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## THE LAST FIVE YEARS

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Musical Direction by Sheila Weidendorf

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Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts  
“The Last Five Years,” a new production at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley, tells the story of Cathy (Ada Faith-Feyma), a struggling actor, and her husband Jamie (Tristan Johnson), an emerging novelist, and their five-year marriage. The musical opens Friday and runs through April 22.

## WICA musical weaves a poignant story

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley is at it again – fusing storytelling with music for what promises to be an unforgettable production. “The Last Five Years,” written and composed by Jason Robert Brown, is directed for WICA by Deana Duncan and features actors Ada Faith-Feyma and Tristan Johnson. Sheila Weidendorf serves as musical director. The production opens Friday and runs through April 22. Tickets are available at [wicaonline.org](http://wicaonline.org).

The story follows characters Cathy (Ada Faith-Feyma) and Jamie (Tristan Johnson) through their five-year marriage, told in two different chronologies.

“Cathy, a struggling actor, starts her tale at the end of the marriage, working backwards through the timeline,” explained Duncan. “Jamie, a literary prodigy, begins his at the onset of the relationship. The two narratives intersect on their wedding day before diverging again to arrive at the beginning, and end, of their five years together.

“[Jason Robert Brown’s] initial idea and work around the script spoke more to the story of what it means to choose your art as your life’s work,” Duncan continued. “This script delves deep into the emotional and real hardships that artists encounter when they ‘go for it’ and how hard it can be if the city you are in does not support you. In this case, it’s New York City.”

Duncan, who also directed a staged reading of this play 15 years ago, said she became intrigued with idea of playing with the “emotional residue” that creates a memory.

“You’ll see these characters cross in and out of each other’s timelines as they wrestle with their own story,” she described. “I have a very specific



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts  
The story of Cathy’s (Ada Faith-Feyma) and Jamie’s (Tristan Johnson) five year marriage is told in opposite timelines that come together at just one point in “The Last Five Years,” a new musical production opening Friday at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley.

take on this show; the script is tightly constructed so at first, I wondered if we would find the nuances. Our design is very different than any other I’ve seen and I literally pull these characters in and out of timelines in order to stay present with the other but not IN the same time. I think it’s beautiful and eerie and romantic and deeply moving.” Faith-Feyma said both the music and the unique timeline piqued her interest in doing this show.

“The competing timelines was what first really caught my attention,” she said. “The music is also so unique for a stage musical; I’m a sucker for a string section.

“Inhabiting five years’ worth of character development going backwards hasn’t been easy, but I’ve enjoyed the challenge,” Faith-Feyma continued. “Leaning into the music and movement has really helped unlock a new understanding of the show for me. From Cathy’s perspective, the music following her timeline gets more and more joyous. Her pain and struggles come directly from the script but the music really does guide that joy and certainly helps me find my bearings in younger Cathy’s world.”

Both actors in this production are young, as called for in the script. When asked whether it was difficult to try to relate to a character whose marriage has failed, Faith-Feyma said the play dives much deeper.

“There’s so much more to these characters than their relationship or its ultimate demise,” she said. “As an audience, we see their struggles, flaws, joy, and genuine sweetness. While as an individual I have never been married, I, like most audience members, have experienced growth, love, and hardship within the structures of a relationship. If you have loved someone, and experienced all that comes with love, then these characters are easy to relate to.”


“I cast this with two actors capable of bringing the joy, emotion, and depth of humanity to the roles that I knew we could find,” said Duncan. “Both Ada and Tristan bring years of experience and training to the stage and are powerhouses in these roles. Not only do they ‘understand and channel’ the intricacies and emotional intimacy these characters demand, they pour their hearts and souls into the work. It’s stunning, highly entertaining, and immensely watchable.”

There is actually very little dialog in this production. The story is propelled by the music, which is an interesting mix of genres, according to musical director Weidendorf.


“The music is very contemporary pop/rock in nature for the most part, but with some hints of gypsy jazz, of 1920s era waltz music and a nod to the 1940s era stage music,” she described. “The music is a direct vehicle for the development and exposition of the characters’ inner workings, situational circumstances, relationship, and emotional arc. There is very little talking in this production — a few phone calls and a book-reading. The story is otherwise completely conveyed via the music itself.”

See WICA continued on page 10


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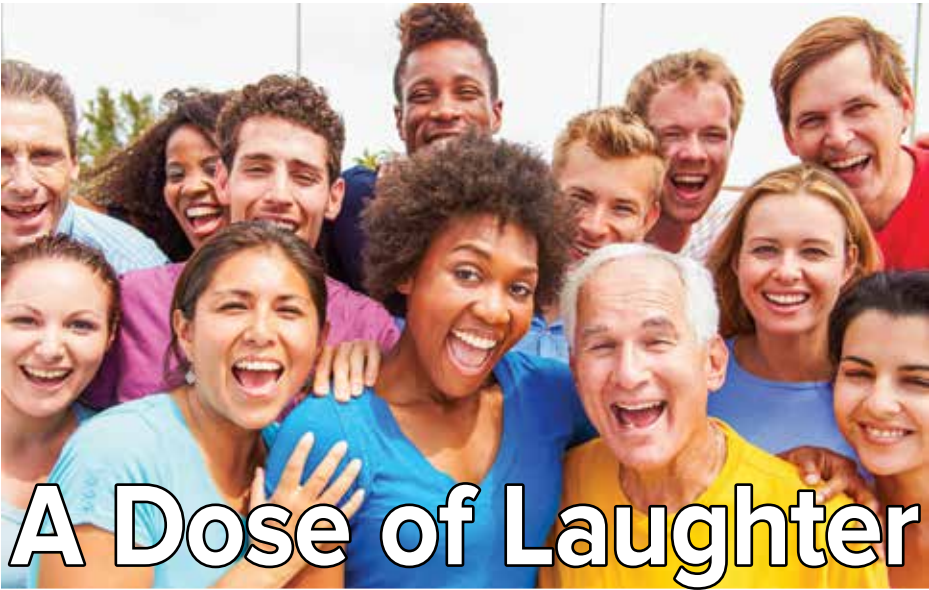


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# A Dose of Laughter

PSYCHOLOGY 101

In a class on abnormal psychology, the instructor was about to introduce the subject of manic depression. She posed this question to her students: "How would you diagnose a patient who walks back and forth screaming at the top of his lungs one minute, then sits down weeping uncontrollably the next?"

A young man in the rear raised his hand and suggested earnestly, "A football coach?"

THE MISSIONARY

A missionary recruit goes to Venezuela for the first time, struggling with the language. He visits one of the local churches and sits in the front row.

So as not to make a fool of himself, he decides to pick someone out of the crowd to imitate. He decides to follow the man sitting next to him in the front pew. As they sing, the man claps his hands, so the missionary recruit claps, too. When the man stands up to pray, the missionary recruit stands up, too. When the man sits down, the missionary sits down.

Later in the service, the man next to him stands up again, so the missionary stands up, too.

Suddenly a hush falls over the entire congregation. A few people gasp. The missionary looks around and sees that no one else is standing. So he sits down.

After the service ends, the missionary recruit greets the preacher. "I take it you don't speak Spanish," the preacher says.

The missionary replies, "No, I don't. It's that obvious?"

"Well yes," the preacher says. "I announced that the Acosta family had a new-born baby boy, and I asked the proud father to please stand up."

DENTIST VISIT

A woman and her husband interrupted their vacation to go to the dentist. "I want a tooth pulled, and I don't want any pain killers because I'm in a big hurry," the woman said. "Just extract the tooth as quickly as possible, and we'll be on our way."

The dentist was quite impressed. "You're certainly a courageous woman," he said. "Which tooth is it?"

The woman turned to her husband and said, "Show him your tooth, dear."

MILK MONEY

An art connoisseur passed a little grocery in New York when he noticed a kitten on the front step lapping up some milk in a bowl. The cat was mangy, with one ear half chewed off and clumps of fur missing. What really caught the collector's eye was the bowl the kitten was drinking from. It was a rare antique worth thousands. He walks in the store and offers \$20 for the cat. "He's not for sale," says the store owner. "That's ridiculous!" says the collector. "He is one of the ugliest cats I've seen. He must be for sale. I'll give you \$100 for him." The store owner thought for a second and said, "It's a deal." The connoisseur hands the store owner the money, which he quickly pockets, and as he starts out the store asks, "For that price I'm sure you won't mind sending that old bowl with him. He seems so happy drinking from it." The store owner says, "No way. That's my lucky bowl. From that bowl I've sold 26 cats this week!"

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## Whidbey Island C.A.R.E.s - Update

Since September 2022, a group of 10 Oak Harbor and Coupeville residents, initiated by Bob and Carol Wall, have met regularly to coordinate efforts to sponsor a family from Ukraine and bring them to Whidbey Island. The group, Whidbey Island Community Advocates for Refugee Efforts (WI C.A.R.E.s) embarked on this journey with passion and tenacity to do its part for at least one family trapped in a dangerous, inhumane war.

WI C.A.R.E.s has done an enormous amount of due diligence involving application paperwork, national/state regulations, and researching local resources. It applied to Sponsor Circles, a national community-led resettlement initiative led by the U.S. Department of State in 2021, and was accepted, resulting in a collaboration to facilitate the actions needed to bring a family here.

The committee has recently received Washington State nonprofit status and is awaiting its federal 501(c)(3) final approval and details about the makeup of the four-member family. Presently, the main focus is on fundraising for their travel to the U.S. and all of their living expenses once they arrive on Whidbey Island. This includes housing, transportation, medical, legal requirements, translation, jobs, food, education and other daily costs. It is estimated that a goal of at least \$12,000 would be sufficient for at least six months and until the family becomes fully independent. All donations are 100 percent dedicated to providing for the sponsored Ukraine family.

The committee's membership has expanded and others have offered to help on subcommittees, fundraising and necessary resources to enable the family to have a successful start here in the U.S. on Whidbey Island. It welcomes more to become involved.

March 17, WI C.A.R.E.s participated in the Oak Harbor St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Whidbey Irish Wildlife Society awarded it the "Grand Marshal Award" for most enthusiasm and energy brought to the parade audience.

Interested citizens can make a donation to Whidbey Island C.A.R.E.s and send it to P.O. Box 1731, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Anyone with a question or desire to join the team can email WhidbeyCares@gmail.com and check out the website and on FaceBook - Whidbey Island Community Advocates for Refugee Efforts. There is tremendous excitement for this project and a huge community effort will make it happen.

[Submitted by Leslie Improta]

## The Bard's Boutique Artist Spotlight Presents: Poetry in the Afternoon with Judith Adams

April is an excellent time to welcome the season of rebirth with choice words after huddling in the long gray months of winter. Luckily, local poet Judith Adams will lend us her words to awaken the soul in an Easter weekend poetry reading Saturday, from 1:00 to 2:30PM. Please stop by the Bayview Cash Store, upstairs in the Front Room Gallery, for "Poetry in the Afternoon with Judith Adams," accompanied by musicians Peggy Taylor on harp and Leif Utne on flute.

Adams is one of the many artists represented in Island Shakespeare Festival Bard's Boutique, which is downstairs in

the Cash Store and where attendees can browse her books and other local artists' wares after the reading. All proceeds support Island Shakespeare Festival.

Judith Adams is an English-born poet who has lived on Whidbey Island since 1976. She has published five books of poetry and two children's books. Her poems have been published in magazines and anthologies, and her poetry has even been choreographed for performance. Adams has read poetry to patients at the Cancer Care Alliance and audiences at the Frye Museum, Bainbridge Island Museum, Spokane Museum of Art, Third Place Books in Seattle, state correctional institutions, libraries, state hospitals, theaters, retreat centers and schools. She conducts poetry workshops for youth and adults and most recently is leading a Poetic Apothecary at Healing Circles in Langley. Judith was selected for the Washington State Speakers Bureau in 2017/18 and in 2019/20. Her poetry books include, *I Wanna Die Nice and Easy* (2010); *Love Letters Only* (2014); *Opening the Doors* (2017); *A Place Inside* (2021) and *Poems for the Village* (2021).

Poetry in the Afternoon with Judith Adams is a pay-what-you-will donation event to support the Island Shakespeare Festival. ISF, ([www.islandshakespearefest.org](http://www.islandshakespearefest.org)), is also a pay-what-you-will season of classical theater happening July 21-Sept. 10.

The Bard's Boutique in the Bayview Cash Store is located at 5603 Bayview Road in Langley.

[Submitted by Patricia Duff]

## South Whidbey Tilth Scholarship

Do you know a South Whidbey High School student who has a passion and focus for environmentally sound, socially equitable and sustainable agriculture? Now is the time to encourage them to apply for the 2023 Regenerative Agriculture Scholarship offered by South Whidbey Tilth. The amount of \$500 will be awarded. This scholarship was made possible by a donation from the T.J. Roehl Memorial Fund, which donated the seed money in 2021 for Tilth to develop its own scholarship opportunity. Spread the word, the deadline is April 11.

This information is listed on the South Whidbey High School scholarship webpage. Interested applicants may also request an application by emailing [tilth-scholarship@southwhidbeytilth.org](mailto:tilth-scholarship@southwhidbeytilth.org).

[Submitted by Janet Richards]

## Affordable Fresh Foods at Farmers Markets

Are you a SNAP or a Senior or WIC customer? Are you a farmer who sells produce or honey at a farmers market? Do you work with low-income community members? Join a free workshop Tuesday, April 11, to explain how the new Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) works at farmers markets. No more paper vouchers; customers get digital cards to redeem for good food. Growers must have applied by April 1 (new growers by July 1) and have a digital reader. Cameron Akita, Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, will review the FMNP program and answer questions. The event begins at 2:00PM at Island Senior Resources (Bayview), 14594 SR 525, Langley. Come to the Fireside Room and get your questions answered.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) Market Match program continues. Both the Bayview and South Whidbey Tilth Farmers Markets accept SNAP EBT and offer Market Match currency for fresh fruits and vegetables, up to \$25 matching currency per visit. Growers do not have to apply to this program, only farmers

markets themselves. This free program is hosted by South Whidbey Tilth and Island Senior Resources.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, South Whidbey Tilth Council of Trustees]

## Seabirds, Citizen Science and Saving the World

In 2009, thousands of surf scoters washed ashore along the outer coast of Washington. In 2014, tens of thousands of Cassin's auklets littered beaches from Haida Gwaii, in British Columbia, south to Newport, Ore. In 2015, hundreds of thousands of common murrelets were found from California north to the Gulf of Alaska. And in 2016, thousands of rhinoceros auklets died in the Salish Sea. Is this normal? Join Dr. Julia Parrish to learn more about seabird patterns and COASST (Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team) — the largest beached bird monitoring program in the world.

This free hybrid program is hosted by the Whidbey Audubon Society Thursday, April 13, at the Coupeville Recreation Hall, 901 Northwest Alexander St. Those who wish to attend virtually must register on the events-list page of the Whidbey Audubon Society website, [www.whidbeyaudubon-society.org](http://www.whidbeyaudubon-society.org). The program begins at 7:30PM, preceded by a brief business meeting at 7:00PM. Refreshments provided.

Julia K. Parrish is a marine scientist whose research follows three major routes: marine conservation, seabird ecology and citizen science. She is the executive director of the Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team (COASST; [coasst.org](http://coasst.org)), a project that enlists participants from California to Alaska to walk beaches in search of dead birds and marine debris, based at the University of Washington. Parrish is also a Lowell A. and Frankie L. Wakefield Professor of Ocean Fishery Sciences, and the associate dean of the College of the Environment.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]

## Peninsula Men's Gospel Singers Concert

Saturday, April 15 at 7:00PM, the Peninsula Men's Gospel Singers (PMGS) will present a concert at Oak Harbor Lutheran Church, 1253 NW 2nd Ave., Oak Harbor.

PMGS is a group of men coming from different churches and denominations on the Olympic Peninsula who love to sing songs of praise to Jesus. Their Christian witness in music is a blessing to the whole community regardless of anyone's religious belief.

Their performance will include contemporary gospel, traditional spiritual, and challenging classical arrangements of familiar sacred songs. Their perfection of musical skill is remarkable. Their dedicated focus on the text messages becomes apparent in the interpretation and clarity of their matched voices.

Michael Rivers, founding director, organized PMGS 20 years ago. From its humble beginnings of just a few singers it has blossomed into an assembly of singers who have a great love and passion for each other and their Lord. They have performed throughout the Olympic Peninsula and around Puget Sound. They have recorded eight CDs, which will be available at the concert.

PMGS is a nonprofit, tax deductible 501(c)(3) organization. A free will offering will be taken at the concert. Follow them on their website at [www.pmgospelsingers.com](http://www.pmgospelsingers.com).

"The Peninsula Men's Gospel Singers offers that vibrant rich sound of disciplined men's voices singing with energy and conviction. What a total delight!" Dr. Fred Thompson, cellist with the Port Angeles String Quartet, Port Angeles Symphony Orchestra, and Professor of Literature at Peninsula College.





Goosefoot Community Fund  
Finalizes Purchase of Property at  
2nd & DeBruyn Streets in the City of  
Langley to be Used for Affordable  
Housing



Transferring the deed of sale to Goosefoot Community Fund for two parcels in the City of Langley to be used for affordable housing. Pictured (l-r): Heather Campbell, Escrow Assistant; Christa Canell, Branch Manager; Cat Collyer, Limited Practice Officer; Chris Salomone, Goosefoot Board President; Cally Fulton; and Elise Miller, Goosefoot Executive Director.

In March of last year, former Langley residents Cally and JR Fulton approached Goosefoot Community Fund with a unique proposal: that the organization purchase two lots they owned in the City of Langley on very favorable terms. In turn, Goosefoot would commit to banking the land for the development of affordable housing.

Goosefoot, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, with long-standing concerns about the cost of housing and lack of rental units on South Whidbey, didn't take long to get to yes. With two anonymous donors contributing half of the \$600,000 purchase price, the Fultons gave Goosefoot one year—until the end of March 2023—to raise the remaining balance.

The funds needed to seal the deal are coming from a \$1.1 million grant awarded to Goosefoot by Island County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) earlier this year. The remaining grant amount will enable substantial pre-construction work to get started while permanent financing is secured. Goosefoot's Housing Group, a steering committee of locals with relevant professional expertise, is in the process of

selecting architects, and plans are under way to engage community input for initial schematic designs, including from those who need this type of housing.

"This is a long time coming for South Whidbey," according to Elise Miller, Goosefoot's executive director. "We're honored to be trusted by individual land owners, community donors, and our local government to make sure new affordable rental housing is built."

The 2nd & DeBruyn apartments will be geared toward multi-generational living, with 2- and 3-bedroom units, and located across from the Generation Park playground. The land is flat and un-vegetated, on a sewer system, and within walking distance to the Langley commercial core and bus transit.

"If we're to have thriving local businesses, we need to ensure working families have affordable housing that's convenient to public transportation and other services," Miller noted. "Goosefoot is incredibly grateful to have an opportunity to serve our community in this way."

[Submitted by Marian A. Myszkowski, Goosefoot Community Fund]

Island County Broadband Action  
Team Needs Community Feedback

In its effort to bring broadband internet services to under-served areas of Camano and Whidbey islands, the Island County Broadband Action Team is asking for the community's help.

To achieve Washington state's goal of having universal broadband internet access by 2024, the county's Broadband Action Team is asking residents to take a Washington State 1-minute speed survey (<https://expressoptimizer.net/projects/Washington/survey.php>). Taking this simple survey will help to pinpoint areas of Island County where better internet service is needed.

An additional way residents can help in the effort to bring better internet to Island County is through FCC Mapping. This is where residents can see options for internet in their locations and challenge the data provided to the FCC if it doesn't match personal experience. Click on the FCC site link (<https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home>) and enter your address in the box to see who is reporting business or residential internet service at your location. If you believe the information is incorrect, you may challenge the data by clicking on the "Location Challenge" or "Availability Challenge" button.

By taking the speed survey and providing mapping information, Island County residents can help the Broadband Action Team to obtain grant funding for open access networks that will better serve the community.

In 2019, Island County teamed with the Port of Coupeville, City of Oak Harbor, Town of Coupeville and Whidbey Telecom to sponsor an Island County Broadband Planning Study. As a result, the Broadband Action Team was formed to provide broadband services to under-served areas within Island County.

The objective is to close the digital divide, increasing opportunities for education, health and workforce development and to provide broadband accessibility to residents, students, government services, business entities, schools, libraries, health centers, and first responders.

Since the launch of that effort, a study of broadband internet was completed, identifying critically under-served and unserved areas in Island County. That study helped bring funding into Island County for construction of open access networks in South and Central Whidbey and a recent grant submittal on Camano Island.

The Broadband Action Team recognizes that there continues to be difficult to reach and serve areas on North Whidbey and

in other areas and is working with local partners in school districts and at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station to gather data needed to qualify for funding to bring internet network access to those communities.

For more information, email [broadband@islandcountywa.gov](mailto:broadband@islandcountywa.gov).

[Submitted by Keven Graves, Island County Communications Manager]

Island Dancers Hit the Competition  
Circuit, Win Big


Island Dance Studio in Langley is the training ground for the dancers of the Island Dance Competition Team and the Whidbey Island Dance Theatre, the company that has produced "The Nutcracker" and its spring show "Celebration of Dance" for the past 30 years in Langley.

Each year, many of these young dancers in training compete at regional dance competitions hosted by the Spotlight Dance Cup, a national organization that has been producing professional dance competitions throughout the country for the past 27 years. Last year, in events throughout the country, it represented a total of 26,842 dancers, including the ambitious young dancers of the Island Dance Competition Team.

In January of this year, a Spotlight Cup was held at the Highline Performing Arts Center in Seattle, and Island Dance performer Tay Pitts, a 17-year-old senior at South Whidbey High School, swept the competition and won the "Diamond Award," which is awarded to the first place overall highest scoring routine in each division.

Tay danced in a piece titled "Me in 20 Years," choreographed by Jamee Pitts, Tay's mother and co-owner of Island Dance (with her mother, co-owner and founder Char Brown). Tay was also awarded the

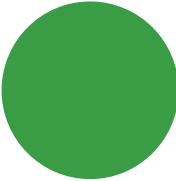
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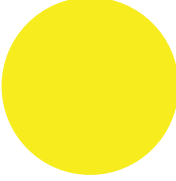
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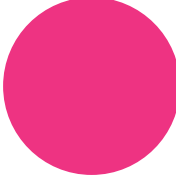
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**Live Music: Open Road**

Friday, April 7, 7:00-9:00PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Rick Vander Kam and Bob Vogt of Open Road play rock, blues, electric and acoustic guitar music with originals and songs from the late 60s, early 70s, and a bit of Foo just for the fun of it. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

**Clinton Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 8, 11:00AM  
Dan Porter Park, Clinton

Presented by the Clinton Chamber of Commerce and featuring the Easter Bunny, fire department, prize eggs, along with other special treats. Don’t forget to bring your Easter basket. Egg hunting is open to kids ages 12 years old and younger, separated into five age groups. Parking for this event is at the Clinton Park and Ride, 4801 Deer Lake Rd. For more information, email [info@discoverclintonwa.com](mailto:info@discoverclintonwa.com).

**Easter Egg Hunt at Meerkerk Gardens**

Saturday, April 8, 11:00AM & 2:00PM  
Meerkerk Gardens, Greenbank

Hop your way to Meerkerk Gardens for an Easter egg hunt and also experience the

gardens in peak bloom! Egg hunts are for children 10 and under. Little ones up to age 5 will have their hunts at the events area near the Gazebo. Children 6-10 will search for eggs in a separate spot nearby. Egg hunts are free for children with adult admission of \$10 into the gardens. Meerkerk Gardens is located at 3531 Meerkerk Lane. For more information, visit [www.meerkerkgardens.org/events](http://www.meerkerkgardens.org/events).

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 8, 11:00AM-6:00PM  
Sunday, April 9, 11:00AM-6:00PM  
Whidbey Farm & Market, Oak Harbor

Whidbey Farm & Market has partnered with the Easter Bunny to bring you Easter Egg Hunt Days. Attractions include: hanging out with the Easter Bunny, kids’ egg hunt, professional mini photo sessions, petting zoo, hay rides, bonfires and s’mores, bouncy house, face painting, 32 flavors of ice cream, coffee stand. Come and spend the day! Learn more and buy tickets at [www.whidbeyfarmandmarket.com/easter-egg-hunt](http://www.whidbeyfarmandmarket.com/easter-egg-hunt).

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 8, see times below  
Smith Park, Oak Harbor

Oak Harbor Main Street presents a sensory friendly egg hunt at 11:30AM for kids 1-10 years. At 12:30PM there will be an egg hunt for age groups 1-3, 4-6 and 7-10 years. Find lucky coins and win prizes. There will be Garry Oak tree education and activities. For more information, email [director@oakharbormainstreet.com](mailto:director@oakharbormainstreet.com).

**Easter Egg Hunt at the VFW**

Saturday, April 8, 12:00PM  
VFW Post 7392, Oak Harbor

For ages 1 through 11 years. Bring your own basket and camera and watch the kids find golden eggs for prizes, the Easter Bunny and much more! Sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary Post 7392. The VFW is located at 3037 Goldie Rd.

**Live Music: Those Guys**

Saturday, April 8, 7:00-9:00PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

John Hribernick and Kristi Barnes have been performing together as Those Guys since 2011. They play an eclectic, yet familiar, mix of mostly pop covers, as well as originals; their song list spans decades and genres, covering renowned artists from Adele to Zevon. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

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Friday, April 14, 4:00PM-9:00PM  
Saturday, April 15, 10:00AM-4:00PM  
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**Live Music: Erik Christensen Band**

Saturday, April 15, 7:00-9:00PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Erik Christensen is a singer/songwriter from Coupeville. He plays a mix of folk/rock/country/Americana, sharing songs and stories with whoever wants to listen. He often performs with the EC Band, consisting of Mark Strohschein on bass, Che Edoga on violin, and Charles McDonald on percussion. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

**SeaNotes Big Band**

Saturday, April 15, 7:00-9:30PM  
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge  
Admission: \$10

An Elk’s Club fundraiser - featuring a tribute to Frank Sinatra. Come dance to the songs you love. Open to all ages. The Elks Lodge is located at 155 NE Ernst St. For more information, email [SNBigBand@gmail.com](mailto:SNBigBand@gmail.com).

**Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events**

See schedule below  
Cost: Free

**Sew a Nature Bag with Green Art Labs**

Thursday, April 6, 10:00AM-12:00PM  
Coupeville Library

We’ll re-purpose a huge coffee bean bag into smaller nature bags you can sew yourself and take home for your nature adventures. This is a great first sewing project for young ones, who will need help from patient adults or older siblings. For families with children of all ages.

**Bees, Honey & Our Shared Cultural Connections**

Thursday, April 6, 4:00PM  
Oak Harbor Library

Jeremy Kyncl of Hierophant Meadery shares the many ways bees are ingrained in our shared cultural experiences, particularly via mead.

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*EVERYONE IS WELCOME to join in celebrating Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Enter into the mystery of Easter by coming to one or all services.*

**Tenebrae, Wednesday, April 5 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Tenebrae, Latin for shadows, focuses on the chanting of psalms and readings from the book of Lamentations. A capella chanting by the Sophia Singers.

**Maundy (Holy) Thursday with Communion, April 6 - 7:00 p.m.**  
This service celebrates Jesus' sharing of bread and wine with his disciples and instructions to "love one another as I have loved you."

**Good Friday, April 7 - 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.**  
**April 7, 5:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross** - a guided, meditative service that includes scripture, prayer, and silence at each of 14 stations of the cross in the church.

**April 7, 7:00 p.m. - Good Friday service** -  
Jesus' crucifixion and death are remembered through scripture, prayer, and communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

**Saturday, April 8 - The Great Vigil of Easter with Communion - 7:00 p.m.**  
At this first service of Easter, we will light the Paschal Candle, and make the first proclamation of Easter.

**Easter Sunday, April 9 - 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**  
Here are two opportunities to gather together in celebration of the Resurrection.  
8:00 a.m. Traditional language Eucharist (no hymns)  
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## EASTER EGG HUNT

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“Judges Choice” award for the best “Storyteller in Motion” and was also the Contemporary Category Winner for her division.

Tay also received the “What Makes you Unique” award, given to one recipient at each award ceremony. She was the over-all first place senior soloist in the “Future Gem” division and was awarded a scholarship to a weekend workshop in Las Vegas, Nev., as well as a trip to New York city, for the “All-Star Dance Vacation.”

Other Island Dance contestants also showed their mettle at this event and shone even brighter at the Spotlight Dance Cup 2 in Tacoma, Wash. in February, 2023. All dancers (absent Tay Pitts) elevated their previous performances both in stage presence and in awards at the February event. They included:

- Emmalynn Rochholz (15), in the solo performance “Control,” won the Diamond Award. Emmalyn finished 7th place overall in the “Future Gem” division.
- Lainey Dodge (12) and Stella Jung (11) danced the duet “Come Fly With Me,” and won the Diamond Award and placed second overall in the “Future Gem” division.
- Amelia Rochholz (13) danced the solo “Better Than Today” to take the Ruby Award and a judges choice award of “Cover Girl.”
- Clara Jacobson-Ross (13) performed the solo “The Other Side,” to win a Ruby Award.
- Maliya Thrasher (14) danced the solo “Hang on a Little Longer,” to win a Diamond Award, as well as winning the Lyrical Category and third place overall in the “Future Gem” division.
- Lindi Moore (14) danced the solo “Deep End,” and won a Diamond Award.

What all this means for these young dancers is that several of them have qualified for the Spotlight West Coast Nationals July 10-16 in Seaside, Ore. This is exciting news for the team and rehearsals have already begun for the big event.

Island Dance Studio offers a variety of classes for all ages following the South Whidbey School District calendar. The summer session is from July 5-28, with an upper-level Intensive Workshop August 1-15. To find out more about signing up for classes, the team or workshops, go to [islanddancestudio.com](http://islanddancestudio.com) or email [islanddance@whidbey.com](mailto:islanddance@whidbey.com).

[Submitted by Patricia Duff]

**Whidbey SAR Rescues Snowmobiler Near Mount Baker**



Photo courtesy of NAS Whidbey Island SAR: Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Search and Rescue crew members tend to an injured snowmobiler rescued April 1, near Mount Baker

A Search and Rescue (SAR) team from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island rescued a snowmobiler involved in an accident near Mount Baker, April 1.

The SAR crew received the request for rescue of the snowmobiler at about 3:40PM and were airborne by about 4:30PM.

The SAR crew arrived on scene just before 5:00PM and had two crew members inserted via the helicopter hoist by approximately 5:05PM. The SAR ground crew found the patient was unconscious and had a restricted airway.

At about 5:23pm the SAR crew hoisted the patient and SAR ground crew. The patient

was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center in Bellingham, Wash. by 5:40PM.

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island SAR has conducted five missions this calendar year, which includes one MEDEVAC, one search and three rescues.

The Navy SAR unit operates three MH-60S helicopters from NAS Whidbey Island as search and rescue/medical evacuation (SAR/MEDEVAC) platforms for the EA-18G aircraft as well as other squadrons and personnel assigned to the installation. Pursuant to the National SAR Plan of the United States, the unit may also be used for civil SAR/MEDEVAC needs to the fullest extent practicable on a non-interference basis with primary military duties according to applicable national directives, plans, guidelines and agreements; specifically, the unit may launch in response to tasking by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (based on a Washington State Memorandum of Understanding) for inland missions, and/or tasking by the United States Coast Guard for all other aeronautical and maritime regions, when other assets are unavailable.

[Submitted by Thomas Mills, NAS Whidbey Island]

**Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue Earns 12th Consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award**

For the 12th year in a row, Central Whidbey Island Fire and Rescue has received the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The award recognizes transparency and excellence in government finance.

“This award recognizes our commitment to effective policy and financial planning to meet the current and future needs of our community,” Fire Chief Jerry Helm said. “Our budgeting practices consistently meet the highest quality in transparency and accountability, both of which are key to maintaining public trust.”

Central Whidbey Fire operates under a balanced budget, has passed all its independent financial and accountability audits and is one of the few fire districts in the nation to have a AAA bond rating from Standard and Poor’s. The fire district responds to 1,715 calls per year, of which 60 percent are for emergency medical service (EMS).

The fire district is considering asking voters to approve a fire levy lid lift sometime this year to fund additional emergency personnel. Call volumes have increased by 50 percent since the last lid lift in 2012. Revenue is not keeping up with the demand for service.

The fire district’s funding decisions are guided by its strategic plan. The plan is approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners who are elected to represent the community’s priorities. Additionally, the board receives monthly financial reports, which are available to the public on the website’s fire commissioners’ page. All board meetings are open to the public.

More information about Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue can be found at [www.cwfire.org](http://www.cwfire.org). Fire Chief Jerry Helm also welcomes your questions at [jhelm@cwfire.org](mailto:jhelm@cwfire.org) and 360-678-3602.

[Submitted by Jerry Helm, Acting Fire Chief]

**Board of County Commissioners Announce the Appointment of Shawn Morris as Public Health Director**

The Island County Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Shawn Morris, ND to the position of Public Health Director, effective March 27, 2023.

Dr. Morris has served Island County in different capacities since 2020, taking on leadership roles in the Planning and Public

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# Easter on Whidbey is really egg-citing!

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Peter Cottontail’s calendar is pretty full this weekend, but he has still made room for all kinds of Whidbey Island events sure to please expert egg hunters and bunny lovers.

Saturday is the big day for Easter egg hunts up and down the island. We will start from the north end and work our way down, in no particular order.

### BREAKFAST AND SPRING FEST ON BASE

Eligible military personnel and their guests can get the day rolling by having breakfast with the Easter bunny Saturday at the Navy Exchange on the NAS Whidbey Island Seaplane Base. There are three seatings available, starting at 8 a.m. For \$3 per child, children can enjoy French toast sticks with syrup, juice and apple slices. There will also be opportunities for photos with the Easter bunny. Additional breakfast items will be available to purchase. Sign up at customer service or by calling 360-257-0601.

Breakfast with the Easter bunny will be followed by a Spring Fest on the Seaplane Base from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The event will feature egg hunts divided by age groups, rides, games and more. Photos will be available with the Easter bunny at the Exchange. Open to all eligible military personnel.

### FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

First Reformed Church in Oak Harbor is hosting an Easter egg hunt from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The event features games, live music and lots of eggs to find. There will be two fields for egg hunting, one for smaller children, one for older kids. Light refreshments will also be available. In the event of rain, the fun will move indoors. The church is located at 250 NW 3rd Ave.

### OAK HARBOR MAIN STREET

The Oak Harbor Main Street Association will hold its fifth annual Easter egg hunt at Smith Park in downtown Oak Harbor, starting with a sensory friendly egg hunt at 11:30 a.m. for children ages 1-10. At 12:30, there will be egg hunts for three different age groups – ages 1-3, 4-6 and 7-10.

Organizers have been busy helping the Easter bunny get ready.

“We have stuffed over 3,000 eggs with candy, small toys, or gold coins to be redeemed for prizes,” said Margaret Livermore, executive director of OHMSA. “I think we had over 300 kids last year and there will probably be more this year.”

Livermore said there will be other activities at the park as well.

“The Garry Oak Society will have displays and information about the Garry Oak Tree and Whidbey Island Macaroni Kid will have books for kids and other information,” she said.

Learn more about this event at oakharbormain-street.org.

### ACE HARDWARE

Kids aged 12 and under are invited to Ace Hardware in Oak Harbor at 10 a.m. Saturday for an



Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Main Street Association  
*Organizers expect about 300 or more children to turn out for the Oak Harbor Main Street Association’s fifth annual Easter egg hunt at Smith Park Saturday.*

Easter egg hunt. Young hunters will search the store for plastic eggs filled with candy and raffle prizes. The store is located at 150 SE Pioneer Way.

### HOMEPLACE OAK HARBOR

HomePlace Oak Harbor Memory Care, located at 171 SW 6th Ave., will hold its annual Easter egg hunt Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The egg hunt is free. There will be a 50/50 raffle and prizes as well. Tickets are six for \$5 and there will also be resident-made candles for sale, plus English Lavender soaps and English breakfast tea. All proceeds will benefit the Alzheimer’s Association.

### WHIDBEY FARM AND MARKET

Whidbey Farm and Market will hold its first Easter events Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults and those 13 and older, and \$12 for children 12 and under. Adult admission includes access to hayrides, fire pits, petting zoo and store entry. Admission for children includes access to the Easter egg hunt, bouncy house, hayrides, fire pits, petting zoo and store admission. Face painting will also be available.

Kids’ egg hunts will take place at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and there will be a separate small lot for children ages 4 and under with parent supervision. Professional family photo sessions will be available for purchase, and there will be a food truck, and coffee and ice cream offered for purchase as well.

Tickets are available online at whidbeyfarmandmarket.com/easter-egg-hunt. The regular market will open for business May 6.

### VFW EGG HUNT

Children ages 1 to 11 are invited to bring their own Easter basket and head to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post (VFW) on Goldie Road in Oak Harbor at noon Saturday. This free event will take place outside at the V-Dome behind the main VFW building. There will be prizes, appearances by the Easter bunny and Pooh Bear, plus fun for all ages.

### MEERKERK GARDENS

Hopping a little further south on the island is the second annual Easter egg hunt Saturday at Meerkerk Gardens.

There will be two egg hunts for children 10 and under, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Children will be divided into age groups and there will be a separate hunt for kids up to age 5. Special admission to the Gardens is \$10 per person, but those aged 16 and under get in free.



Cynthia Woerner Photo Courtesy of Meerkerk Gardens  
*Candy, treats and golden tickets good for egg-stra special prizes will be offered at this year’s Easter egg hunt at Meerkerk Gardens. Egg hunts will be held at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday.*

Park in Clinton. They even suggest arriving early to enjoy all the festive fun.

This event is free for all children 12 and under and will include a selfie station at which to take photos with the Easter bunny, a live DJ, and the chance to meet South Whidbey firefighters and explore a fire truck. Friends of the Clinton Library will also provide a free book to every child.

There will also be eggs – lots of them – and they’ll all be stuffed with candy or prizes.

“We are aiming for 4,000 eggs, that’s our goal,” said Emily Switzer, executive director of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, which organizes this event. Switzer said they anticipate at least 300 kids will attend.

Part of the appeal of this Clinton tradition, according to Switzer, is the way the community pulls together to make it happen.

“The community cleans up the park a week or two before the event and this year we had egg-filling parties,” she said. “We went to a couple of breweries and we had people who had never gone to these businesses before, so it was a great way of generating new business and getting people together.

“Also, I think it’s popular because it’s become a tradition for a lot of South Whidbey families,” she continued. “People just love to do this kind of stuff and Whidbey has so much to offer.” Parking for this event is available at the Park and Ride off Deer Lake Road. Follow signs to the park through the wooded, ADA accessible trail. Learn more at discoverclintonwa.com.



Cynthia Woerner Photo Courtesy of Meerkerk Gardens  
*Children take off to find some of the thousands of eggs hidden last year at Meerkerk Gardens. Organizers expect to have at least 300 kids searching the Gardens’ grounds Saturday at their egg hunts, scheduled for 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.*



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts  
*Seattle actor Tristan Johnson plays Jamie, an up-and-coming novelist, in “The Last Five Years,” the newest production from Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley. The musical opens Friday and runs through April 22.*

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The set and the band for this production could also be considered characters, according to Duncan. A talented group of musicians shares the stage with the actors: Linda Vogt on violin, Aniela Marie Perry and James Hinkley on cello, Troy Chapman on guitar and bass and Weidendorf on piano.

It’s also worth nothing Faith-Feyma is Weidendorf’s daughter, and the two have performed together in concert settings as well as stage productions in the past.

“I do adore working with my daughter — she carries herself as a consummate professional,” Weidendorf said. “She works hard, serves the greater good of whatever project she is participating in, and is a simply fabulous performer. As she is graduating this spring and moving off into the world, this might very well be our final performance together for quite some time, so it is particularly meaningful to me.

“We were very fortunate to find Ada’s stage counterpart, Tristan Johnson, to play the role of her husband in this production,” she continued. “He is a director’s dream! Like Ada, he has tremendous stage presence. He, too, devotes himself to the well-being of the whole production and works very hard. He is a natural storyteller, both in his acting and his singing. His voice is just lovely and

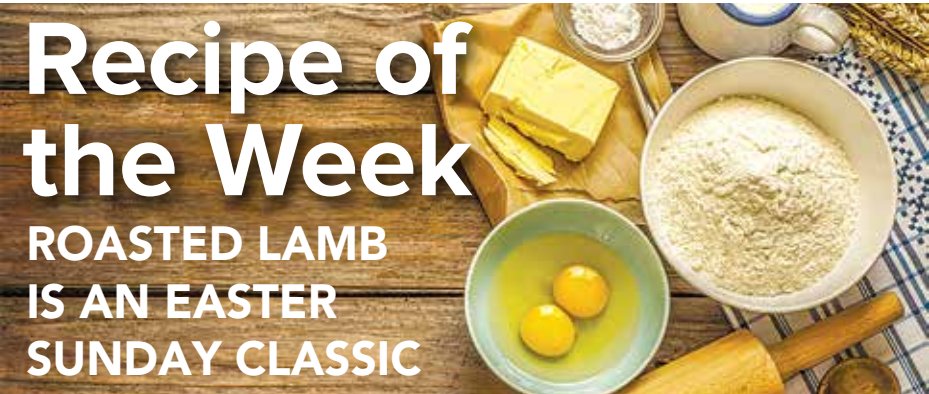
blends so well with Ada’s; this has been a delightful production process thus far and I am very much looking forward to bringing this place to fruition on the WICA stage.”

“The Last Five Years” opens Friday on WICA’s main stage. Tickets and information can be found at wicaonline.org. Performances take place Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. through April 22. Thursday performances (tonight and April 13) are pay-what-you-will and tickets are available at the box office one hour before the show.

“This show has a little bit of everything - laughter, sadness, anger, hilarity...time warps – but beneath all of this, ‘The Last Five Years’ explores the little things that make us human - our flaws, our brilliance, and the ways we love,” shared Faith-Feyma.

“The story is at once poignant and funny and touches upon themes that include us all: The power of place and purpose, personal identity and relational commitment, the challenge of following one’s dreams and finding one’s way in the world, the nature of loving and the sting of betrayal, what it means to love and serve another’s well-being while also trying to cultivate our best self,” said Weidendorf.





Easter is a religious holiday that occurs each spring. Easter commemorates and celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter is full of symbolism, but it’s also steeped in traditions, including family meals.

Lamb is a popular Easter Sunday meal, and this recipe for “Roasted Lamb with Roasted Asparagus” from “Feast of the Seven Fishes: A Brooklyn Italian’s Recipes Celebrating Food & Family” (Powerhouse Books) by Daniel Paterna can make for the perfect Easter entrée. Lamb is most tender in spring and mild in flavor, and it pairs well with the earthiness of asparagus.

**ROASTED LAMB WITH ROASTED ASPARAGUS** (Serves 8 to 10)

**Lamb:**

4 cups dry white wine
1 leg of lamb or loin of lamb, about 4 to 5 pounds
1 fresh bay leaf
4 sprigs fresh rosemary
5 garlic cloves, sliced
4 to 5 sprigs fresh thyme
2 tablespoons olive oil

Cut small slits in the meat of the lamb with a sharp paring knife. Insert a slice of the garlic into each slit. Place the lamb in a large sealable plastic bag and add the olive oil, 2 cups white wine, bay leaf, rosemary, thyme, salt, and pepper. Seal the bag tightly and place in the refrigerator to marinate for 12 hours.

Remove the lamb from the fridge the next day, at least 4 hours before roasting. Keep the lamb sealed in the marinade bag and allow it to come to room temperature.

Heat the oven to 400 F. Remove the lamb from the bag with marinade. Place it on a rack in a roasting pan. Add 2 cups of wine. Roast for 1 1/2 hours or until the thermometer reads 150-160°F. Baste with drippings while roasting. Serve warm.

**Asparagus:**

2 tablespoons garlic powder
4 pounds of asparagus, remove woody ends
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
2 cups coarse bread crumbs
4 large eggs
1 cup grated Romano cheese
Sea salt, to taste

Preheat the oven to 400°F.

Place the bread crumbs, cheese, garlic powder, and black pepper in a dish or bowl wide enough to hold the asparagus. Mix well to combine thoroughly.

Put the eggs in another dish or bowl of similar size and beat well. Working in batches, dip the spears into the egg, making sure they are coated well. Immediately place them in the bread crumb mixture and toss until each spear is fully coated. Transfer the breaded asparagus to a large baking sheet.

Place the asparagus in the preheated oven and bake for 30 minutes or until the breading is browned and crispy. Serve with wedges of fresh lemon.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**

A message from a romantic partner or business associate could come this week, Aries. Keep a watchful eye on your email inbox or the regular mail.

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**

Speaking with someone else on a fascinating subject triggers your curious side, Libra. You may want to take a class or pursue this subject in another way.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**

Taurus, this week you can expect to have an interesting conversation with someone about a topic you’re fond of discussing. It could spark a new friendship.

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**

Your emotions might get the better of you this week, Scorpio. Try to focus attention onto something that doesn’t trigger negative feelings. Distraction could be the key.

**GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21**

You likely will have a lot of physical and mental energy this week, Gemini. Figure out a project you can stand behind and put that energy to good use.

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**

Stimulating social occasions are what you need right now, Sagittarius. Such get-togethers will introduce you to new people and new ideas that can inspire.

**CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22**

Keep an eye on the front door, Cancer. A delivery may be coming your way in the next few days. It’s not something you ordered, but could be a gift.

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**

Capricorn, this week you have an opportunity to impress others and get them talking, likely changing their opinions of you. Make every effort to win others over.

**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**

Leo, you could use a diversion this week. When a friend seeks your company, this can be the perfect way to direct your mind somewhere else.

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**

It’s important to keep in touch with friends even if they have moved away, Aquarius. Phone calls, texts and video chats can bridge the gap created by physical distance.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**

Virgo, financial paperwork could take up some of your time in the days to come. It’s a necessary evil to keep things on track. Seek help from someone else if you get frustrated.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**

Pisces, tally up your investments because they could be worth more than you think, especially if you are invested in real estate.

**OAK HARBOR CINEMAS**

MOVIE SHOWTIMES 4/7 thru 4/11/2023

**JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 4 (R)**  
Friday-Tuesday: 1:00pm, 4:20pm & 7:30pm

**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: HONOR AMONG THIEVES (PG-13)**  
Friday-Tuesday: 1:30pm, 4:15pm & 7:00pm

**SUPER MARIO BROS. THE MOVIE (PG)**  
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Health departments. He brings experience in community development, community health services, and natural resources planning. Preceding his time with Island County, Morris provided care for historically underserved patients as a primary care provider in Snohomish County. He has also worked for the Washington State Department of Ecology on habitat restoration projects.

Morris earned a bachelor's degree in geography from the University of Washington and a doctorate in naturopathic medicine from Bastyr University, where he focused on community health systems and interned in a variety of nonprofit health centers in the Northwest and abroad.

As a public health leader, Morris has supported statewide efforts along with local priorities. He serves as the chair of the Communicable Disease Leadership Committee and participates in other regional groups focused on health improvement across Washington state. He has developed strong relationships with the Washington State Department of Health, regional local health jurisdictions, and local community partners, including healthcare providers, school districts, and community-based organizations.

"We are pleased to have Shawn Morris as the new director of Public Health," said Janet St. Clair, chair of the board of commissioners. "He brings a strong dedication to the community and a wide range of knowledge to the position."

Morris is excited about stepping into this leadership role, guiding a team of dedicated and passionate public health professionals as they serve our unique Island County communities.

"Effective public health is based on creating and sustaining partnerships across a variety of sectors, and I look forward to building bridges, cultivating trust, and leading a department that is responsive to community needs," Morris said.

[Submitted by Keven Graves, Island County Communications Manager]

**Imogene Ellis Named Freeland Postmaster**

Imogene Ellis has held several positions since she began her career with the Postal Service as a part-time employee. And she is ready to start a new chapter as the Freeland Postmaster.

Born and raised in Tennessee, Ellis quickly rose through the postal ranks from a part time flexible employee and postal support employee to officer in charge (OIC), to an acting manager. Her most recent position was as supervisor in Loudon, Tenn.

As Postmaster, she oversees 10 employees and says working for the Postal Service has been a great experience. "I have enjoyed my experience as OIC; it has taught me invaluable lessons and helped me grow. I do have several offices that touched a part of my heart and will always hold a place there...I have been blessed with a great team and support system."

Ellis is doing her part to support the Postal Service's 10-year "Delivering for America" plan and knows it takes everyone to ensure its success, "I am just part of the cog that accomplishes this task. It takes all of us to make this work, we all have a role to play. I think mine is providing all my carriers and clerks with the tools and information to perform their duties. I am their support."

Prior to joining the Postal Service, she earned her bachelor's degree from Tennessee Wesleyan University and worked as a caregiver. She joined the Postal Service because, "I was looking for a career that would support me and my family, by providing financial stability and benefits. I also liked that I would have mobility within the USA."

Ellis has 10 brothers and sisters and is a proud mother of two boys, ages 11 and

20. Her oldest son also works for the Postal Service as a mail handler in Knoxville, Tenn., and is getting married later this year. In her spare time, she loves sculpting, drawing, sewing, baking, cooking, reading and all things water related.

[Submitted by Kim Frum, USPS]

**Seattle Foundation Transfers Multimillion-Dollar Endowment to Skagit Valley College Foundation**

The Skagit Valley College Foundation announces that it will take over management of a major scholarship fund benefiting SVC students for more than 20 years.

The Sidney S. McIntyre Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund was previously managed by the Seattle Foundation, although the logistics of recipient selection, promotion, and distribution had been under the direction of the SVC Foundation.

According to the McIntyre family, they decided to transfer the endowment to recognize the role the SVC Foundation has played in the Skagit Valley community.

"The McIntyre family deeply appreciates the years of stewardship of the endowment under the Seattle Foundation," said Tessea McIntyre Smith, daughter of the late Sidney S. McIntyre Jr. "Giving back to the community that enabled his success was an important part of my father's legacy and in that spirit, we decided to officially transfer the fund to the Skagit Valley College Foundation."

Annual income from the more than \$3.1 million endowment will be used to fund scholarships enabling students earning associate's degrees from SVC to pursue bachelor's degrees in science and engineering. The scholarships will help cover tuition, books, materials, and room and board at public institutions of higher education in the state of Washington.

As the one-time vice president of Skagit Corporation, which was originally founded as Sedro-Woolley Iron Works and evolved into Skagit Steel and Iron Works, McIntyre Jr. had a very personal motivation for establishing the endowment that bears his name, in addition to a philanthropic desire to support higher education in his community.

"During the time my father was ill, he had an in-home nurse who was attending SVC," McIntyre Smith recalled. "She had gone through a divorce and had two children and was putting herself through school."

"My dad was very fond of her and one day he called me to say that we should create a scholarship for students at SVC who needed a little extra help," said McIntyre Smith. "The requirement would be that when they got their degree they would be expected to give back to the community."

According to McIntyre Smith, the endowment has had a tremendous impact on its recipients over the years since its creation.

"I get to read their letters about what they have accomplished after graduation," said McIntyre Smith. "If it hadn't been for that gift, who knows how things might have ended up."

"We are honored by the trust that the McIntyre family has placed in us," said Brad Tuininga, executive director of SVC Foundation. "Sidney S. McIntyre Jr. believed that people and communities should have the opportunity to rise to their potential and we're proud to keep his memory alive through the stewardship of the endowment that bears his name."

To learn more about the Sidney S. McIntyre Jr. Scholarship, contact Brad Tuininga at SVC Foundation, at brad.tuininga@skagit.edu.

[Submitted by Marisa Pierce, Executive Director of Strategic Marketing and Communications, SVC]



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Sanctuary Animal Stories and Pen Pals

Friday, April 14, 10:00-11:00AM  
Coupeville Library

Join us for Sanctuary Stories with Pasado's Safe Haven, a storytelling-based animal experience that brings real issues to life in a way that inspires empathy and compassion in children. After learning about the charming animals that call Pasado's Safe Haven home, you are invited to participate in Pasado's Pen Pals program. Choose an animal resident and write them a letter or draw them a picture. Once the animals receive their letters, you will get something in return! All letter-writing materials will be provided.

Religious Services

Holy Week and Easter Services

St. Augustine's in-the-Woods, Freeland  
Tenebrae ~ Wednesday, April 5, 7:00PM

Tenebrae, Latin for shadows, focuses on the chanting of psalms and readings from the book of Lamentations. A capella chanting by the Sophia Singers.

Maundy (Holy) Thursday with Communion ~ April 6, 7:00PM

This service celebrates Jesus' sharing of bread and wine with his disciples and instructions to "love one another as I have loved you."

Good Friday ~ April 7

5:30PM - Stations of the Cross - a guided, meditative service that includes scripture, prayer, and silence at each of 14 stations of the cross in the church.

7:00PM - Good Friday service - Jesus' crucifixion and death are remembered through scripture, prayer, and communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

The Great Vigil of Easter with Communion

Saturday, April 8, 7:00PM

At this first service of Easter, we will light the Paschal Candle, and make the first proclamation of Easter.

Easter Sunday ~ April 9, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

There are two opportunities to gather together in celebration of the Resurrection.

8:00AM - Traditional language Eucharist (no hymns)

10:30AM - Contemporary language Eucharist with Easter hymns

Everyone is welcome to join in celebrating Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Enter into the mystery of Easter by coming to one or all services. The church is located at 5217 S. Honeymoon Bay Rd.

Easter Services & Egg Hunts

Sunday, April 9, 7:30AM, 9:00AM & 11:00AM

Kid's Church - 9:00AM & 11:00AM

Egg Hunts - 10:15AM & 12:15PM

Living Word, Oak Harbor

The church is located at 490 NW Crosby Rd.

Meetings & Organizations

Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 6, 11:00AM-1:00PM  
Garrison Hall, Fort Casey Inn & Casey Conference Center, Coupeville

Beverages are provided, but lunch is not. Attendees are asked to bring their own brown bag lunch. A virtual option to attend is available. To receive the link please email info@whidbeycamanoislands.com by 5:00PM April 5. To learn more about Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism, visit www.whidbeycamanoislands.com. The Fort Casey Inn & Casey Conference Center is located at 1276 Engle Rd.

Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers (WIGS)

Tuesday, April 18, 1:00PM

Oak Harbor Lutheran Church

Marjorie Kott, historian and past president of WIGS, will speak about how she found her husband's family and their colorful

heritage before she had a computer and before most online genealogy resources were available. All are invited to attend. For more information, contact whidbey-gensearchers@gmail.com. The church is located at 1253 NW 2nd Ave.

Al-Anon

Every Wednesday, 9:30-10:30AM  
Online

If a friend or relative has a problem with alcohol, you can find solutions for yourself at Alanon. For more information, visit https://wa-al-anon.org.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Whidbey Island

Third Wednesday, 7:00PM-8:30PM  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland

NAMI is the largest grassroots organization dedicated to making life better for people with a mental illness and their friends and loved ones. The group is nonreligious but meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, 18341 State Route 525. It isn't necessary to preregister. Please call 206-669-9338 or 509-429-8796 for more information.

Van Rides to the Seattle VA

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Call to sign up or for additional information. Spouses and caregivers can ride with the Veteran. Eligibility for VA healthcare is a benefit to many Veterans. Professional Counseling services are confidential and available at no cost. Call 360-221-0746. If you have questions about the WVRC and services available, call 360-331-8081 or email at WhidbeyVRC@gamil.com or send a request and get information from the website: www.WhidbeyVRC.org.

Weekly Veteran Support Groups Women Veterans and Spouses

Mondays, 5:00-6:00PM

Mixed group, Veterans

Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00PM

Whidbey Veterans Resource Center, Freeland

Join anytime. If you have questions about the WVRC and services available, call 360-331-8081 or email at WhidbeyVRC@gamil.com or send a request and get information from the website: www.WhidbeyVRC.org.

For a list of continuous Meetings and Organizations, visit www.whidbeyweekly.com

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

For Your Health Talk

Monday, April 10, 3:30PM  
Freeland Library

Lenore Norrgard, a Certified Shamanic Counselor, will be sharing ways we can find and enhance common ground. This free talk, sponsored by the Whidbey Island Holistic Health Association, will enable participants to experience ways to reach out and build community, regardless of personal, political, or religious differences. www.WIHHA.com/events/

Bridging Our Differences Workshop

Saturday, April 15, 1:00-2:30PM  
Pacific Northwest Art School, Coupeville

What would it feel like if: You were comfortable having conversations with people who disagree with you? You knew how to find ways to start tricky conversations respectfully? You knew how to stay civil without feeling you are giving up your beliefs or opinions?

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Vickie Lee Mathieson- Cuthbert



We could keep it simple and tell you she was the daughter of Mary and Walt, sister to Jim, Karen and Dawn, wife to Mike, mother to Nickie, David and Amalia and a grandmother of seven. She lived in Greenbank, Wash., for the past 30 years, where she loved making art from nature and wanted to help everyone she met. We could leave it at that, and it would all be true, but we pray that hope and healing can be spread by sharing the full, raw, dirty truth...

Our mother was found unresponsive and was taken to the hospital, where the doctors told us she remained in a coma. It took the hospital five days to locate us. As we walked into her hospital room at 6:57 p.m., we found her with one eye open, staring at the corner and struggling

to breathe. When I say struggling, picture a soldier on the battlefield in a Hollywood war movie grasping to a thread of life. We stood there in disbelief for a short moment. My brother touched her arm and leaned over so he was in the vision of her singular eye. He softly said we are here; she turned her head to look at him and slowed her breathing. Her pupil slowly changed and you could tell something was connecting. He told her we loved her, her eyes welled up with water and she stopped breathing. Our mother was pronounced dead at 7 p.m., March 21, 2023.

We believe she was waiting for us; she knew we were there.

They found meningitis along with methamphetamines and other narcotics in her system. The actual cause of death has not been confirmed, but we can speculate. Our mother was an addict.

She had been an addict since I was 12 years old. I remember before she was an addict, she was the most amazing mom. Then one day she just wasn't anymore. It was probably more of a gradual shift, but that's how my now 48 year-old self remembers it. From one extreme to the other. My little brother doesn't have any of the good memories, he was too young or just blocked them because of all the trauma. I honestly don't know which is worse, but it doesn't matter, they both suck.

She had been estranged from most of her family for several years. We would have welcomed her into our life clean, but she could not break free from her addiction and we could not take any more disappointment.

We are on a roller coaster of emotions. We are angry, so very angry. Angry that she chose drugs over her family and continued to make that choice over and over and over. Disappointed we weren't enough for her to want to change her life. Sad she never got to know her grandchildren because they are the most amazing kids. Heartbroken because she was still our mom and we loved her. Thankful we didn't repeat the cycle with our children. We can only hope that means they will need less recovery from their childhood than we do. It may sound strange, but for that we are also grateful to our mom.

Finally, hopeful. We are hopeful that by telling our unfiltered truth that even one person struggling with addiction will realize that if you are still drawing breath, you can still change your life. Your kids love you and still need you in their life regardless of whether they are 12 or 48. Choose them before it's too late.

We believe our mom fought so hard for those five days to stay alive until we arrived, because in the end, she finally chose us.

The family will hold a private memorial at a later date. In lieu of flowers we ask you to please make a donation to an addiction recovery program.

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and condolences at www.whidbeymemorial.com.

Doris Mildred "Dottie" Houghtaling

Doris Mildred "Dottie" Houghtaling was born Sept. 17, 1922, at Fort Casey, Wash., to George and Maymie Hammons. Doris was raised in Race Lagoon and attended Smith Prairie High School. Her family moved to Langley, where she attended Langley High School. She was married to Henry "Hank" M. Houghtaling in Greenbank July 14, 1941. Hank was serving as a soldier with the U.S. Army and was the sergeant-in-charge at the submarine monitoring station in Greenbank.

Following World War II, Hank left the service, but was recalled to active duty during the Korean War. He and Doris were stationed at Fort Lewis, Fort Warden, Squamish, Poulsbo, Wash., Utah and Germany before returning to the states. Hank's final duty station was as Provost Marshall at the Ammunitions Depot, Hermiston, Ore. He retired in 1964 and they returned to Whidbey Island and settled in Mariners Cove in Oak Harbor.

Doris and Hank bought a Shell service station on Pioneer Way, but eventually built a new station on Midway Boulevard and 900 Ave East. They also purchased Midway Tire and Muffler across from the Shell station. Selling their business interests, Doris and Hank began commercial fishing and crabbing off Whidbey Island and LaPush. In 2000, Doris and Hank sold their home and moved to Anacortes, Wash., to be closer to their daughter, Sharon.

Dottie was a member of the Order of the Amaranth and the daughters of the Nile, the Oak Harbor Yacht Club and former member of the Whidbey-Deception Pass Boat Club.

Dottie is survived by her daughter-in-law, Penny, of Oak Harbor; one sister, Gladys Hayes Conrad, of Mount Vernon, Wash.; two grandchildren, Cliff and Denise; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She is proceeded in death by her husband, Henry Houghtaling; son, Cliff Houghtaling Sr.; daughter, Sharon Neilson; son-in-law, Jim Neilson; and by two sisters and two brothers.

Dottie requested no services be held.

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





Crossword Puzzle

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CLUES ACROSS

1. It's all over the beach
5. A cirque
8. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
11. Influential report author
13. Satisfaction
14. Recurring only at long intervals
15. Islamic calendar month
16. Neither
17. Gelatinous substance
18. American electronic music producer
20. Old computer system
21. Professional organization
22. Malaria mosquitoes
25. Not composed of matter
30. It's in the ocean
31. Peyton's little brother
32. French commune
33. Eyelashes
38. Equal (prefix)
41. Quality of little or no rain
43. One who beheads
45. Sung to
48. Influential punk artist

49. Amount of time
50. Polio vaccine developer
55. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
56. Job
57. Flat-bottomed sailboat
59. Japanese wooden clog
60. Folk singer DiFranco
61. FL city
62. Naturally occurring solid
63. Language of indigenous Asian people
64. Dark brown

CLUES DOWN

1. Soviet Socialist Republic
2. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
3. Venomous snake genus
4. Uninteresting
5. Straightforwardness
6. Expression of wild excitement
7. Arrange in order
8. East Indian cereal grass
9. Hillsides
10. Bird beak covering
12. Baseball stat
14. Edge of a surfboard

19. Wrapping accessory
23. Express approval
24. Deduce
25. Similar
26. Born of
27. Automobile
28. Obligated to repay
29. Live in
34. Influential journalist Tarbell
35. Set aflame
36. OJ trial judge
37. Scottish town
39. African nation
40. Egg-shaped wind instrument
41. Mimic
42. Frees
44. In slow tempo
45. Sword
46. Related on the mother's side
47. Mars crater
48. Plant of the lily family
51. Suitable in the circumstances
52. Hillside
53. Metrical foot
54. Amazon river tributary
58. Adult male human

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

<div>Thurs, April 6</div> <div>North Isle</div> <div>H-53°/L-44°</div> <div>Windy with PM Rain</div>	<div>Fri, April 7</div> <div>North Isle</div> <div>H-53°/L-41°</div> <div>Cloudy with AM Rain</div>	<div>Sat, April 8</div> <div>North Isle</div> <div>H-55°/L-46°</div> <div>AM Wind Mostly Cloudy</div>	<div>Sun, April 9</div> <div>North Isle</div> <div>H-60°/L-49°</div> <div>Breezy with Showers</div>	<div>Mon, April 10</div> <div>North Isle</div> <div>H-59°/L-47°</div> <div>Mostly Cloudy</div>	<div>Tues, April 11</div> <div>North Isle</div> <div>H-55°/L-44°</div> <div>Showers</div>	<div>Wed, April 12</div> <div>North Isle</div> <div>H-54°/L-43°</div> <div>Showers</div>
<div>South Isle</div> <div>H-50°/L-45°</div> <div>Breezy with PM Rain</div>	<div>South Isle</div> <div>H-52°/L-40°</div> <div>Cloudy with AM Rain</div>	<div>South Isle</div> <div>H-56°/L-47°</div> <div>Mostly Cloudy</div>	<div>South Isle</div> <div>H-59°/L-48°</div> <div>Showers</div>	<div>South Isle</div> <div>H-59°/L-46°</div> <div>Partly Sunny</div>	<div>South Isle</div> <div>H-57°/L-42°</div> <div>Showers</div>	<div>South Isle</div> <div>H-55°/L-41°</div> <div>Showers</div>



OUR Community  
An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

Do you ever set aside time to brainstorm or reflect on your life?



Annette Marie, Coupeville

After giving your question some thought, I realize I do take time to reflect, just not in the way you described it. I find myself reflecting/working through concerns when I take my dog for a walk. Outside there are no distractions, no cell phone, no radio. Just me and my thoughts. I also reflect when waiting in line for the ferry or when driving a long distance, say, making the trip from Whidbey to Seattle. So, in answer to your question, I do reflect on my life and I take time to think things through, but I do it in a way that works for me. A way that suits my personality and is comfortable for

me.

I'm glad you asked me this question and I'm glad I took time to reflect on it. When we spoke, I felt bad that I was unable to sit with my own thoughts. I felt I should be able to do that. In the end, I realized my way of reflecting is no less valid than anyone else's. It's just different.

Rhianna McBride, Langley

All the time! In the words of Ferris Bueller, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." There are so many small moments in our life that come and go so quickly. It's important to reflect and appreciate those little things, especially with family and loved ones. I'm a photographer and I've never regretted stopping to take a photograph, but I've regretted not taking one. That being said, staying present in the moment and enjoying your surroundings/company without distraction is truly magical. You deserve to be at the helm of your own life; never let anyone else direct your course. Smell the roses, drink the wine, hike the mountain, and find any excuse to smile.



Lisa Connolley, Oak Harbor

I like to set aside time for reflection at both the beginning and end of the day.

To start the day, I uplift everyone in need with hope for them, and then express gratitude for all that I have in this life .

I stumble through the day with its busyness and ups and downs, mindful that I am not alone.

Then I end the day reflecting on every good thing, every crabby comment I made and need forgiveness for, and every place that hurts my heart.

Once again, I uplift everyone in need with hope, and give thanks for so much as I drift off to sleep.



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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.

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**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](mailto:jeff.natter@island-shakespearefest.org).

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

ested in volunteering please contact us at Island County MRC website for application and information.

If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, look no further! When you volunteer at one of the Habitat for Humanity of Island County stores, you are helping local families attain decent, affordable housing. Income from the stores is vital to giving families a path to homeownership. We need people who can commit to help out in our Oak Harbor or Freeland store at least two-hours per week. Schedules are flexible. Our friendly volunteers provide customer service, help with receiving donated household items and furniture, and maintain the store. We also need drivers and driver helpers who will professionally represent Habitat as they pick up donated items using our trucks. Please call either store for more information. Oak Harbor: 360-675-8733, Freeland: 360-331-6272.

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