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ELEEMOSYNARY

by Lee Blessing

2022

Friday, Nov. 18

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of, or relating to charity;
a giver of alms; altruistic

Directed by Patricia Duff

Show Times: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday; 4 p.m. Sunday

Tickets: \$20 Adults/\$16 Senior/Youth/\$14 Thursday Show

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OutCast's "small" play examines big questions

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Sometimes in life, the small things can have the biggest impact. OutCast Production's latest show kind of follows that premise. It doesn't have a large cast, but "Eleemosynary" has a lot to say. The 1985 play by Lee Blessing is directed for OutCast by Patricia Duff. The play opens Friday and will run through Dec. 3 at OutCast's black box theater, 819 Camano Avenue in Langley.

The story focuses on three women of different generations. Grandmother Dorothea, played by Shelley Hartle, uses her eccentricity to bolster her independence. Dorothea's daughter Artie, played by Marta Mulholland, has stayed away from her mother for years, allowing Dorothea to raise her daughter, Echo, who is played by Rysha Maier.

"As the play begins, Dorothea has suffered a stroke, and while Echo has re-established contact with her mother, it is only through extended telephone conversations, during which real issues are skirted and their talk is mostly about the precocious Echo's single-minded domination of a national spelling contest," Duff described.

"It is a beautifully written 'small' play that really digs deep into personal/familial relationships – in this case among the women in this three-generation story," said Ned Farley, OutCast Productions artistic/managing director. "It asks us to reflect on what drives us to connect (or disconnect) from those we love."

Duff, who is no stranger to Whidbey Island stages, said what first captured her attention with "Eleemosynary" is the writing itself.

"Lee Blessing's use of language in this play is elegant, witty and carefully rendered to reveal three very distinct and full characters," she said. "This story is universal in its dissection of familial relationships, especially where they involve women, mothers and daughters. There's a lot in this play that we can all relate to in regard to the emotional rollercoaster of life."



Patricia Duff Photo Courtesy of OutCast Productions

Echo (Rysha Maier) is an exceptionally smart young woman and a superb speller, all of which comes to bear in the story of "Eleemosynary," an OutCast Productions play opening Friday in Langley.



Patricia Duff Photo Courtesy of OutCast Productions

The Lee Blessing play "Eleemosynary" tells the story of three generations of women and their complex relationships with one another. The play opens Friday at OutCast Production's black box theater in Langley. Pictured in the foreground is Rysha Maier as Echo, Shelley Hartle as Dorothea, center, and Marta Mulholland as Artie.

Duff said she found the perfect cast to portray the three women in "Eleemosynary," all of whom have been willing to throw themselves into their roles.

"[They] have laid themselves bare for this play and I appreciate the trust each of them has shown me during this process," she said. "Although much of this play is comedy, some parts take a deep dive into harder issues like abandonment, unwanted pregnancy and sexism. These three actors have shown themselves to be open hearts; a three-pronged conduit of connection to each other and to the language of 'Eleemosynary.' I've had a wonderful ride with them."

And while it's been a bit since Duff has directed, she said she had a clear vision of what she wanted to do with this production right from the beginning. Plus, she feels her experience as an actor helps her give better direction.

"As a director, I use my own knowledge of acting to convey what I want the actor to do, knowing what is helpful to them," she explained. "I try to allow the actors to explore and create each moment instinctually and then build in layers of the moment from what they naturally do with their voice or body."

"The more details I can offer the actor as far as what I envision for each beat of the play is only going to help them tell the story in the way I've envisioned," Duff continued. "I'm constantly reminding them how to tell the story with more clarity using their voice and their bodies, the tools of every actor. Later, the lights, set, costumes and music will add another layer to what they bring to the stage."

According to Farley, "Eleemosynary" is a perfect example of the kinds of productions OutCast likes to bring to the stage.

"Part of the decision to create OutCast Theater was to offer titles that might appeal to a potential audience looking for plays/musicals that reflect issues of our lives and times; that might ask us to think more deeply about who we are and where we are going," he said. "Eleemosynary" is a small play asking big questions about relationships, family, and what fosters or impedes connection."

Duff said she thinks audiences will find plenty with which to identify in this new production.

"These characters have sorrow, humor and a certain dreaminess of individualism that I think will be compelling to audiences," she said. "Also, Lee Blessing is a prolific, award-winning playwright working at the top of his game with this beautiful play and I think hearing the great plays of the American theater out loud is good for all of us; for our cultural life. 'Eleemosynary' is an exquisitely rendered script that tells a deep story about letting go of the past to get back to the main event: love. I think we can all relate to that no matter who we are or where we live in the world."

"Eleemosynary" opens Friday and will run through Dec. 3. For showtimes and tickets, go to outcastproductions.net.

Election Results

Here are the preliminary results in Island County from the Nov. 8 general election. Results must be certified by the Washington Secretary of State by Dec. 8. These figures are based on the ballot count posted as of Monday evening.

***Legislative District 10, State Representative, Position 1**
 Clyde Shavers.....49.99%
 Greg Gilday.....49.88%
 *Statewide figures

***Legislative District 10, State Representative, Position 2**
 Dave Paul.....51.86%
 Karen Lesetmoe.....48.05%
 *Statewide figures

Island County Assessor
 Kelly Todd Mauck.....50.19%
 Theodore James Kubisiak.....49.81%

Island County Auditor
 Sheilah Crider.....54.99%
 Barbara Fuller.....45.01%

Island County Clerk
 Debra Van Pelt.....59.49%
 Dierdre Butler.....40.51%

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12

8:40 am, Goss Lake Rd.

"Calling me names on ear things, has been going on for 33 months. They are not allowed to be over there doing drugs. A billion people came down my driveway with guns."

11:47 am, Parker Rd.

Requesting call in reference to bomb threats; advising have businesses near the area and wanted to know in the future when reporting party would be advised of the situation.

6:23 pm, Jones Rd.

Reporting party states she was followed by white van this morning, from her residence to Oak Harbor Elementary. Reporting party states she now has received an email from school mentioning suspicious van was contacted outside school. Not sure if it is related at all but would like to know.

THURSDAY, OCT. 13

8:31 am, Conniston Way

Occurred December of 2021; neighbor called reporting party at weird hours and left sexual messages; most recent text message received last week.

9:12 am, Olympic View Dr.

Reporting party states neighbor's dog at location was loose and came into reporting party's yard; states dog "took a stance." Ongoing problem with dog being loose; states his wife is terrified of the dog; requesting call.

6:59 pm, Kramer Rd.

Caller speaking to someone in background, now speaking to call-taker, states dump truck was stolen; occurred four years ago and "I just found it;" states it was reported stolen when it first went missing.

FRIDAY, OCT. 14

4:38 pm, SR 20

Advising something inside clothing donation box is making strange humming noise. Reporting party says is concerned about bomb threat recently, but not sure what it is.

6:16 pm, Teronda Dr.

Occurred an hour ago; calling on behalf of husband; advising he was washing his vehicle, female who lives five houses down drove up to husband and said, "If your dogs get off your property, I'm gonna unalive them."

9:54 pm, Discovery Pl.

Immediate hang up; on redial, female answered and when asked to verify location, female said "What you're doing is f***ing weird;" is hesitant to answer questions.

SATURDAY, OCT. 15

12:49 am, Barred Owl Way

Reporting party advising can hear what sounds like a bear; advising can hear what sounds like it's circling area; advising sounds like a dying cow or dying dog or a bear; reporting party is not sure.

3:28 pm, SR 525

Advising motorcycle at light, male came from truck and kicked motorcycle, fight started. Black truck.

3:45 pm, Mobius Loop

Reporting party states Friday Harbor is not helping him; yelled profanities and

demanded call-taker's ID; advised he needed to speak with a dispatcher who was male, and Native American and not gay. Call-taker advised there was no one currently working that met that description and offered to help.

4:15 pm, SR 525

Reporting party advising truck pulled up and kicked over reporting party's bike.

SUNDAY, OCT. 16

11:24 am, Devries Rd.

Pigs on the road, running in and out.

MONDAY, OCT. 17

3:22 pm, Maxwellton Rd.

Requesting call; advising needs to "talk something out" that occurred at location, but not make a police report.

TUESDAY, OCT. 18

1:59 pm, Classic Rd.

Requesting assistance with reporting criminal behavior; all sorts of problems with his internet issues; no contact information, just looking for someone to speak with.

7:45 pm, Mobius Loop

Caller ranting about LGBTQ rights and harassment coming from Friday Harbor dispatch and Okinagan [sic] County; phone history shows history of similar complaints; caller complaining about Australian Intelligence Service and the Navy Seals.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19

2:39 pm, Carl Ave.

Subject standing in middle of road and beating on cars as they drive past; no weapons.

3:07 pm, Andreason Rd.

Reporting party states pig that was out earlier today was out again; now contained at location.

6:04 pm, Bayview Rd.

Loose pig on Bayview Road heading onto Wheel Drive.

THURSDAY, OCT. 20

11:32 am, West Beach Rd.

Reporting loose goats in area; she has not contained them to her yard; okay to give out information to owner if we know it.

12:37 pm, Driftwood Dr.

Reporting party stated, "My wife, I don't know where she went;" female voice then heard in the background and caller advised call-taker, "Just a minute," and then disconnected the line.

4:09 pm, Seagull Ln.

Reporting party states someone has cut the field at location and taken the hay; occurred sometime since August; requesting call.

7:27 pm, Carl Ave.

"Why did they come in and kill me?" Caller stating he is the President of the United States, rambling about things that don't make sense; "They literally killed me and my family."

8:04 pm, Heggenes Rd.

Reporting party advising there is a male yelling the "S word" really loudly in the area; reporting party left her house and saw a male walking in the middle of the road; unknown if he was the one yelling.

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

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Bits & Pieces

National Park Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to Evaluate Options for Restoring Grizzly Bears to the North Cascades

The National Park Service and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service recently announced the initiation of a new Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process to evaluate options for restoring and managing grizzly bears in the North Cascades of Washington, where the animals once thrived.

The EIS process will identify a range of alternatives for restoring the bears to the mountainous region to support the recovery and eventual delisting of grizzly bears under the Endangered Species Act in the contiguous United States. The agencies will also examine a 10(j) experimental population designation, which would give local land managers additional flexibility.

Grizzly bears roamed across the North Cascades for thousands of years as an essential part of the ecosystem, distributing native plant seeds and keeping other wildlife populations in balance. In the 20th century, humans nearly hunted them to extinction. The last confirmed sighting of a grizzly bear in the U.S. portion of the North Cascades Ecosystem was in 1996.

"This is a first step toward bringing balance back to the ecosystem and restoring a piece of the Pacific Northwest's natural and cultural heritage," said Superintendent Don Striker of North Cascades National Park. "With the public's help, we will evaluate a list of options to determine the best path forward."

The new EIS process will include assessing alternatives to include a 10(j) experimental population designation, which provides land managers with additional options for managing grizzly bears. If adopted, the 10(j) designation would add more certainty, safety and control for the region.

"By designating bears in the area as a 10(j) experimental population, the agencies can have more flexible options available for management. This would give authorities, ranchers, and landowners more options for managing bears to reduce or avoid conflicts while focusing on recovery. The 10(j) experimental population designation would benefit the people and property in local communities, as well as the grizzly bears," said Hugh Morrison, acting

regional director for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

A previous EIS process for the restoration of grizzly bears in the ecosystem was terminated by the Department of Interior in 2020. This announcement marks the start of a completely new process to evaluate alternatives.

Public comments and participation in the process are important elements to assess potential impacts and identify a preferred alternative. Virtual public meetings will be held at the following times:

Friday at 7:00PM
Thursday, Dec. 1 at 12:00PM
Friday, Dec. 2 at 7:00PM

You may join the meeting on your computer or mobile device; additional details and information are available at the project website. The public is invited to submit comments and find additional information about the process at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/NCEGrizzly>.

[Submitted by North Cascades National Park Service Complex]

WCF Awards 25 Nonprofits in its Annual Grant Cycle

Whidbey Community Foundation is excited to announce it has granted awards to 25 nonprofits from its fifth annual grant cycle. Grants this year were focused on three categories: Child and Family Wellness, Food Insecurity and Nonprofit Technology.

"This year, WCF focused on three grant programs. Through Child and Family Wellness, we are continuing our investment in the health and well-being of our youth and the families who support them. Through the Food Insecurity grant program, we are aiming to support community-based organizations and programs that are fighting food insecurity and providing access to nutritious food. And through the Technology Capacity Building grant program, we want to support Whidbey nonprofits with technology investments that help to expand their reach or impact" stated Jessie Gunn, executive director.

WCF awarded 25 grantees totaling \$125,000 this year, spanning all parts of Whidbey Island.

"WCF continues to work collaboratively with the donors and community-based organizations on Whidbey Island in a shared vision of a healthy, vibrant and unified Whidbey Island community. We continue to respond to the effects of the pandemic, as well as other opportunities to advance the good work of our local nonprofits and community initiatives," said Gunn.

The full list of awardees can be found on

WCF's website at www.whidbeyfoundation.org.

Since grants were first awarded in 2017, Whidbey Community Foundation has provided 242 grants totaling over \$1,000,000.

[Submitted by Whidbey Community Foundation]

Garden Club Plants over 6,000 Daffodils Throughout Oak Harbor to Celebrate 100th Anniversary

Oak Harbor Garden Club planted 6,850 daffodil bulbs all over town in October to celebrate its 100th anniversary taking place in 2023. Next spring, everyone will see a cheerful burst of yellow flowers in our community. The city supplied 2,000 bulbs to go in the blue pots along Pioneer Way and various parks, and the club purchased an additional 5,000 bulbs. One thousand bulbs have been donated by the club to the Oak Harbor School District, 100 for each school. All schools are participating, and the daffodil bulbs are, or soon will be planted on their school grounds. Many more events are planned for 2023, and members are working on a historical presentation of all the things the garden club has accomplished in the first 100 years.

A group of Oak Harbor women organized a civic improvement club Oct. 3, 1923. These pioneering women fought to protect a stand of native Garry oak trees in Smith Park, saving the trees for future generations.

The Oak Harbor Garden Club's mission is to develop a beautiful city through loving care of small areas. Work has already begun to celebrate the club's centennial. A group of volunteers has worked with the City of Oak Harbor and the Main Street Association and replanted the 25 large blue pots on Pioneer Way with fresh plants and each pot now has daffodil bulbs that will bloom in the spring.

The Oak Harbor Garden Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:00AM at 1050 SE Ireland Street, the First United Methodist Church meeting room. Guests are welcome. For more information visit the website, OakHarborGardenClub.org, or visit the club on Facebook.

[Submitted by Kathy Chalfant, Leadership Chair, Oak Harbor Garden Club]

Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation Welcomes Five New Board Members

The Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Sno-Isle Libraries. Guided by a board of directors, the foundation helps extend the library district's reach by supporting library programs, services and events, funding demonstration libraries in communities with limited

library service, and investing in capital improvements throughout the library district.

The foundation board is pleased to announce the appointment of five new members from Snohomish and Island counties.

Colin J. McMahon is a public defender who stays active in the community as a caucus delegate, committee member, and activist. He is also a member of the Mental Health Advisory Council for Disability Rights Washington, the Snohomish County Bar Association Board of Trustees, and the Snohomish County Democrats Central Committee. McMahon is a resident of Lynnwood.

Sami Postma has worked closely with the Whidbey Island community since she arrived in the area a decade ago. She has experience in business mentorship, marketing and event planning through her work at the Island County Economic Development Council, Goosefoot Community Fund, and her own web design and marketing business. Postma is a resident of Freeland.

Rim Benoud-Schmitz is the principal technical program manager for Amazon's Just Walk Out technology organization. Previously a senior program manager at Boeing, she served as a chapter president of the Boeing Employees Community Fund and has also served as a community volunteer with the United Way of Snohomish County. Benoud-Schmitz is a resident of Edmonds.

Jeanne Thorsen is the former executive director of the King County Library System Foundation. She has a 40+ year career in public libraries and is an advocate of early literacy, information access and lifelong learning. Thorsen is a resident of Edmonds.

Ryan Willis was born and raised in Snohomish County and has supported many nonprofits as a lifelong community volunteer. He has a background in sales and marketing and is currently a personal banker at Coastal Community Bank. Willis is a resident of Arlington.

These five new members join Board President Luke Distelhorst, Board Vice President Jackie DeFazio, Mary Anderson, Heather Croteau, Debamitra Dutta, Sonia Siegel Vexler and Rose Olson as members of the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation board of directors. Board members serve terms of three years and can serve up to two consecutive terms.

Learn how you can become involved or support the foundation at sno-islefoundation.org.

[Submitted by Katie Leone, Sno-Isle Libraries]

CARE..Community Advocates For Refugee Efforts

A group of North Whidbey Island community members met in early September to explore sponsoring a refugee family from

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Ukraine to come to the United States through an official organization designed for this purpose. The group is called CARE...Community Advocates For Refugee Efforts.

As devastating as the war in Ukraine is, there is just so much U.S. citizens can do to support Ukraine. Sponsoring a family to be able to come to the United States is one way to step up in a more profound way. The severe trials and tribulations of leaving one's country for another place, with hopes of a peaceful, freer life, are fraught with obstacles and make for a sometimes dangerous, arduous journey.

The process will include fundraising, legal requirements, gathering resources, housing, education connections for children, social service connections, medical expertise and job prospects. All are welcome who have an interest in this project.

To sponsor a Ukrainian refugee \$2,500 - \$3,000 needs to be raised per refugee. Funds can be sent to Oak Harbor Lutheran Church at 1253 NW 2nd Ave, Oak Harbor, WA 98277 with a memo "Refugee Support." This account is restricted and designated just for this project.

CARE meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30PM at the Oak Harbor Lutheran Church but is a non-denominational committee.

For more information, contact Bob Wall at 310-991-7830 or bobcwall@gmail.com.

[Submitted by Carol Hage Wall]

The Rev. Paul A. Price is New Pastor of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Oak Harbor

Rev. Paul A. Price, an Episcopal priest and computer program administrator, has been called by St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Oak Harbor to be its new rector and pastor. His first Sunday leading the parish was Nov. 6. He and his wife, Cheryl Price, have purchased a home in the Oak Harbor area after relocating from southern Califor-

nia, where they have spent much of their lives.

Rev. Price joins St. Stephen's after nine years as rector at Trinity Episcopal Church in Redlands, Calif. He previously served in several other Episcopal churches in southern California. He and his wife grew up in the Antelope Valley, in the high desert area of southern California. He is a graduate of the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va., and also has a bachelor's degree in computer science from Azusa Pacific University. He was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles in 2004.

St. Stephen's was founded in 1954 and for its entire history, the church has always been located at 555 S.E. Regatta Drive in Oak Harbor, on land shaded by several giant Garry oak trees.

"We are delighted to welcome Paul and Cheryl Price to our renewed and growing St. Stephen's family, and we are eager to have him as our pastor and teacher," said Marsha Vandeford, the church's senior warden. "Paul's wide experience as a priest and computer program administrator, as well as his personal interests in astronomy, science fiction and ballroom dancing with Cheryl, makes him a wonderful addition to our parish."

Rev. Paul succeeds Rev. Peter Rood, who retired in July 2021 after the death of his wife. For the past two years, St. Stephen's has been served by seven retired priests who are also members of the parish.

"I was drawn to St. Stephen's because of its desire to be known as a welcoming, inclusive and generous church serving north Whidbey Island," said Rev. Price "I look forward to working with the people of St. Stephen's to further its mission to serve Christ and our community."

[Submitted by Harry Anderson]

Christmas Bells Are Ringing

Wrap yourself in music for the holidays and

support SPiN Cafe. Join The Bells of Whidbey as they present *Christmas Bells Are Ringing*, a program of holiday favorites Saturday, Dec. 3, 3:00PM at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Oak Harbor. The event, a benefit for SPiN Cafe, will feature seasonal music, traditional carols and a special tribute to Hanukkah.

A recently-formed community ensemble, The Bells of Whidbey consists of eleven ringers from across the island, ringing on three octaves of English handbells and five octaves of handchimes. They practice weekly at Whidbey Presbyterian Church. Kick-off your holiday with the joyful sound of handbells!

Admission is by donation: monetary or other items such as canned soup, single serving foods, warm socks, gloves and gently used coats. All donations go directly to SPiN Cafe. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is located at 555 SE Regatta Dr. For more information, call 360-682-2194.

[Submitted by Cheryl Waide, Director, The Bells of Whidbey]

Lions Serve

Are you interested in your community? You can volunteer through your local Lions Club. Some of the Lions Club programs provide support for families, eye exams and glasses, hearing aid assistance, food bank collections, vision screening for schools and summer camp for individuals with special needs.

The Lions' motto is "WE SERVE."

North Whidbey Lions Club meets at the VFW, 3037 Goldie Rd. in Oak Harbor, the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at noon. <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/northwhidbey/>

Oak Harbor Lions Club meets at the Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St. in Oak Harbor, the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:00PM. <https://ohlions.org>



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Live Music: Sea Shanty Pub Song Night

Friday, November 18, 7:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Oak Harbor

Join us for Sea Shanty and Pub songs lead by Johann, learn the tunes and belt away. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com

Oak Harbor Emblem Club's Annual Christmas Bazaar

Friday, November 18, 2:00-6:00PM
Saturday, November 19, 10:00AM-2:00PM
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.

Local vendors, craft sale, bake sale, spaghetti dinner Friday at 5:00PM, soups and pies Saturday. Call 360-929-0466 for more info.

Inward Journey: A Rare Musical Treat

Sunday, November 20, 7:00PM
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island

Five musicians uniting for one night of musical magic. From classical to meditative, early music to flamenco, poetry, improvisations, solos, duos, and group performances. Suggested donation \$20. The church is located at 20103 SR 525 in Freeland.

Ride with a Guide Holiday Lights Bus Tour

Saturday, December 3

Oh! What fun it is to ride fare-free Island Transit on this guided tour. Play Transit Trivia on the way and win prizes. Shop for unique gifts, watch a holiday parade and enjoy festive tree lighting in Langley and Coupeville. To reserve your seat call 360-678-9536 or email Travel@IslandTransit.org.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below
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The Reptile Lady

Thursday, November 17, 10:30AM
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Thursday, November 24, 10:00AM
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Filipino Christian Fellowship

Sundays, 2:00PM
Meets at Church on the Rock,
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Healing Whidbey Healing Rooms

Every Thursday, 6:30-8:00PM
5200 Honeymoon Bay Road, Freeland

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Concordia Lutheran Church

Sunday service, 9:30AM
Bible Study & Sunday School, 10:45AM
590 N. Oak Harbor Street

For more information, visit www.concordiaohakharbor.org or call 360-675-2548.

Teaching Through God's Word

Sundays, 9:00 & 11:00AM
Calvary Chapel, 3821 French Road, Clinton
For more information, visit ccwhidbey.com.

Unitarian Universalist Sunday Service

Sundays, 10:00AM
Unitarian Universalist Congregation,
Freeland

All are welcome. Values-based children's religious exploration classes and childcare will be provided. Visit www.uucwi.org for more information. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation building is located at 20103 Highway 525, two miles north of Freeland.

Unity of Whidbey

Sundays, 10:00AM
5671 Crawford Road, Langley

If you're one of the "spiritual but not religious" people who question their childhood faith or are looking for something more, Unity of Whidbey may feel like a homecoming. unityofwhidbey.org even offers a Zoom link for attending online.

Meetings & Organizations

Al-Anon

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

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

Al-Anon Group

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

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

Central Whidbey Lions

First and Third Thursdays, 12:00PM
Tyee Restaurant, Coupeville

Coupeville Lions

Every Wednesday, 6:30PM
Coupeville Methodist Church, Coupeville

Divorce Care and DC4kids

Every Sunday, 5:00PM
Living Word Church, Oak Harbor

A support group for people dealing with

separation and divorce. For more information, call Larry at 360-969-0552 or Lisa - DC4kids at 360-672-4239. Living Word Church is located at 490 NW Crosby Ave.

Free To Change Al-Anon Meeting

Every Friday, 7:00-8:00PM
Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland

If you or a relative or friend has a problem with alcohol, you can find solutions for yourself at Al-Anon. As a Twelve-Step Program, we offer help by sharing our experience, strength & hope. Newcomers are always welcome!

Gamblers Anonymous

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

All are welcome. The Senior Center is located at 1401 Cleveland Ave. For further

information, please call Washington State Gamblers Anonymous at 1-800-222-5542.

Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island

Second Monday, 1:00PM
Trinity Lutheran Church, Community Bldg.,
Freeland

Visitors always welcome. For more information, call Ann Wright at 360-597-2352 or visit www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wagsswi

La Leche League of Oak Harbor

Second Tuesday, 6:45PM
Oak Harbor Lutheran Church, Oak Harbor

Interested mothers and mothers-to-be are encouraged to attend and babies are welcome. For more information, please call Julie at (360-) 679-3562, Lisa at (360-) 679-0307, or Sue at 360-240-8604.

Meet Feet Co-Ed Hiking Group

Every Saturday, 10:00AM-12:00PM
Locations and terrain vary

Occasionally the group goes to the mainland so times can change. The current schedule is available at <http://maxxeon.com/meetfeet/>. To join the email list for weekly detailed walk notices and car pool locations, send an email to meetfeetonwhidbey@gmail.com.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Whidbey Island

Fourth Thursday, 7:00-8:30PM
Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland

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JULIE

Julie has worked for Island Transit for 17 years. She and co-worker Staci manage the vanpool program with as many as 70 vanpools. "I love my job, the people, the community connections, and working toward environmental sustainability. It's a good fit." Getting people out of their single occupancy vehicles isn't easy. Julie understands the bus doesn't work for everybody. But for some, commuting to work or school by vanpool is a good alternative. Vanpools get priority loading on the ferry. They can use HOV lanes and get priority parking at work and some employers supplement vanpool costs. Commuters save time, money and the planet. Julie makes it easy for people to do the right thing. "I love the vanpool participants. They're so appreciative. Many of them have been in vanpools for 20 or 30 years. Now it's evolving to the next generation. They see how it works for them, saves them money and wear and tear on their car. Everything about it is so win-win!"



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GUEST COLUMN

By **Melanie Hammons**

Note: Melanie Hammons is a regular contributing writer to *Whidbey Weekly*

Cross culture connections at an airport terminal

She was waiting at one end of the Seatac Airport terminal, presumably waiting for a ride, as was I.

A lady in her early 70s, I would guess, dressed in what we used to call a "house-dress," with a light green kerchief wrapped around her gray hair. She looked like she could have been from Eastern Europe, an impression reinforced by the "International Arrivals" sign posted nearby.

Eventually she approached me with a notebook page bearing a handwritten telephone number. I saw that she wanted me to call it for her. Dialing the number, I held my phone up to her ear, but no one answered. Smiling rather sadly, she nodded her thanks as I took my phone and headed out to the waiting shuttle bus, leaving her back in the terminal.

I'd been on the bus no more than 10 minutes when my phone rang. The caller ID displayed a Bothell phone number, the same one the woman tried to call earlier. A man spoke in very broken English I could barely understand, asking if I spoke Ukrainian or Russian. He told me the woman was waiting for him, that she spoke no English, and that he would try to be there for her in 45 minutes.

I tried to make him understand that I was on my bus, preparing to leave. I think he understood. The last thing I told him was, "She's wearing a green scarf," hoping that would help him pick her out of the crowd there.

After the call ended, I just sat there in my seat, thoughts racing through my mind.

After another minute, I knew what I had to do. I needed to try and convey this conversation to her. It was the least I could do.

"Can you hold the bus here just a couple of minutes?" I asked the driver, who was busily checking in the last passenger. "I need to give someone a message."

"I will be here exactly four more minutes, then we'll have to go," she said.

I ran down the sidewalk as fast as my aching knees and legs could carry me, over to the terminal doors, then inside. She was still there.

I don't know what simple words or gestures I hurriedly tried to use to make her understand the message, but it was clear I was not successful. She shook her head, and raised her hands helplessly. This was not working, and I was at a loss.

Knowing the bus would certainly leave without me on it if I didn't return soon, I thought fast. Then I did the only thing I knew to do.

I pointed to the Bothell phone number displayed on my phone, then to the current time, which was 3:30 p.m. I scrolled to my notes section and typed in the numerals "4:15." I pointed to her, to the cars queued up outside the terminal, and then to "4:15."

I don't know if her contact was able to make it there at 4:15, but I believe she understood what I was trying to say. She smiled, and repeated "Spasiba, spasiba," (thank you) over and over again.

During the two-hour-plus bus commute through heavy traffic to Mount Vernon, I had some time to think and to Monday-morning-quarterback my actions.

Why didn't I just call out in the crowded terminal, "Does anyone here speak Russian or Ukrainian?" That's the way I'd always seen it done in the movies as in, "Is there a doctor in the house?" I just didn't think to do that at the time.

Then there was this – to be honest, my conscience troubled me because, as I spoke with her the second time, it occurred to me, "I have his phone number, why don't I just call him back, and let him speak to her?"

I felt ashamed, because I dismissed that thought as I viewed my waiting shuttle. "What if they talk endlessly, I get my phone back too late, and the bus leaves (with my suitcase and belongings) without me?"

I am aware of language translation apps and such, but I had two issues. One, I'm not savvy with my phone capabilities other than calls and texting, and two, I'm sure I couldn't have figured it all out in under four minutes.

The only consolation I held onto during the bus ride is that I prayed all the way home. "Lord, please let her meet up with him in a timely manner."

I had to know if that's the way it turned out. So three days later, I called the man at that Bothell number. He thanked me many times, and confirmed that yes, they did connect. It seems there was some confusion about arrival times or locations. Across the language barrier again, he told me, laughing, "Of course I picked her up; she's my mother."

Our conversation was very awkward, and I still didn't follow everything he said in this update. But the important thing was that she was reunited with him. That's all I needed to know. Thank you, Lord, for watching over her.

I was not able to confirm if this lady was a recent immigrant. She may even have been a refugee. It seemed a leading question to ask her son, and due to the language confusion, it might have been taken the wrong way. So I didn't ask, although I recall the prominent "International Arrivals" sign posted in the terminal, and I do wonder.

But there's one more thing I wish I would have done differently.

Whether refugee, immigrant, or just a visitor to these shores, I wish I would have hugged her neck, and told her, "Welcome to America . . ."

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Our Resource Hub includes tons of information about plant selection, landscape design, site preparation, planting, care, maintenance and more. Select the "Native Plants & Habitat" tab at whidbeycd.org/resource-hub. We also have recorded webinars in our Land Stewardship 101 series on our website or YouTube: whidbeycd.org/events.

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Bare root plants are affordable and hardy. They have been grown in the ground for approximately one to two years, then are removed from the soil while they are dormant, bundled together, and sold to you! Plants should be put in the ground no more than five days after you pick them up for best results.

Our annual Native Bare Root Plant Sale is open for online pre-orders! We have over 30 species available for sale. Online orders will be accepted through late December, while supplies last. Pick up your plants at Greenbank Farm Feb. 25th, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Visit our website to enter the online shop: whidbeycd.org.

Contact us at wicd@whidbeycd.org with any questions.

Make a Plan

Make sure you are setting your plants up for success by matching species to your existing conditions. Identifying these characteristics are key components of your planting plan:



- **Aspect:** Which cardinal direction does the site face? This affects sun exposure.
- **Topography:** Any mounds or depressions? These may create microclimates.
- **Slopes:** If you plan to work directly on a steep slope, you will need a slope stabilization plan before disturbing it. A geotechnical engineer may be necessary to evaluate for erosion or landslide potential.
- **Soil Drainage:** Do the soils appear to drain fast or slow? Are the soils generally dry, moist, or wet?
- **Soil Composition:** Are the soils mostly sand, clay, or loam?

Once you've assessed these features you can pick plants to match. Spend some time researching plants' needs utilizing the many great local resources available like the Washington Native Plant Society website.

Prepare Your Site

Do you have weeds and invasive species to combat? If you are converting an area of lawn or wild grasses, you will want to remove the sod. Doing this ahead of time will save you lots of effort come planting time. Consider sheet mulching as a long-term approach to convert grassy areas and build soil if you have at least six months to allow the materials to break down.

In areas with high invasive weed coverage, expect more than one year to achieve control. You may wish to contact us or the Island County Noxious Weed Control Board for recommendations. Your methods and timing of weed control depend on the life cycle of the particular species.

After Care

The first two weeks after planting are critical to your plants' survival. Keep an eye on the weather and water again a week or two after planting if it doesn't rain. Fall and winter are a great time to plant to avoid this worry! Adding a thick layer of mulch will help retain moisture and prevent weeds, taking care not to add too much right around your plant's main stem.

Using plant protectors or temporary fencing to protect your plants from wildlife browsing and hungry deer is also important. Water your plants for the first couple years routinely to make sure they become established and don't experience drought stress during hot summer stretches.

Mowing around your plantings is an easy way to manage weeds that compete with your plants for light, nutrition, and moisture. Manually removing weeds two-to-three feet around your plants is an even better solution, making sure not to disrupt planted roots. This is especially important to stay on top of with invasive species like blackberries. After a few years your plants will establish and help to shade out weeds.

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Island organizations spread a table of plenty this Thanksgiving

By **Melanie Hammons** Whidbey Weekly

The good news about Whidbey Island's Thanksgiving is that there really is a lot to be thankful for when it comes to reaching out to those in need of a holiday meal. From north to south Whidbey, the holiday spirit is already on display, despite the absence of the much-loved North Whidbey Community Harvest, which will not take place this year.

Beginning with Oak Harbor, there's North Whidbey Help House, whose year-round food pantry already supplies many local households. Thanksgiving is no exception says Executive Director Jean Wieman. "We do Thanksgiving food baskets with dressed, ready-for-the-oven turkeys, plus a few extra accompaniments thrown in," Wieman said. "Our geographic area is Deception Pass to the Greenbank Store, and sign-ups are going on now. Folks may register right up until the day before Thanksgiving. We'll be giving the Thanksgiving baskets out beginning on Friday, Nov. 18."

As Wieman indicated, the meals may be picked up at the Help House at 1091 SE Hathaway in Oak Harbor. Wieman also reminds folks that they plan to offer baskets at Christmas as well. The Help House phone number is 360-675-0681 and its website is www.northwhidbeyhelphouse.org



Photo Courtesy of Mobile Turkey Unit
Hundreds of complete Thanksgiving meals are packed and delivered by volunteers on Thanksgiving Day, courtesy of the Mobile Turkey Unit.

This year for the first time, local realtor Reid Schwartz has teamed up with Andy Plumlee of Popsies to offer Thanksgiving meals, too. Schwartz called it a two-sided effort that initially began with Plumlee offering to supply three Thanksgiving meals to families in need.

"It snowballed from there, to a goal of 50 meals," Schwartz said. "I offered to solicit donations from other realtors to fund these, and [Plumlee] is collecting recipient names to put in a "giving" basket at Popsies. "Names will be drawn, and the ready-to-eat meals (from Safeway,) will be delivered on Tuesday, Nov. 22." For more information, contact Schwartz at reidschwartz@icloud.com while Plumlee may be reached at 360-240-8937. Or drop by Popsies, located at 851 SE Pioneer Way, #101 in Oak Harbor.

These outreaches couldn't be more well-timed according to Skip Pohtilla, president of North Whidbey Community Harvest, which in the past has sponsored the community-wide Thanksgiving celebration at the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge. Pohtilla says the most touching moments of those Elks Lodge meals came "when perfect strangers sat down together at a table and became lifelong friends."

"The pandemic forced us to cancel our customary community Thanksgiving meal at the Elks Lodge the past couple of years," he said. "And although we weren't able to pull it off this year either, due to having no venue, it's gratifying that others are pitching in to extend the same sort of thoughtful service."

Pohtilla said North Whidbey Community Harvest hopes to resume its usual sit-down Thanksgiving dinner celebration next year, and are even now laying plans in anticipation of that.

Moving on to Central Whidbey, there's the Coupeville Community Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner, now in its 20th year. Held in Coupeville's Recreation Hall, volunteer Lisa Bernhardt describes it.

"We have volunteers bring cooked turkeys, hams, gravy, etc., to the Recreation Hall located at 901 NW Alexander Street. All our locals are invited; they supply their own dishes and utensils."

She characterized the attending recipients as mostly senior citizens. Although the meal is centered at the Rec Hall, Bernhardt says those with a home-bound family member are allowed to bring "a take-away dinner" back with them. For more information, contact Bernhardt; her email address is lisa@pacificnorthwestart-school.org and the telephone number is 360-421-8736.

Serving Central Whidbey and extending to the south end is the Mobile Turkey Unit, now in its 24th year. Co-president Gwendine Norton says Mobile Turkey Unit's operation has always been



Photo Courtesy of Lisa Bernhardt
Volunteers will tend to the provided turkey, ham and gravy, and others attending the Coupeville Community Thanksgiving Day dinner will bring lots of side dishes to share.

based on a delivery mode, a feature that proved to be a godsend the past two years. The popularity of the service is borne out just in sheer numbers, she said.

"In the past, we'd anticipate around 200 requests for these meals. Over the past two years, it's now ballooned to 700," said Norton. The mouth-watering menu selections feature green bean casserole, turkey and stuffing, rolls and butter, cranberry sauce, potatoes, pie, "a whole pot of coffee, and a whole lot of love." That love will be even more evident this year thanks to the hand-written cards from Coupeville Elementary fourth-graders placed in each order, Norton said.

It's a lot of work to cook, deliver, and meet the safety protocols that come with ferrying hundreds of Thanksgiving dinners to Coupeville and south Whidbey residents, but "it's a task that's made vastly easier thanks to the 200-plus volunteers in the community who choose to step up each year," she said.

Sign-up deadline for Mobile Turkey Unit is today, (Nov. 17,) but Norton affirms that, "if there are left-over meals, we'll still be distributing them through the weekend." She invites people to call 360-321-9782, or contact her at www.mobileturkeyunit.com.

Good Cheer Food Bank in Langley, like North Whidbey Help House, also stocks a year-round food pantry for people dealing with food uncertainty. And like the Help House, they offer something extra for Thanksgiving as well, says Stephanie Turco, Good Cheer's co-executive director.

"We don't do food baskets per se, but we do feature Thanksgiving-specific staples in our store. Those include not only the iconic Thanksgiving turkey, but other seasonal sides such as stuffing, canned vegetables, etc. People may come in and use earned points to "shop" for everything they need to supply their own little Thanksgiving feast," she said. For more information, call 360-221-6454 or email them at directors@goodcheer.org

As one can tell, Thanksgiving baskets and meals offered on Whidbey Island range from oven-ready to already cooked and even pick-your-own supplies to prepare. Some feature sit-down dinners, others are home-delivered, still others request recipient pick-up onsite. But however they're offered, hopefully everyone on Whidbey will be able to enjoy a holiday meal this Thanksgiving.



Photo Courtesy of Lisa Bernhardt
The Coupeville Recreation Hall will be full of Thanksgiving Day diners again this year, as people come together to celebrate a community Thanksgiving meal, the first since the pandemic.

100+ Women Whidbey awards new grant

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

The Whidbey Island affiliate of I Support the Girls, which provides underwear and feminine hygiene products to women and girls in need of them, is the latest recipient of a grant from 100+ Women Who Care About Whidbey, or 100+ Women Whidbey, for short.

The group, which formed in 2021, has already awarded nearly \$50,000 in grants to four nonprofit organizations on Whidbey Island. It's a simple concept that is doing a lot of good, according to local group founder Traci Winn.

"We started in May 2021 and ended up getting 96 checks for our first grant," said Winn.

Here's how it works: Women join 100+ Women Whidbey. Twice a year, the names of three nonprofit groups are chosen at random

from a list of nominated organizations. The three organizations share a presentation about themselves to 100+ members, who then vote for a recipient. Each member then writes a check for \$100 to the selected nonprofit, and the money is distributed. There are no monthly meetings and there are no membership fees. Members are allowed to give more than \$100 if they choose.

Already membership in the group has increased to 168, up from the 123 who donated for the October grant presented last week.

"I'm very much surprised by how its grown," Winn said. "I think people like the ease of it all and the gratification of knowing the money

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Photo Courtesy of I Support the Girls
Founder of the Whidbey Island affiliate of I Support the Girls, Kate Mistler, left, hugs Traci Winn, founder of 100+ Women Whidbey, after receiving a grant last week of more than \$12,000.

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Island County Commissioner, Dist. 3

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City of Oak Harbor, Proposition 1

Fire Protection Property Tax Levy Lid Lift
Yes..... 60.86%
No..... 39.14%

City of Oak Harbor, Proposition 2

General Obligation Bonds for Fire Station and Equipment
Approved..... 62.22%
Rejected..... 37.78%



Pumpkin pie is a fall favorite, but it's also a perfect pie to serve throughout the holiday season.

There are many different pumpkin pie recipes, even though it's difficult to improve on pumpkin pie which is known for its creamy consistency and warm spices. But pumpkin pie can be even more delicious with the addition of an extra-special ingredient: bacon.

This recipe for "Joe's Incredible Bacon Pumpkin Pie," courtesy of Royal Bacon Society and Allrecipes, uses maple-cured bacon as well as tangy cream cheese to increase the appeal of pumpkin pie. This may be one slice of pie that is hard to put down.

JOE'S INCREDIBLE BACON PUMPKIN PIE (Serves 12)

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| 1/2 cup cubed fresh pumpkin | 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon |
| 1 1/2 cups cream cheese, softened | 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger |
| 1 cup packed brown sugar | 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice |
| 3 eggs | 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla extract | 2 (10-inch) prepared graham cracker pie crusts |
| 1 cup half-and-half | 16 slices maple-cured bacon |

1. Preheat oven to 425°F.
2. Bring a small pot of salted water to a boil; add the pumpkin and cook until soft enough to easily pierce with a fork, about 10 minutes. Drain.
3. Mash the cooked pumpkin with a potato masher in your favorite large bowl. Mix the cream cheese and brown sugar with the mashed pumpkin. Whisk in the eggs one at a time. Add the vanilla, half-and-half, cinnamon, ginger, allspice and cloves; stir until you have a thin batter. The batter should be slightly thinner than pancake batter. Pour the batter into the pie crusts.
4. Place the bacon in a large skillet over medium heat until evenly brown. Trim soft, fatty bits from strips. Press seven pieces of bacon into the batter of each pie with a fork.
5. Bake the pies in the preheated oven for 15 minutes. Decrease the heat to 375°F. Top each pie with two pieces of cooked bacon and bake.



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
You may become impatient with the slow progress of a project at work, Aries. Before you get your feathers all ruffled, figure out if bringing more people on the team may help.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
It may have taken a while, but you'll start to see some results from actions you initiated weeks ago, Taurus. Your steady pace will pay off in a big way.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Lean on all of your social contacts this week, Gemini. If you're looking to get out of the house and have fun, they will probably have some ideas on where to go.

CANCER – June 22/July 22
Be on guard with issues concerning your love life and relationships, Cancer. Things that were working out smoothly may need a little extra attention for the time being.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23
Luck will manifest itself in some surprising ways over the course of the next few days, Leo. Seemingly out of nowhere you will have a good turn of events that propel you forward.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Negotiations will go in your favor this week, Virgo. Therefore, if you've been seeking a raise or a promotion, you may see that the tides have finally shifted in that direction.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Watch out for overspending that can derail the careful budget that you have set in place, Libra. It may be wise to leave a credit card at home for the next few days.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Brace yourself, Scorpio, as things could get a bit wild this week. Energy levels rise and tempers may flare. Figure out the best way to stay calm amid this confusion.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Plenty of good vibes are coming your way, Sagittarius. You just need to figure out if you're going to share some good fortune with others and when that will occur.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
A sweet connection with someone else could happen this week, Capricorn. This may be the start of a lasting relationship, whether it is romantic or platonic.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Don't be afraid to showcase your natural talents, Aquarius. Your unique skill set enables you to have a little fun with others and show off a bit at work.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Figure out ways to connect with the life force that is all around you, Pisces. Try meditation in the outdoors to blend two experiences.

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Photo Courtesy of I Support the Girls
Members of the Whidbey Island affiliate of I Support the Girls accept a grant of more than \$12,000 from 100+ Women Whidbey, a group women that collectively contributes money to Island County nonprofit organizations. Pictured from left are Isha Alexander, Kate Mistler, Alisa Dibler, Maureen Rice and Traci Winn.

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went to the organization right away and that the organization will report back to us about how they were able to use the money. It's just super rewarding."

Kate Mistler, who founded the Whidbey Island chapter of I Support the Girls less than four years ago, said she was thrilled to receive the \$12,000 grant. (Which actually grew to \$12,300.)

"It's amazing," she said. "Money from this grant will cover Whidbey and Camano Islands – we can finally afford to get products for Camano. It's a really a big boost. It will keep us going for at least a year-and-a-half, two years (without having to beg for money)."

Mistler said the grant is especially helpful right now.

"Donations have dropped off considerably," she said. "People are concerned about their futures with the economy, or not being able to work. With this grant we can now pay for shipping to get products from ISTG headquarters. The products are free, but we have to pay shipping. So we can order in bulk and get the supplies in here. And there's no time limit to spend this money. We can order in certain amounts and fill gaps where we need to."

All money raised through 100+ Women Whidbey is required to be used on Whidbey Island/Island County, and as mentioned, those organizations who receive funds are able to show 100+ how the funds have impacted their mission.

"It's totally amazing," said Winn. "We ask recipients to tell us what the money is used for. That's pretty powerful. Real things are happening instantly."

There's also a bit of a personal touch to the donations, according to Winn.

"All of the notes and letters we get along with the checks, we put them in a big bag and give them to the recipient as well," she said. "I think people love it so much because it's instant. Once they receive the money, they are cashing those checks and putting it to good use."

Anyone interested in joining or learning more about 100+ Women Whidbey can visit the website, 100womenwhidbey.com. The next giving cycle is in May. Past recipients include The HUB Youth Central, Kids First - Island County and SPiN Café.

To learn more about the I Support the Girls organization, go to isupportthegirls.org, or find the Whidbey Island affiliate on Facebook at facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064731007058.

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loved ones. The group is nonreligious but meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, 18341 State Route 525. It isn't necessary to preregister. Please contact Kathy Chiles, 206-218-6449 or k.chiles22@live.com for more information.

NAR-ANON

Every Tuesday, 7:00-8:00PM
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Clinton

NAR-ANON family groups are worldwide for those affected by someone else's addiction. St. Peter's Lutheran Church is located at 6309 Wilson Place.

North Whidbey Island Rotary - Sunrise

Every Wednesday, 7:00AM
Whidbey Golf Club, Oak Harbor

Come join us anytime! We support local and international projects. Contact Janis Powell at 360-679-2132 for more information.

Oak Harbor Emblem Club

Second Tuesday, 7:00PM
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.

For more information, call (360-) 675-7111.

Oak Harbor Lions Club

Every Wednesday, 7:00PM
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.

Dinner available from the menu at 6:00PM, meeting starts at 7:00PM. Visitors and prospective members welcome. For information, call Bobbi Lornson at 360-320-7066.

Oak Harbor Rotary Club

Every Friday, 12:00PM
Oak Harbor Yacht Club

For more information: <http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/homeE.asp?cid=806>

Occupy Whidbey Island

Every Monday, 4:30PM
Bayview Community Hall, Langley

Occupy Whidbey Island is a non-partisan, non-hierarchical, non-violent group of the 99% taking action in support of the Occupy Movement. For more information, you may email us at occupywhidbeyisland@gmail.com, or visit our facebook site, <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Occupy-Whidbey-Island/299820386727>

Open Meditation Group

Every Wednesday, 7:30PM-8:00PM
Alexander Counseling, 221 2nd Street, #10, Langley

Find refuge from the stress of a nervous world. Join for a weekly meditation and cultivate a deeper sense of tranquility and share the joys of peace.

Overeaters Anonymous

Every Monday, 6:00PM-7:00PM
Langley Fellowship Hall, Langley

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Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

Second Mondays, 6:30-8:00PM
Unitarian Universalist Congregation Whidbey Island, Freeland

For more information and support contact: WhidbeyPFLAG@gmail.com; Chapter President, Sharon Kabler at 360-222-4028; or Chapter Secretary, Erick Westphal at 360-331-3393.

Parent Support for Miscarriage and Stillbirth

Last Wednesday, 7:00PM
Freeland Library, Meeting Room, Freeland
For details, call Jolene at 360-331-2113.

Parkinson's Support Group

First Friday, 1:00PM
Oak Harbor Senior Center, 51 Jerome St.
First Tuesday, 10:00AM
Trinity Lutheran Church, 18341 SR 525, Freeland

No one need struggle with Parkinson's alone. Gain new friends, get the facts. Call 360-675-9894.

PASS - Post Abortion Stress Syndrome

Wednesday or Thursday, 10:00AM-4:00PM

Are you suffering from PASS—Post Abortion Stress Syndrome? Many women suffer from depression, flashbacks, suicidal thoughts, relational dysfunction, and more after an abortion. We offer free lay counseling, help with healing and restoration. Call Wednesday or Thursday for an appointment, 10:00AM to 4:00PM, 360-221-2909.

Rotary Club Whidbey Westside

Every Wednesday, 5:00-6:30PM
Useless Bay Golf & Country Club, Langley

For more information, call President Jane Helten at 360-631-0752.

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (SLAA)

Every Wednesday, 7:00-8:00PM
Every Sunday, 7:00-8:00PM

Trinity Lutheran Church Annex, Freeland
SLAA is a 12-step fellowship for those who wish to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction. We offer relief for both those who suffer from a compulsive need for sex, and those with relationship-related compulsivity. We provide an environment free from shame and abuse where all can feel safe to share what they think and feel. You are not alone. For more information call 360-989-4248.=

South Whidbey Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Second Tuesday, 10:00AM-12:00PM
South Whidbey Senior Center, Langley

Expanded quarterly workshops TBA. The Caregiver Support Group, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, Western and Central Washington Chapter, provides emotional, educational, and social support for caregivers of those suffering from memory loss – in a confidential setting. For questions or additional information, contact Mel Watson at 360-321-1623 or mel@islandseniorservices.org.

South Whidbey Lions Club

Second and Fourth Thursdays, 11:30AM
M Bar C Ranch, Freeland

Lunch is offered (\$8) and they enjoy interesting guest speakers. Public is invited. Please contact Herb Bacon at 360-730-3755 if you wish to attend.

South Whidbey Rotary

Every Tuesday, 7:30AM
Whidbey Tel WiFire Club Room, Freeland

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Thursday, November 17, 2:00PM

Medicare 2023, changes for next year, In-person at The Center in Oak Harbor 51 SE Jerome St.

Thursday, November 17, 3:30PM

How Medicare Covers Diabetes, In-person at The Center in Oak Harbor 51 SE Jerome St.

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Life Tributes



Nathaniel Brock, Sr., SKCM, USN (Retired)



Nathaniel Brock, Sr. of Oak Harbor, was called home Monday, 24 Oct. 2022 by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Nat was born in Atmore, Ala., to Julius and Bessie Brock. Seeking a better life, he enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 18, serving faithfully and honorably for 30 years and retiring as Master Chief Storekeeper (SKCM) Sept, 1, 1988.

Nat was known to those in his inner circle as Dad, for his generous and caring nature. He was a person who would give the shirt off his back to a stranger in need. Dad always listened and provided encouraging words of wisdom to those who needed them. And just as importantly, he followed up with you to see how you were doing. He loved to entertain, was a master on the grill, and always made sure there was enough food, in case someone just happened to stop by.

Nat was preceded in death by his parents and by his brothers, Roy and Willie. He is survived by his wife, Victoria; children Elsie and husband Brandon, Ginalyn and husband Anthony, Renee and husband Felix, Nathaniel Jr., and wife Rhonda; grandchildren Jesurun, Joshua, Jakim, Jazmyn and husband Tyler, Anthony, Raven and husband Deisman, Alexis, Andrew, Caleb, Ethan, and Rhett; great-grandson Lawrence; sisters Gertha and husband Lovey, Tonia and husband John, Adell, Barbara; and brother Robert and wife Lisa.

Nat is remembered as a humble servant of God, who loved the Lord with all his heart, with all his soul, with all his mind, and with all his strength. He was also one who loved his neighbor as himself, as was evident in all the lives that he touched and helped throughout his life.

Nat's celebration of life will be held Feb. 25, 2023.

Roselyn Lois (Durr) Saylor



Lynn was born in Seattle, Wash., Dec. 31, 1933, to Neil and Mildred (Hunt) Durr. She attended Ballard High School, from which she graduated with Honors in 1951. Through mutual friends, and area wide dances she met Paul Gene Saylor. Lynn and Paul were married Dec. 15, 1951. Paul was drafted into the United States Air Force during the Korean War. Lynn joined Paul at Bergstrom AFB, in Austin, Texas. While living there, their daughter Debbie was born.

After Paul's military service concluded, they moved back to the Pacific Northwest. In the ensuing years, sons Don and Scott were born. They lived at various times in Edmonds, Olympia, Bothell, Everett, Stanwood, and Oak Harbor. Many lasting friendships and church relationships were established along the way. During their nearly 67 years of marriage, Lynn would juggle the duties of wife and mother with a long career as a bookkeeper and accountant.

Lynn's career highlights included working for Sears, Cross and Eels CPAs, and finally as a bookkeeper/forensic accountant for Campfire Boys and Girls of Snohomish County. She would be instrumental in helping Campfire through a difficult time. She also volunteered her skills with various churches and charities.

Retirement years would be some of the most enjoyable times, as Lynn and Paul traveled and lived in their fifth wheel travel trailer, often volunteering to be camp hosts at favorite locations.

Eventually they settled down on Whidbey Island, relishing their duties as "Hunny and Bump" to their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Once again enjoying a life that embraced family, friends, and church relationships. After Paul's passing on Oct. 29, 2018, Lynn would stay close to family and friends. She enjoyed long walks at Deception Pass State Park, often meeting two bald eagles. She named the male eagle "Isaiah" and would see him often.

Lynn was a woman of devout and profound Christian faith. In learning that her illness was terminal, she stated to Debbie and Scott, "Well I have kept your father waiting too long." Lynn passed away peacefully in her sleep Oct. 19, 2022. She was preceded in death by parents, Neil and Mildred Durr; husband, Paul; son, Don; brothers, Robert (Bob) and Burton (Bud) Durr. She is survived by daughter, Debbie Banta (Norm); son, Scott (Susan); grandsons, Curtis Banta (Dana), James Banta (Patti) and Daniel Saylor; great-grandchildren, Robert Pennington, Conner Banta, Ariel, Emelia, and Paul Banta; nieces and nephews, brothers and sisters-in-law, and many friends.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wallin Stucky Funeral Home, 1811 NE 16th Ave., Oak Harbor.

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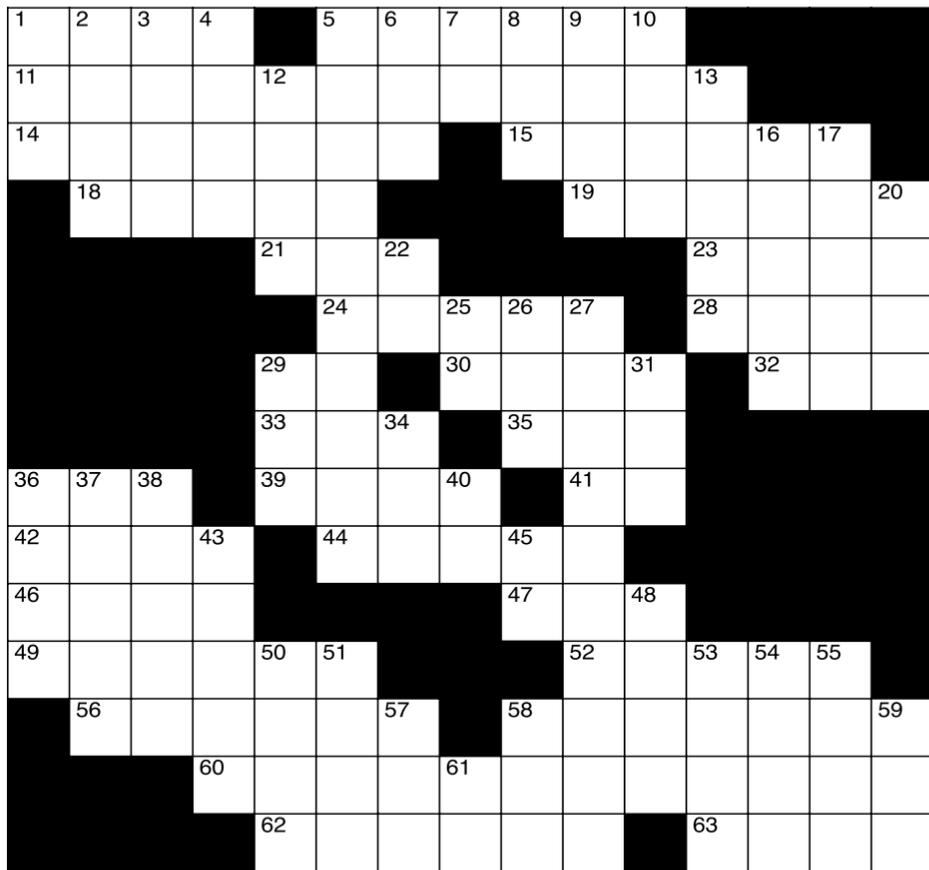
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Greek mountain
- 5. One dependent on something
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. Glazed ceramic ware
- 15. Paddling
- 18. Step
- 19. More greasy
- 21. Upper-class young woman
- 23. Light beige
- 24. Belief in a supreme being
- 28. Indigenous people of Scandinavia
- 29. A beloved princess
- 30. Transfer property
- 32. Field force unit
- 33. Automated teller
- 35. When you hope to get there
- 36. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 39. Politicians Fischer and Conroy are two
- 41. Blood type
- 42. Stringed instrument
- 44. Curses
- 46. Barbary sheep
- 47. Belonging to a thing

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Klutz
- 2. Relaxing places
- 3. Expel saliva
- 4. The extended location of something
- 5. Certified
- 6. Cease to exist
- 7. Powerful legal pro
- 8. The OJ trial judge
- 9. Popular greeting
- 10. "90210" actress Spelling
- 12. ___ Blyton, children's author
- 13. "This Is Us" star Fitch
- 16. Battery cell with a nickel alode
- 17. Full of bacteria
- 20. Remains of an old building
- 22. Exist
- 25. It gets you into places
- 26. Witness

- 27. The spreading of a disease to another part of the body
- 29. Father
- 31. Touch gently
- 34. Licensed for Wall Street
- 36. Herring-like fish
- 37. Lute used in N. Indian music
- 38. Mirabel shouldn't talk about him
- 40. Atomic #62
- 43. Religious
- 45. Silvery-white metal (abbr.)
- 48. Influential civil rights organization
- 50. Acknowledgment (abbr.)
- 51. Turn away
- 53. Kidney disease (abbr.)
- 54. Smooth-feeling fabric
- 55. Competently
- 57. Sea eagle
- 58. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 59. It helps you see
- 61. Emerging technology

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

<p>Thurs, Nov. 17</p> <p>North Isle H-50°/L-32° Mostly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-51°/L-32° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>Fri, Nov. 18</p> <p>North Isle H-46°/L-33° Sunny and Chilly</p> <p>South Isle H-46°/L-32° Sunny and Chilly</p>	<p>Sat, Nov. 19</p> <p>North Isle H-48°/L-40° Mostly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-47°/L-38° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>Sun, Nov. 20</p> <p>North Isle H-49°/L-44° Mostly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-46°/L-42° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>Mon, Nov. 21</p> <p>North Isle H-54°/L-42° Showers</p> <p>South Isle H-51°/L-42° Showers</p>	<p>Tues, Nov. 22</p> <p>North Isle H-55°/L-44° Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-52°/L-40° Occasional Rain</p>	<p>Wed, Nov. 23</p> <p>North Isle H-52°/L-4° Showers and Windy</p> <p>South Isle H-50°/L-42° Showers</p>
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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

With Thanksgiving coming, for what are you most grateful?



Griffin H., Oak Harbor

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for mashed potatoes and gravy, they are my favorite food. I am thankful for sports, which I can watch on TV with my dad. The last thing I am thankful for is my friends that I can hang out with on Thanksgiving.

Cerenity B., 5th grade, Oak Harbor

I am most grateful for my family, friends, and teachers because they are always so supportive in everything I do. I'm grateful for my teachers because they are super nice and I can trust them. I'm grateful for my family because they believed in me when no one else did. I'm grateful for my friends because they are funny and sweet and I am glad that they are my friends. I'm also grateful for my life; I'm grateful that I am breathing and have a heartbeat, I'm grateful that I have the feeling of greater happiness and joy. Another thing I'm grateful for is school, because I get to learn about stuff I never even heard of before, I'm grateful for school because when I grow up I can go to a good college and be successful in life. The last thing I'm grateful for is my dog because he is cute, sweet and always makes me feel better when I'm sad.



Abby R., 5th grade, Oak Harbor

The thing that I am most thankful for is being able to have family members and friends over for Thanksgiving and also just in general. For last year's Thanksgiving we had to see our family members over Zoom. And other people can't even see their family over Zoom so it is really good to be able to see people in person. Spending Thanksgiving with family and friends is just really fun because nobody wants to spend Thanksgiving all by themselves.

Kenna Z., 5th grade, Oak Harbor

This Thanksgiving I am most thankful for my friend Jeremiah. I am thankful for him because I have him to sit next to at school. He always asks me what I think, and if I am okay. I am also thankful for him because he is kind and is always thinking about others. He will clean up around the school and he will help teachers whenever they need it. Jeremiah will say hi to all the teachers that he sees. He will also take responsibility for his actions when he does something wrong, which you do not see in kids all the time.



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