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A survey being conducted by Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism gives the public a chance to weigh in on what tourism in Island County could look like in the future. Deadline to take the survey is Oct. 31.

Local input sought to help focus the future of island tourism

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

No one can predict the future. But with help from Island County residents, Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism is hoping to predict future trends and implement ways to handle future tourism growth in a way that benefits residents, visitors and the environment.

The organization is asking all residents to complete a brief online survey by Oct. 31. There are just 13 questions and the survey may be completed anonymously. Visit whidbeycamanoislands.com/transformational-travel/ to learn more and to take the survey.

"There is a desire to thoughtfully explore ways that tourism can improve the lives of residents, enrich visitors' experiences, and benefit the natural environment of the islands," said Sherrye Wyatt, PR and marketing manager for Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism.

"Local input is essential to this process," she continued. "Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism has enrolled key tourism stakeholders and community members to participate in the Transformational Travel Council's Regenerative Places Program, so that we may genuinely improve and benefit our community."

Tourism is big business, even on Whidbey and Camano Islands. The concept of "transformational travel," according to Wyatt, is purposeful and designed to help people think about travel in a different way.

"According to the Transformational Travel Council, transformational travel is intentionally traveling to stretch, learn and grow into new ways of being and engaging with the world," she explained. "Traveler spending contributed \$283 million to Island County in 2021. That's pretty significant and should be taken into consideration when imagining what the islands would be without these visitors who currently support thousands of jobs and hundreds of small businesses."

"Tourism plays a significant role in Island County by providing jobs, improving our local economy, and providing a positive community image, which is critical for economic development," agreed Sharon Sappington, executive director of the Economic Development Council of Island County.

"If done properly, I see tourism as a future economic growth area," Sappington continued. "Tourism has a multiplier effect across economic sectors in Island County, such as food services, accommodations, retail, agriculture, and outdoor activities. Through intentional and thoughtful efforts, such as [what is] currently being done by the Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism group, and [if] sustainably managed, tourism can contribute to economic diversification, enhance local products and culture, promote local businesses and support job creation."

Of course, with growth comes an increase in the use of basic infrastructure and services. Survey organizers hope input from the public can provide ideas on how to manage an anticipated increase in the number of visitors. One cannot overlook impacts on the environment as well – one of the reasons Whidbey and Camano Island Tourism recently published its new "Field Guide," which featured trails a little more off the beaten path.

"Directing visitors and residents to explore lesser-known attractions is one way to ensure no part of the islands become over loved," Wyatt said. "We are in the process of considering developing another field guide in our series, this one to celebrate heritage and culture, including the islands' indigenous people and historical significance before the arrival of European settlers."

The islands' rural character is part of its appeal to visitors. Maintaining that character is important, as is protecting private property.

"People deserve to access special places like this and it seems like in large part, our communities can accommodate increased numbers if we can better prepare our visitors for their time on the islands," said Julie Dougherty Winger, director of Friends of Ebey's Reserve. "A particular challenge for our area is that while many of our challenges are those you see at heavily visited public lands, the majority of our land is private land. It feels like it's public land to people visiting, but is often land in use by the very industries that are integral to our rural character, such as farming."

"In general, the trust board [of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve] is focusing on a more concerted outreach effort about the environmental impact of increased numbers of people walking on nature pathways and, maybe most importantly, an enhanced effort from all partners on emphasizing the privately-owned land on which people should not trespass," said Marie Shimada, Reserve manager. "We've had huge problems this summer with farmland trespass."

As with any tourist destination, increased traffic is a given. That's why organizations are already beginning to look at ways to manage the increase.

"We've seen a 33 percent increase just at our office this year with visitors," Shimada said. "Right now, all of those people are presumptively driving here. We need folks who can help push the need for expanded public transit to cut down on traffic/parking/emissions. My dream world has efficient park and ride use combined with frequent round trip routes that go past all of the trailheads. People could visit Whidbey and never need their vehicle - arrive by train, ferry, and then a free transit system that connects people to lodging AND tourist attractions."

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County pursues plan to upgrade local internet access, quality

By Melanie Hammons Whidbey Weekly

A recent Town Hall chaired by Island County Commissioner Janet St. Clair made the case for investing in infrastructure upgrades to enhance residential and commercial Internet service. The meeting's subject covered FCC broadband (Internet) mapping in Island County and ways the public can be involved in the process. St. Clair said the Town Hall's goal was "to get people engaged."

Joined by fellow Broadband Action Team members Kevin McCalmon and Stuart Wyatt, the Oct. 6 online meeting conducted at the Camano Administration Building, explained the mapping process and the rationale behind pushing for infrastructure improvements.

"FCC mapping has been used to determine availability of internet providers and broad-

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7
3:56 am, Resort Rd.

Audible – Zoning: great room motion, garage interior, front door; homeowner on site, advising of “multiple odd people outside with flashlights;” on site number went to generic voicemail.

9:43 am, Park Ave.

Hang up; possibly heard a female voice, then silence; on redial, female advising it was an accidental butt dial when her brother accidentally spilled water on her.

9:49 am, E Crescent Harbor Rd.

Caller wants to report harassment, unknown subject; advising subject passes by and “flips off” reporting party every day.

12:46 pm, Deer Lake Rd.

Advising white male “seems in distress” and has no pants; “using bathroom behind shed.” There now, also smoking.

6:38 pm, Longwood Ln.

Reporting party states neighbor has been blaring music every afternoon for days, causing reporting party to keep doors and windows closed; also firing firearms earlier this weekend, frightening her horses.

8:17 pm, S Main St.

Caller states male is “charging people” walking towards the high school on Main Street; is yelling at people; white male, black shirts, shorts.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 8

12:08 pm, Main St.

Advising kitchen staff at location jumped out in front of the reporting party’s vehicle, stating he didn’t complete the job; the subject claimed the reporting party ran over the subject’s foot but reporting party claims that did not happen.

3:58 pm, SR 20

Reporting party states she is missing a cat and is wondering if it may be stuck inside the house in a wall or under the floor-board. Cat is orange and white, mostly white, with orange head and tail; male.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9

12:05 pm, Cozy Pl.

Reporting party states just called his mother and a strange female answered the phone; female claimed to be a friend

of his mother’s, and when reporting party asked for her name, female refused and told reporting party her name was none of his business and said mother wasn’t home.

2:23 pm, SR 525

Caller advising male subject locked himself in bathroom one-and-a-half hours ago; does answer when someone knocks. Park prior to tollbooths by the light.

4:47 pm, SR 525

Reporting party is employee at location, advising of person sitting in bushes making really loud noises; loud coughs and creepy laughing; reporting party unable to see them. Bushes between dirt road behind location and parking lot.

6:17 pm, SR 525

Caller states male in a blue mini van approached on foot and told reporting party he had a dollar for her; states she is there alone and felt it was strange to be approached at such a fast-paced walk; subject has now left in the vehicle. Is now across the street.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10

11:42 am, Scenic Heights Rd.

Caller advising a tractor in area is plowing fields; advising dust is covering roadway; vehicles are slamming on brakes; caller advising lives on street and is seeing this, denying medical.

2:14 pm, Humphrey Rd.

Advising a subject in early 20s came to front door and asked reporting party for a cigarette; is now sitting with the reporting party in front yard; reporting party requesting he “nicely” be moved along.

10:07 pm, Paul Ave.

Reporting party advising neighbors are having a “kegger;” advised them to shut it down and they verbally threatened them; reporting party now advising they were just yelling at him.

MONDAY, SEPT. 12

2:19 pm, Bismark Ln.

Party requesting phone call, referencing neighbor putting her garbage in reporting party’s garbage can as well as other neighbor’s; reporting party is specifically looking for the ordinance.

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

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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

I attended the "Old Goats" meeting when Sheriff Felici and Deputy Campbell were there. The thing that really struck me was, when asked of Sheriff Felici about not having a K-9 unit for Island County, he basically said it would be like wanting a snowmobile, but the cost would be too high and felt it was frivolous. Not sure how one would think a K-9 unit to sniff out drugs and bombs is frivolous. Just recently in Oak Harbor, there was a bomb scare and since we don't have a K-9 unit, we had to "borrow" a K-9 from NAS. There are several counties in Washington state that have a K-9 unit.

I know Deputy Campbell has advocated for the K-9 unit for years. He is on the streets daily and gets a first hand look at the drugs, alcohol and vandalism and knows the value of a K-9 unit.

The following is a quote by Doug Wyllie. He has authored thousands of feature articles, opinion columns, news reports and tactical tips with the goal of ensuring that police officers are safer and more successful on the streets.

"The police K-9 has a unique impact on the community. These animals serve myriad missions, from drug enforcement to search and rescue to apprehending fleeing subjects. They are also ambassadors of the department, appearing at special events for protective and also public relations purposes. They take down criminals and break down barriers between the police and the public."

Please vote for Lane Campbell for Island County Sheriff, he is the man for the job.

Char Henderson
Freeland, Wash.

Editor,

The county commissioners are the ones who set the budget each year. I would highly recommend everyone going to the county website and look up "Expenditures Fund Summary" where you can see where all our tax dollars are being spent each year. I would like to point out one category in particular, Homeless Housing. In 2015, the budget was \$696,399, in 2022 it's \$5,120,568. The homeless population has grown with the budget. It's no secret that Island County is a place to come if you're homeless. I do understand there are people that are homeless due to certain situations like losing a job for one. I'm talking about the homeless that have problems primarily with drugs. Commissioner St. Clair voted for the new "affordable housing" Harbor Inn in Freeland. That will be a "low barrier" facility, which means those staying there will not be checked for drugs or alcohol use. There was never a formal public hearing, and everyone I talked to had no idea what was being planned. The decision was already made by Commissioners St. Clair and Bacon, before they even heard from the public at the Board of County Commissioners meetings where you could speak for three minutes. And let's be clear, it is not affordable housing, it's a homeless shelter. Affordable just sounds better, right?

I want a Commissioner who wants to hear from us and will listen to our concerns.

I will be voting for Tim Hazelo for County Commissioner Dist. 3 Nov 8. We need a clear headed, logical thinking and common sense commissioner. Here are a few things Tim has committed to doing if elected:

Support law and order: More officers and facilities

Fiscal accountability of your tax dollars: Where is it going? How can it be done better? New taxes to cover bad policies helps no one.

Address homelessness and addiction: Millions spent on what? Has the situation improved or gotten worse? Put some expectations of improvement in the policies.

Protect sustainable rural living: Prevent the big city, big county political infiltration and protect your property rights.

Support our Navy and restore faith and trust in our local government.

I don't know about you, but I want Commissioners who listen to us and genuinely want the best of our county.

Please vote for Tim Hazelo Nov. 8.

Jim Henderson
Freeland, Wash.

What Are Raptors Anyways?

Thursday, Thomas Bancroft will explore the characteristics of various birds of prey for the monthly public program of the Whidbey Audubon Society at 7:30PM at the Coupeville Recreation Hall, 901 NW Alexander Street, or online. To attend online, register at www.whidbeyaudubonsociety.org/eventslist by noon Thursday. The program is preceded by socializing and a brief meeting at 7:00PM.

Bancroft says, "Birders love to look for raptors, and we often talk about these birds. But what are they? Hawks, eagles and falcons for sure, but what about owls? Some say 'vertebrate' eaters with talons, but does that eliminate kites that eat a lot of insects? What about shrikes which seem like ferocious hunters? Lots to think about. Fascinating, too, is how these birds evolved. Recent genetic work shows falcons are not very closely related to hawks, eagles and kites. It turns out the closest relatives of falcons are parrots and passerines rather than those other 'raptors.' What do we do with vultures?"

Dr. Bancroft will discuss the evolution of these groups and how convergence to exploit vertebrate prey has molded different evolutionary lines. The science of these birds is rapid, showing the sequence of families and species have changed from earlier versions. Bancroft will concentrate on raptors of Western North America but might peek at some from Australia, Africa, Panama and Brazil.

Thomas Bancroft has been a birder all his life and has a Ph.D. in Ornithology. His career focused on birds, their science and conservation. After graduate school, he worked on Everglades and Florida Keys protection, studying wading birds, White-crowned Pigeons and the ecosystems of south Florida. Then, he moved to Washington, D.C. to work at the interface of science and policy. Before moving to Seattle, Thomas served as Chief Scientist for National Audubon, helping them integrate with the work of Birdlife International across the Americas and advising the Department of Interior on their guidelines for siting wind turbines. He remains active in pushing a conservation agenda. Dr. Bancroft is a Scientific Advisor to BirdNote and recently finished a six-year appointment on Washington Audubon's board.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]

October is Orca-Salmon Month in Puget Sound

October is Orca-Salmon Month in Puget Sound, a time when Southern Resident orcas begin entering these waters to search for salmon. Please celebrate with Orca Network this month by joining a series of events, learning about the relationship between Southern Resident orcas and salmon, and how you can get involved in recovery efforts.

Orca Recovery Day Beach Clean-Up

Saturday, 3:30-5:00PM

Orca Recovery Day is a region-wide effort with local conservation districts and many partner organizations taking action on behalf of the endangered Southern Resident orcas. The public is invited to join Orca Network at Double Bluff beach on Whidbey Island for a beach clean-up. Meet at the beach at 3:30PM where there will be some educational panels and docents ready to talk about the relationship between Southern Resident orcas and salmon. Then you will put knowledge into action with a beach clean-up. Please bring your trash grabbers and gloves if you have them, but there will be some available for those who do not. If you are unable to join in person, please consider cleaning a beach or park near you in honor of Orca Recovery Day.

Share the Water Webinar #6: The Science around Boats and Southern Resident Killer Whales

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 7:00-8:30PM

Please join the sixth Share the Water Webinar, featuring Orca Behavior Institute's director Monika Wieland Shields summarizing the science and rule-making behind small vessel regulations in the vicinity of Southern Resident killer whales. As the endangered Southern Residents are returning to the busy waters of central Puget Sound, Monika will also review current regulations and best practices for all watercraft while operating around whales.

Monika Wieland Shields is the co-founder and director of the nonprofit Orca Behavior Institute, which conducts non-invasive behavioral and acoustic research on both Southern Resident and Bigg's killer whales. She is a biologist, author, and wildlife photographer, and recently published a new paper on vessel behavior around orcas in the Salish Sea.

Register at https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ayS3nrlaRdmN3ozZP_dMQQ.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Orca-Salmon Month Event at the Blue Fox Drive-In

Monday Oct. 24, 4:00-8:00PM

Enjoy a family friendly night out at the Blue Fox Drive-In and learn about the Orca-Salmon Connection. The event will begin with games, activities, educational booths, a silent auction, and a kissing booth with Eba, the Orca Poop Sniffing Dog! After the activities, there will be series of films, starting with a fun video about Eba the Whale Dog and ending with a new documentary, *The Lost Salmon*, by filmmaker Shane Anderson, currently being shown in the film festival circuit and fresh off the Friday Harbor Film Festival.

Ticket Prices: Child 4 and under - Free; Youth 5 to 17 - \$5; Adult 18 and older - \$10.

[Submitted by Stephanie Raymond, Orca Network Program Manager]

How should you pay for short-term financial goals?

As you go through life, you will likely have long- and short-term financial goals. But how will your strategies for meeting your long-term goals differ from those needed for your short-term ones?

If you're like most people, your biggest long-term goal is achieving a comfortable retirement. And for this goal, a common strategy is putting away money in tax-advantaged retirement vehicles, such as your 401(k) and IRA.

So, how should you go about preparing for shorter-term goals, such as a family vacation, home renovation, wedding or major purchase? For starters, determine what your goal is, how much you can spend on it and when you'll need the money. Even if you can't pinpoint a precise amount, you can develop a good estimate. Of course, the sooner you start this process, the better off you'll be, because you'll have more time to save.

Your next decision involves the manner in which you save for your short-term goal. Specifically, what savings or investment vehicles should you use? The answer will be different for everyone, but you need to make sure that your investments align with your risk tolerance and time horizon. And you'll want to ensure, as much as possible, that a certain amount of money is available for you at the specific time you'll need it.

If you aren't able to save enough to reach a short-term goal, you have other options — you can borrow what you need, or you can potentially sell investments to cover the cost. How can you decide which choice is best?

To help make up your mind, you'll first want to consider some of the most common borrowing options: credit cards, home equity loans, personal loans and margin loans. (A margin loan lets you borrow against the value of investments you already own). How might each of these loans fit into your overall financial strategy? Will the repayment schedule work with your cash flow and budget?

You'll then want to compare the costs and benefits of borrowing, in whatever form, against selling investments. For example, if you can borrow at a lower interest rate compared to the return you think you can get from your investments, borrowing might be a reasonable choice. You'll also need to consider other factors, such as your credit score, taxes, fees associated with selling investments and time needed to repay debts. If, for instance, selling investments will trigger a large amount of taxes, borrowing might be preferable. You'll also want to consider whether there's a penalty or high costs associated with selling investments. In addition, if you have a long time horizon for a loan, you may want to sell investments to avoid paying interest for a longer period of time, and thus driving up the overall cost of borrowing. Finally, keep in mind that you may have built an investment mix designed to align with your goals and risk tolerance. If you were to sell any of these investments to meet short-term needs, you would want to consider the need to rebalance your portfolio to maintain your desired asset allocation.

As you can see, there's a lot to think about when it comes to paying for short-term goals. But by carefully evaluating your options, you can make the choices that are right for your needs.

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Since being your commissioner, I've worked to

- ✓ expand healthcare access to include mental health and addiction
- ✓ brought \$14M in rural broadband services
- ✓ supported affordable housing projects
- ✓ assisted small businesses during the pandemic

There's still more to do, and I will continue using my experience to make our community thrive.

Janet

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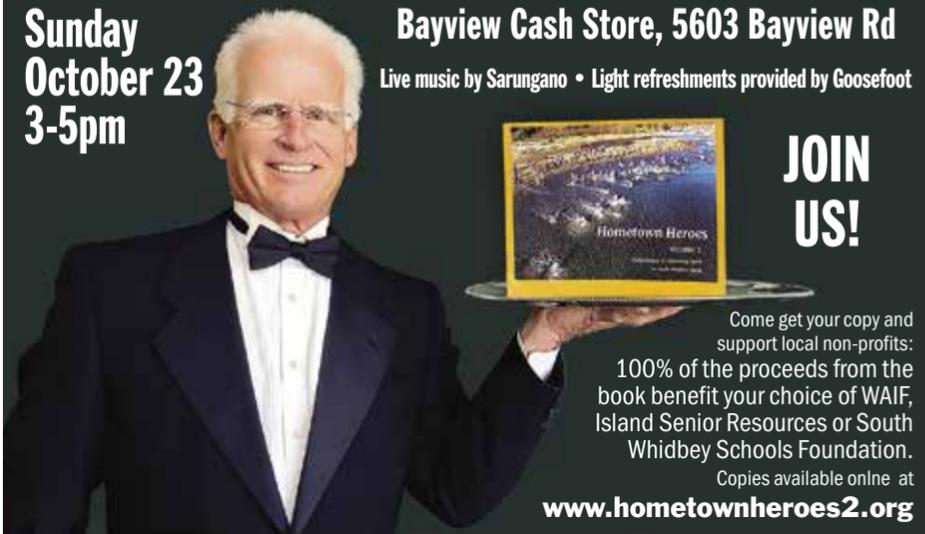
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World-Renowned Violinist Jaime Jorge In Concert

Jaime's forceful, expressive mastery of the violin has delighted audiences around the globe. He has dedicated his talents to sharing the love of God through sacred and classical concerts and special appearances the world over.

Jaime has played in a multitude of settings from high school auditoriums to Carnegie Hall. He has played in 60 countries on six continents, and has released 17 albums.

Besides being an accomplished musician, Jaime has an inspiring story to share. Born and raised in communist Cuba, he was offered many opportunities - including offers to study in Moscow with some of the greatest musicians of our time - if only he and his family would renounce their belief in God. They refused. When Jaime was 10, miraculously, his family was given the opportunity to leave the country.

This concert is part of a missionary music tour dedicated to support Healing Music, a ministry that helps bring hope through music and music education to Cuba, India, and communist countries.

Sunday, 4:00PM
Oak Harbor First United Methodist Church, 1050 SE Ireland St.

Admission is free, donations are appreciated. For more information, visit www.oakharborfumc.org/jaimejorge.

[Submitted by Sebastian Serrano-Ayala]

The Wait is Over: Hometown Heroes Volume 2 is Now Available

The release of the book will be celebrated Oct. 23 from 3:00 to 5:00PM in the Front Room of the Bayview Cash Store. All are welcome. Come meet and mingle with the heroes from the book - bring a pen for autographs! Light refreshments will be provided by Goosefoot, and lovely Zimbabwean vocals will fill the air, courtesy of (Hometown Hero) Dana Moffatt and the ladies of Sarungano. Kevin Lundgren will be the cherished MC. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the \$30 book will go to the South Whidbey Schools Foundation, Island Senior Resources and WAIF Animal Shelter.

Hometown Heroes Volume 2 is the second collection of interviews by local author Susan Knickerbocker. The book showcases South Whidbey residents who could be role models for others and inspire each of us to be our best selves within the community.

The interviews were originally published in the South Whidbey Record for 25 years from 1995 to 2020. They feature known and lesser-known locals who have built and contributed to institutions we use and appreciate every day such as the Whidbey Institute, Whidbey Island Nourishes, the Whidbey Homeless Coalition, the Star Store, the Greenbank Birth Center, and so many more. Inspiring teachers, students, and community members also radiate their wisdom in the touching profiles of their lives.

Volume 2 offers 53 fresh profiles in a beautiful coffee table book format, enhanced with illustrations from South Whidbey students. It is currently available at the Community Center in Langley, WAIF thrift stores, Senior thrift and online at www.hometownheroes2.org.

[Submitted by Anna Cosper]

WhidbeyHealth Board Continues Search For Next CEO

The Whidbey Island Public Hospital District (WhidbeyHealth) board of commissioners announced last week that the search for a successor to interim CEO Mike Layfield, the district's chief executive officer, will continue. An offer was provided to a prospective candidate recommended by the district's management services provider, HealthTechS3. The offer was not accepted within the established time frame, and HealthTechS3 will continue its

search. Layfield will remain acting CEO until such time as an appropriate successor is found.

The Whidbey Island Public Hospital District's board of commissioners is comprised of five (5) elected officials, representing the whole of Whidbey Island, Wash. The board is responsible for strategic direction and financial oversight of the hospital district. They meet monthly and act as liaisons between the hospital and community.

[Submitted by Conor O'Brien, Marketing Manager & Public Records Officer, WhidbeyHealth]

Costume and Character: 12 Seasons at Island Shakespeare Festival

It's a show about shows at the Cash Store Hub Gallery and it's colorful and fun.

Island Shakespeare Festival recently completed its twelfth season on south Whidbey Island. Thanks to Goosefoot, ISF is thrilled to open its wardrobe to present just a few of the costumes that have made these past 12 years of offering classical theater to audiences so memorable.

ISF believes art is for everyone. By providing accessible classical productions in innovative and compelling ways, it intends to continue to harness the power of theater to illuminate, inspire, and foster our ability to live, locally and globally, in connection with each other. Costume design not only completes a character's visual appearance, but also helps an audience cue into tone and style, time and place, and character information. Plus, costumes are fun!

Costume and Character: 12 Seasons at ISF is open daily from 10:00AM to 5:00PM through Nov. 6 at the Bayview Cash Store Hub.

[Submitted by Patricia Duff]

J Pod - Endangered Southern Resident Orcas Make Their First 2022 Fall Foray Into Inland Puget Sound



J pod member in Point No Point, Kitsap, Oct. 5. Photo by Jim Pasola

By early evening Oct. 4, Orca Network Whale Sighting Network staff were able to confirm the pod of orcas present inland Puget Sound was endangered Southern Residents, the fish-eating type orcas whose main food source is salmon, primarily Chinook. With the region enveloped in dense fog, achieving a proper headcount was challenging and made confirming ecotype difficult. Late in the morning Washington State Ferries first reported to Orca Network two northbound orcas off Edmonds/Kingston. Mid-afternoon brought the next reports of seven southbound orcas who traveled as far south as south Bainbridge Island before turning back to travel north. With a group of Bigg's inland just days prior, and reports hovering around seven orcas, it was still unclear who was present. Whale Sighting Network Coordinator Alisa Lemire Brooks met the lead whales just as they arrived off Shilshole Marina/Golden Gardens. As more and more orcas arrived, widely spread in all directions, it became clear they were endangered Southern Residents. In the fall, after spending summers foraging for salmon out in the Pacific and more northern waterways in the Salish Sea, Southern Residents travel further inland to their Puget Sound habitat following the fall and early winter salmon runs, an important food source for them.

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JOIN ORCA NETWORK IN CELEBRATING ORCA SALMON MONTH IN OCTOBER

Saturday, October 15th
Orca Recovery Day Beach Clean-up at Double Bluff Beach from 3:30-5:00pm
Orca Recovery Day Pledges at Langley Whale Center from 11-4pm

Monday, October 24th
Orca Network's Orca Salmon Month Event at Blue Fox Drive-in Theatre in Oak Harbor from 4:00-8:00pm. Tickets Sold at the Door.
\$10 for 18 and up, \$5 for youth, 4 and under free.
Come enjoy a family-friendly night out while you learn about the Orca-Salmon connection.
4:00-6:00pm Games and activities for kids, educational booths from Orca Network and Whidbey Conservation partners, a silent auction, and a kissing booth with Eba the Whale Dog!
6:00-8:00pm A series of films, starting with a fun video about Eba the Whale Poop Sniffing Dog and ending with a new documentary, "The Lost Salmon", by filmmaker Shane Anderson, currently being shown in the film festival circuit, and fresh off the Friday Harbor Film Festival.



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Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below

Cost: Free:

Washington State Parks Ranger Read Along

Thursday, October 13, 9:30-10:30AM

Coupeville Library

To celebrate Orca Recovery Day, Washington State parks is collaborating with the Coupeville Library for a special Ranger Reads program. The Coupeville Library has beautiful community supported Rain Gardens that help manage stormwater so that it is cleaner and safer for our Orcas and other marine life when the runoff eventually meets the ocean.

Rain Garden Planting to Support Bees and Orca Habitat

Saturday, October 15, 10:00AM-2:00PM

Coupeville Library Rain Garden

Help rejuvenate a mature rain garden, add pollinator habitat, and learn about sustainable gardening practices to help promote healthy water quality for orcas and salmon! Please prepare to get dirty and bring your favorite shovel or trowel! Register by following this link: [Events & Education \(whidbeycd.org\)](https://www.whidbeycd.org)

Virtual Candidate Forums

Tuesday, October 18, 6:00PM

Candidates for contested county offices: Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer

Thursday, October 20, 6:00PM

Candidates for Legislative District 10, Positions 1 and 2, County Commissioner, District 3

Presented by The League of Women Voters of Whidbey Island. To attend: Zoom links will be posted on lwwhidbey.org a day in advance of each forum event. Candidates will answer questions and discuss topics. The public is invited to submit candidate questions for the Forum Committee's consideration to lwv.whidbey@gmail.com. All forum sessions are free and open to the public.

Craft, Chat, Chill

Thursday, October 20, 11:00AM-1:00PM

Freeland Library

Bring your drawing, sewing, bookbinding, quilting, collage or whatever you have that you'd like to finish. We have tables, chairs and sinks. You bring your supplies and we can share our journey!

Meet the Author: Terry Clayton

Thursday, October 20, 2:00-3:00PM

Freeland Library

Meet local author Terry Clayton as he discusses his book- *Facing the Moment*.

Made By Hand: Junk Journals!

Saturday, October 22, 10:00AM-12:00PM

Freeland Library

Join Cyndy Jensen as she shows us how to alter old books into whimsical pieces of art. Supplies are provided. Preregistration is required.

Meetings & Organizations

Iconic Views of Wilderness

Landscapes in Norway and America

Saturday, October 15, 11:00AM-12:30PM

Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge, Coupeville

The meeting will feature National Nordic Museum's Leslie Anderson who will discuss the current exhibition *Across the West and Toward the North: Norwegian and Ameri-*

can Landscape Photography, which draws original photographs from collections in both Norway and the U.S. Free and open to the public. The Lodge is located at 63 Jacobs Rd.

Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers (WIGS)

Tuesday, October 18, 1:00PM

Zoom meeting

Melissa Barker will present "The Home Archivist: Preserving Your Records Like a Pro!" An educational "how to" meeting from a professional. Learn how to preserve, protect, and archive family records, photos and artifacts. Non-WIGS members: send email to whidbeygensearchers@gmail.com by Oct. 16 to receive a Zoom invitation. All are invited to join.

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

Medicare 2023

Monday, October 17, noon

WhidbeyHealth Medical Center, Coupeville Conference Room A

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15 through December 7 every

year. Your decisions during these 7-plus weeks, to join or switch Medicare Advantage or Part D Prescription Plans, have a big impact on your Medicare costs and benefits throughout 2023. The Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) is hosting a series of in-person and virtual workshops for Whidbey Island residents. Please call 360-321-1600 or go online to senior-resources.org/calendar for details and to register.

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Laura Hilton Photo Courtesy of Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism

The future of tourism in Island County could lead visitors to unique experiences, like enjoying a cup of coffee or tea as they take in the view from the Hammons family preserve.

"It feels as though anticipated tourism growth is a given," Dougherty Winger said. "Our proximity to major metropolitan areas and the fact that many visitors come to Island County as a final destination as well as a pass-through on their way to other attractions such as Olympic and North Cascades National Parks, paired with the general increase in population, seems like a recipe for continued increase in tourism."

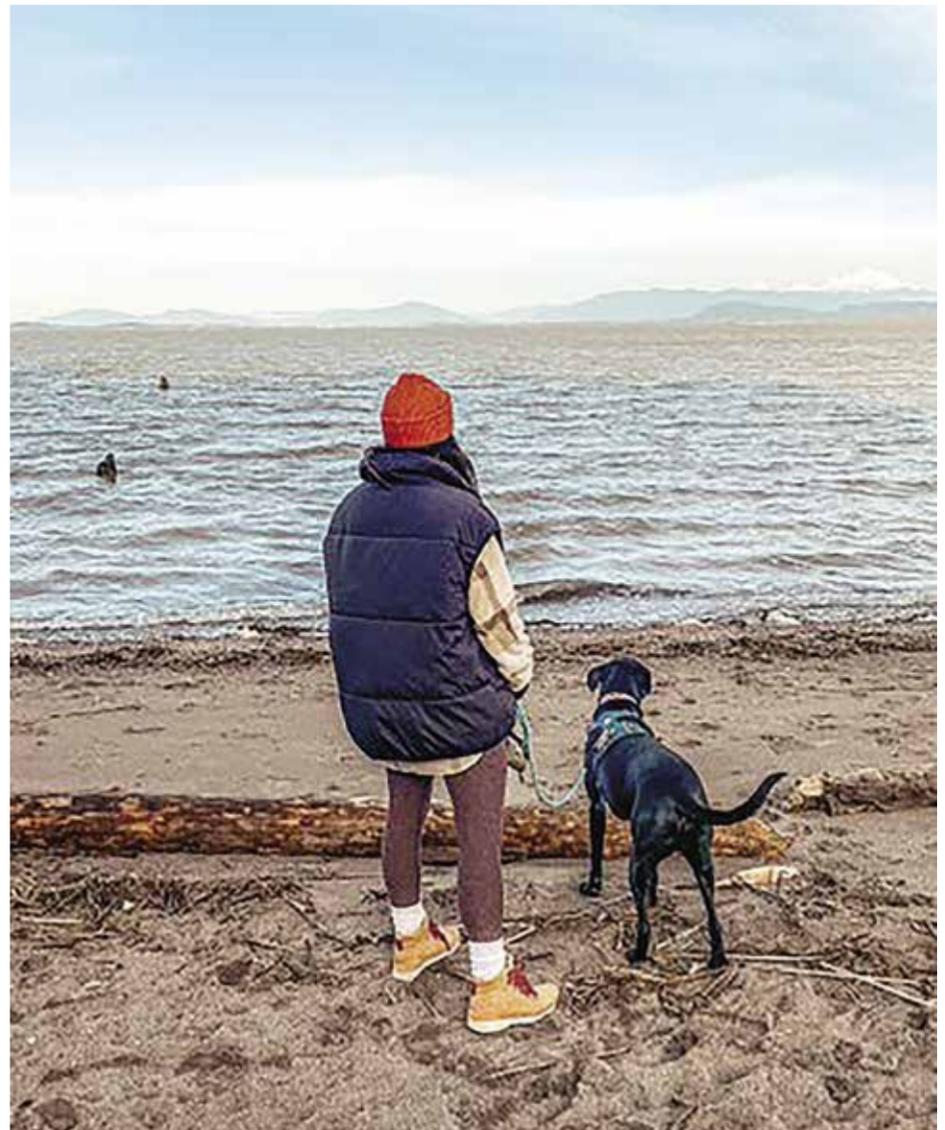
One Whidbey Island business owner said they try to keep their groups small to provide a more personal experience, but they plan to expand in order to accommodate new and returning visitors.

"We are currently investing in more transport and trailers so that visitors can leave their cars on the mainland and be shuttled to their experiences, which will reduce overall traffic but also reduce congestion at beaches and trail heads," said Krista Loercher, owner of Whidbey Island Kayaking.

"We currently cultivate increased environmental and cultural awareness for visitors through sharing knowledge of our delicate geology and marine ecosystems," she continued. "We'd like to further this by partnering with other organizations and nonprofits here who also work to protect and restore our ecosystems. This will provide ways for visitors to be a part of the island restoration, such as removing invasive plant species along the shoreline, or helping to maintain existing trail systems."

"I think there is some component to helping educate visitors that much of our land is rural by design and not simply because we are 'behind the times' or whatnot," said Dougherty Winger. "We do welcome visitors, but the temptation for some visitors to turn into residents may be limited. Our communities can thrive if we focus on full time residents who are the backbone of paid and unpaid labor and the industries that maintain our rural character."

All those interested are encouraged to take the survey at whidbeycamanoislands.com/transformational-travel/. The survey will be available through Oct. 31.



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Whidbey and Camano Islands are full of experiences that keep drawing visitors. A survey being conducted by Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism will help shape the future of tourism in Island County, and organizers hope residents will respond by Oct. 31.



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SERIOUS ABOUT CHANGE

With saltwater salmon season all but over, what does that leave for us Island Anglers who are hardcore saltwater fishermen?

Rockfish, which are a blast to catch, not to mention make great fish tacos and fish-n-chips, has been closed to sportfishing in Marine Areas 5 through 13 for almost 12 years now. The federal government is on the verge of keeping a complete generation of anglers from catching rockfish in the interior of the Puget Sound. If it weren't for hatcheries, salmon would be right there with the rockfish. How do the hard working, tax-paying people of Washington State create sensible changes for the better and make right the rules that have been restrictive for so long or force the federal agencies to re-examine the science that has been proven to be at a stalemate? When government officials either simply ignore the people's wishes or are influenced by special interest money and pressure, what options do the people have to make change? Who is setting policy? Who decides what we can keep for our families? When it comes to salmon, there is one of the biggest meeting and gathering of agencies that dictates our fishing seasons and retention limits.

The yearly North of Falcon meeting: January and February are used to discuss salmon run predictions. In March, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and the tribes (co-managers) begin government-to-government negotiations. For years these meetings were closed to the public. However, recently, because of public pressure, the meetings have been more transparent to the public through virtual viewing and recorded meetings that can be viewed after the fact. It is a step in the right direction, but I feel in-person attendance is needed and should be allowed to make sure any scripted model used to set seasons is based on proven numbers and are challenged to be correct, not just based on speculation, false forecasting, favoritism and potential monetary promises. All decision making parties must be held accountable to facts. By the middle of April, final federal ocean regulations are adopted and North of Falcon negotiations are reviewed and seasons are all but set. Here is something to think about: Our yearly fishing license expires March 31. For many anglers, the state has our money for the next year of fishing even before we know what the salmon seasons will be. Finally in June, public input is allowed and reviewed and the WDFW director adopts the state regulations. Co-management continues throughout the year. The first six months of the year were spent on meetings and negotiations when the printed regulations finally hit the street in June. History is showing there will still be 10 to 25 changes per month made throughout the last six months of the year and distributed to the public via the "emergency rule change" section on the WDFW website. I realize conservation and pleasing the many groups is not an easy task, but for the last 40 years it has seemed very lopsided to me. Many people I speak with in the field and on the water feel some of the tribal communities abuse the treaty agreements established in the 1850s. This is not for me to decide at my level however, the non-tribal fish and wildlife leadership put in place either by election or by appointment are at my level, and I feel they

should speak strongly on our behalf when co-management reasoning is way off track and unrealistic.

Creating Change: I don't believe in just complaining about a situation. I do believe one should have a potential solution to offer. I know that well-established, well-intentioned groups, clubs and well informed individuals have submitted good ideas to the state for consideration, especially on the subject of rockfish retention. Here is the catch: If a regulation has been set at the federal level like the Endangered Species Act (ESA), or the total restriction of rockfish retention by a federal agency such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the Puget Sound, the state may not have the power to change that ruling no matter how good the submitted ideas are. We can help the state bring the federal agencies back to the discussion table through our votes. Yep, get it on the ballot, ensure the bill on the ballot passes, then begin negotiations. "Not possible," you might think. But Washingtonians have already been successful. Remember Initiative 502? The state of Washington went against federal law and legalized recreational marijuana use. When we get serious enough, this is the path we can take to create change so whole generations of sport fishermen do not miss out on building memories between seasoned and young anglers.

This would not be the sport fishermen's first rodeo at getting an initiative on the ballot. In 1995, Initiative 640 attempted to ban gillnetting within the Puget Sound. To qualify, I-640 needed 181,667 valid signatures; this number was easily met. Unfortunately, I-640 did not pass. "It sounded to me the commercial industry misunderstood the meaning of fish sustainability and selective harvest, or the basic belief in reducing wasteful bycatch, and pushed heavily against the initiative," said Rob Zuanich, executive director of the Purse Seine Vessel Owners Association. And these organizations, American Rivers, The Wilderness Society, Washington Toxics Coalition, Sierra Club, Friends of the Earth, Puget Soundkeeper Alliance and Greater Ecosystem Alliance, all strongly opposed the measure. You've heard the phrase, "If at first you don't succeed try, try again." Well, it may be time to try again. Big change generally does not come easy, but when enough people get serious about change, it can happen.

Rain will bring the final push of fish to the rivers, and if the rivers do not get blown-out and we get an extended season, it will be our last opportunity to catch salmon this year, since winter blackmouth (Chinook) season has been taken away for the third year in a row. I had hoped this year's summer salmon season would have good returning numbers, which would make for good fishing, and for my family and friends, it did not disappoint. We boated some nice kings from Marine Area 9 and a couple from Marine Area 7, plus a few coho from the beaches on Whidbey; I just wish the seasons and quotas were a little longer and a little higher. I hope all Island Anglers were able to enjoy some fresh salmon dinners. Keep a close eye on the emergency rule change portion on the WDFW website, be ready to take advantage of any late season opportunities and GOOD LUCK out there!

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Coupeville rates high on desirable destinations list

By **Melanie Hammons** Whidbey Weekly

As Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism tackles what tourism will look like in the future (see story on page 2), one Whidbey Island community already seems to know what visitors may be looking for. Small towns, it seems, have a leg up on big metro locales when it comes to warmth and charm. At least according to the readers of the internet travel website TravelAwaits. Both Coupeville and nearby La Conner landed on the magazine's list of "15 Friendliest Small Towns in the US" last year.

The Best of Travel Awards are voted on by readers; first comes the nomination round where readers write in their favorite destination.

"The locations that receive the most nominations move along to the voting round, where each reader selects their favorite from each set of finalists," said Clayton McKibbin of TravelAwaits. "Voting runs for an additional three weeks, and the locations that receive the most votes earn the title of 'Best of Travel' in their respective categories."

Coupeville's accolades are something that residents have acknowledged all along, said Lynda Eccles, Coupeville Chamber of Commerce executive director.

"There's the beautiful walking trails, bike trails, scenic views and historic buildings. These all add up to our uniqueness. It's reassuring that our National Historical Reserve at Ebey's Landing will always be there. The future won't see it disappear under acres of houses; it will always retain its walking trails. With all the other uncertainties of life, our visitors are charmed by that realization. And many tourists from the mainland are actually eager to get away from all the 'hustle and bustle,'" she said.

"Coupeville enjoys a great sense of community," she continued. "Our townspeople share a passion about the arts, the historic waterfront, and our location in the heart of a national historic reserve. We're proud of our history and culture, and that carries over to how we treat our guests and visitors here. We want them to experience the wonder of what makes this town so special, too."

Those are sentiments Coupeville Mayor Molly Hughes shares as well.

"Our festivals and events really are unique," she said. We've worked very hard to make the visitor experience something

special. There's the Penn Cove Water Festival which honors native peoples and beautiful natural surroundings; Mussel Fest, a culinary/cultural event; and the Arts and Crafts Festival, which draws on the many artistic talents found on Whidbey. Not to mention that we're also on the Scenic By-way and the Cascade Loop. Riding a ferry is just part of that unique visitor experience."

These all-important aesthetic experiences overlay a very practical aspect too. Tourism and sales tax dollars make up the third largest source of the town's income. And those tourism dollars have a ripple effect, Hughes explains.

"The financial benefits go beyond Coupeville's borders. Folks attending a festival here may decide to drop in on the South End to Langley, to Clinton. People traveling here via Washington State Ferry pass through Port Townsend, the Olympic Peninsula, and points beyond. Tourism in Coupeville impacts the entire state," she said.

As if that were not enough, there are even more intangible benefits according to Jesse Levesque, Coupeville Historic Waterfront Executive Director.

"Studies over the past 20 years demonstrate that investments made in strengthening downtown commercial districts result in increased quality of life, and even increased lifespan for residents," said Levesque. "Coming together to revitalize the character of our downtown spaces, which encourages tourism, actually generates more revenue than that given by huge, sprawling 'big box' stores."

Seeing that small businesses, stores, and restaurants are what make up Coupeville's downtown, it makes a great argument for continuing those sorts of investments, she said.

The TravelAwaits award singled out the Island County Historical Museum as one of those outstanding attractions to which Coupeville lays claim. Museum Executive Director Rick Castellano says the most alluring characteristic of the town and museum is authenticity.

"Coupeville is special because it's authentic. We work really hard to preserve that authenticity in the museum; much effort goes into that aim," he said.

Castellano described how many of the photos on display at the museum are 100 years old or greater. "What's astounding about



Photo Courtesy of Island County Historical Museum
The Island County Historical Museum is a popular destination among visitors to Coupeville, which was selected by readers of TravelAwaits online magazine as one of the friendliest towns in the U.S.



Photo Courtesy of Island County Historical Museum
The transportation of today may look a bit different, but cars and boats still carry visitors to Whidbey Island. The Island County Historical Museum in Coupeville provides a historical perspective on modes of travel.

that is that these pictures are especially relevant, since many buildings or sites they portray are still standing. You can still go out to their physical locations and see them. In larger cities, that's not often the case," he said.

Some of the noteworthy collections are what Castellano terms the Native Peoples and Places exhibits. "These document local history going back to the Ice Age. We're fortunate to have eight dugout canoes in our collection here donated by the Swinomish Tribal Community," he said. "Those are in addition to basket collections, tools, hunting points, and more."

It's more than just a nice touch to that award-winning small town friendliness that one of the museum's most popular programs is called "Porch Stories." It's a free program the museum offers which focuses on local history. Castellano describes it as "a gathering on the museum's covered porch for up to a dozen listeners that's designed for a half hour and usually ends up lasting twice that long. It's very interactive, because we also invite listeners to share stories of their own," said Castellano.

A recent "Porch Stories" event shows how everyone really does have a story to tell, he said. "The event focused on the 1922 sinking of the ferry boat M/V Calista. Some of our museum visitors from Seattle were relatives of people aboard the ship that day, 100 years ago. Fortunately, all passengers and crew were rescued; there was no loss of lives."

For more information about what Coupeville has to offer, contact the Coupeville Chamber of Commerce at info@coupeville-chamber.com or call 360-678-5434. The TravelAwaits article "15 Friendliest Small Towns in the US" may be referenced at www.travelawaits.com/2662604/friendliest-small-towns-united-states/.



Photo Courtesy of Island County Historical Museum
Displays of Coupeville's rich history includes a large selection of items from Whidbey's indigenous people, such as canoes, baskets and carvings.



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band infrastructure with a goal of open access," St. Clair said. "It has historically set priority to determine funding to under and unserved areas of our nation.

"Unfortunately, their data has been highly inaccurate. For example, it showed Island County and Camano Island as '97 percent covered'. We have been working for years to address this policy and bring investments to our county. We need your help to correct the data so we can expand coverage in our local communities."

She compared the outreach to the 1930s Rural Electrification Project and said the state wants to see public benefit in order to award grants.

Stuart Wyatt gave a brief rundown on how internet gets to homes and businesses via DSL phone lines, low-earth orbit satellite, cable, or coaxial connections, and some of their limitations.

"There are very few cell towers on Camano Island. Cable users share the cable in each of a handful of regions. Low-earth orbit satellite users share a single base station, and Washington State only has a few base stations. Microwave requires line-of-sight, which precludes much of Camano," Wyatt said.

One power point slide outlined the different services internet connections provide, and their corresponding broadband consumption. Video

streaming by far topped the list, with an estimated 57 percent consumption of availability.

"Cable, coax, and phone lines are being stretched to the limit of their capacity," said Wyatt. "They were never meant to handle the current speeds we are seeing."

Estimated consumption is projected to double in the next couple of years, according to Wyatt.

"This means that if we don't grow our infrastructure, there will be even more bottlenecks than we're now seeing," he explained.

Kevin McCalmon shared his own experience as a Comcast employee and small business owner.

"I've frequently encountered the frustration that these bottlenecks cause. Many times, it's been so slow that I've taken my laptop and just gone to my house. The commercial equipment that I've personally paid to have installed there gives better service than what's available in my storefront," he said.

He agreed with St. Clair's assessment of the FCC map.

"The data is inaccurate. People are not getting what the maps are currently showing. The real goal of what's termed 'open access,' is for every single person to have quality service from a qualified provider," McCalmon said.

To that end, tax dollars are to be channeled to areas demonstrating need. The FCC is now in the process upgrading its mapping, a process that will be open to public input. And those FCC mapping numbers, accurate ones, that is, are key to claiming grant awards. That's where the public comes in.

"Our first step will be a challenge process. This means we prove we don't have the coverage/quality that the FCC says we have. We gather bulk data, complete with specific addresses, such as for specific neighborhoods and HOAs, and upload to the FCC to better clarify unserved areas in our county," St. Clair said. "This will be significant in our grant efforts. Step two, in November/December, will be to train individual internet users to upload their own data for accuracy of 'fiber to the premises.'"

"Also, we need to project usage rates, where we'll be 20 years from now," she continued. "Since demand is growing so quickly, by working with our local providers and taking advantage of government grants, we'll be in a good position."

A question-and-answer session followed the power point presentation.

One listener expressed a degree of skepticism about the FCC's outlined challenge process. The listener said he would like to see a state-ini-

tiated challenge process as well, believing that it would yield better results. St. Clair appeared to agree, stating she was attempting to build a regional alliance around that concept.

Another participant asked how long it would take for upgrades to be completed, once grants were awarded.

"Availability follows construction," St. Clair said. "I would estimate, anywhere between 18 - 24 months if construction were to take place, say, before the year's end."

If there was ever any doubt about the urgency of this proposal, the experience of the past couple of years should put it to rest, said St. Clair and McCalmon.

"We saw what happened during the pandemic," St. Clair said. "People were largely conducting life, business, and education at home, using Zoom and the internet. The limited capacity affected us in many adverse ways, from children unable to complete schoolwork to people unable to access virtual medical appointments."

For updates on this subject, sign up at broadband@islandcountywa.gov. People may view the power point slide presentation by sending requests to district3@islandcountywa.gov. The telephone number is 360-679-7354.



Recipe of the Week

TRANSFORM SALADS FOR FALL DINING

Who says salads are just for summertime? Now that hot and humid days have given way to the crisp evenings of fall, it's time to tweak lunch and dinner menus accordingly. Even though soups and stews are the norm this time of year, salads can have their menu moments as well. What better way to usher in fall than with a seasonal staple like apples?

Juicy and tart apples add crunch to this spinach-based salad. The addition of nuts and cheese also enhance the sweet-salty appeal of "Double-Apple Spinach Salad," while also offering up plenty of fiber, vitamins, minerals and antioxidants. Try this easy recipe, courtesy of "The Mediterranean Diet Cookbook" (Rockridge Press) from the editors of Rockridge University Press.

DOUBLE-APPLE SPINACH SALAD (Serves 4)

- 8 cups baby spinach
- 1 medium Granny Smith apple, diced
- 1 medium red apple, diced
- 1/2 cup toasted walnuts
- 2 ounces low-fat, sharp white cheddar cheese, cubed
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar or apple cider vinegar

Toss the spinach, apples, walnuts, and cubed cheese together. Lightly drizzle olive oil and vinegar over the top and serve.



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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
It may be tempting to throw your weight around and assert power in a situation, Aries. But this may backfire in the long run. Try to be a team player.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, someone close to you may be driving you crazy, and you're tempted to let them know. However, go with the flow instead and enjoy this calmer approach.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Gemini, an important decision must be made in the days ahead. Take a calm approach and do your best to keep your emotions out of this discussion.

CANCER – June 22/July 21
Once you involve others in a situation, it can be difficult to dial back their involvement, Cancer. Consider whether you should ask for input or go it alone this week.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23
Leo, rather than shouting from the rooftops how much you love a person, it may be better to take a more subtle approach. Reel in your excitement for the time being.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Keeping secrets is not the way to go, Virgo, especially when they are kept from someone close to you. Why all the smoke and mirrors? Be open and honest with yourself and others.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
A financial situation may be worked out this week or even inflamed, Libra. The only way to stay ahead is to keep careful track of your expenditures.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Be honest with yourself about your needs, Scorpio. If you don't feel like socializing in a loud and public manner, organize a group to come over for some more quiet R&R.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Getting involved with chores and other tasks can occupy your mind with some busy work, Sagittarius. After a brief mental break, you can return to more serious tasks.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Finances may get a boost this week as a new income stream falls into your lap, Capricorn. Investigate it fully before getting deeply involved.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Opening up about your personal life may relieve some pressure and stress that you have been feeling, Aquarius. Find someone who doesn't have a close stake.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Don't spread the word about a big idea until you are sure about it and ready to move, Pisces. Don't let others steal your thunder.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- OCT. 9: Bella Hadid, Model (26)
- OCT. 10: Mya, Singer (43)
- OCT. 11: Cardi B, Rapper (30)
- OCT. 12: Hugh Jackman, Actor (54)
- OCT. 13: Paul Simon, Singer (81)
- OCT. 14: Rowan Blanchard, Actress (21)
- OCT. 15: Bailee Madison, Actress (23)

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GUEST COLUMN

By JoAnn Hellmann

IDIPIIC: Gone, not forgotten

It's nice to know that although I retired six years ago from the Impaired Driving Impact Panel of Island County, it seems I've not been forgotten. Recently I was stopped and asked if IDIPIC might return by a parent whose driver's education student attended a panel years back and had another student about to take driver's ed.

Due to COVID, its panels ended in early March 2020. Many DUI victim panels in our state were held remotely through Zoom or other online meetings. Some continue to do so. Unfortunately, IDIPIC was not one of them.

While such panels are shown not to have the emotional impact of live ones, they do allow DUI offenders to recognize and internalize the lasting effects of impaired driving to help prevent future offenses.

Program revenue losses 2020 through 2021 from DUI offenders' fees (driver's ed students and their parents attended free) contributed to IDIPIC's demise. As a nonprofit, IDIPIC relied primarily on volunteers and panel fees to operate, unlike several of our state's DUI impact panels run by probation, health department or treatment center.

IDIPIIC grew from a DUI panel for offenders in North Whidbey in 2000 to panels in South Whidbey and NAS Whidbey Island, reaching well over 33,000 offenders, students, parents and guests by 2016. Within just a few years of its start, local statistics showed a decline in impaired driving arrests.

IDIPIIC also reached thousands of young people with its unique age-appropriate programs – PICKLES: Positive Influences Changing Childrens' Lives in Elementary Schools, Th!nk, Don't Drink or Drug for middle school classes and Th!nk, Don't Drink, Drug and Drive for driver's education students.



People still recall its fun OkSOBERfests and Be Safe, Be Seen on Halloween among other events.

I close with heartfelt appreciation to the many volunteers who gave of their time and hearts and to the agencies, businesses, organizations and the Navy providing support to this award-winning community service nonprofit. Also to the many teachers who invited IDIPIC into their classrooms and the driver's education schools and instructors who made panels a class requirement: all Partners in Prevention that helped make our roads safer for all.

You are not forgotten.

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"The anticipation in the local community this time of year is palpable. We are so fortunate to live in such a remarkably beautiful place with a plethora of nearby shorelines to watch these majestic, intelligent, social beings. It's always a gift to say hello in person to familiar orcas as they travel this urban part of their home range in search of food they are dependent upon. It is heart-warming to watch matriarchs lead their families while calves spend time spy-hopping, tail lobbing and rolling around, and older family members forage and socialize, including the adult and sub-adult males who often flank the sides and rear. It was especially beautiful under an early October sky as the setting sun nestled in behind the Olympic mountain range. We are all thankful to the hundreds of people who report sightings providing valuable data to help in recovery efforts, and to all who are working on those recovery efforts for this fragile population of endangered orcas," says Lemire Brooks.

J pod stayed overnight in Puget Sound, repeating their travels of the day prior, at least in daylight hours. By evening of Oct. 5, J pod slowly made their way up Admiralty Inlet, leaving Puget Sound for now, and showed up off the west side of San Juan Island early morning Oct. 6.

Fall and early winter months offer many opportunities to observe J, K, and L pods along the many miles of shoreline. Whidbey Island, the Kitsap and Olympic Peninsulas, and the inland waters of Puget Sound proper offer wonderful public viewing options from shore. For 21 years, Orca Network's Whale Sighting Network has encouraged whale watching from shore and other platforms such as Washington State Ferries. A public interactive viewpoints map assists people in finding a land-based place to watch whales. The map can be found on Orca Network's website and Facebook page listed below.

Observers can help by reporting whale sightings to Orca Network immediately and when possible photographing the whales (ethically) to help provide IDs and other useful information for researchers.

REPORT WHALE/CETACEAN SIGHTINGS TO ORCA NETWORK:
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2638) (report sighting option),
Email: sightings@orcaneetwork.org
Website webform: www.orcaneetwork.org/sightings-network
DM or share on Orca Network's Facebook page www.facebook.com/OrcaNetwork

Whale sightings from the public provide critical information about the travels of the whales, and timely reports enable Orca Network to alert researchers who can then obtain photo identification as well as prey and fecal samples from the whales during their visits into Puget Sound. Sightings will also be used to alert commercial shipping through the new Quiet Sound program, developed to help minimize impacts to the orcas.

A reminder that all marine mammals are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and local laws. The endangered Southern Resident orcas (J, K, & L pods) are afforded extra protections under these laws. Please see www.BeWhaleWise.org

[Submitted by Alisa Lemire Brooks, Whale Sighting Network Coordinator]

Local Business News

Artworks Gallery Welcomes October with a New Member

New member Gail Liston joins Artworks Gallery with an extensive background in theater. While working as a costume designer, she developed a love of Renaissance portraiture, studying the paintings for details of fashion, jewelry, and hairstyles. She began painting copies of works by Renaissance masters.

She cares deeply about the subjects of her paintings, loves the storytelling aspect of art, and hopes to provoke an emotional response and stimulate the viewer's imagination. Her paintings reveal her love of brilliant colors and extreme lights and darks. She says, "One of the reasons I started painting was because I wanted to fill my walls with art but couldn't afford it. I figured I'd learn to paint my own."

Long-time gallery member Susan Bradley has been chosen as the Artist of the Week by Seattle Refined, the lifestyle brand of Seattle's ABC affiliate KOMO News. Her work was published online at Artist of the Week | Seattle Refined on October 5. Susan works in colored pencil and ink

pointillism focusing on animal portraiture and local scenes.

Artworks Gallery is located at 221-2nd Street, Langley, Wash.

ZiPLY® Fiber Brings Oak Harbor the Fastest Internet in Washington with Launch of 5-Gig, 2-Gig, and Gig-Speed Service

ZiPLY® Fiber announced recently that its ultra-high-speed, 100-percent fiber-optic network is now ready for service in Oak Harbor, Wash. The launch will enable ZiPLY's popular "Gig-speed" service and its industry-leading 5-gig and 2-gig residential services to more than 700 addresses throughout the city.

When construction is complete, approximately 3,000 homes and businesses will have access to ZiPLY Fiber's fiber-optic network. With multi-gig services available, this launch not only makes ZiPLY Fiber the fastest internet provider in the city, but it also makes Oak Harbor one of the fastest in the nation for household internet speeds, on par with, if not faster than, most major metropolitan areas.

"With today's network and service launch, we're proud to give Oak Harbor residents and businesses a definitive choice when it comes to their high-speed internet needs," said Harold Zeitz, CEO of ZiPLY Fiber. "We're on a mission to help close the digital divide and bring fiber connectivity to as many people as we can as quickly as we can, and today we take a big step for the people of Whidbey Island."

Among the many service options residents can choose from are ZiPLY Fiber's most popular Gig-speed plan; its Fiber 50/50 plan, which at \$20/month provides all the reliability of fiber at an affordable price with no annual contract requirement; or its ultra-fast, high-capacity 2-gig or 5-gig connections.

ZiPLY Fiber also participates in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), an FCC benefit program that allows qualified people to receive FREE or reduced-cost monthly internet service. To learn more about ACP, please visit ziplyfiber.com/community-discount-programs.

ZiPLY Fiber's announcement comes at a time when more families and businesses need high-capacity internet to support

the online needs of daily life. ZiPLY Fiber's ultra-fast service requires no annual contracts and has no data caps for residential users.

New and existing customers who wish to check their address for fiber availability, or who would like to sign up to be alerted when fiber internet is available at their home or business, can register at ziplyfiber.com/oakharbor. When fiber is shown as available at their address, ZiPLY's existing DSL customers can upgrade by calling 1-866-699-4759.

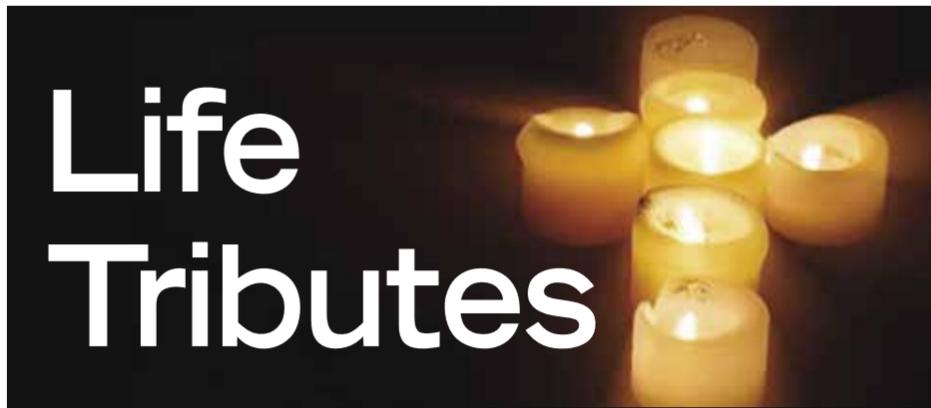
ZiPLY Fiber's goal is always to leave an area in a condition as good, if not better, than it was before construction began. If residents notice something has been missed, the company wants to know about it and asks that details be shared at ziplyfiber.com/constructioncleanup.

The work in Oak Harbor is part of ZiPLY Fiber's commitment to invest more than \$500 million to build an advanced, 100-percent fiber network to both suburban and rural communities across the Northwest that have been underserved when it comes to internet access. The company has been actively building fiber across the Northwest since June 2020 and has plans to build and deploy new fiber-optic cables, local hubs, new offices, and new hardware to run the network as part of hundreds of additional projects across its 250,000-square-mile footprint.

ZiPLY Fiber's primary service offerings are fiber internet and phone for residential customers, business fiber internet, and ZiPLY voice services for small businesses, and a variety of internet, networking, and voice solutions for enterprise customers. The company will continue to support ZiPLY Internet (DSL) customers and its TV customers in Washington and Oregon. A full listing of products and services can be found at ziplyfiber.com.

ZiPLY Fiber is local in the Northwest, headquartered in Kirkland, Wash., and has major offices in Everett, Wash; Beaverton, Ore; and Hayden, Idaho. Most of ZiPLY Fiber's executive team, which consists of former executives from AT&T, CenturyLink, and Wave Broadband, either grew up in the Northwest or have spent the better part of 30 years living here. That local ownership and market familiarity is an important part of the company's mindset





Carol Suzanne Enyeart



Carol Suzanne Enyeart entered her rest Sept. 18, 2022, at the age of 91. She was a beloved mother of three children; grandmother to two; a great-grandmother to four; and a great-great grandma to two (so far).

Carol was born Charmel Suzanne Snyder to Joseph and Ida (Palmer) Snyder July 12, 1931, the second of three children in Bear Creek, Mo., but changed her name to Carol Suzanne as an adult. She married Marvin Arthur Enyeart Feb. 18, 1951, in Kansas City, Mo. Due to Marvin's naval career, they moved to different locations.

Her three children are Rebecca Jane, Paul Kevin and Steven Matthew of Oak Harbor, Wash.; her grandchildren are Holly (Thorsen) Leggott and husband, Jeffrey Leggott of Lynnwood, Wash.; and Jasen M.D. Thorsen, also of Lynnwood; great-grandchildren are Austyn J. Thorsen of Tacoma, Wash.; (Ellie) Rose Thorsen of Overland Park, Kan.; Ryan A. Leggott of Everett, Wash.; and Bethany E. Leggott of Lynnwood; her great-great-grandchildren are Adrienne (6 years old) and Vivienne (9 months old).

Carol enjoyed doing genealogy research, spending more than 45 years on the hunt. She also loved to read, watch the Mariners, and occasionally knit. She was a devout Christian who attended the Worldwide Church of God for over 20 years but had a Profession of Faith to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Oak Harbor about eight years ago. Carol is survived by her two sons, two grandkids, four great-grandkids and two great-great grandkids.

Carol is preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Chalmes (CW) Snyder; her younger sister, Shirley Williams; her husband, Marvin Arthur Enyeart; and her daughter, Rebecca J. Enyeart. She will be greatly missed by her family, and we eagerly look forward to that glorious day when Jesus returns for His faithful followers!

Egbert Jan Boonstra



"Ed" passed away Oct. 3, 2022. Ed was born Dec. 4, 1926, in Appelscha, in the province of Friesland, Netherlands to Sikke and Durkje (Ploegstra) Boonstra. Moving around during childhood, Ed spent most his years in the Gaasterland region as the eldest of six children.

After earning the equivalent of a high school diploma, Ed entered the military for two years and then the Rotterdam Mounted Police Force. In 1948, he met

Willie, and made their lifetime commitment with marriage in 1952. Choosing opportunities for their future, they, along with many emigrants, sailed to New York Harbor in 1955. Taking the train across the United States, they became residents of Oak Harbor, Wash., where they spent the rest of their lives.

After a short time on the Fakkema farm, Ed became a City of Oak Harbor employee, starting with garbage crew and working his way up to Public Works Superintendent. With motivation and desire to learn, Ed received his U.S. diploma and taught night classes to public works employees using his excellent skills with numbers. Through his 30 years as a city employee, former mayor Al Koetje stated he was one of their most dedicated employees. After 30 years, he retired and spent many years on the city council, time as Mayor Pro-Tem, and also on the Island Transit Board.

Vacationing by trailer started in the early years with their two children, Rick and Karin, and groups of friends and family. Camping trips to Lake Whatcom and Pearygin Lake included fishing, waterskiing, golf and fun times around the campfire. Retirement years were spent traveling, with many trips to the Netherlands, or as Ed always referred to it, "the old country," visiting family, and including sightseeing to other parts of Europe. He and his wife, Willie, traveled by trailer through the U.S. and enjoyed snow-birding in Arizona during Washington winters.

Ed's life was defined by a strong faith and he was a lifetime member of

First Reformed Church, serving in many capacities including elder, for many years. You could also see Ed in the choir benches back row with Har Mouw, many times looking like two kids getting into mischief with their infectious grins!

Ed and Willie both were some of the original members of the annual Holland Happening Festival, where you would annually see Ed in his authentic Dutch costume, carrying wooden buckets filled with tulips.

Many visits to the old country included time around his mother's table with family. Ed and Willie continued that tradition here in the U.S., with coffee time around their kitchen table. The door was always open and Ed always had the coffee pot with cups set up at precisely 9 a.m. for anyone who came. He carried that tradition with him to his apartment at Regency on Whidbey. Like clockwork, when 9 a.m. came, so did friends and family to enjoy coffee with Ed.

Ed and Willie were married for 68 years, sharing many wonderful memories, with Willie passing in February of 2021.

Ed is survived by his daughter, Karin Nelson; Gary (brother) and Jan Boonstra; nieces and nephews, Rick Boonstra, Mike and Susan Boonstra; their children, Taya (Tim) Jaw and Tyler Boonstra; along with Japke Gosselin and family; as well as many relatives in the Netherlands.

Ed and Willie's son, Rick Boonstra, and son-in-law, Ted Nelson, preceded him in death.

The family would like to thank both WhidbeyHealth Palliative Care and Hospice and Regency on Whidbey for caring so kindly for him the last few months of his life.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to WhidbeyHealth Hospice or Regency on Whidbey Employee Christmas fund.

A memorial service will be held at First Reformed Church of Oak Harbor Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m.

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



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.

Gracious and Merciful God,
As the daylight shortens and the dark nights lengthen, we move into the cadence of rest as fall steers us into winter. We are grateful for a society returned to "normal" from what we experienced one year ago. May our journeys forward be informed by a spirit of gratitude for the past and hope for the future. May we not take for granted the freedoms we daily experience, nor despise the challenging tensions that arise in a secular, pluralistic democracy. Help us to remain and abide in a spirit of neighbor love and servanthood sharing. As St. Francis of Assisi once penned, so we pray,

*"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy."*

Only then, will your kingdom come down to earth, as it is in heaven! These blessings we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen!

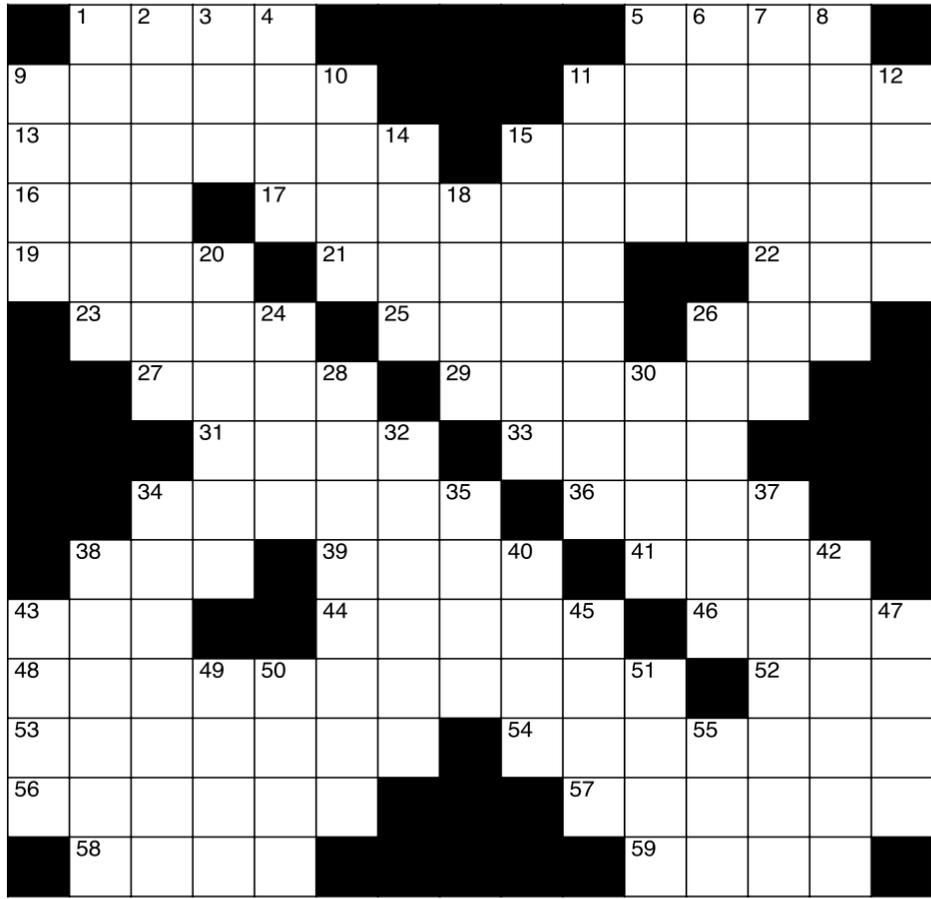
Pastor David Parker
First United Methodist Church

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."



1 Thessalonians 5:18

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A way to communicate
- 5. Historic city
- 9. Not the same
- 11. Hitting a horse to clear a jump
- 13. One hurt the Titanic
- 15. Fine dense cloth
- 16. Architectural structure
- 17. Where Serena works
- 19. Stringed instrument
- 21. Estimate
- 22. Where sailors work
- 23. Popular Terry Pratchett novel
- 25. Popular slow cooked dish
- 26. Twisted Sister's Snider
- 27. "Office Space" actor Stephen
- 29. Put the ball in the net
- 31. Ancient Greek city in Thrace
- 33. High school math subject
- 34. Looked into
- 36. Rhode Island rebellion

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Triangular bone in lower back
- 2. Building toy
- 3. Pointed end of a pen
- 4. Insect repellent
- 5. College army
- 6. Highly spiced stew
- 7. Exploited
- 8. Main course
- 9. A bottle that contains a drug
- 10. The most worthless part

- 11. Everyone needs one nowadays
- 12. Japanese wooden shoe
- 14. Antelopes
- 15. A way to cut
- 18. Brooklyn hoopsters
- 20. Gradually receded
- 24. Ripped open
- 26. College grads get one
- 28. Amino acid
- 30. Unruly gathering
- 32. Legislative body
- 34. Resembling pigs
- 35. Russian assembly
- 37. Take over for
- 38. Put in advance
- 40. Satisfy
- 42. Felt
- 43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 45. Witnesses
- 47. Some build hills
- 49. de Armas and Gasteyer are two
- 50. Ancient people of Scotland
- 51. Cheerless
- 55. Unwell

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

<p>Thurs, Oct. 13 North Isle H-63°/L-47° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>Fri, Oct. 14 North Isle H-62°/L-49° Partly Sunny</p>	<p>Sat, Oct. 15 North Isle H-64°/L-45° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>Sun, Oct. 16 North Isle H-67°/L-50° Sunny</p>	<p>Mon, Oct. 17 North Isle H-62°/L-53° Clouds and Sun Possible Shower</p>	<p>Tues, Oct. 18 North Isle H-63°/L-48° Showers</p>	<p>Wed, Oct. 19 North Isle H-68°/L-53° Mostly Sunny</p>
<p>South Isle H-65°/L-48° Sunny</p>	<p>South Isle H-66°/L-51° Partly Sunny</p>	<p>South Isle H-67°/L-52° Sunny</p>	<p>South Isle H-68°/L-50° Sunny</p>	<p>South Isle H-61°/L-53° Clouds and Sun Possible Shower</p>	<p>South Isle H-62°/L-48° Showers</p>	<p>South Isle H-67°/L-52° Partly Sunny</p>



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker
with assistance from Tammy Ferguson

What has been the biggest turning point in your life and how did that experience change you?

Michele Cato, Clinton

After graduating from college, I decided to join Peace Corps. In part to honor my mom who had recently died and had been enamored by Peace Corps' creation; in part for not knowing what I wanted to do with my life; and in large part for the grand adventure! So I headed to Costa Rica without knowing a word of Spanish to become a 4-H promoter. This experience led me to: 1) return to the UW to get an MBA upon which I have built a rewarding career that has brought me to this wonderful island; 2) take overseas jobs in Africa, Central America and China, where I fostered my passion to improve the health and wellbeing of vulnerable people; and most importantly, 3) find love and fulfillment by adopting my daughter from China.

(Photo is of me in Peace Corps Costa Rica, 1984.)



Melody McIntire, Oak Harbor

A turning point in my life was when I was taking care of my terminally ill grandparents 17 years ago from beginning to end. I knew from then on, I wanted to help people through their most vulnerable times, so I became a CNA and I work at a rehabilitation center.

Ross Egge, Freeland

My life has had a few key turning points along a path I'm not sure I could have crafted had I planned it just so. After more than 15 years of working for a nonprofit organization supporting children and families in Latin America and the Caribbean, my wife Erin and I moved back to the States, to Whidbey six years ago to start a new chapter here. Knowing one of our favorite places on the island was for sale and wanting to ensure it would be around for years to come, the epiphany moment came in the Spring of 2021. Erin and I were at Dancing Fish Vineyards in Freeland with our 8-month-old son, when she turned to me and said, "We should do this, we really should, it feels right." That moment of clarity for her and our family started us on a path to realize a dream even better than we imagined. With the support of great advisors, family and friends, the founders of Dancing Fish, Brad and Nancy Thompson, were able to pass Erin and I the baton in June of this year, allowing us to continue the legacy they built, ensure the place we and so many love will be around for years to come and work side by side with an incredible staff to provide community, a place to gather, and some of the best of what Washington wines can do right here on our island home. It's an honor and a privilege to be part of the Whidbey community in this way and all because of that moment of clarity back in the spring of 2021.



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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.

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

The Whidbey Island community is encouraged to try out the paddling sport of dragon boating with the Stayin' Alive team. Our team's mission is to promote the physical, social, and emotional benefits of dragon boating. It has been shown to be especially beneficial to cancer survivors. Practice with us for up to 3 times for free. Life-jackets and paddles provided. Saturdays at the Oak Harbor Marina, 8:45am. Contact njlish@gmail.com. More info at our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSoundDragonBoatClub?ref=hl

If you or someone you know has been a victim of homicide, burglary, robbery, assault, identity theft, fraud, human trafficking, home invasion and other crimes not listed, Victim Support Services has advocates ready to help. Please call the 24-hr Crisis Line 888-388-9221.

Free service. Visit our web site at <http://victimsupport-services.org>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Island Shakespeare Festival is seeking new members to join our board of directors.

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

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

The Island County Medical Reserve Corps (ICMRC) is a local network of volunteers

organized to improve the health and safety of communities on Whidbey and Camano Islands. Volunteers primarily include medical and public health professionals but other volunteers who have no healthcare backgrounds are also utilized. MRC responds to local emergencies such as natural 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.

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