbey habitat. Local artists donate the designs for each year's posters and tickets. Sponsors and patrons underwrite the costs of the tour, and the board of directors stays busy all year long with plans for the next year's event. Although many volunteers

turn out annually, with the break in the tour's schedule, more volunteers are still needed for this year's event.

Variety continues to be the goal for the choice of gardens each year, from charming cottage settings to professionally landscaped estates. There have been 124 gardens featured on the tour over the past 24 years, with only 15 repeats. There's something for everyone.

The number of gardens on each year's tour has been reduced to five from the original nine in order to give the public enough time to see them all. This year's participants include a charming garden overlooking Holmes Harbor filled with flowering shrubs, perennials and annuals from spring to mid-autumn that bring the grateful hum of bees and hummingbirds. In nearby Freeland, you'll view a three-year-old garden that includes a multi-tier waterfall flowing into a koi pond, hundreds of lilies, many unique trees and shrubs, as well as a collection of miniature conifers. Two of this year's gardens belong to local artists. One features a garden designed to benefit wildlife with mixed borders and water features. The other contains spring bulbs, woody ornamentals, and a berm visible from the road planted with a lush, tropical aesthetic. The fifth garden, located in Greenbank, is truly a cottage garden complete with cottage, rambling flowering vines and vegetables.

The number of tickets is limited and the cost of the tour is \$25 for adults and \$10 for youth (ages 2-12). On the day of the tours, if tickets are still available, the price for adults will be \$30 and children \$15. Tickets, which include a map with the addresses of the gardens, can be purchased online at the Whidbey Island Garden Tour website, [wigt.org](http://wigt.org), or beginning May 1, at the following vendors: Bayview Farm and Garden, Venture Out Nursery, Flowers By the Bay, Lavender Wind Nursery and Rain Shadow Nursery.

To nominate your own garden or someone else's for future tours, please see the WIGT website under Get Involved. For more information or to volunteer or to request a grant, please check the website, [wigt.org](http://wigt.org), or call 360-321-4191.

[Submitted by Joan Shott, WIGT]

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If it's your first time, Piroshky Piroshky Bakery invites you to visit its website to check out the unique and delicious options available, including vegan and seasonal items available for a limited time only.

Ordering is easy, with convenient descriptions and images to help you decide what to bring home to your family. To try the famous Piroshkies, head to [piroshkybakery.com](http://piroshkybakery.com) and place your order. Pick up will be Wednesday, April 20 between 4:00 and 6:00PM at the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St. Order deadline is 9:00AM Tuesday, April 19, minimum order is \$40.



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# Life Tributes



### Janice Reeff

We are saddened to announce Janice passed away Jan. 10, 2022, due to advanced dementia.

Janice was a woman who always had cookies in the jar, a pie in the fridge, or a cake on the counter. She loved her kids and grandkids and just wanted family around whenever possible. She was always laughing and had a smile.

We will have a Life Celebration at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 28, Memorial Day weekend, at 772 Bachelor Lane, Manson, WA 98831.

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and condolences at

www.whidbeymemorial.com.



### Bruce Eugene Olson

Bruce Eugene Olson passed away Jan. 23, 2022, following a severe stroke. He leaves behind his wife, Mary Jane Olson of Clinton; his children Jill, Sandra and Bruce; grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Jane, in 2004, his first wife, Geraldine (Gerri), in 2001, and his brothers and sisters, Vern, Julius, Lucille, Miles and Sam.

He was born in Choteau, Mont. Dec. 24, 1932, to Julius B. and Cora (Mathiasen) Olson. Bruce was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1951 and was stationed for two years in Japan. After he was discharged from the Army, he

married his first wife, Gerri Aurdal, in 1960. They made their home in Burien, Wash., and together had Jane, Jill, Sandra and Bruce.

Bruce worked for the Army Corps of Engineers and traveled all over the Pacific Northwest. His primary job was as a government property inspector, where he was responsible for inspecting the numerous dams in the area. He retired in 1990.

Upon his retirement, Bruce and Gerri began to travel. They bought an RV and, over the next several years, visited most of the lower 48 States. They had a wonderful time and made many happy memories until Gerri's passing.

In 2009, Bruce moved to Whidbey Island and married Mary Jane Aurdal. Together they made a full life on Whidbey Island and were very active in many local community groups. They spent their time volunteering, traveling and enjoying time with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. If Bruce wasn't working on his own property, you could find him helping his friends and neighbors with their projects. He was known for his willingness to lend a hand, and someone you could always count on.

Bruce was a genuinely kind man. He will be missed, but never forgotten by his family and friends.

A memorial service is planned at Calvary Chapel on French Road in Clinton Sunday, from 2-4 p.m.

Life Tributes can now be found  
online at [www.whidbeyweekly.com](http://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](mailto:info@whidbeyweekly.com) or call 360-682-2341 to share your prayer requests.

Heavenly Father,  
As we prepare for Easter and the resurrection of your son, Jesus Christ, help us to remember the sacrifice he made to free us from sin.  
We pray for those who are troubled, may they find their way to you. We pray for those who are ill, may they find comfort in your arms. We pray for those in the Ukraine, may they find peace. We pray for those who are hungry and cold, may they find warmth and fullness.  
We ask for these things in your name, Amen.

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." **Romans 8:18**



# Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

### MONDAY, FEB. 21

#### 1:02 pm, Scenic Ave.

Requesting call; advising was given tables last year for wedding; prior owner now calling demanding tables or \$500.

#### 10:09 pm, Briarwood Dr.

Reporting party advising had a Sheriff come to the door and ask if they had Wi-Fi; wants to know if deputies were going around knocking on doors at Briarwood. Reporting party states they were wearing a uniform and had a badge; looked like an Island County Sheriff's Officer.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23

#### 9:07 am, Goss Lake Rd.

Reporting party states the drug problem is getting worse. States subjects have blocked the water house with a code. States she has no water. Also states they have put the code on their tablets and control her air, too.

#### 11:37 am, SR 20

Male driving a rental flatbed from Home Depot had mattress fall out and rest of load is unsecured.

#### 11:46 am, San Juan St.

Requesting call; neighbor sped through the neighborhood. Reporting party went to male's house to ask that they slow down and male met her outside and was belligerent; yelled and used profanities. Male then went to reporting party's residence and took a picture of her home.

#### 4:39 pm, Ault Field Rd.

Requesting contact to get paperwork to file written complaint about neighbors. States are using illegal hospital equipment.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 24

#### 7:56 am, Cliff View Ln.

Second hand report to reporting party via a builder on site at location. Builder reporting to reporting party theft of a large boat propeller that was a yard ornament; very large ship propeller, stolen from yard.

#### 9:54 am, SR 20

Male subject was on property stating he was looking for someone; was told

to leave the premises. Subject left in green Chevy Astro van and smelled intoxicated.

#### 11:38 am, Ault Field Rd.

Caller says machines are cutting him now, says he needs an ambulance, needs CT scan on his head.

#### 4:01 pm, N Main St.

Person in lobby reporting squirrel fell out of tree at location and believes it is injured.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 25

#### 1:45 pm, Sandberg Ln.

Reporting party states someone is taking pictures of her, as she saw the flash. Didn't want to give her phone number as law enforcement didn't need it to build a case against her.

#### 11:45 pm, E Fakkema Rd.

Advising neighbor had an explosion; may have been a transformer. Huge flash; lots of flashing lights.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 26

#### 3:31 pm, Log Cabin Rd.

Unknown when it occurred. Location is vacant, property owned by caller. States son's wife has carved things into trees and dumped garbage.

#### 5:43 pm, SR 525

Reporting party states she is walking southbound toward the ferry with her son. States hoping law enforcement can give them a ride. Advising was invited to the island by a "friend," who is now not helping them get to the ferry and doesn't have money. "Friend" is walking with them too.

#### 6:55 pm, Ault Field Rd.

Advising several people are trying to kill him with radiation; caller now yelling at the people who caller says are using the radiation against him.

#### 8:43pm Ault Field Rd.

Reporting party advising equipment from neighborhood is sending radiation into his apartment. States law enforcement needs to find these people, even if they need to search every house. States he thinks it is coming from southeast of his location.

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

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# What's Going On

## 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.

## The Taming

Fridays, April 8 & 15, 7:30PM  
Saturdays, April 9 & 16, 7:30PM  
Sunday, April 10, 2:30PM  
Whidbey Playhouse, Oak Harbor  
Tickets: \$18

This hilarious, raucous, all-female "power-play" is inspired by Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*. An additional matinee will be held Saturday, April 16 at 2:30PM. For those who are not yet comfortable to attend in person, the on-demand video will be available April 8-16. Tickets are available at [www.whidbeyplayhouse.com/](http://www.whidbeyplayhouse.com/) tickets or by calling 360-679-2237.

## Classical Uncorked - Life Giving Hope

Saturday, April 9, 3:00pm  
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley

A moving, deeply personal, and emotionally charged program of sacred music. Music of Sorrow, Faith and Love. Stellar soprano Danielle Reutter-Harrah and baroque violinist Tekla Cunningham headline this moving, deeply personal, and emotionally charged program of sacred music by Johann Pachelbel, Antonia Bembo, Claudio Monteverdi, and more. For tickets or more information, visit [www.WICAonline.org](http://www.WICAonline.org) or call 360-221-8268.

## 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](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

## "Guess Who's Back" Tour

Saturday, April 9, 7:00-9:00pm  
The Taproom at Bayview Corner, Langley  
Sunday, April 10, 7:00-9:00PM  
Bailey's Corner Store, Clinton

The "Guess Who's Back" Tour with Mr. P Chill and special guest Max Bundles (Creator of the Max and Patrick Show) are coming up from Sacramento, Calif., to bring you a night of hip hop magic you won't soon forget. Accompanied by local

indie hip hop duo Woodbae and TreeStar from Whidbey Island. No charge to attend.

## Hope in a Bowl Fundraiser

Sunday, April 10, 5:30-7:00pm  
Braeburn Restaurant, Langley

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 and they are currently providing hot meals in war ravaged Ukraine and the surrounding countries where refugees have fled. 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. Those interested in donating today 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.

## Welcome Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, April 16, 10:00am-2:00pm  
Greenbank Farm, 765 Wonn Road

Presented by the Greenbank Garden Club. Come early for best selection. Hundreds of locally grown plants to choose from. Vegetable starts to establish plants, garden art, raffle items, and Garden Club photo contest note cards. Cash, check and credit

cards accepted. Proceeds support community projects such as the South Whidbey Farm to School program, the Coupeville Farm to School program and the Good Cheer garden.

## 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 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. 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. The workshop takes place in the Front Room, upstairs at the Bayview Cash Store, 5603 Bayview Rd. For questions and to RSVP, contact [education@southwhidbeytilth.org](mailto:education@southwhidbeytilth.org).

### Keeping a Small Flock of Hens - Coop tour and Class by South Whidbey Tilth Community Gardeners

Saturday, April 16, 10:00am-12:00pm  
Tilth campus, 2812 Thompson Road, Langley

Please come and visit the three unique chicken coops. Jennifer Carlson and other community gardeners will talk about their breeds of chickens, unique structures and how they relate to the gardens they are in. Types of feed, waterers, bedding, regular maintenance, composting the manure and predator proofing will be covered. Handouts provided. Meet in front of the Tilth chicken coop. Fee: \$5 for Tilth members, \$15 for non-members. For questions and to RSVP, contact [education@southwhidbeytilth.org](mailto:education@southwhidbeytilth.org).

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# South Whidbey says goodbye to Chief Palmer

By Sherrye Wyatt For South Whidbey Fire/EMS

South Whidbey Fire/EMS has bid farewell to Chief H.L. "Rusty" Palmer, who retired last week following a 46-year career devoted to serving the community – the last 12 years on south Whidbey.

When Palmer was young, his parents taught him that a life of service is the most rewarding way to live. Both of his parents led by example. In fact, his father served in the Army for 40 years, and was a volunteer firefighter.

"When I was young and first told my father that I was going to live in town, he said 'You don't want to live in a town, that's just buildings and streets. You want to live in a community, where people take care of each other, watch out for each other, and serve each other,'" he said. "So I joined the Jackson Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter/EMT in 1976."

That Wyoming department merged with four others to become the Jackson-Teton County Fire Department. He quickly rose through the ranks and was hired as a fire inspector. Concurrently, he was the director of Teton County Emergency Medical Services, prior to it merging with the fire department. He also flew as part of the medical crew with Jackson Hole Air Ambulance from 1984-1998.

Palmer was fire chief of Jackson Hole Fire/EMS until 2010, when he and his wife, Suzi Prentiss, moved to Whidbey Island.

In the fall of 2009, he tested for fire chief in five different locations in the northwest, including south Whidbey Island.

"We had our 'Titanic moment' on the bow of the ferry. As soon as we drove onto the island that was pretty much it. We were hooked," said Palmer.

His wife has been on this journey with him for a long time. She started as a driver with the same ambulance system in 1990 and became an EMT-I soon after. In 2000, she became an emergency room nurse and worked for the regional hospital in Jackson and served as one of the board of directors for Teton County Emergency Services. She is now licensed as an active retired nurse by Washington Department of Health and practices Ayurvedic



Sherrye Wyatt Photo  
Incoming South Whidbey Fire/EMS Chief Nicholas Walsh, left, presents outgoing fire chief Rusty Palmer with a shadow box commemorating his 46 years of service during Palmer's retirement ceremony last week. Palmer has been the fire chief on South Whidbey since 2010.

(ancient Indian) medicine. She is also a Washington board certified reflexologist, with her own business.

## Looking back over the past 12 years

"I am most proud of the members of the organization that have given of themselves to serve our community," Palmer said. "It takes special people to be able to do that, volunteer or career, and they reflect the best of the community. I'm proud of the efforts our members take to respond to our ever-growing call volume."

The department has not had a major firefighter injury or death, nor has it had a citizen death from a fire, and only a few serious injuries during Palmer's tenure.

"Our community has been very generous with us in providing the financial support we need to serve them. In our history, the 2012 and 2020 levy lifts are the only ones we have needed," he said.

The Bayview station was the last project in the 2007 Strategic Plan that had to be accomplished. It took 11 years to complete the entire process. In order to accomplish this, the department sold a bond to pay for it. Due to the financial process and position, South Whidbey Fire/EMS is now rated as an AA Investment Grade by Standard and Poor's (S&P).

"We have had a great deal of change in the last 12 years and I believe we have managed the majority of it very well," Palmer continued.

The department's response to the pandemic required more change than any other significant issue. The team weathered the storm well.

"Having staff on duty to respond to calls 24/7 has taken a big time burden off of our volunteers' shoulders," he said. "Even then, we have volunteers that spend time on duty with the career staff, on a pretty regular basis."

Palmer is proud of the relationships the department has built with partner agencies (other fire departments, Whidbey Health EMS, ICSO, Langley PD, and more.).

"No agency can do this job alone and these partnerships make our communities safer," he said.

## Looking forward to retirement

An avid gardener, Palmer loves digging in the dirt and watching the landscape grow. He also plans to spend time woodworking and traveling, plus will continue serving on the Hearts and Hammers board of directors. With four grown children, five grandchildren and one great-grandson, he and Suzi are determined to see them more often.

"After 46 years I'm looking forward to not having a pager, carrying two phones, or having half of my closet taken up by my uniforms. It will be quite a change, but spending more time with my lovely wife and our golden retriever, Moksha, is so exciting" he said.

Nicholas Walsh has been selected by fire commissioners as the next fire chief for South Whidbey Fire/EMS. He begins his duties Saturday.

# South Whidbey Rotary funds community grants

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The Rotary Club of South Whidbey is serious about pitching in to make a difference in its community.

The group recently awarded five grants to non-profit organizations it felt most needed support in their missions to assist members of the community. These financial awards were based on what South Whidbey Rotary has identified as the most pressing needs among residents on the south end of our island.

While it is not unusual for organizations like Rotary to help with community causes and service, South Whidbey Rotary took a unique approach to identifying how it could best serve the needs of these organizations and its community. It began with developing a strategic plan, followed by conducting a community needs assessment.

"We developed a strategic plan under my leadership, which started July 1," said South Whidbey Rotary president Marie Plakos. "We really needed a plan to move members forward and do the most we can do. We spent four months on the strategic plan and out of that came four committees, one of which is a community service/grants committee. Part of the committee's goals was to do a needs assessment, so when we do grants, we are targeting where we can work with the community and engage other organizations to work with them."

Plakos said South Whidbey Rotary had been gathering lists of organizations for several years, so committee members began making calls

to nonprofits on the south end. After speaking with at least 30 different organizations, she said the needs assessment really highlighted affordable housing as the biggest need.

"Affordable housing is obviously not something we could fund, but we can join in any planning that might take place," Plakos said. "So our second choice was to look at families and family needs, especially the organizations we talked to that served children, the elderly and veterans and those at risk of losing their homes or homelessness."

According to Plakos, South Whidbey Rotary had \$8,000 to give out in community grants, so they chose approximately 10 organizations, examined their financials and decided to focus on family organizations that were not highly funded and could put grant dollars to good use.

In the end, the organizations selected included Helping Hands of South Whidbey, Kids First of Island County and Mother Mentors, all of which received \$2,000. The Hub After School and Whidbey Veterans Resource Center each received a \$1,000 grant.

Plakos said Rotary members' service to these organizations doesn't end with the presentation of the checks, however.

"We will continue supporting those organizations through the process of giving grants, but we will also revisit our grant recipients," she said. "Where we see a place for us to step in and help and where we see a need, we will step in with hands-on assistance."

In fact, plans have already been made to partner with the Whidbey Veterans Resource Center for upcoming summer events, something representatives of that organization feel will help grow awareness of some of the challenges veterans on Whidbey Island face.

"We are excited to work closely with the Rotary Club and grow this strong, long-lasting partnership," said Chris Hudec, WVRC board president and Air Force veteran, in a press release. "With nearly 20 percent in Island County having served in the military, together we recognize that veterans make up an important part of our island's identity."

South Whidbey Rotary also plans to continue to do what it can to further the goal of creating more affordable housing on the south end.

"Down here on the south end it's been hard going, moving forward with how affordable housing will happen, whose property will be involved and how the community feels about that," Plakos said. "We are here when the community begins to move forward, helping in any way we can. We don't have funds, but we can go in and do service kinds of things."

For her part, Plakos said the needs assessment opened her eyes to the kinds of help local non-profit organizations offer to the community and how they coordinate with one another.

"I'm impressed with how closely knit all of the service organizations are to help on this island," she said. "There are more groups than one imagines. I was amazed at how many resources there are, I'm just not sure how well known

they are."

The Rotary Club of South Whidbey is 24 members strong. Plakos said this hard-working group is also giving out \$18,000 in scholarships to students, all part of members' enthusiasm for serving their community. New members are always welcome and can find information on the club and its meeting schedule online at <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/811>.

Plakos said this group is ready and willing to pitch in and help wherever it can, no matter how many members it has.

"It makes us feel like we want to work harder, give more," she said. "I'm so proud of the groups here on the island and the fact we can help and participate in helping those families and individuals who need the support. It gives us a great deal of pleasure to say we can do this. And it keeps us going – what else can we give away?"



Photos Courtesy of Rotary Club of South Whidbey

The Rotary Club of South Whidbey recently distributed grants to five nonprofit organizations whose programs focus on families and who serve the elderly, veterans and children. Presentations were made to Whidbey Veterans Resource Center, left, Helping Hands, Mother Mentors (top right) and Kids First (bottom right). Not pictured is The Hub After School.



Passover is steeped in tradition. Many of these traditions involve symbolic foods which tell the story of the Israelites and their miraculous exodus from Egyptian slavery. One such food is charoset (also spelled haroset), which symbolizes the mortar the Israelites used to build bricks when they were slaves in Egypt. Charoset is a fruit relish used on small sandwiches made from matzoh and bitter herbs. The bittersweet taste is supposed to teach the bitterness of bondage and the sweetness of freedom. Passover celebrants can make their own charoset by following this recipe, courtesy of *Israel My Glory* magazine.

**CHAROSET** (Makes 15 tablespoons)

- 1 large apple, any variety
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 2 Tablespoons honey
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- Small amount of lemon juice (optional)

The easiest method is to put the apples and nuts into a food processor and pulse until finely diced. Sprinkle enough lemon juice on the mixture to keep the apples from turning brown. Then mix in the other ingredients. Some people also mix in a little grape juice or wine. The recipe is very forgiving, so the measurements do not have to be exact.

Charoset is part of the traditional Passover seder plate



# WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Enhanced feelings of determination motivate you this week, Aries. You will be able to wrap up projects that you've thus far been unable to finish. You will be able to handle anything.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
The end of the tunnel isn't as far away as it may seem right now, Taurus. Take one step at a time and you will find out that the culmination of something challenging is near.

**GEMINI – May 22/June 21**  
Think about making some plans for a getaway or a short vacation this week, Gemini. You likely can use the break and change of scenery. Use this as an opportunity to rest and refocus.

**CANCER – June 22/July 22**  
Cancer, try not to be too judgemental of others, especially as it pertains to a project at work. Be open-minded to other ideas and value another's perspective.

**LEO – July 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, friends will come to you seeking advice or simply looking for a patient person to lend an ear. Give them all the time they need to share their thoughts.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Getting through the week shouldn't be too much of a problem for you, Libra. A second wind of energy may come your way and you will have the determination to get the job done.

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
When a project presents itself you don't want to pass on it, Libra. Do your due diligence. Now is not the time for shortcuts or to rush through anything.

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
There's a good chance you will feel positive and upbeat for most of the week, Scorpio. Make the most of this good mood and catch up with friends and loved ones.

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, don't underestimate your ability to be resourceful when a problem lands in your lap. You will find the answers to get through it.

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Try not to let one obstacle get you down, Capricorn. You will have plenty of other opportunities to redeem yourself and find success in the task at hand.

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, it can be easy to fall into a rut, but by daring to be different you may gain a new perspective on things you never imagined. Try a new style and embrace the change.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Resist feeling self-conscious about some of your choices, Pisces. If you believe in yourself, others will start to flock to your side.

**FAMOUS APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- APRIL 3 - Paris Jackson, Model/Singer (24)
- APRIL 4 - Robert Downey Jr., Actor (57)
- APRIL 5 - Lily James, Actress (33)
- APRIL 6 - Peyton List, Actress (24)
- APRIL 7 - Jackie Chan, Actor (68)
- APRIL 8 - CeeDee Lamb, Athlete (23)
- APRIL 9 - Jesse McCartney, Singer (35)

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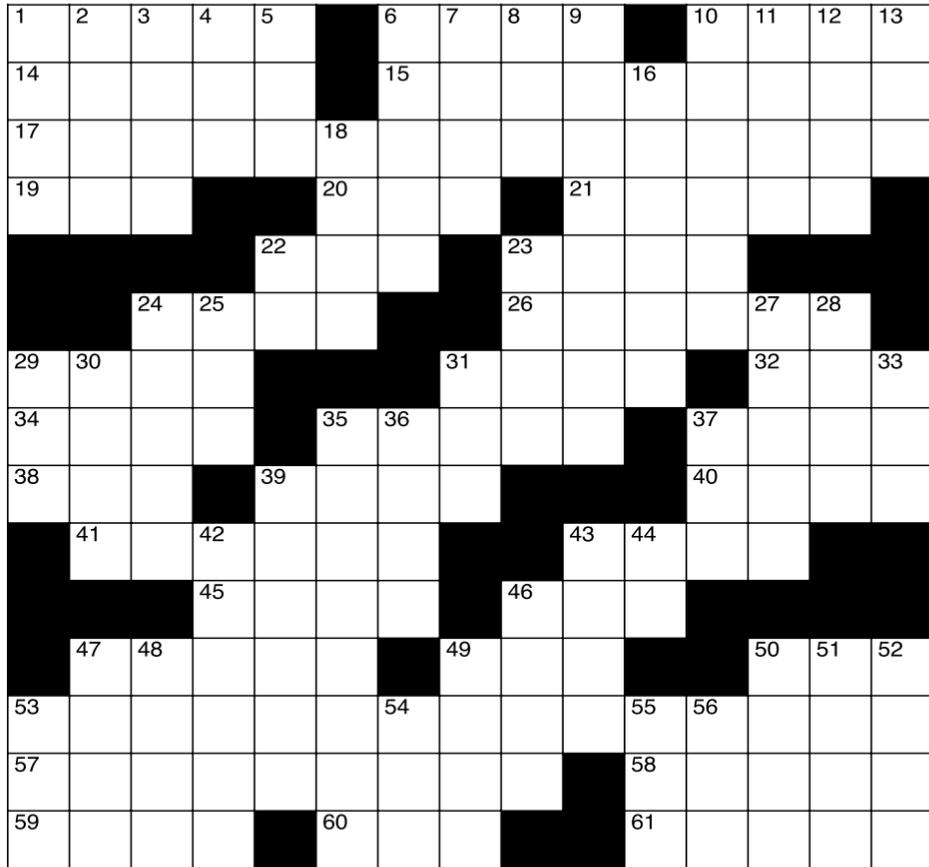
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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. North American people
- 6. Chinese surname
- 10. Fit in at the last minute
- 14. "Very" in musical terminology
- 15. Underwater displays
- 17. Crosby's bandmates
- 19. Belong to he
- 20. Informed about the latest trends (archaic)
- 21. Sequences of alternating turns
- 22. Genus of grasses
- 23. Satisfy
- 24. Petty quarrel
- 26. Made level
- 29. Ruler of Iran
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### CLUES DOWN

- 15. Underwater displays
- 17. Crosby's bandmates
- 19. Belong to he
- 20. Informed about the latest trends (archaic)
- 21. Sequences of alternating turns
- 22. Genus of grasses
- 23. Satisfy
- 24. Petty quarrel
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- 46. Apply pressure to
- 47. Divide in half
- 49. Bad deed
- 50. Don't know when yet
- 53. Hollywood's greatest honor
- 57. Aiming to exhort
- 58. Faked
- 59. A way to pierce
- 60. Midway between northeast and east
- 61. Points
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Chinese mountain range
- 29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- 30. Precursor to hemoglobin
- 31. Much \_\_\_ about nothing
- 33. Compound fabric (abbr.)
- 35. A way to act slowly on
- 36. Ottoman military commanders
- 37. Popular kids' network
- 39. Hard compound
- 42. Sympathize with
- 43. Northeast college
- 44. Blood group
- 46. Frosted
- 47. Turn away
- 48. Benefit
- 49. Dry or withered
- 50. Bangladeshi monetary unit
- 51. Reproduced
- 52. Contributes
- 53. Thrust horse power (abbr.)
- 54. Wear
- 55. Promotes retention of water (abbr.)
- 56. Very small

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### YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

<p><b>Thurs, April 7</b></p> <p>North Isle H-56°/L-44° Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-58°/L-46° Cloudy</p>	<p><b>Fri, April 8</b></p> <p>North Isle H-56°/L-40° Mostly Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-56°/L-40° Partly Sunny</p>	<p><b>Sat, April 9</b></p> <p>North Isle H-51°/L-37° Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-52°/L-42° Rain</p>	<p><b>Sun, April 10</b></p> <p>North Isle H-48°/L-41° Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-51°/L-41° Rain</p>	<p><b>Mon, April 11</b></p> <p>North Isle H-52°/L-41° Showers</p> <p>South Isle H-50°/L-40° Showers</p>	<p><b>Tues, April 12</b></p> <p>North Isle H-51°/L-43° Mostly Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-52°/L-42° Mostly Cloudy</p>	<p><b>Wed, April 13</b></p> <p>North Isle H-52°/L-42° Mostly Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-53°/L-40° Partly Sunny</p>
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## OUR Community

### An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What new and unexpected hobby did you start during the pandemic?

#### Charlotte Gray Oak Harbor



In 2020 I had to close my shop, Whimsies, here in Oak Harbor for almost four months. Although I had been doing mosaics for several years, the unexpected time at home gave me the chance to work without time constraints or interruptions. I was able to work on mosaics at an entirely different level. So, although it is not a new hobby for me, the extra time at home became an unexpected opportunity and blessing.

#### Corinne Oak Harbor



Initially, I found that what I most needed in my life during 'The COVID Period' was to consciously step away from the low energy which the pandemic crisis comes from, and the fear which grows from living in a lower state of unconsciousness. I wanted to bring light and joy into my life, not through more busy-ness, but by connecting with my own inner peace, which I knew I had in me. Which I know we all have in ourselves.

I began to focus each day on simply sitting in quiet, being in the present moment. One day as I sat looking out the window towards the sea the thought of having a cup of tea came into my mind. As I prepared some green tea from this place of inner calm, I unexpectedly became intuitively aware of the practice of the Tao of Tea – the ancient way of finding and creating a space within where one can find harmony with the universe, enjoying tea alone or with a small group of friends. I had heard about The Way of Tea years ago, but on this misty day, it flowered in my peaceful mind, bringing in light and joy.

Very simply, the Tao of Tea is the conscious drinking of tea as a way to find our place within the ever shifting, ever changing universe. It is an extremely subtle way of life, both a Daoist philosophy as well as the act of finding, preparing, and sharing beautiful teas, often from China or Japan. With thoughtful attention, tea clears the mind, sharpens concentration, brings quietude. Now, every day I enjoy the grace and elegance, the balance and harmony, which a small cup of tea enjoyed in silence can bring.

#### Jan McKinney Oak Harbor



Since spending more time online, I've discovered so many places around the world to visit by webinars, walk through, or aerial views.

It has taken me to the Seychelles, the Maldives, Egypt, South Africa, Bora Bora, Fiji, Hawaii, Santorini, Argentina, Lisbon and Amalfi ( my roots). The world is just a click away! Makes the time fly by. Carpe Diem!

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# Community Bulletin Board

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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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](mailto:jeff.natter@island-shakespearefest.org). Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County (BBBSIC) is actively seeking new member(s) for its Board of Directors. Join the board's exciting array of professionals! BBBSIC is seeking individuals who are committed to defending the potential of youth in our community through their time, skill sets, and influence in the community. To complement the existing board, candidates with expertise in accounting, law, nonprofit management, networking, or fundraising are of particular interest. Committed to diversifying its board to better represent our community, BBBSIC encourages BIPOC and LGBTQIA community members to inquire. Please contact [admin@bbbsislandcounty.org](mailto: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.

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