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Parade, "Bash," headline St. Paddy's shenanigans

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

St. Patrick's Day is sure to please this year on Whidbey Island and that's no blarney! The day will boast the 50th annual St. Patrick's Day parade in Oak Harbor and the Shifty Sailors return with the group's 16th annual St. Paddy's Bash in Coupeville.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The Whidbey Island Irish Wildlife Society is pleased to be back Friday with its 50th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. This year the parade begins at 4:30 p.m. and will travel along Pioneer Way in historic downtown Oak Harbor.

This one-of-a-kind event is all about fun for everyone and no one has to be Irish to enjoy it. It's free to participate and organizers encourage everyone to go a little crazy with a costume and join in the fun – it's not too late.

"The parade this year starts at 4:30 p.m., which gives kids time to get off from school, change into their costumes and come down and join the fun," said Irish Wildlife Society president Susan "Sooz" Konopik. "People wishing to be in the parade can email me at oirishwildlifesociety@outlook.com or soozkono@hotmail.com to get an application and other information. It's never too late to be in the parade. We even accept applications the morning of!"

Political entries or selling of any kind are not permitted at the parade. Participation is free and people of any age may take part.

"This gives children the opportunity to ride their bikes or roller skate up the street to the throngs of cheering crowds," Konopik encouraged.

For the first time, there are two grand marshals for the parade – the brother and sister team of Michelle and Robi Tull, who Konopik said people will recognize from their many volunteer efforts in the community.

"Our group nominates people who volunteer their time to the community and do it without fanfare or fame," she explained. "In the past, we have nominated people who are known for picking up trash frequently around town, a person who decorates the mermaid and other statues during the year, or simply people who help with festivals and events as volunteers."



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Irish Wildlife Society
Find your best greenery and head to downtown Oak Harbor at 4:30 p.m.
Friday for the Whidbey Island Irish Wildlife Society's 50th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

While the parade is the Irish Wildlife Society's main event, the group partners with the American Legion George Morris Post and its Ladies Auxiliary to provide a traditional Irish meal following the parade.

"They put on a fantastic corned beef and cabbage dinner for \$15," said Konopik. "We provide some entertainment for the diners, such as music, jokes, skits, a dart tournament, etc. We also give out the prizes for the 'Best Of' categories of entrants in the parade. We have Mayor's Choice, Best Irish Spirit, Best Children's Entry, Grand Marshal's Award, and others."

Entertainment for this year's dinner will feature musician Ryan Pritchard. Konopik also encouraged any musicians, singers, dancers, limerick readers or anyone with the "Irish in them" to help with dinner entertainment in the future. The only requirement is that it be Irish/Celtic in nature.

It's a big job to plan and organize this community event every year, but it's one the Irish Wildlife Society gladly takes on. The group is always looking for new members, and being Irish is NOT one of the qualifications to join.

"The Whidbey Irish Wildlife Society is unique because we are an independent group of ordinary people who just came together to have fun," Konopik said. "The organization has changed over the years from a group of friends to including anyone interested in having a bit of fun. We have members in their 80s and kids, too. Membership spans the globe, to include Thailand, Cambodia, as well as around 23 or so dedicated local members."

One portion of the community Konopik said she would love to get more involved in the WIWS is members of the military.

"I have a vision that would include the military squadrons or members to participate in the parade by competing in the category of Most Irish Spirit – Military," she said. "We also would love new blood to help us with the merry-making and shenanigans. Any squadrons interested?"

"It's a great way to interact with the community, gain new friends and have a blast scheming up ways to bring laughter to the town," Konopik continued. "There is no obligation to attend every meeting or be roped into duties. Whidbey Island is a home away from home for those in the military, so we want to extend a hand to any and all interested."

Konopik said there is never an obligation to become a member or for any commitment, but for those interested in joining officially, a lifetime membership is just \$10.

"We're looking for good-hearted people who like to get together for a little fun within their community," she said. "We have people of all ages and usually meet in family-friendly places that might serve a pint or two. Anyone who wants to join in on the wackiness is invited to visit our Facebook page (Whidbey Island Irish Wildlife Society) or email me at oirishwild-



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Irish Wildlife Society
Last year's St. Patrick's Day Parade grand marshal, Maria McGee, gets in the spirit of the day by sharing a smooch with Oak Harbor's very own Blarney Stone. This year's parade begins at 4:30 p.m. in downtown Oak Harbor.

lifesociety@outlook.com or soozkono@hotmail.com."

THE BASH IS BACK!

Whidbey's own Shifty Sailors are very pleased to announce the return of the group's famous – or should we say infamous? – St. Paddy's Bash. The Bash starts at 5 p.m. Friday at the Coupeville Rec Hall.

The evening features a full Irish corned beef dinner with all the trimmings, dessert and two drink tickets good for either wine, beer or soft drinks. The cost is \$40 per person and tickets are available online at brownpapertickets.com or by cash or check at bayleaf in Coupeville.

This is the first "bash" in three years, due to the pandemic. Because of lingering pandemic restrictions, attendance is limited to 125 ticketholders.

Organizers encourage those interested in attending to purchase tickets early, as the event has a history of selling out.

"What makes the bash so much fun for all is that this is the only St. Paddy's Day dinner and Irish music event on Whidbey Island," said Shifty Sailor Jim Lightner.

"The music is lively, the Rec Hall is decorated throughout with Irish decor, Kelly green is the theme, and the food is authentic Irish fare. The community has come back year after year to enjoy the food, fun and energy created by the bash."

In addition to great food, the bash is known for its musical entertainment.

"The Shifty Sailors play three sets of Irish music and traditional shanty music and The Eclectically Celtic instrumental band plays three sets of traditional Irish music," Lightner described. "All together, it's three hours of great music to enjoy, sing along with and dance to. There will be song sheets for the guests to sing along with the Irish music."

Lightner said members of the Shifty Sailors used to provide desserts for this event, but new rules call for all food served to be made in a commercial kitchen. This year restaurants and businesses from around Coupeville have donated all the desserts and drinks.

"We are really looking forward to the St. Paddy's Bash this year after missing it and all the fun for the last three years," said Lightner. "So, wear your green, bring your appetite and singing voices, and return again to 'The Bash.'"

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GROWING GARDENS WITH KIDS STILL GROWING AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

With over five years of WSU Extension Island County SNAP-Ed programming in Oak Harbor, gardens continue to grow.

The USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education initiative (SNAP-Ed) at WSU Extension Island County has been operating for over six years. The goal of the SNAP-Ed program is to increase fruit and vegetable consumption, increase physical activity and reduce sedentary behavior within low-income, qualifying communities. SNAP-Ed works with a wide list of partners, including schools, food banks, transitional houses, farmers markets and community organizations such as United Way, DSHS and Goodwill.

In 2017, WSU Extension Island County SNAP-Ed started working with Crescent Harbor and Olympic View Elementary schools. These schools serve populations where 50 percent or greater of the families receive free or reduced lunch. At that time 2nd and 3rd graders spent 30 minutes in the garden twice a month learning about how their food grows and tasting healthy recipes made with garden fresh produce. Over the past five years, the program has continued to make a difference and has expanded to reach all grade levels, engaging students in Farm to School activities, all of which promote eating fresh fruits and vegetables. Students are thrilled to visit the garden and say it is one of their favorite activities during the day.

At the beginning of this year, Olympic View Elementary school purchased portable kitchen carts for the teachers to check out and use in their classrooms. These carts contain a portable oven, crock pots, utensils, bowls, and measuring equipment to make simple recipes in their classrooms. Teachers now can demonstrate fast and easy meals for their students in their own classrooms, discussing the importance of healthy eating and tasting produce from the school gardens.

Two years ago, the Olympic View Elementary School PTA recognized many of their families were still facing challenges with food security and would benefit from a free bread pantry. Bread pantries were being offered through local food banks, however many families were unable to participate due to time conflicts and work schedules. They decided to use PTA funds to buy discounted bread and supply it for free to their participating families. The Olympic View Elementary PTA reached out to SNAP-Ed for assistance in creating the food pantry at the school and asked SNAP-Ed to join them during their pantry hours. SNAP-Ed staff jumped at the chance to help and expand families' food budgets with additional affordable, fresh food. SNAP-Ed began to bring excess pro-

duce and herbs from the school gardens to the monthly bread pantry, provided recipe demonstrations and offered healthy recipes to take home.

One participant was so grateful for the pantry they reached out to our SNAP-Ed staff, "My family never cooks. But after trying the Bruschetta Salad, we made the recipe together at home. It was a big hit with everyone," said an Olympic View parent.

Gardening does not stop with students in schools. In the summer of 2017, personnel from Naval Air Station Whidbey Island reached out to the SNAP-Ed staff to talk about bringing programing to single sailors, military families and retirees. The base had recognized food insecurity within its members and asked if SNAP-Ed would be able to help provide access to gardening, allowing base members to access fresh, local produce grown on base. SNAP-Ed staff partnered with base personnel and the Island County Master Gardener

program to provide gardening and nutrition classes to sailors, their families and retirees. The program focuses on growing and harvesting fresh fruits and vegetables and using them in simple, healthy recipes. The military built 11 raised gardens, eight located near single sailor housing, while the other three are located by the family recreation building known as the Convergence Zone. Classes are offered weekly to provide nutrition information, food demonstrations and new recipes that use fresh ingredients and are quick and easy to prepare. The gardens continue to be utilized and are a great food access point for many families on the base.

SNAP Ed would not be able to make a difference, nor would these programs be possible without strong partnerships which have been established within the communities SNAP-Ed serves. SNAP-Ed partners with Oak Harbor Public Schools, WSU Extension Master Gardeners, WSU Waste Wise, Olympic View Elementary School PTA, and NAS Whidbey Island to bring nutrition and garden-based programming to low-income families in Oak Harbor.

The WSU Extension Island County SNAP-Ed program will remain committed to our community and is honored to be able to continue to serve and assist families, ensuring everyone has access to healthy food, and enabling families to be nourished, healthy and happy.

WSU Extension Master Gardener volunteers help educate gardeners on research-based horticultural practices that help protect and preserve our natural resources. The Island County Master Gardener Foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides educational opportunities to the community and supports the Master Gardener and Washington State University Extension education program. See www.icmgf.org for more information on its mission and to donate.



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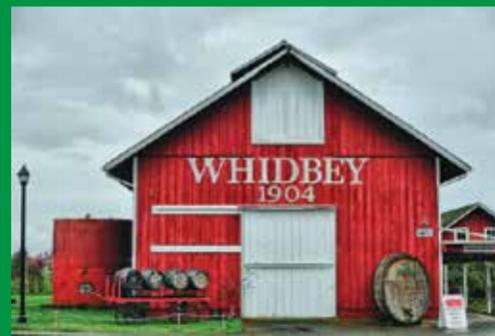
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Letters to the Editor

Editor,

A Compromise

Generally, people enjoy working. The statistics would show working is healthy and people may live longer if they continue working, even well past retirement age. But as a person gets 60 or older they have a desire to work less and have more leisure time, maybe for a short vacation somewhere nice.

But there is a major problem with the current system. There is no compromise. One has a choice, retire and stop working, or continue working full time.

This author proposes a "compromise." Basically, the person works part time, is paid the person's regular hourly salary for the hours worked. Social security and the company's retirement pension fund will make up much of, if not all of, the money, so his salary would be perhaps a total of 90 percent or even 100 percent of his regular salary.

The days worked could be flexible. Like the person may work the first three days of the first week and the last three days of the next week allowing the "half-retired" employee to have eight days in a row to do whatever his priorities and finances allow.

Think of the advantages such a "compromise" offers. The company has the services of a highly skilled and experienced employee. The "half-retired" employee has both the time and the finances to do many things not possible under the current system. Working full time, there is no time off. Being retired, there is the financial issue. (The health statistics would reflect that people would be living longer and of course, enjoying life more. The half-retired employee could be working until even 80 years old or longer. The social security cost is predicted to be less over the half-retired employee life than the current system.) This "compromise" is predicted to be a win-win for all.

In theory, this "compromise" is a concept top management should seriously consider for their employees.

Joseph C. Coomer
Oak Harbor, Wash.

His Kids Preschool Registration Now Open

His Kids Preschool registration is now open to the community for the 2023/2024 school year. Please call Oak Harbor Lutheran Church at 360-679-1561 or visit oakharbor-lutheran.org for further information.

[Submitted by Sara Harbaugh]

Meet Vietnam POWs

Fifty years ago, U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War came to a close. As part of the signed agreement over 600 of our prisoners of war were repatriated. For the fifth and final time, the Whidbey ANA, in conjunction with the Naval Air Station and other sponsors, will host these former POW veterans to tell their remarkable stories. The last time they were here was the 40th anniversary in 2013.

Friday, PNWNAM is hosting a departure luncheon for the three POWs participating in the 50th anniversary observance of Operation Homecoming at NAS Whidbey Island. For many, this will be a rare and probably last opportunity for Vietnam vets to break bread with the Vietnam War POWs. All Vietnam veterans are invited to join and meet Col. Bill Reeder USAF (Ret.), Maj. Joe Crecca USAF (Ret.) and Capt. Bill Wilson USAF. The Luncheon is being held Friday at the Elks Lodge, NE Ernst St. Oak Harbor. Social time begins at 11:30AM. Buffet lunch will be served. Cost is \$20, pay at the door. Please RSVP to rsvp@pnwnam.org.

[Submitted by the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum]

OBBLIGATO: Works for Solo Harpsichord and Flute

Obbligato [Obbligato: Works for Solo Harpsichord and Flute] features renowned Chicago harpsichordist David Schrader with flutist Jeffrey Cohan playing 18th-century music for harpsichord with flute Sunday, March 26, at 7:30PM at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Freeland, 20103 SR 525.

Special guest Chicago harpsichordist, organist and pianist David Schrader has performed as featured soloist with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra under Neeme Järvi, with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Sir Georg Solti, Claudio Abbado, Daniel Barenboim, Pierre Boulez and Erich Leinsdorf, and with many other orchestras and for music festivals in Europe and throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Works for obbligato harpsichord with flute by Johann Sebastian Bach, Joseph Bodin de Boismortier, Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, Georg Philipp Telemann and Georg Benda will be performed. In addition, David Schrader will perform works for solo harpsichord by Domenico Scarlatti and Johann Sebastian Bach.

In the 18th century, the harpsichordist accompanying a flutist, or other solo instrumentalist, generally played from a single bass line for the left hand while the right hand improvised to the harmonies. Johann Sebastian Bach was the first to compose music for harpsichord with another soloist in which the so-called "obbligato" keyboard part is fully written out for both hands, often with a distinct melody in each of the harpsichordist's hands, forming a trio with the flute.

Admission is by suggested donation of \$20 or \$25 (a free will offering), and those 18 and under are free. For additional information, please see www.salishseafestival.org/whidbey.

[Submitted by Jeffrey Cohan]

Request for Public Input: Public Works Improvement Programs

Public Works is in the process of preparing the following out year programs:

Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program 2024-2029, Six-Year Capital Improvement Program 2024-2029, Annual Road Construction Program 2024.

The public at large is invited to submit suggestions for improvements to the following categories: County buildings, trails, economic development projects, parks and recreation, roads, parking, septage, solid waste, surface water management.

All suggestions will be taken into consideration in the preparation of the programs.

Please forward your response to the Island County Public Works Director at PWcallforprojects@islandcountywa.gov by March 28.

[Submitted by Island County Public Works]

Larsen: Airport Terminal Investments Help Build Cleaner, Greener and More Accessible Airports in the Pacific Northwest

Recently, Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02) applauded the Federal Aviation Administration's announcement of nearly \$1 billion to improve terminals at 99 airports nationwide, including \$37,365,000 for three critical projects at Seattle-Tacoma International, Spokane International and Pullman-Moscow Regional airports in Washington state.

"Thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, airports in the Pacific Northwest and across the country will be cleaner, greener and more accessible," said Larsen, the lead Democrat on the House Transportation and Infrastructure committee. "As more people rely on air travel, building better airport terminals improves the passenger experience, enhances U.S. competitiveness, boosts long-term economic recovery and creates more jobs."

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$1 billion annually for five years in the Airport Terminal Program, one of three aviation initiatives established by the BIL. Last year, the FAA awarded the three airports \$32,800,000 in Airport Terminal Program grants.

The FAA awarded a total of \$37,365,000 in grants to three Washington airports to improve accessibility and sustainability:

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA): \$16,000,000 to relocate Security Checkpoint 1 from the ticketing level to the lower baggage claim level, which will provide additional screening capacity and improved wait times. The project will include energy efficient upgrades that will meet or exceed all applicable ADA standards.

Spokane International Airport (GEG): \$15,000,000 for the final phase of the Concourse C – West expansion portion of the terminal renovation and expansion (TRES) program. The phase will finalize construction of three additional gates by providing finishes (acoustical ceilings, flooring, millwork, doors, hardware) and elevators. When complete, TRES will accommodate both existing and future passenger demand, provide a LEED certified facility with numerous energy efficient upgrades.

Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport (PUW): \$6,365,000 for a third gate and boarding bridge in PUW's new terminal, which will provide additional boarding capacity and decreased wait times.

Historically, the FAA has invested in runways, traffic-control towers and back-of-house infrastructure. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes dedicated funding to support modernizing airport terminals across the country. For a full list of airports receiving Airport Terminal Program grants, visit www.faa.gov/sites/faa.gov/files/2023-02/FY2023_ATP_Approved_Selections02272023.pdf.

As the lead Democrat on the Transportation and Infrastructure committee, Larsen is focused on making bold, long-term investments in the nation's airports and aviation infrastructure to ensure aviation safety, foster innovation in U.S. airspace, improve U.S. competitiveness in the global market and enhance the air travel experience for passengers. Larsen highlighted the importance of aviation safety during a full Committee hearing last month.

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

Should investors 'go it alone'?

If you're going to enjoy a comfortable retirement, you should know, among other things, how much money you'll need. And you may have a much better chance of knowing this if you get some professional help.

Consider these findings from a 2021 study by Dalbar, a financial services market research firm:

- Investors who worked with a financial advisor were three times more likely to estimate what they would have saved at retirement than "do-it-yourself" investors.

- More than two-thirds of investors with a financial advisor were satisfied with the amount they would have saved at retirement, compared to about 27% of the do-it-yourselfers.

How do financial professionals help their clients in these ways?

First, consider the issue of determining how much money will be needed for retirement. It's not always easy for individuals to estimate this amount. But financial professionals can help clients like you arrive at this figure by exploring your hopes and goals. How long do you plan to work? What kind of lifestyle do you anticipate enjoying in retirement? Where would you like to live? How much would you like to travel? Are you open to pursuing earned income opportunities, such as consulting or working part time?

Next comes the other key question: How much money will be available for retirement? This big question leads to many others: How much do you need to save and invest each year until you retire? About what sort of investment return will you need to reach your retirement income goals? What level of risk are you willing to take to achieve that return? What is the role of other income sources such as Social Security or any pensions you might have?

Having a financial professional help you gain a clear idea of your retirement income picture can certainly be reassuring. But there may be other reasons why "going it alone" as an investor might not be desirable.

For example, when the financial markets are down, as was the case for much of 2022, some investors make decisions based on short-term volatility, such as selling investments to "cut their losses," even if these same investments still have solid business fundamentals and good prospects for growth. But if you work with a financial professional, you might decide to stick with these investments, especially if they're still appropriate for your long-term strategy. Other times, of course, the advice may be different — but it will always be advice based on your goals, needs and time horizon.

Furthermore, if you're investing on your own, you may always be measuring your results against the major market indexes, such as the S&P 500 or the Dow Jones Industrial Average. But in reality, your portfolio should contain a wide range of investments, some of which aren't contained in these indexes, so you might not be assessing your performance appropriately. A financial professional can help you develop your own, more meaningful benchmarks that can show the progress you're actually making toward your goals.

In some areas of life, going it alone can be exciting — but when it comes to investing for your future, you may benefit from some company on the journey.

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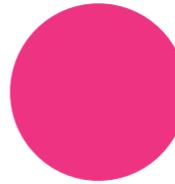
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HUNTING HALIBUT

Each year halibut season is highly anticipated by many recreational fishermen and rightly so. Halibut is fantastic table fare and generally very expensive in restaurants and in the supermarkets, but best of all, they are a blast to catch! I admit I am not as successful with halibut as I am during salmon and lingcod seasons, but I continue to work on that. Many halibut fishermen have thrown in the towel on halibut fishing in the inner Puget Sound because of commercial halibut fishing operations prior to recreational fishing opportunity and the ridiculous restrictive rules during the short seasons we are given by the state. However, we have turned the corner slightly in the last two years. Solicited public input and a general disgust with the halibut commission has gotten some attention, which for now has allowed us both an earlier start to the season and less dissected days of the month to fish.

Here are the approved days and total weight quotas for this year's halibut season for Marine Areas 5 through 10, which many of us Island Anglers are likely to fish, as provided by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) website:

Marine Areas 5 through 10:
Open Thursday, April 6, 2023
Marine Area 5 (Sekiu) and Marine Areas 6 – 10 (Puget Sound):
Open April 6-10, 13-17, 20-24, 27-30; May 1, 4-8, 11-15, 18-22, 26-28; June 1-30, as long as there is sufficient quota. This area will be managed to a quota of 79,031 pounds.

Successful halibut fishing is no different than other types of fishing. Finding the area the fish are occupying is harder than actually catching them. With modern technology it's easy to mark a position where fish have been caught, especially if the spot consistently produces fish. Productive latitude/longitude numbers can be entered into modern electronics and can guide you to a known sweet spot for halibut.

Here are some things to consider and prepare for prior to hitting the water:

Time of Year: Halibut can be caught all year long if seasons allow it and you have the right boat to deal with bad weather conditions. For us here in the Sound, April, May and June are our primary seasons. Halibut move into shallower waters to spawn during these months, which is good for us.

Depth of Water: 90 to 200 feet of water is where we want to fish in the Puget Sound and these depths are common throughout the Sound. Halibut like cold water – 35 to 45 degrees Fahrenheit. The Puget Sound has an average springtime temperature of 48 degrees. Deeper water could be the key to the good bite.

Best Bottom Topography: Halibut will search anywhere for prey but concentrate fishing on bottom areas that consist of sand, gravel, broken shell and even mud. These bottom types are even better if they can be found on humps, plateaus and gradually sloping shelves that are near deep water.

Water Movement: Still water is not very productive and too much moving water

is also unproductive and hard to fish. "Walking water" is the rule of thumb I like to use for good fishing water movement. To me, water that is moving as fast as we walk down the sidewalk works best, not only for halibut but for lingcod and salmon as well. This water speed allows bait and forage fish to move in and around with the current, carries scent farther away without diluting it too quickly, and makes managing our fishing rods, reels, and underwater terminal tackle enjoyable.

Anchor Down or Drift: I have fished both on anchor and drifted with the current/tide to hunt for halibut and caught fish both ways. If you want to stay put and fish, you will probably need 400 feet of quality anchor rope and chain plus an anchor big enough to hold your boat in place. If the current is not bad, anchored is both relaxing and popular among halibut fishermen. I prefer drifting with the current and bouncing the bait of choice along the bottom, I feel you can cover more water plus you get more interaction with your gear. Remember to share the water with the anchored fishermen.

The Right Gear: When we think halibut, we automatically think heavy rods and reels. I believe the heavy gear is more suitable for the heavy weights required to get down to 200 and 300 feet. Weights up to three pounds are used to get the bait to the bottom, so the rods and reels required are relative. Most of the fish we catch will be in the 25- to 45-pound range, which by themselves can be done with much lighter gear. Today's rods are made with very tough materials that can handle heavy pressures so the stiff telephone poles are not always necessary. Braided line is almost a must for deep water halibut (I use 65-pound test); braided line does not stretch; it provides much more sensitivity for the angler and allows for good hook-sets in deep water. A lightweight but tough set-up is the goal.

Bait – Natural and Artificial: Large herring, chunk/cut bait from any fish, salmon heads (cut in half if large), squid, octopus, salmon bellies, lingcod skin, freezer-burned trout, bass or crappie, chicken, bacon with the tough hide still on it, just to get started. Halibut are opportunists; they will take a look and generally bite on anything that is not rotten. Soft rubber baits, curly-tails, paddle-tails and large rubber worms attached to a lead-head jig can also work. Add your flavor of smelly jellies or oils to the artificial offerings. Spray WD-40 into the stomach cavity of your herring; brine your herring or chunk-bait in colored dye (chartreuse, purple, or pink). Get whatever bait you choose to use close to the fish – they will do the rest.

Halibut fishing takes patience; if you are on anchor and using a scent bag down with your bait, it could be an hour before the fish come calling. If you are drifting, it takes time to drift over the right conditions where the fish are laying; during the drift bouncing your bait off the bottom without getting hung up can be a challenge. The effort put forth is definitely worth it when a tasty, hard fighting flatfish is on the line!

Spring is almost here and fishing opportunities are starting to get better, so think about getting your new license and dust off the rods.

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Sunday, March 26, 7:30PM
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Guemes Island Bus Tour

Friday, April 14
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Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below
Cost: Free

The Buzz About Bees

Thursday, March 16, 3:00PM
Freeland Library

Saturday, April 1, 2:00PM
Clinton Community Hall

Discover beginning beekeeping, plants that extend the bee feeding season, and learn how to tell the difference between wasps and bees. The Clinton Community Hall is located at 6411 S. Central Ave.

Cooking with Honey

Saturday, March 18, 3:00PM
Clinton Community Hall

Join Karen Achabal to learn how to use this delicious and healthy ingredient in everything from appetizers to beverages. The Clinton Community Hall is located at 6411 S. Central Ave.

Bees, Honey & Our Shared Cultural Connections

Tuesday, March 21, 3:00PM
Coupeville Library

Sketching Nature

Saturday, March 25, 2:00PM
Freeland Library

Deepen your connection with nature and learn to sketch and make art without fear with artist and teacher Alma Alonzo. All supplies provided. Registration required.

Meetings & Organizations

Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers (WIGS)

Tuesday, March 21, 1:00PM
Oak Harbor Lutheran Church

Dr. Bernd J. Fischer, Professor Emeritus of History at Indiana University-Fort Wayne and Special Adviser to the Albanian Royal Court, will speak about Prussia and Eastern Europe. All are invited to attend. The church is located at 1253 NW 2nd Ave. For more information, email whidbeygensearchers@gmail.com.

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

Growing Cool-Season Crops

Saturday, March 18, 10:30AM-12:00PM
Tilth Campus, 2812 Thompson Road, Langley

\$5 for members, \$15 for non-members

Enjoy fresh organic greens this season from your backyard garden. In this class taught by Anza Muenchow, we will discuss soil preparation and the best varieties to thrive in our climate and resist our pests. Mid-March is the time to plant your veggie starts and sow your peas, parsley and arugula. R.S.V.P to education@southwhidbeytilth.org.

Lenten Movie Series

Tuesday, March 21, 12:00-2:00PM
St. Augustine's-in-the-Woods, Freeland

With a lively mix of biblical criticism, Christology, art history, film studies, and movie lore, the Rev. Jim Friedrich will show a wide variety of movie clips from 19 Jesus movies made between 1912 and 2014. The perennial questions--Who is Jesus? and Who is Jesus for us?--and the mystery of the Passion and Resurrection will be explored during this third presentation in an ongoing four-week series. Bring a brown bag lunch and yourself. Beverages and cookies will be available. The church is located at 5217 S. Honeymoon Bay Road.

Veterans Benefits Fair

Friday, March 24, 11:00AM-4:00PM
Veterans Resource Center

Will include representatives from Veterans Affairs Healthcare and Benefits, VA Cemeteries and end of life benefits. Additionally, local resource representatives with Island County Veterans Services, Island Senior Services, DAV, Opportunity Council and Family Resource Centers and more. Please come to meet representatives, learn more about benefits, eligibility, and get help with questions and filling out forms. WVRC is located at the South Whidbey Community Center, 723 Camano Avenue Building C, room 403. Call 360-331-8081 for more information.

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Humor spurs deep reflection in new OutCast play

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

OutCast Productions kicks off its 11th season with a humorous but deeply thought-provoking production.

"The Children," written by Lucy Kirkwood, is now on stage at OutCast's Black Box Theater at the Whidbey Island Fairgrounds in Langley. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$16 for students and seniors (62+) and are available online at outcastproductions.net, or seats may be reserved and paid for at the door by emailing ocp@whidbey.com. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday through March 25, with a Thursday performance March 23 (\$14 all seats) and a matinee performance at 4 p.m. Sunday.

"The Children" is directed for OutCast Productions by Phil Jordan and features Gail Liston, Brian Plebanek and Kathy Stanley. The story centers around three people, a married couple and a colleague who has come to visit them in their remote, coastal cottage.

"It's a very interesting play," said Jordan. "You have three retired nuclear physicists who helped create a nuclear plant in England. Now there's been a disaster and they are deciding what to do. It's also sort of a love triangle. Two of them are married and one is sort of an interloper into their world. She is childless but is probably more obsessed with children."

According to Ned Farley, OutCast Productions' managing artistic director, this is a story that will stick with you, as it stuck with Jordan and the rest of the cast after they saw it on stage.

"This play happened to be the last production at The Seattle Rep before the pandemic and Phil [Jordan], as well as the actors in our production, had the opportunity to see it and they felt very strongly about the message of the play as well as the tightly written dialogue," he explained. "I just think the play asks important questions about our impact on the earth, the world, the current and future generations who will have to live in it. How can we be better stewards – and [it's] done in a tightly written and character driven script."

"I was drawn to it and the questions it poses," said Jordan, adding that despite its serious subject matter, the play is funny. "I think this production will bring in a lot of people because it's also very funny. There's a lot of humor in the play. It kind of brings us up short and poses questions through humor."

"I think audiences will be delighted, which is not what I would have thought when I heard about story," he continued. "Kirk-



Jim Carroll Photo Courtesy of OutCast Productions
Gail Liston, Kathy Stanley, center, and Brian Plebanek are retired nuclear physicists who must decide how to handle a "real-life" nuclear disaster in "The Children," OutCast Productions' latest stage production. The play runs through March 25 at the Black Box Theater at the Whidbey Island Fairgrounds in Langley.

wood does a great job getting inside people's heads. I think it examines our decision-making process and how we relate to younger generations. There are no children in it, but children are ever present in our play. We try to honor that in our set, and we examine what we owe our children and how do we go about doing that?"

The characters in the play are older, a fact that also resonated with Jordan and the cast.

"I think we're all four – the three actors and myself – in our mid-60s and are grappling with changes in our lives," he said. "We're seeing health issues, seeing friends dying – it's a whole new period in life. For some reason [this play] just got into our guts."

Jordan said the Black Box Theater, which OutCast Productions uses for its plays, brings the actors much closer to audiences physically and forces them to be more creative about defining what is really important and getting to the essences of what the play is about.

"To me, storytelling is really about how we deal with our lives," he shared. "My wife is more interested in news, in what's really

happening in the world and what's going on. For me, stories illuminate what's really important about what's happening, and how we can use stories to relate to the world around us."

Jordan credits the three veteran Whidbey Island actors in the show for making the production a wonderful experience.

"Sitting and watching the actors rehearsing every night, seeing such a delightful story set in a horrific situation... that combination and the delight the actors/characters bring to the situation has been really unique," he said. "The characters are full of life even when it's collapsing around them."

Farley noted this production fits OutCast's mission of bringing contemporary, socially relevant stories to the stage. As the company begins its 11th season, look for some slight changes and additions to its programming.

"We have made a decision to start producing one 'classic' each year with an understanding that while a classic, it is relevant to today's world," he explained. "We are also introducing 'From Page to Stage,' a play-reading series which is a sort of 'behind-the-scenes' peek at the process of choosing scripts for production. We are inviting our actors/directors who already work with us as well as our patrons and volunteers who might be interested in what it is like to do a table read of a script and then have a discussion about the play and whether or not it fits in our mission."

From Page to Stage begins Tuesday, April 4 and will take place each month, alternating between established/produced scripts and new scripts in development. They are also looking at implementing a series of improvisational games.

"[It would be] along the lines of 'Liars Club,' where someone gets up on stage and tells a story that the audience then has to decide is true or false," Farley described. "Finally, we hope this year to bring back some workshops and classes (scene study, acting, directing, tech)."

Upcoming shows this season include "Timely Twain" in May, a staged reading of "Zombies" in June, the classic "Waiting for Godot" in September and "Two Wrongs" in November.

"The Children" is currently in production at the Black Box Theater at the Whidbey Island Fairgrounds in Langley, 819 Camano Avenue. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit outcastproductions.net.

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Recipe of the Week

COOK UP A CLASSIC PHILLY SANDWICH

Cheesesteaks are decadent sliced beef sandwiches covered in gooey cheese and served on crusty rolls. They have become synonymous with Philadelphia. This recipe, courtesy of chef Robert Irvine and the Food Network®, is easy and quick.

CHEESESTEAK (Makes 4 sandwiches)

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| 2 tablespoons grapeseed oil | 4 9-inch sub rolls |
| 2 cups thinly sliced yellow onions | 2 pounds shaved beef, such as rib eye or sirloin |
| Salt and freshly ground black pepper | 12 thin slices provolone |
| 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened | |

In a large saute pan or griddle, heat the oil over medium-high heat for 1 minute, and then add the onions, 1 tablespoon salt and 1 teaspoon pepper. Cook the onions until caramelized, stirring throughout the process, 5 to 6 minutes. Remove and keep warm.

Spread the softened butter on the interiors of the rolls and cook, butter-side down, on a griddle until browned, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove the rolls, add the raw steak to the griddle and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Cook briefly, shredding the meat into small pieces with two metal spatulas. Add the onions and cook for 2 minutes.

Portion the meat into 4 piles, and top each pile with 3 slices of the provolone. Continue to cook until the cheese melts (putting the lid on and adding a little water to the pan can help with this step). Cover each pile with a browned roll, and slide a spatula under the meat to pick it up with the roll.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

So many things are moving your way, Aries. As the week progresses, your energy level could rise and you will get much more done. Leave time for meaningful encounters.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, connect with nature this week. Go hiking at a national park or visit a zoo and take in the exotic animals. Fresh outdoor air is just what you need.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, this week marks a new cycle for you. This means you should focus your energy on your ideas and try to narrow down prospects as much as possible.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

You may need a little inspiration to get moving this week, Cancer. While it's alright to take it easy on Monday or Tuesday, by Wednesday you need to shake away what's holding you back.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Your brain is filled with many thoughts, Leo. With so much buzzing around in your head, it may be challenging to focus. Consult with a friend to help you out.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, enjoy the calm while you can because later in the week the pace may become frenzied. Emotions may run high as everyone is rushing around.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

People are drawn to you more so than usual, Libra. All this newfound attention may feel a little overwhelming. Find some quiet time to ground yourself and refocus.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you have many ideas for the future, but you need to get moving. Is something or someone holding you back? Have an honest conversation about what you need.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Exercise caution when you speak about other people at work, Sagittarius. Not everyone will share your views and you need to work peacefully with others.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

You may want to remain in an easygoing state, Capricorn, but others are not letting you just hang around. You need to get some things accomplished this week.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

You may be feeling like you are moving a little slow, Aquarius. But if you write down all you have gotten done, then you're likely to discover you've been quite busy.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Be on the lookout for a catalyst that can put you on the path for big changes, Pisces. You can use some fresh inspiration.



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Friday – Tuesday: 1:30pm, 4:15pm & 7:00pm

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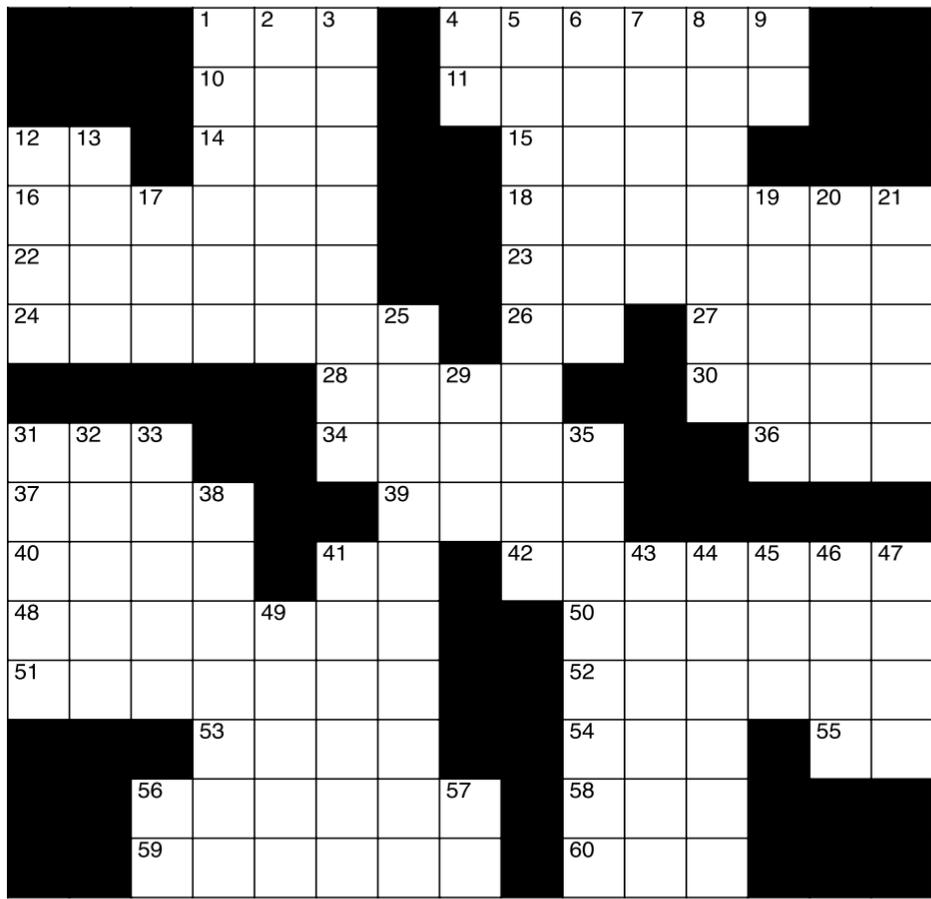
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Belonging to a thing
- 4. Pass or go by
- 10. Partner to cheese
- 11. Subjects
- 12. U.S. State (abbr.)
- 14. Bits per inch
- 15. Forest-dwelling deer
- 16. Illinois city
- 18. A salt or ester of acetic acid
- 22. Wholly unharmed
- 23. Cuddled
- 24. Bane
- 26. Global investment bank (abbr.)
- 27. Oh my gosh!
- 28. Arrive
- 30. Famed Spanish artist
- 31. Home of "Frontline"
- 34. Group of quill feathers
- 36. Keyboard key
- 37. Army training group
- 39. Detail

40. Pole with flat blade

- 41. Football play
- 42. Makes unhappy
- 48. Island in Hawaii
- 50. Back in business
- 51. Of an individual
- 52. Painful chest condition
- 53. Tropical American monkey
- 54. Matchstick game
- 55. For instance
- 56. Even again
- 58. Popular beverage
- 59. Evaluate
- 60. Time units (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Stain one's hands
- 2. Nocturnal hoofed animals
- 3. Back condition
- 4. Popular movie alien
- 5. City of Angels
- 6. Peaks
- 7. Infantry weapons
- 8. Left
- 9. Atomic #99

- 12. Told a good yarn
- 13. Vale
- 17. Resistance unit
- 19. Aquatic plant
- 20. Bluish greens
- 21. About some Norse poems
- 25. Reinforces
- 29. Egyptian mythological goddess
- 31. Supportive material
- 32. Subatomic particle
- 33. Expired bread
- 35. Cereal grain
- 38. Goes against
- 41. Walkie __
- 43. One who does not accept
- 44. Beliefs
- 45. Indicates near
- 46. Brazilian NBA star
- 47. Grab quickly
- 49. Romantic poet
- 56. College dorm worker
- 57. Set of data

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

<p>Thurs, March 16</p> <p>North Isle H-50°/L-34° AM Clouds PM Sunbreaks</p> <p>South Isle H-49°/L-36° Clouds and Sun</p>	<p>Fri, March 17</p> <p>North Isle H-56°/L-41° Mostly Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-57°/L-40° Clouds and Sun</p>	<p>Sat, March 18</p> <p>North Isle H-55°/L-41° Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-55°/L-40° Cloudy</p>	<p>Sun, March 19</p> <p>North Isle H-55°/L-39° Mostly Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-51°/L-39° Partly Sunny</p>	<p>Mon, March 20</p> <p>North Isle H-52°/L-41° Showers</p> <p>South Isle H-52°/L-40° Showers</p>	<p>Tues, March 21</p> <p>North Isle H-51°/L-40° Showers</p> <p>South Isle H-50°/L-37° Showers</p>	<p>Wed, March 22</p> <p>North Isle H-51°/L-42° Mostly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-51°/L-37° Mostly Sunny</p>
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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

Imagine you had a year to research someone's life. Who would it be, and why?



Bruce Biddle, Oak Harbor

My answer has to be my now deceased father, Robert S Biddle. Growing up in Oak Harbor as a free-range child, I was well aware of my dad's major accomplishments due to the trophies that he displayed in his den. He never went into detail about his awards, and he was very proud of his Navy career and was always willing to share it with anyone willing to listen. Little is known about his early life, but his Navy career is well documented. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Dad joined and was sent to Dutch Harbor and survived the Japanese bombing, about which he proclaimed, "We all were thankful that they didn't hit the chow-hall." Bob was trained on the then-secret Norden Bombsight and sent to the South Pacific, where he was awarded many times for his heroic actions. His last Navy award was his induction into the Enlisted Combat Aircrew Roll of Honor. After retirement he became a field director for the Red Cross and volunteered for Vietnam. In his spare time you would find him on the golf course. He and his Navy friends started the PBV Museum which is now the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum located in downtown Oak Harbor and inside is a Norden Bombsight and a memorial to my dad.

Lyn Bankowski, Oak Harbor

I have given this a great deal of thought.

There are so many incredible people I would like to research and write a biography on, getting deep, going wide! Learning as much as possible about their upbringing, families, religion, education (there are so many kinds), jobs they did along the way, hobbies, joys, triumphs, relationships and struggles. What did they dream about? What were they looking for? What were their fears? What made them smile? Happy? Ultimately putting this research into a legacy piece, a biography, to share a more human side.

I have chosen my own ancestors! I don't know as much about them as I would like. They came to America as immigrants many years ago. It would have been a difficult path filled with challenges, change, and life! These lives deserve to be documented, remembered and celebrated. Their tenacity and hope assured a future and home for my family here today.



Gary Barrett, Coupeville

The person whose life I would love to spend a year researching is my great-grandfather, James Madison Barrett. James Madison was born in Lee County, Ky., in 1862. He married Beckie Ann Angel and by the early 1900s, the marriage had produced eight children. Then, in 1902, James Madison and Beckie Ann, with their eight children, moved across the country to settle in the Olympia, Wash., area. Our family has been in Washington for six generations and James Madison and his family were the first. I don't know anything else about my great-grandfather and would love finding out what his life was like in Kentucky, what the trip west was like, traveling with eight young children over 2,500 miles to an unknown place. I would love to visit Lee County and find any relatives there and explore the area where my family lived many years ago.

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Metal RV/Vessel Shed, 40' long, 16' wide and 13.6' high. Manufactured and installed by HCI Steel Buildings (Arlington). Easy to enclose to make shop. Must be disassembled and reassembled - I know someone who can help. \$8,500 OBO. 360-678-6149 or 360-914-1605. Can send pictures. (1)

BOATS/PARTS FOR SALE

Honda boat prop, part number: 58134-ZV4-008AH, \$60 OBO. Call Doug at 360-678-9319 (1)

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

The Whidbey Island Monthly Flea Market is starting up again Saturday, March 25 from 10am-2pm at Greenbank Farm! No professional marketers selling imports - this is locals only selling everything from garage sale picks to vintage furniture to new arts and crafts! More information at whidbeyislandmarkets.com (1)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lions clubs are volunteers serving our community through various projects. Come and visit us at one of our meetings - both meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. North Whidbey Lions meet at noon at the VFW Post, 3037 Goldie Rd. in Oak Harbor. Oak Harbor Lions meet at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St. in Oak Harbor. LIONS motto is "WE SERVE." This is an opportunity to help your neighbors and have fun doing it.

Think you may be pregnant? Stop by Whidbey Island Women's Clinic for free pregnancy testing. We are also here to support our community with diapers, formula, baby clothes, and more. All our services are free. Open Tue and Thu, 10am-4pm, and

Wed, noon-7pm. Located 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

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

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

The Island County Medical Reserve Corps (ICMRC) is a local network of volunteers organized to improve the health and safety of communities on Whidbey and Camano Islands. Volunteers primarily include medical and public health professionals but other volunteers who have no healthcare backgrounds are also utilized. MRC responds to local emergencies such as natural disasters and public health emergencies. If you are interested in volunteering please contact us at Island County MRC website for application and information.

If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, look no further! When you volunteer at one of the Habitat for Humanity of Island County stores, you are helping local families attain decent, affordable housing. Income from the stores is vital to giving families a path to homeownership. We need people who can commit to help out in our Oak Harbor or Freeland store at least two-hours per week. Schedules are flexible. Our friendly volunteers provide customer service, help with

receiving donated household items and furniture, and maintain the store. We also need drivers and driver helpers who will professionally represent Habitat as they pick up donated items using our trucks. Please call either store for more information. Oak Harbor: 360-675-8733, Freeland: 360-331-6272.

College student? Student of history? History buff? Opportunities are available to spend constructive volunteer hours at the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum. Go to www.pnwnam.org and click on "Volunteer" or just stop by and introduce yourself.

Mother Mentors needs volunteers! Oak Harbor families with young children need your help! Volunteer just a couple of hours a week to make a difference in someone's life! To volunteer or get more info, email wamothermentors@gmail.com or call 360-321-1484.

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ProForm 585 folding treadmill with adjustable speeds, inclines 0-10 percent, and running surface length and width is 52" by 18", \$120 OBO. Call Doug at 360-678-9319 (1)

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Full/queen adjustable metal bed frame with casters, \$40 OBO. Call Doug at 360-678-9319 (1)

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