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Dennis Connolly Photo

Congressman Rick Larsen (D) 2nd District stopped at the scenic overlook at Sunnyside Cemetery on Feb. 22, to meet and talk with members of some of Whidbey's oldest farming families. The freshman congressman was in Coupeville to learn more about the agricultural lands and operations on the 17,000-acre Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve. Pictured from left: Ron Muzzall, Congressman Larsen, Karen Bishop, Reserve manager Rob Harbour and Wilbur Bishop.

The Rock rolls Ash Wednesday quake shakes island

By Mary Kay Doody

An earthquake of magnitude 6.8 hit Whidbey Island and most of the Northwest Wednesday at 10:55 a.m. The epicenter was 11 km northeast of Olympia, very near the location of the 1949 magnitude 7.1 earthquake.

"It sounded like a train going across the roof," said Anne Weaver, in the principal's office at Coupeville Elementary School.

Principal Glenda Merwine was acting as mother hen protecting her flock, assuring parents their children were uninjured and accounted for. The teachers had the kids duck under their desks when the quake hit, and after the motion stopped they marched their charges out into the open field behind the school, where all were counted.

Janet Wodjenski was in the school district administrative office, where she and her co-workers rode out the quake underneath their desks.

Recalling a quake in Seattle in the 1960s that felt "jerky," Wodjenski said Wednesday's quake "was such a rolling one." She agreed with others who mentioned it felt like Jello shaking.

County maintenance supervisor Paul Messner was in the county's "Main Street Market" office across North Main from Whidbey Island Bank when the quake hit.

"It felt like the building was rolling," he said. "We looked over at the bank and could see the windows moving in and out!"

The Feb. 28 quake knocked pickle jars and other items off shelves at Prairie Center Family Home Grocer, widened a crack on the west side of Coupeville High School, and did some minor damage at the Island County Jail.

But no injuries or serious structural damage to buildings were reported on Whidbey Island by press time Wednesday.

Island County Emergency Services Director T.J. Harmon, who attributed "the Jello effect" to softer glacial soils quaking, as opposed to bedrock, said all the fire stations on Whidbey checked in early with no reports of serious damage, as did Whidbey General Hospital and the three school districts. Most county buildings and the Coupeville Wharf checked out undamaged, too. Madrona Fire Station on Camano Island reported some damage but not enough to keep the fire department from functioning.

In Coupeville, Island County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Jan Smith said, "There appears to be some structural damage in the sallyport to the jail, but there's no breach of security."

Dick Heaman, maintenance supervisor for the Coupeville School District, said all the school buildings appeared undamaged except for widening of a few cracks that were already present in the old high school building. It was just exterior damage, he said.

The sewage treatment plant survived the quake, and apparently no water or sewer lines were breached.

"We were very fortunate," said Coupeville Mayor Nancy Conard. She and the mayors of Oak Harbor

and Langley, the three Island County Commissioners and others were on a trial run of a Mosquito Fleet passenger ferry at the time and had no idea there was a quake until someone on land let them know over a cell phone.

There was a TV set on board, and a radio, and the ferry crowd listened to the news until they docked in Everett, where they heard first-person accounts.

The Ash Wednesday quake occurred at a depth of nearly 30 miles on a normal fault within the Juan de Fuca plate, according to the U.S. Geological Survey National Earthquake Information Center in Denver, Colo.

The center was about seven miles



Mary Kay Doody Photo

This crack on the west wall of the Coupeville High School building widened during the quake.

northeast of Olympia. The quake was reported to be felt as far away as Salt Lake City.

Some phones were down for nearly an hour following the quake. Harmon said Whidbey Telephone was operating fine and AT&T was having some problems. She suspected some phones weren't working because "they were too overloaded."

Washington State Ferry terminals were closed through out Puget Sound after the quake, while state transportation officials checked them for safety. The Clinton and Keystone landings were operational within about an hour, declared to be structurally sound. Until then, ferries sat out in the Sound.

With SeaTac International Airport closed and evacuated following the quake, Harbor Airlines flights were turned away, as if the airport was fogged in.

Wednesday's quake was moderate compared with the "the big one" for which Harmon said the area is overdue.

And she's glad to be receiving a new shipment of tsunami warning signs, about 100 of them. "They disappear as fast as we can put them up," she lamented, noting it's dangerous to steal such warning signs. One day, a tsunami may result from a big earthquake in this area, she said.

"I can just about promise you will see a significant earthquake within 10 years," she said. "There is a 30-percent probability of a large quake, of magnitude seven or higher."

The Kettle-Johnson House

One of the most interesting houses in Coupeville is a simple white farmhouse that looks half asleep,

Ancestral Walls

by
Sally Hayton-Keeva

tucked in its shady old garden. But like a novel with a deceptively plain cover, the house is full of history and tragedy and romance.

Long before there were houses

here, there were longhouses; roughhewn, sturdy structures built by the native people for wintertime warmth, ritual and camaraderie. In the lovely long days of the milder seasons, these people roamed the woods and shore, hunting and fishing, bundled in woven strands of softened cedar bark.

Spurred by the Donation Land Claim Law of 1850, pioneers brought techniques of agriculture and architecture to the lands they claimed, transforming the lives of the indigenous population. Early photographs show the influence white culture had on that of the Indians, with modest wooden dwellings among the traditional potlatch and longhouses.

Tragically, white settlers also brought disease along with their plows and windowglass. Tuberculosis laid waste to both white and Indian families, a disease against which Indians had even less immunity. On the heels of disease came the federal government's decision to remove tribes to reservation, and since there were none on Whidbey, the Skagits were exiled to the mainland.

As the story goes, Aleck Kettle, a Duwamish, was born in 1855.

See HOUSE, page 5

Planning begins for 2001-2002 budget

By Suzanne S. Bond,
Superintendent

Coupeville School's business manager Nancy Conard and I are in the process of sharing information with all our staff and site councils about budget projections for next year. I thought it would be a good idea to share the same basic information with our community early in the process so you will be aware of both the challenges we are facing and the support we are getting.

Enrollment Drives Our Basic Budget

The school district experienced significant growth in the early and mid-1990s, which leveled off from 1996-1998 and has been decreasing since. Since 1996 we have lost 53 students and project a loss of 22 more for the next school year.

The majority of the school district budget is funded by the state, according to a formula driven by student enrollment. In total, with the decline in enrollment during the current year and projected for next year, we ex-

pect to have to reduce our budget by over \$225,000 for 2001-2002.

Staff salaries and benefits represent 75 percent of our budget - by far the largest portion. Therefore, when looking for reductions, it is the most significant possibility. I have made a decision not to initiate a formal reduction in force, which would focus on the least senior of our staff. Rather, we will take advantage of attrition, and will try to maintain or realign our programs without filling positions vacated by resignations or retirement. In a small school district, there is never an ideal way in which to make staff reductions; we may have to make some interim choices that are not ideal.

I am meeting with all the school staff and the school site councils, explaining this situation and soliciting their input for ideas to accomplish the budget reduction most effectively.

Public Support for Improving Student Learning

The good news is that Initiative 728

See SCHOOLS, page 6

Highway crosswalk plan to be aired

Officials from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will come to Coupeville Thursday, March 8, to meet with citizens about putting in crosswalks and new traffic lights at the intersection of State Highway 20 with Main Street.

The meeting will be at 5 p.m. in the Coupeville Recreation Hall.

Transportation planners will explain the project as planned and respond to questions from those attending.

The plan has drawn unfavorable comments from town officials.

Coupeville Marshal Lenny Marlborough said he fears there will be more accidents, and more serious ones, if pedestrians are allowed to cross the highway without using the existing pedestrian overpass.

WSDOT wants to put crosswalks across the highway and North and South Main streets at the intersection so that people in wheelchairs who have trouble making their way up and down the overpass, can cross.

OBITUARY

Roberta F. Lee

Roberta Florence Lee, 79, of Coupeville, died Feb. 3, 2001, at Home Place in Oak Harbor. She was born July 25, 1921, in a log cabin on Patmore Road in Coupeville to Fred and Gladys (Haaff) Patmore. She was a 1939 graduate of Coupeville High School.

In 1941, she married Donald E. Lee of Los Angeles, who was stationed at Fort Casey with the Army. During World War II, she lived in Coupeville and was a waitress at Pat's Place. After World War II, the family traveled and lived on military bases in Europe and the United States. The Lees returned to Whidbey Island in 1962.

Mrs. Lee was a charter member of local homemakers and garden clubs and for years volunteered in various precinct positions.

She is survived by her husband, Don E. Lee of Coupeville; son Don T. Lee of Olympia; daughter Linda Hicks of Longview; brother Don

Patmore of Rockport, Ind., and five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mrs. Lee was preceded in death by her sister, Charlene Peattie, and an infant brother, David Patmore.

A family memorial was held. She is buried at Sunnyside Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Coupeville Garden Club, P.O. Box 835, Coupeville, WA 98239, or to the Alzheimer's Association, Western and Central Washington State Chapter, 12721 30th Ave. NE, Suite 101, Seattle, WA 98125.

DEATHS

The following deaths occurred in Island County:

Wayne Scholl, 57, Sammamish, died Feb. 8, 2001.

Richard Blow, III, 79, Oak Harbor, died Feb. 11, 2001.

Walter Beyer, 95, Oak Harbor, died Feb. 14, 2001.

Steven Halstien, 26, Greenbank, died Feb. 14, 2001.

Danice Karsh, 77, Oak Harbor, died Feb. 16, 2001.

Philip Liggett, 84, Oak Harbor, died Feb. 16, 2001.

Kathryn Luehr, 86, Oak Harbor, died Feb. 16, 2001.

Wilfred Kinskie, 58, Clinton, died Feb. 17, 2001.

Annie Hill, 83, Oak Harbor, died Feb. 17, 2001.

William Van Dyk, 93, Oak Harbor, died Feb. 19, 2001.

Jessica New, 89, Anacortes, died Feb. 20, 2001.

Suzanne Fletcher, 79, Oak Harbor, died Feb. 21, 2001.

POLICE BLOTTER

The Coupeville Marshal's Office responded to the following:

Monday, Feb. 19

6:19 p.m. Audible intrusion alarm, Keystone Ave.

9:33 p.m. Hospital requested assistance regarding a patient who was attempting to leave, who should not be leaving.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

3:21 p.m. Contact requested regarding a fraud case and theft involving

an inmate.

3:58 p.m. 9-1-1 hang-up call, North Main Street.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

8:30 a.m. Silent intrusion alarm, North Main Street.

8:55 a.m. Silent holdup alarm, Northwest Birch Street.

11:18 a.m. Wanted person turned himself in and was arrested at Island County Superior Court.

2:46 p.m. Assist public, someone locked out of a vehicle on Northeast Sixth Street.

Thursday, Feb. 22

7:39 a.m. Large black dog reportedly charged a Northeast Eighth Street resident when she went out on her back porch.

11:37 a.m. A boy was arrested at Coupeville High School for harassing teachers.

Friday, Feb. 23

1:55 p.m. Child Protective Service requested contact at Coupeville High School. A juvenile needed to be placed in protective custody.

3:24 p.m. Motorist reported a blue Honda Civic, with a female driver,

was tailgating vehicles on Highway 20 for miles south of Oak Harbor.

10:51 p.m. Possible DUI (driving under the influence) reported by a motorist driving behind a red Camaro traveling from lane to lane, Highway 20 and South Main Street.

11:58 p.m. Assist public; person locked out of vehicle on South Main Street.

Saturday, Feb. 24

6:43 a.m. Odor, possibly of propane, reported in area from highway to post office.

12:03 p.m. Two dogs reported found running loose in area of South Main and Highway 20. Caller was dropping them off at the WAIF shelter.

6:13 p.m. Silent residential alarm on Northeast Parker Road.

Sunday, Feb. 25

1:40 p.m. Chestnut horse with lighter mane and tail running down Sherman Road toward Madrona Way.

2:29 p.m. Disorderly conduct complaint. Caller on South Main Street reported someone at her house threatening to hurt her.

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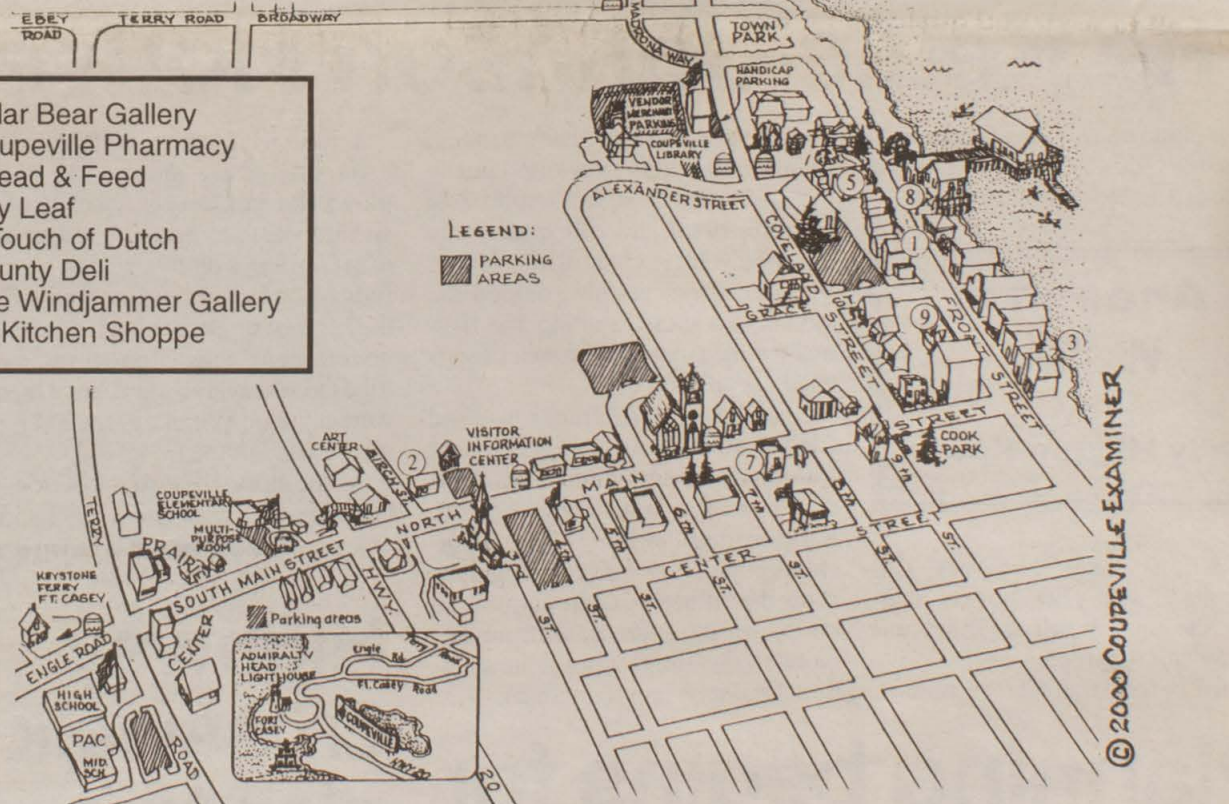
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League of Women Voters to present County Finance Study

The League of Women Voters of Whidbey Island will discuss a County Finance Study done by the League of Women Voters Of Washington in partnership with the Institute for Washington's Future. The review and discussion will emphasize the Island County revenue and expenditure process. The meeting will be at the Coupeville Library at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 15. One of the results of the study is emergence of a growing disparity between counties that have strong retail activity and those that don't in Washington State. Our state has the most regressive tax structure in the nation: the poorest 20 percent of Washington residents pay 17.1 percent of their income in taxes, while the richest 1 percent pay only 3.9 percent. Counties, more than any other level of govern-

ment, are feeling the effects of increasing population and changes in taxes and responsibilities brought by initiatives. Island County stands to lose more than \$600,000 in revenue this year. The City of Oak Harbor has been forced to lay off workers because of budget cuts due to the current tax structure. Island County Assessor Tom Baenen will participate in the discussion and other Island County officials have been invited. The study may be downloaded from the League of Women Voters website www.lwvwa.org or the Institute's website www.forwashington.org. Is there a solution? The League of Women Voters' study offers alternatives for discussion. Come to the March 15 meeting to review the study results and gain understanding about Island County's finances.

Spelling contest winners



William Kurtz, left, and Zachary Taiji, both fifth-graders at Coupeville Elementary School will represent Coupeville at the Regional Spelling Contest in Mt. Vernon on March 31.

Lady Wolves basketball over

By Christine Pocock
After a long, hard season, the lady Wolves finished their post-season basketball in Mountlake Terrace last Saturday by losing a playoff game to Cascade Christian. It was their fourth game in the Tri-District playoffs, and a tough one. The Wolves lost 37-59, dashing their hopes for going to state this year. The first quarter was the closest quarter for the girls. Coupeville scored 11 points and Cascade scored 12. Senior Emily Young, the lead scorer for the game and this quarter, scored 5 points. From Cascade was Hillary Tayet with 6 points. After that, Cascade had nearly double the points each quarter. Cascade had an outstanding player on their team, Tayet, who scored 24 points this game. Coupeville's lead scorer, E. Young, scored 11 points this game with three 3-point baskets. This year, Coupeville loses three great basketball players, seniors E. Young, Laura Young and Nicole Shelley. And although the Wolves did not go onto state, they had an outstanding season. Their league record was 8 wins, 4 losses, coming in third place for league. In the league games, Coupeville lost to Archbishop Thomas Murphy (ATM) twice and to LaConner and Darrington the first time they played each other. Coupeville definitely improved this season.

Going on to state from the Tri-District playoffs are these teams in order from first to fifth: King's, ATM, Seattle Christian, Darrington and Cascade Christian.

WICA family series continues

Friday, March 9, 7:30 p.m. at the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts (WICA) in Langley, an audience of all ages will be thrilled by the intensity and exuberance of the music of Portland Taiko, a famed troupe of Asian American drummers. For thousands of years, the booming voice of the taiko, or Japanese drum, has called the community to-

gether in ceremony and celebration. Portland Taiko's music is both a celebration of Asian and American culture and a catalyst for bringing diverse people together. To reserve tickets, call the WICA Box Office at 360-221-8268 or 1-800-638-7631; visit the Box Office Wed. - Sat. from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; or email wica@whidbey.com.



WHIDBEY WEATHER SUMMARY Feb 19, Feb 25, 2001					
Location	Source: Island County WSU Cooperative Extension				
	High Temp	Low Temp	Rainfall (in.)	2000 to date	Last Year
Polnell Point	52	33	.03	3.19	3.18
NAS Whidbey	51	28	.01	2.54	2.60
West Beach	52	31	.02	2.64	3.59
Fort Casey	55	33	.01	3.30	2.39
Admirals Cove	54	27	.09	3.73	3.86
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Bay View(Ruwalt)	53	31	.03	4.0	6.68

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PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Agenda
March 6, 2001
7:00 p.m.
Island County Commissioners' Hearing Room
101 NE Sixth Street
I. Call To Order
II. Approval of minutes of February 6, 2001
III. Discussion
A. 2001 Amendments to the Development Regulations (Accessory Dwelling Units, Demolition of Historic Properties, Park and Recreation Impact Fees, Open Space Set Asides, Building Height, others)
IV. Adjourn

LETTERS

Support appreciated

Editor,

To all my friends, my family in Australia, the people I work for, the people I work with, and Tyece customers, for all the prayers, flowers, cards and food.

I guess I have met the difficult challenge I faced. I could not have done that without your support because I was very scared.

Hope to see you all soon.

Connie Windell
Coupeville

If you have concerns about a therapist...

Editor,

As Director of Human Services with the Island County Health Department, I would like to respond to the recent allegations of improprieties by a local psychotherapist. Regardless of how charges are handled and of the outcomes, other mental health therapists and I feel there is some important information that people need to have.

First of all, there are three recourses for people who have complaints about therapists. Two legal systems you can access, criminal and civil, and a regulatory office in Olympia that has the power to remove a license or certification to practice psychotherapy. This office is the State Division of Licensing and can be reached at 360-236-4902 or 4900.

Second, all licensed and certified therapists and counselors in the state of Washington are bound by laws prohibiting the mixing of personal and therapy relationships. When an individual goes to a professional for help, they are in a vulnerable position and it is common for clients to put therapists on a pedestal or have strong feelings about them. Therapists are expected to handle all of this objectively and not become personally involved. Sexual contact with any client is absolutely prohibited. When this law is broken, it is a betrayal of a basic trust and abuses the client.

Third, if you have concerns or questions regarding any of the above, you are urged to seek help. Find trustworthy friends or family to talk with. Be aware that if you do seek help from another therapist your work there is protected by confidentiality except for instances of danger to self or others or child abuse. It is always up to the client to file a complaint or not.

Finally, information regarding the regulations of psychotherapists is available online including how to file a complaint, whether a specific therapist has had past complaints, and pertinent laws and procedures. Go to www.doh.wa.gov; click on licensing, then registered mental health counselors, social workers or psychologists.

Jackie Henderson
Human Services Director
Island County Health Director

One in five Americans may have a mental disorder

Editor,

On Thursday, March 8, at 8 p.m. (EST), the Discovery Channel will present "Schizophrenia: Stolen Minds, Stolen Lives." This film focuses on the personal cost of schizophrenia. It presents the latest research and the hope that exists for recovery. One of the families featured is that of Nobel Prize winning mathematician John F. Nash, Jr. and his son, Johnny, who both have the brain disorder. Please watch and learn the latest about this devastating, treatable disease.

In December 1999, the surgeon general of the United States released a report documenting the nature of Mental Illness (MI) in the US. The study reported that 22 percent of us has a diagnosable mental illness but few of us seek treatment.

One in five Americans will have a mental disorder this year. Mental illness, which includes suicide, is the second leading cause of disability (the first is heart disease). Although 66 percent do not seek treatment, proven, effective treatments do exist. One of the reasons they aren't treated is that many lack health insurance. Others avoid treatment because of the stigma associated with having a mental illness.

This stigma, that keeps people from seeking treatment, often leads to the humiliation of useless incarceration. This is not only painful to them and their families but costs the public approximately \$63 billion dollars a year! It is a fallacy

that these folks are dangerous. Their fear and confusion often lead them to behave in ways disturbing to others. Mostly they act out in ways harmful only to themselves.

Schizophrenia, depression, bipolar disorder, obsessive-compulsive behavior, attention deficit, Alzheimer's disease and phobias are brain disorders, not character defects. They have proven biochemical and morphological differences between themselves and when compared to healthy brains.

Having a family member with a mental illness (chronic depression) has made me painfully aware of the cost of MI but also, what can be done to ease the suffering and allow the patient to lead a more fulfilling, productive life. My sister, through treatment and a lot of love, now leads an enriched life which she returns in kind, through her art and concern for others.

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) is a family support network with state and local chapters. NAMI of Whidbey meets in Coupeville on Mondays, 9-11 a.m. Attending these meetings provides families with support and solutions. For more information call 675-7358.

NAMI, in conjunction with Island Mental Health, offers a 12-week course entitled, "Family to Family." This course is designed to provide the family of the person suffering from MI the resources necessary to understand and cope with a very difficult, confusing situation. It is inspired. I highly recommend it. Mental Illness is a family and community problem. What we do to help those afflicted by MI helps us all.

If you are unable to see "Stolen Minds, Stolen Lives," copies of the film will be available after March 8 through the Discovery Channel, for purchase at \$19.95 plus shipping, by calling 1-800-475-6636 or by ordering online at Discovery.com.

Gary Piazzon
Coupeville

Farm belongs to all of us

Editor,

The Whidbey Island Community has created through its energy, its spirit, its vision, and its participation, a future for the Greenbank Farm that is exciting indeed. As volunteer board mem-

bers of the Greenbank Farm Management Group, we are proud to be part of that community and excited that we have the opportunity to face the new challenges ahead of us.

Now that the Port of Coupeville has made the decision to entrust the Farm to our care, we would like to thank the community for their support during this process and during the past three-plus years. We all need to remember that the Farm belongs to all of us and its future depends upon all of us.

As this community organization goes forward with the implementation of the strategic plan which was created by the community this past year, community participation will be the key to its success. The volunteers who bring their skills and talents, their time and energy, and their caring will bring the strategic plan to fruition.

On Saturday, March 3 there will be a benefit performance at the Greenbank Farm to celebrate the Farm. The Reedy Buzzards will play "Appalachian music at its best." Join us for some down-on-the-farm bluegrass, country and toe tappin'!



Janet Wodjenski Photo

The Reedy Buzzards appeared at local schools and will play at the Greenbank Farm on Saturday, March 3.

Bring the whole family. Tickets are available at the Farm store, Book Bay and Coupeville Pharmacy. Experience the vision of the Greenbank Farm as "A place that expresses our vibrant and reflective island life."

Charlie Knuttila, Marcia Comer, Clarke Harvey, Jan Gunn, Greg Osenbach, Liz McKay, Bud Spengler and Randall Weers
Board of Directors
Greenbank Farm Management Group



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

■ Whidbey Island Writers' Conference, through Sunday, March 4. For information call (360) 331-6714.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

■ Whidbey Gardening Workshop, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Coupeville Middle School. More than 20 gardening classes, vendor booths, WSU publications, plant sale and educational displays. Fees \$15 in advance, (\$12 seniors), \$20 at the door. Sponsored by Island County/WSU Master Gardeners. Call 679-7327 or visit www.island.wsu.edu/wgw.htm.

■ American Rhododendron Society plant sale, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Coupeville Middle School.

■ Penn Cove Mussel Festival, 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Captain Whidbey Inn, Coupeville Recreation Hall and other venues.

■ Trap Shoot, 11 a.m. at Central Whidbey Sportsmen's Association clubhouse and range, Safari Road southeast of Coupeville. Call 678-0960.

■ Coupeville Art Walk, 5-8 p.m. at nine galleries.

■ The Reedy Buzzards, acoustic folk music, 7 p.m. in the main barn at the Greenbank Farm. Proceeds to benefit the Greenbank Farm. Tickets \$8 adults, \$4 students and \$14 for the whole family.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

■ Penn Cove Mussel Festival, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Coupeville Recreation Hall and other venues.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

■ Emergency Medical Services of Whidbey General Hospital invites everyone to an open house at the new Ambulance Quarters, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 760 N.E. 7th St., Oak Harbor. Tours and refreshments will be provided.

■ Impaired Driving Impact Panel of Island County, 3 p.m. in Hayes Hall Room 137, next door to the Oak Harbor Library, Skagit Valley College Whidbey Campus. Excellent presentation for all drivers and those who work with DUI offenders or victims. Call 675-8397.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

■ Oak Harbor Garden Club meets at 10 a.m. at the Oddfellows Temple. Doris Wasilewski will discuss woodpeckers, and Eileen Oldham will share tips and techniques for floral design. Lunch will be served. New members and guests are welcome. Call 675-9167.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

■ Running Start Program public information meeting, 6:30 p.m. in Room 137, Hayes Hall, Skagit Valley College Whidbey Campus in Oak Harbor. Call Nancy McHale at 675-6656, Ext. 5319.

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THIS & THAT

By Irene Mueller

Welcome home Emily May Qiumeng Rose

she laughed, "dancing around in a park in China, waving a silk scarf — astounding!"

Their cost? Fifteen cents each.

And, every morning, elderly gentlemen carried beautiful cages to the park, hung them in the trees and as their pets sang together, their owners visited.

A very different, but wonderful world.

Then, it was time to meet their daughter at the Yangzhou Welfare Institute.

After a year and a half of wading



Emily May Qiumeng Rose

through tons of paperwork, answering zillions of questions, and traveling thousands of miles, it seemed too simple.

"They just

handed her to Martha and walked away," Bob said.

And, on February 14, 2001, Martha and Bob Rose became the official parents of Emily May Qiumeng Rose whose name has been May since she was found on those steps 23 months ago.

When Martha and Bob brought her home to Central Whidbey, their animals became May's main interest. The chickens fascinate her and greeting them first thing in the morning has become a ritual for the little girl and her mama. May wasn't so sure of Charley, the Roses' 140-pound

German Shepherd. In fact, she was terrified of him at first, but he won her over and now they are great friends. And she's renamed Jango the cat Go-Go.

At the Institute, they talked about "mama and daddy," so she had those names down pat and Martha is quick to say that May's first word was mama. She is picking up more words and understands most of what they say. "I asked her to close an open kitchen drawer," Martha said. "I didn't even point at it, but May went across the room and closed it."

Like Martha, May wakes in the morning with a smile and pops out of bed raring to go. Bob, a slow riser, shakes his head, "Now there are two of them!" Then he added, "She's as stubborn as Martha, almost as pretty, absolutely the best—bright as a floodlight, pensive, observant, and without bragging, she's the prettiest of all the babies, hands down." When complete, May's room will have fairies dancing on the walls beside Chinese pictures. "I want her to be familiar with her heritage," Martha said, "and we will all continue to learn to read and write the Mandarin language. The characters are beautifully formed, every line in order — we must find a teacher."

That's ambitious, and they are going to have to hurry. This summer they will return to China to bring May's sister home. Is May going with them?


Is the sky blue?



Remember Coupeville's free Mussel Festival this weekend.



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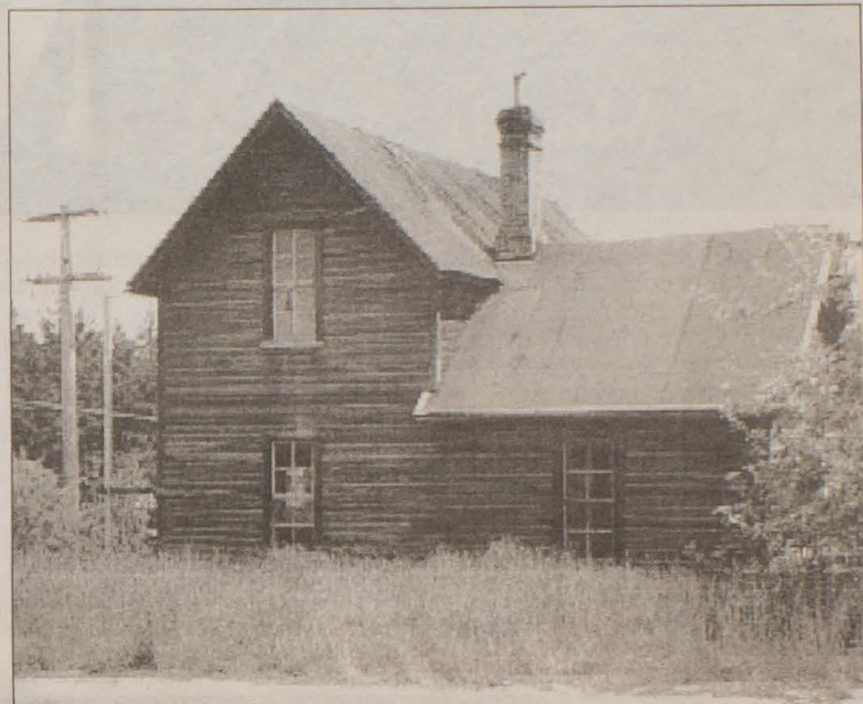
Shanghaied with his mother by the captain of a sailing ship, the boy jumped into the sea as the ship passed by the island. Susie Slapoose, a Skagit, was born in 1861, the daughter and granddaughter of prominent chiefs. The marriage of Aleck and Susie lasted until the end of their lives.

Susie was expert in the dyeing and weaving of materials into salable items like knitting bags, one of which came into the pleased possession of Eleanor Roosevelt. Aleck was skillful in the manufacture and racing of canoes, and he also lent a hand to his wife by fashioning handles for her bags out of yew twigs.

house was completed, she moved in with her daughter and son-in-law, sharing their roof as she no doubt shared their grief as five of their six children, and most of their grandchildren, died one by one of tuberculosis.

It must have seemed a grand house, its front windows overlooking the park and the waters of the cove beyond. Downstairs there are a kitchen and a parlor and a bedroom. Just inside the front door, an attractive staircase leads to the upper bedrooms tucked cozily under the high-pitched roof.

It is pleasant to think of the Kettles sitting at ease on their small front porch with its decorative railing, weaving, perhaps, or carving yew wood, feeling safely settled. Nearly 30 years were to pass before Susie



The Kettle-Johnson house.

The late 1800's and early 1900's were tragic years for the native people. Surviving friends and relatives left the island, and it began to look as if Susie and Aleck were to face a similar fate, only in their case they would have to be sent to different reservations. In an act of sympathy for their plight, local citizens helped them, and in 1909 built for them a simple farmhouse at the corner of Broadway and Northwest Coveland.

Susie's mother, Walalita, known as "Squinty" for her failing eyesight, lived in a shack in what is now the Town Park, eking out a living digging clams and selling them for 10 cents a bucket. Once the two-story

died, followed by her remaining child in 1946. One year later, Aleck too passed away. Unlike most of the local Indians, the Kettles' graves near the Blockhouse in Sunnyside Cemetery are marked by a handsome (if misspelled) headstone.

Abandoned and unpainted, empty but for the ghosts of memory, the farmhouse sat deteriorating in the damp cold. And then along came a sailor back from war, riding on a bus down what was then the main road from Oak Harbor. Looking out the window as the bus turned onto Coveland Street, he saw the forlorn old house and suddenly knew he was home.

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passed with 71.5-percent voter approval. I-728 establishes a "Student Achievement Fund" for education in Washington State. This was a huge vote of confidence in our public school system and a show of bipartisan support for allocating local money at the local level. It was also a call for responsible decisions that support learning and improvement for students in all school districts. It cannot, however, solve the issues we face due to reduced enrollment.

I-728 funds are coming from lottery proceeds and state property tax dollars. The state began diverting money into the student achievement fund on Janu-

ary 1, 2001. However, the money will not be allocated to school districts until the 2001-2002 school year.

OSPI will allocate I-728 money on a "per full time equivalent (FTE) stu-



School Notes

By Suzanne Bond

dent" basis. We have been advised to budget \$180 per FTE for next year, which will be approximately

\$192,240. The FTE amount increases significantly over the next five years.

The voters made it clear that I-728 is not an excuse to cut or reduce other educational funding that we currently have, such as Better Schools and Block Grant money that we have used extensively for professional development activities. The language of I-728 is clear: "It is the intent of the people that existing state funding for education, including all sources of funding, shall not be reduced, supplanted or otherwise adversely impacted by appropriations or expenditures from the Student Achievement Fund."

There are six areas that I-728 funds may be used for:

- Class size reduction in grades K-4

- Class size reduction in certain grades (5-12)
- Extended learning opportunities in grades K-12
- Professional development for educators
- Early childhood programs (birth to age 5)
- Improvements to school buildings for class size reduction.

Specific examples of things that could be funded in these areas are: full-day kindergarten, reduced class sizes in grades K-4, reduced class sizes in certain grades 5-12 subjects (such as writing), before and after school reading programs, homework clubs, instruction during school breaks or on Saturdays, or extended year programs.

Before May 1, the school board will hold a public hearing on the proposed use or uses of I-728 funds. All staff and site-based council members will have an opportunity to provide input prior to development of district plans. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or comments about how you think this money should be used, please email me at sbond@-coup.wednet.edu. We are required to adopt a district plan for use of I-728 funds no later than August 31, 2001.

As you can see, this is an exciting time and a challenging time for us in the Coupeville School District. We are grateful for the support from the public and intend to put the I-728 funds to use closing the achievement gap for our students.

Annual PENN COVE Mussel Festival

March 3 & 4

Once again, an unassuming little bivalve will become the focus of a celebration, the fifteenth annual Penn Cove Mussel Festival March 3-5, at the Captain Whidbey Inn and in downtown Coupeville.

At the Captain Whidbey Inn a cast of thousands (mussels, that is) will be on hand, in bowls and on plates as the culinary offerings of chefs, wine experts and brewmasters hailing from around Washington and British Columbia.

In Coupeville meanwhile, the activities will center around the Recreation Hall and the foot of the Coupeville

Wharf. Events include a mussel chowder cook off — tasting and rating chowders at eight local restaurants — and scavenger and mussel-egg hunts, as well as children's activities.

The Recreation Hall will also be the headquarters for the Mussel Fest Gallery, featuring invited artists and their creations, including fountains, glass, kites, photography, sculpture and music.

An Art Walk is also scheduled for March 3. Nine galleries will open their doors from 5-8 p.m. for visitors to peruse the creations of Coupeville's thriving artistic community.

The Rec Hall will feature live music performed by Whidbey's own Shifty Sailors and DB Jazz.

The Wharf will be the temporary berth for the Cutty Sark, a 52-foot Angelman ketch. The classic ketch will be available to carry passengers out onto Penn Cove for a close-up view of the mussel rafts, where, in 1975, Peter Jefferds started the industry and brand name that connotes quality in restaurants and stores nationally as well as internationally.

The first Mussel Festival was presented at the Captain Whidbey Inn in January of 1986 by Inn owners Steve and Shirley

Stone and Peter Jefferds. "It was basically to promote business during the slow season and tout the Penn Cove Mussel," said John Stone, the third generation of Stones to run the Captain Whidbey Inn.

Since then, Coupeville, Jefferds' Penn Cove Shell Fish and the Captain Whidbey Inn have all received increasing notice and acclaim.

And some, if not all, of it is closely connected to an unassuming little bivalve that thrives on the rafts offshore.



Dennis Connolly Photos



Above, a few of the 30 employees of Penn Cove Shellfish LLC work to fill "mussel socks" on the seed barge in Penn Cove. The socks hang from the rafts as the mussels mature until they are harvested 12 to 14 months later. At upper right, raft manager Tim Jones holds up a sock of maturing mussels.



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7 p.m. - Brewmaster's and Mussel Farmer's Dinner

Saturday, March 3

10 a.m. - Cutty Sark cruise to Mussel Farm departs Coupeville Wharf
12 p.m. - Cooking demonstration by Chef Susan Vanderbeek of the Oystercatcher Restaurant in Coupeville

12 p.m. - Cutty Sark cruise to the Mussel Farm departs Coupeville Wharf

1:30 p.m. - Cooking demonstration by Robert Clarke of "C" Restaurant, Vancouver, B.C.

2 p.m. - Cutty Sark cruise to Mussel Farm departs Coupeville Wharf

3 p.m. - Wine tasting - Linda Moran of Apex, Bridgeman and Washington Hills Wineries

6 p.m. - Wine maker Brian Carter of Apex Vineyards, reception and wine tasting

7 p.m. - Wine maker's Dinner

Sunday, March 4

10 a.m. - Cutty Sark cruise to the Mussel Farm departs Coupeville Wharf

12 p.m. - Mussel farming demonstration by Rawle Jefferds of Penn Cove Shellfish, LLC

1:30 p.m. - Mussel eating contest

6-9 p.m. - Dinner featuring winning recipes of the mussel recipe contest

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Jeff Bridges has always been a good personal friend of mine.

From early efforts like "The Last Picture Show," the under appreciated "Winter Kills" and the bizarre Clint Eastwood buddy pic, "Thunderbolt and Lightfoot" to recent successes like his laid-back hipster caught in a whirlwind in "The Big Lebowski," Bridges always delivers the goods.

He bounces from hero to kook, from good ol' boy to upstanding citizen, and he always makes any film he's in more interesting for his participation. Heck, he almost saved the Barbara Streisand cringe-inducer "The Mirror Has Two Faces." Well, almost.

His latest turn, as the U.S. President in "The Contender," nabbed him a fourth Oscar nomination. As a media-savvy slickster who hides his very large, very dangerous teeth behind a veneer

of backslapping friendliness, he deftly steals the movie from its appointed star, the more than capable Joan Allen.



REEL TIME

By David Svien

A senator on the rise, Allen is tapped as Bridge's choice to take over the role of Vice President after the incumbent drops dead while still in office. Polished, connected and opinionated, she's far from a slam dunk, but her appointment would seal Bridge's legacy as a President "who

made a difference."

He wants to be known as the man who put a woman in the White House, and he's prepared to go to the mat for her. He's just not ready to go down in flames with her if she can't cut it.

When old guard senator Gary Oldham, practically frothing at the mouth, comes after her nomination, knives out for the kill, Bridges refuses to buckle.

Watch him operate, off to the side of the stage where Allen holds court, and you'll see how he creates a complex man with a few brush strokes.

His greatest enjoyment seems to come from a long-running effort to trump the kitchen staff at the White House, ordering up delicacies in the wee hours in an attempt to force the chefs to say "uncle." Whether bowling or having a frequent bite, he mis-

leads everyone but trusted aide Sam Elliot into thinking he's just a good time guy.

But watch him as he picks apart a young senator with a key vote (Christian Slater), who thinks he's more important than he really is. While thoroughly enjoying the shark sandwich whipped up by his cooks, Bridges guts Slater with quick, unexpected lunges, then subtly rebuilds what he's broken down.

Without knowing what hit him, the senator, who was so cocksure on arrival, undergoes a complete transformation, exiting the Oval Office so deep in Bridge's pocket he'll never get out.

It's a sly performance in a strong little political thriller. It's the Bill Clinton the real guy could never quite pull off in real life, a mixture of back-thumper and arm-twister who knows

where all the bodies are buried, mainly because he put them there in the first place.

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