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County land deal no steal

Commissioners say \$8 million in liens not valid

By Mary Kay Doody

Criticized for purchasing a piece of land with liens against it, the Island County commissioners said this week they looked into the liens and found they were not valid claims.

A Coupeville resident said she saw a title insurance report listing more than \$8 million in claims against former owners of the parcel of wooded property the commissioners bought last month for public use and preservation as "open space."

The citizen, Patty Blouin, pointed out that the actual size of the property purchased was closer to one acre than to the "nearly two" acres reported in the Nov. 8 edition of *The Coupeville Examiner*, and said there were several other things in the title insurance report that raised "red flags" in her

mind about the purchase.

They included the fact that the report listed, among other owners and other parties, the name of Mike Shelton.

Shelton was one of the former owners of the gravel pit property on the opposite side of State Highway 20. Shelton, now the District 1 county commissioner, no longer had any interest in the parcel the county bought last month from the Whidbey Camano Land Trust, county officials said.

Island County General Services Administration Assistant Director Lee McFarland, who did the research into the proposed land purchase, said many former owners were listed, as were many liens for old claims which apparently had been taken care of years ago but never removed from the title.

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Pair questioned in fatal shooting

By Mary Kay Doody

Two Oak Harbor men were questioned in the fatal shooting of a Whidbey Island man late Monday, but no suspect has been arrested or charged.

Richard Douglas LeBoulanger, 38, was shot and killed Monday night in an apparent disturbance at his rural home on Goss Lake Road.

The long-time South Whidbey resident was a self-employed firewood distributor.

Island County Sheriff Mike Hawley said two men were apprehended shortly afterwards by deputies, at a location several

miles from the shooting, near Freeland. Both had sustained injuries during the disturbance at LeBoulanger's, said Hawley.

One man, a 35-year-old Oak Harbor resident, was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, where he was listed in stable condition. By Wednesday he was released. The other, 32 and also from Oak Harbor, was treated at Whidbey General Hospital and released.

Deputies recovered a semi-automatic pistol near the scene of the arrest. It is believed to belong to one of the two Oak Harbor men.

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Council opts for police levy, OK's mayors budget

By Mary Kay Doody

Instead of coming up with an alternative budget plan to pay for a fourth police officer through 1997, Mayor Nancy Conard said she'll take the town council up on its suggestion to run another law enforcement levy in February.

The council voted Nov. 12 to direct the mayor and her administration to find \$20,600, from other programs if necessary, to put into the law enforcement budget for next year so the town could keep

at least one of the two officers now scheduled to be laid off next summer.

Conard was out of town Nov. 12 and missed that meeting, but last week said she agrees the town should run another levy election in February.

"If we are successful, we can look at creative financing which would allow us to anticipate future tax revenue to fund the fourth

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Getting Ready
for

Christmas in Coupeville



Donita Clausen photo

Lorna Doone Cate and husband Mel Cate hanging greens over the door of The Cove, their Front Street shop Tuesday. The town's traditional Greening Day is this Saturday.

Community plans full slate of Greening Day activities

By Keven R. Graves

Coupeville businesses are adorning their storefronts with cedar greens, white lights and red bows in anticipation of this weekend's Christmas in Coupeville kickoff.

A Christmas parade will travel down Front Street starting at noon. The guest of honor will be none other than Santa.

After the parade and until 4 p.m., Santa will be

at the Island County Historical Society Museum at Front and Alexander streets to listen to the wish lists of local children.

The Marine Color Guard will also march in the Christmas parade and will be accepting new toys for Toys for Tots during and after the parade, according to Coupeville Mayor Nancy Conard. Also, town employees dressed as elves

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LEVY: Council opts for levy

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officer through 1997," Conard said. "If we are not successful, then the staff reduction which is necessary will take place."

As for trying to find the money in the 1997 budget now, Conard said \$20,600 could be taken out of the unappropriated funds, but "unless additional revenue is secured, the inevitable is just delayed — \$20,600 to maintain a fourth officer for 1997 will become \$41,000 plus in 1998 and those funds are just not there."

When a proposed law enforcement levy failed narrowly in the September primary election, police chief Lenny Marlborough had to plan his budget and operations based on the ability to keep only two deputy marshals beyond June 1997, officers Chuck Charleton and David Penrod. Officers Mark Stup and Charlie Lingo would be laid off, because their salaries and other expenses such as training and equipment have been paid by a federal COPS grant that expires next year.

With four deputies and himself comprising a force of five, Marlborough said, the Coupeville marshal's office is able to provide 24-hour police coverage every day. With only three officers in-

cluding himself, Marlborough said the town would go without coverage for about 50 hours each week. With four officers, the town would lack coverage about 16 hours a week.

The law enforcement levy request was for \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. It failed in the Sept. 17 election by a margin of only 20 votes. There were 239 "no" votes and only 219 "yes" votes.

At its budget hearing Nov. 26, the council adopted the 1997 budget as proposed by Conard. It is a balanced \$964,000 budget which includes a cash reserve of \$100,000. Conard said she didn't want to take money out of that fund for police because "I believe it is critical for both cash flow and contingency reasons to maintain the \$100,000 cash balance."

In a memo to councilmembers dated Nov. 26, Conard said, "The reason I proposed a law enforcement levy (in September) is because it was clear then, as it is now, that there isn't enough money to continue the increased police staffing we now enjoy. I believe that five officers is the correct staffing level to provide appropriate coverage and to provide a work environment which is healthy for the officers."

Prairie Center Family Grocer owner Ken Hofkamp is putting together a campaign committee of citizens interested in working for passage of the levy.

No date or levy amount has been set yet.

Marlborough said he appreciates the support he received from councilmembers and that he's looking forward to working with the citizens campaign committee.

Lolita presentation Wednesday

An outstanding presentation on Lolita the killer whale and the Lolita Come Home project is scheduled for 7 p.m. next Wednesday, Dec. 11 at the Performing Arts Center, at Coupeville Middle and High School.

Lolita is the orca captured in Penn Cove who has been living and performing at the Miami Seaquarium since 1970.

The evening will begin with a presentation of Wallie Funk's photos of the 1970 orca capture in Penn Cove. And end with answers to questions from people who wonder whether the whale would attract so many tourists as to overwhelm the town — and from any others.

"This is an important piece of island history, and the beginning of Lolita's story — if you haven't seen Wallie's photographs, you have missed out on a very compelling documentary of this event," said Coupeville resident Susan Berta, who serves on the board of the Tokitae Foundation.

School children who have been active in working toward Lolita's release will give a short presentation, including singing Vern Olsen's "Come Home Lolita" song. Hillcrest Elementary School's "Lolita's Legion" students have

been actively spreading the word, and under the direction of Carl Dortch, have begun new chapters all across the country.

Howard Garrett of the Tokitae Foundation will present the plan to bring Lolita home to Puget Sound for "retirement" and rehabilitation.

Coupeville Mayor Nancy Conard, town planner Larry Cort and Island County planner Donna Keeler will discuss the logistics of the permit application process.

The evening will conclude with a question and answer session, and residents are invited to express any concerns or questions they may have about the project, and learn more about the goals of the Tokitae Foundation, Berta said.

Some residents wonder if having Lolita here would be draw more orca-loving tourists than the town could handle.

"There would be increased tourism revenue, but offsetting that would be a traffic problem and a parking problem, and increased water usage," said Coupeville resident Karen Rothboeck.

She said she'd like to know more about such things as environmental and aesthetic effects, too.

"What will that pen look like?

And whales jump. I haven't seen any figures on the height of the pen," said Rothboeck, referring to the proposed rehabilitation pen that would enclose Lolita, should she be returned to the waters from which she was captured, for retirement. Rothboeck said she also wants to know more about effects of federal law that protects marine mammals on human activity in Penn Cove, such as launching boats from Captain Coupe Park, and riding "skidoos."

"How are the whale and these other things going to coexist? What is best for the whale? What about water quality for the whale?" Rothboeck asked, ticking off some of the questions she would like to have answered. "I might sound like a curmudgeon, but really I am less anti-whale than pro-Coupeville."

Newspaper hosting open house

Owners and staff of *The Coupeville Examiner* invite everyone to stop by and visit our new office at 901 Grace Street, next door to Coupeville Travel, Saturday, Dec. 7. The paper will

host an open house 1-3:30 p.m.

Stop by during Coupeville Greening Day festivities and enjoy refreshments and a tour of Central Whidbey's community newspaper offices.

Correction

Annette Towne and Gary Thomas did not judge the Coupeville schools' peace poster contest. Due to incorrect information from

Coupeville Middle School, their names were included in a list of judges in an article in last week's paper.

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The Island County/WSU Beach Watchers and Waste Warriors invite the community to celebrate Christmas in Coupeville by visiting the Admiralty Head Lighthouse.

Purchases at the lighthouse gift shop help support the educational efforts of the Beach Watchers & Waste Warriors, non-profit organizations.

The Admiralty Head Lighthouse and Gift Shop is open from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8, and Dec. 14 and 15.

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DEAL: Land buy questioned

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"We went in with our eyes open. We knew about the liens and we knew they were not valid claims," said McFarland. "This was a piece of property that had been sitting there many years and from the description of the property on the title, it was left over after a larger piece was divided."

Commissioner Mac McDowell said he and the other commissioners were satisfied, from McFarland's research, that the purchase was a good one to make with the county's Conservation Futures tax money, which is earmarked for preserving open space, recreational and other land for public use.

Another former owner of the gravel mine, Cecil Stuurmans, donated the parcel to the land trust about 10 years ago, said land trust spokesperson Rob Harbour.

Harbour said when that Central Whidbey stretch of State Highway 20 was constructed in 1968, it cut through the gravel mine property. The gravel pit has been mined under various ownerships, on the hill between the highway and Madrona Way on the south side.

The remnant parcel Stuurmans donated to the land trust was the only land the Whidbey Camano Land Trust has owned in fee simple, Harbour said,

explaining that the land trust mainly has been holding easements on certain scenic, historic and archeological properties and monitoring land uses to make sure the donors' wishes are carried out.

Harbour said the land trust was paying taxes on the remnant kettles parcel for several years but did fall delinquent and the county treasurer listed it for sale in this year's foreclosure sale of delinquent tax properties.

"We'd been paying taxes in arrears just in time to keep it off the list, until this year," Harbour said. "We had been working on this transfer for almost a year and knew it was going to happen soon."

McDowell said when he and the other commissioners approved the purchase they were satisfied the county's liability was limited to the \$1,787 purchase price.

"The worst case would be is we were wrong, and missed something, if someone foreclosed," McDowell said Monday. And county public works director Larry Kwarsick added, "Our research showed another 'worst case' scenario: we were aware that at least one other party was interested in buying it and logging it."

The purchase added another acre-plus to a block of more than 160 acres of undeveloped forested land between the highway and Fort Ebej State Park.

PAIR: No arrests made in shooting fatality

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However, chief criminal deputy Edd Proft of the sheriff's department said Wednesday evening, "We haven't ascertained the ownership of the gun yet." He and Lt. Evan Tingstad said they believe the gun is the one used to kill LeBoulanger.

A man from an adjoining residence on LeBoulanger's property was treated at the scene by emergency medical personnel for injuries he allegedly received during the altercation, before calling 9-1-1.

The investigation by sheriff's detectives is continuing. An autopsy, under direction of Island County Coroner Robert Bishop, is pending.

Hawley said LeBoulanger reported, at about 6:30 p.m. Monday, his estranged wife apparently tried to enter his residence, and told his roommate she might return later that night.

At 10:58 p.m., LeBoul-

anger's neighbor or roommate called 9-1-1 to report LeBoulanger was shot, and two men were leaving the scene on Goss Lake Road.

Hawley said the two, apparently friends of LeBoulanger's estranged wife, allegedly accosted the neighbor, who sustained minor injuries, before they reportedly confronted LeBoulanger.

Deputy Tim Bright and Reserve Deputy David Martin observed the suspect vehicle, an orange van, while en route to LeBoulanger's, Hawley said. Sheriff's personnel apprehended the two men without incident on East Harbor Road.

LeBoulanger's wife is not considered a suspect.

Tingstad said there's no apparent motive for the shooting, but that self defense isn't ruled out. LeBoulanger reportedly beat the two Oak Harbor men up with a baseball bat, he said.

GREENING: Fun weekend planned

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and other seasonal characters will be in the parade. They will visit shops during the Greening celebration.

Conard said she is planning to be a snowman.

Other events throughout the day include Coupeville United Methodist Church Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., crafts and gifts sale at the Recreation Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a Christmas Lights Run starting at 4:30 p.m.

The Christmas run, in which participants will be dressed in holiday attire, some wearing Christmas lights and jingle bells, will end at the site of the community Christmas tree in George Lloyd's parking lot in time for the tree lighting at 5 p.m. Announcement of this week's Christmas in Coupeville drawing will be announced after the tree lighting.

The community Christmas tree is located at Front and Grace streets.

The Oak Harbor Yacht Club Christmas Boat Parade is expected to pass by the end of the Coupeville Wharf at about dusk and shops in town are planning to keep extended hours for Christmas in Coupeville visitors and many are taking part in the local Jolly Dollars campaign (see

page 8 for details).

To commemorate the event, Carol Peralta of CP Prints has produced special Christmas in Coupeville sweatshirts with an original design by *The Coupeville Examiner*.

Christmas in Coupeville is co-sponsored by The Central Whidbey Chamber of Commerce and *The Examiner*.

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Letters to the editor

Lake Hancock has become a misnomer

Editor,

About 10 years ago, while living in Greenbank, one day I was at the county building department for information at the county courthouse. There was a large county map under glass at the counter. It was an oldie and dated about 30 years before.

Being curious about the verity of the name of Lake Hancock, I raised the question: "Why is it still being called Lake Hancock today?"

There was surprise at my question, followed by "Why not?"

I had to explain that the old map showed at least 20 feet of landsoil as a barrier against any intrusion of sea water and that the site was no longer a lake. The 20 feet of barrier soil was gone and sea water had long been washing in and out twice daily, alternating what was Lake Hancock with high and low tides.

The next time I returned to the county window, that map had been removed.

Shouldn't this beautiful site be more properly referred to as Hancock Cove—just as beautiful, maybe even more so now that it is an ever-changing picture (twice a day) by nature's great sea forces?

Also, just discovered your paper. It is praiseworthy. Enclosed is a check for a year's mailing.

J. Beckwith,
Freeland

Was purchase a good deal for taxpayers?

Editor,

As briefly reported in *The Coupeville Examiner*, Nov. 8, 1996, and perhaps elsewhere, Island County recently purchased "nearly two acres from the Whidbey Camano Land Trust for \$1,787."

However, upon the review of the county tax foreclosure documents pertaining to the sale of delinquent property slated for sale on Nov. 15, 1996, it appears some facts of this transaction were omitted which raises questions for county taxpayers.

Records show the property in question is actually 1.05 acres and not "nearly two acres." Moreover, the Whidbey Camano Land Trust was delinquent in taxes, interest and penalties on the property in

the amount on \$1,787 from 1992 to date. And, finally there was over \$8,000,000.00 (that's million!) in liens recorded against the property at the time of the transaction.

It seems the property taxpayers of Island County might be further interested in why the Whidbey Camano Land Trust fell delinquent by four-plus years on this property—and others?

This delinquency not only deprived the county of revenue for four-plus years, but raises questions as to the financial viability of the Whidbey Camano Land Trust and the desirability of donating or selling land to them if it risks coming so close to being auctioned off publicly for taxes at some future date.

Also, what, if any, liability did the county assume when it took title to this land and what was or is the full story on what was briefly reported to be a simple and beneficial-to-all-parties transaction?

If these questions are shown to be answered fully, without omissions, then it can surely be said that we, the residents of Island County, got a good deal on 1.05 acres for \$1,787.

Patty Blouin
Coupeville

For sake of democracy, get involved

Editor,

I have to agree with Marianne Edain and urge the Island County population to take note.

About 220 years ago, the American people united, formed and signed a Declaration of Independence, "For the People, and by the People."

In studying "The American Promise" recently, quite a few paragraphs stood out to me above the rest, to exemplify the current form of Island County government. I would like to quote a few taken directly from the Declaration of Independence:

"The history of the present king of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object, the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world; he has dissolved representative houses repeatedly for opposing, with firmness, his invasions on the rights of the people; he has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people and eat out their substance; he has combined, with others, to subject



us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution and unacknowledged by our laws giving his assent to their acts of pretended legislation; for imposing taxes on us without our consent; for depriving us, in many cases, of the benefit of trial by jury; for taking away our charters, abolishing our most valuable laws, and altering, fundamentally, the forms of government; for suspending our own legislatures and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned to redress, in the most humble terms, and our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince whose character is thus marked by every act which my define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of free people."

We the people of Island County have been subjected to oppression by the "Three County Commissioner" form of government. The commissioners have publicly oppressed community councils, and erected a multitude of new county offices—each with their own new laws to govern the people. If it were not for our constant vigils and our justice system the commissioners could rule like the above mentioned king!

We must all become involved in our government and stay involved in order to protect democracy. Historically it is not the simplest form of government, but freedom does have it's price.

Mary F. Petry,
Greenbank

People for Puget Sound: Pollution rules need stricter enforcement

Editor,

Shipyards, oil refineries, and pulp and paper mills put the health of Puget Sound at risk by not fully meeting their responsibility to control the toxic chemical pollution they generate, according to a detailed report by People For Puget Sound based on the environmental records of 31 facilities.

"Some facilities are doing a better job than others," said executive director Kathy Fletcher whose citizen group undertook the eight-month study of the permit system that regulates industrial toxic discharges into waterways. "But, specifically, we found serious deficiencies in what the state allows to be discharged into our waters and how poorly the state and these industries follow our clean water laws."

"We know the state and these industries can do a lot better job to prevent dumping toxic pollution that harms the health of our marine waters and our communities around Puget Sound," said Fletcher.

Heavy metals, petroleum, and organochlorines have been shown to harm the immune and reproductive systems of fish, including salmon.

From 1990 to 1994, five of the 10 largest water polluters in Washington were oil refineries and pulp mills located on Puget Sound. These five facilities legally discharged into Puget Sound 11.5 million pounds of toxic chemicals, including persistent toxic heavy metals, carcinogens such as chloroform and formaldehyde, and reproductive toxins such as lead and mercury.

In its analysis, People For Puget Sound found that 25 of the facilities have detected at least one toxic chemical above state water quality standards in their final effluent—and often more than one.

Twenty one of the facilities either are in areas known to have significant sediment contamination or have conducted site specific tests which show sediment contamination.

Twelve of the facilities have conducted biomonitoring tests on their effluent that resulted in either high levels of mortality or harmful effects on growth or reproduction.

Twelve of the 31 facilities evaluated either were fined by the state Department of Ecology or paid money as a result of a citizens suit 86 times in the last seven years for a total of \$600,800. Ecology chose not to issue fines to 22 of the facilities for violations of the limits, conditions or other requirements of their permits.

According to People For Puget Sound, the report underscores the need for legislative action to strengthen enforcement of toxic pollution discharge rules and to prevent and reduce toxic chemical discharges. Control and prevention of toxic pollution is a major policy goal of the Marine Waters and Salmon Habitat Protection Initiative 188 supporters are working to send to the 1997 state legislature.

Each of the 31 facilities were evaluated and graded according to permit conditions and permit compliance. The facilities evaluated and overall grades were:

Shipyards—AK-WA (C), Ballard Marine (C+), Dakota Creek Industries (C+), Duwamish Shipyard (C-), Fishermen's Boat Shop (C+), Fishing Vessel Owners (D+), Foss Maritime (C+), Lake Union Drydock (B), Marco Seattle (B-), Marine Industries Northwest (C+), Maritime Contractors (C+), J.N. Martinac (C+), Nichols Brothers (C+), North Lake Shipyard (B), Pacific Fishermen (D+), Tacoma Boatbuilders (F+), Todd Pacific Shipyard (B) and Tri-Star Marine (B+).

Oil refineries—Arco Petroleum (C+), Shell Anacortes (A-), Texaco U.S.A. (D), Tosco Oil Refinery (B+), and U.S. Oil (B-).

Pulp and paper mills—Daishowa America (C+), Georgia Pacific (D-), Kimberley-Clark (D-), Port Townsend Paper (C+), Rayonier (D), Simpson Tacoma Kraft (B-), Stone-Consolidated (B), and Sonoco (A).

A full text of the report is available at <http://www.pugetsound.org>.

Mike Sato,
People for Puget Sound

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Community calendar

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■ **Through Dec. 13 - Silent Auction** at the Coupeville Public Library. New, autographed, like-new and older editions. Great Christmas gifts.

■ **Dec. 6 - Kris Kringle Fest** in Freeland.

■ **Dec. 7 - Christmas in Coupeville**, sponsored by the Central Whidbey Chamber of Commerce and *The Coupeville Examiner*, kicks off the holiday season in Coupeville. Events planned for that date include the Greening of Coupeville. For more information about holiday activities in Coupeville, check the Christmas in Coupeville Calendar on page 2 of today's *Examiner*.

■ **Dec. 7 - Christmas in Coupeville Parade**, noon, down Front Street. Special guest is Santa Claus, so bring the kids.

■ **Dec. 7 - Christmas Lights Run**, at 4:30 p.m., to go through town and end at Christmas Tree Lighting. Meet at Coupeville Park & Ride. Bring flashlights, reflective vests, whistles, bells, and battery operated lights. Call Linda Youngs at 678-3441.

■ **Dec. 7 - Santa's Christmas Room** at the ICHS Museum, Front and Alexander streets, Coupeville, is open noon to 4 p.m. No charge. Call 678-3310 for information.

■ **Dec. 7 - Coupeville community tree lighting**, 5 p.m., in parking area on Front and Grace streets.

■ **Dec. 7-8, 14-15 - Admiralty Head Lighthouse Gift Shop** is open. Great local gift ideas. Benefits Waster Warriors and Beach Watchers.

■ **Dec. 10 - Central Whidbey Fire & Rescue** bring Santa for a tour of Morris, Parker and Fort Casey roads and Madrona Way. Starts 5 p.m.

■ **Dec. 11 - Central Whidbey Fire & Rescue** bring Santa for a tour of Coupeville. Starts 5 p.m.

■ **Dec. 14 - Holiday Home Tour**, presented by Island County Historical Society, is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$7.50 per person. Call 678-3310. Tickets at ICHS Museum, Whidbey Island Bank and Coupeville Pharmacy.

■ **Dec. 14 - Whidbey Whirlers** annual Christmas dance, 8-10:30 p.m. at the Coupeville Recreation Hall. Round and square dancing. Public welcome to watch. Food cans will be collected for those wishing to donate.

■ **Dec. 15-24 - Christmas Village**, Soroptimists of Oak Harbor's annual gift to the community. Free to all. Photos with Santa available for \$1. Petting zoo, nativity, model train, gingerbread house, Frosty, Christmas Bear and Mr. and Mrs. Claus are all part of the village. Located at Girl Scout Haven, 759 SE Fourth Ave. Noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, 4-8 p.m. weekdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Christmas Eve.

■ **Dec. 19 - PT Barnum: On Mermaids, Singing Fish and the American Character**, a lecture by Western Washington University professor

Doug Mishler, 3 p.m., Oak Harbor Library meeting room. Free and open to public. Call 679-1357.

■ **Dec. 21 - Whidbey Audubon Christmas Bird Count**, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

IN PERFORMANCE

■ **Dec. 6-8, 13-15 - The Snow Queen**, conceived and choreographed by Asharaine Machala for Whidbey Dance Theatre, at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts. Call 360-221-8268.

■ **Dec. 6-21 - "It's a Wonderful Life,"** presented by Anacortes Community Theatre. Call 293-6829 for tickets, or stop by theater at 10th and M. Curtain rises at 8 p.m.

■ **Dec. 8 & 13 - Whidbey Island Chorale** performs 4 p.m. Dec. 8 at Oak Harbor Lutheran, 1253 NW Second Ave. and 7 p.m. Dec. 13 at Langley United Methodist Church, Third and Anthes. Tickets \$5 per person, \$10 per family at Coupeville Pharmacy, Joe's Island Music in Langley, Whidbey Music and Wind & Tide in Oak Harbor and Whidbey Stationers in Freeland.

SCHOOLS

■ **Dec. 14 - Coupeville Elementary Winterfest**, in the multipurpose room, will feature Breakfast with Santa from 9:30-11:30 a.m., Gift Shop for Kids only from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Train display all day, Hay Ride with Santa from noon to 2 p.m. and an Arts and Crafts Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Craft vendors wanted, call Terri Carey at 678-5729. For other information, call Heidi at 678-4908.

■ **Dec. 20 - Free Developmental Screening** for children ages 3 to 6, 9 a.m. to noon. Provided by Coupeville School District. Any parent with concerns about their child's development is welcome to participate. By appointment only. Call Tammy Glover at 678-4551, ext. 228.

■ **Dec. 7 - Late Nite Central**, 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Coupeville Elementary multipurpose room. For grades 6-9. Presented by Central Whidbey Youth Coalition.

■ **Dec. 14 - Registration for CWYAA basketball** begins at high school gym. boys, grades 3-6, is at 9 a.m. with clinic until 11 a.m. Girls, grades 3-6, register at noon with clinic until 2 p.m. Boys and girls, K-2, register 10a.m. Dec. 21 in multipurpose room at Coupeville Elementary. Registration forms at middle and elementary schools. For information, call Tom Roehl, boys 3-6, at 321-7949 days or 678-5662 evenings; Willie Smith, girls 3-6, 678-4409, ext 250, days, or 678-2082 evenings; or Scott Johnston, K-2, 678-5913, evenings.

HOLIDAY BAZAARS

■ **Dec. 7 - Coupeville United Methodist Women** hold their Annual Christmas Bazaar 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Coupeville United Methodist

Church on North Main. A Koffee Klatch at 9 a.m. Lunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Cost for lunch is \$4.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children under 10. Holiday wreaths, swags, plants, pinecone fire starters, hand-crafted items, baked goods, jams and jellies and attic treasures will be available.

■ **Dec. 7-8 - Coupeville Garden Club** will have a booth at the Recreation Hall selling wreaths, swags and other holiday decorations. Also Christmas gifts by Faye Gordon, Dorothy Russell and Louise McIntyre. Call 678-5032 for information.

■ **Dec. 7-8 - Annual Greening of Coupeville Christmas Crafts Fair**, Coupeville Recreation Hall, Coveland and Alexander streets. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Crafts, home-baked goods and lots of surprises. Call 678-3548.

MEETINGS

■ **Dec. 6 - Whidbey Island Chapter No. 6, Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington**, Christmas luncheon and meeting starts at noon at the home of Cleone Webster in Sylva. Members asked to bring exchange gift. For rides, call Marilyn Bailey at 678-4668 or Lillian Huffstetler at 678-4089.

■ **Dec. 9 - Central Whidbey Sportsmen's Association** meets 7:30 p.m., clubhouse on Safari Lane, across from Morris Road off State Highway 20 south of Coupeville. Call 678-0960.

■ **Dec. 9 - Central Whidbey Youth Athletic Association** board meets 7 p.m. in Careage's conference room Open to public.

■ **Dec. 10 - Oak Harbor Garden Club** meets 9:45 a.m. at the I.O.O.F. Hall on Barrington Drive. Christmas potluck. Bring wrapped toy for Help House. Beach Watcher Liz Merriman will give "A Walk in the Forest," followed by "Herbs of the Holy Land at the time of Jesus" by Peg Berry. Also, bring a napkin for a napkin-folding lesson. Call Doris at 675-5716 or Lois at 675-1912 for information about the club.

■ **Dec. 12 - Island County Civil Service Commission** meets 9:30 a.m. in the commissioners hearing room, courthouse annex, Coupeville.

■ **Dec. 15 - Whidbey Island Borestuffers** black powder shoot, 10 a.m. at clubhouse on Safari Lane, south of Coupeville. Call 678-0960.

VOLUNTEERS

■ **Senior Services of Island County** needs people to help with Volunteer Chore and medical transportation programs for seniors and disabled who live independently. For information, call Jack Pour at 678-3373 or 321-1600.

SUPPORT GROUPS

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous**. For information about meetings, call 1-800-219-8416.

Who in the world is Alanna Ubach?

Alanna Ubach is quickly becoming an actress to watch.

In just three films, she's become one of my favorites, a young woman who brings a feisty attitude, a razor-sharp tongue and an engaging spark to each role she inhabits.

Much like Lili Taylor (*I Shot Andy Warhol*) or Janeane Garofalo (*The Truth About Cats & Dogs*), Ubach is not a conventional Hollywood pin-up, instead combining "average" looks with equal parts intelligence and wit. It's a heady concoction.

From a bit role in *The Brady Bunch Movie* (1995, PG-13) to more substantial work in *Denise Calls Up* (1996, PG-13) and *Just Your Luck* (1996, R), she's been a revelation. Which begs the question, just who in the world is Alanna Ubach?

Actually, I don't know. I can't find a bio on her, and have yet to see her written up in any movie magazines. All I know is what I've seen on film, where she's given funny, sharply nuanced, often touching performances, while virtually always swiping the movie from the ostensible leads.

In the cotton-candy *Brady Bunch* flick, she scored in a tart, if too short, role as Marcia's best friend, who wanted to be more than just friends. Gazing upon the bubble-headed *Brady* babe as if she were a fair-haired goddess, Ubach pined for the unattainable, providing the only grit in a paper-thin parody.

Luck cast her as a college student working at a greasy spoon, caught up in a far-fetched but oddly endearing tale of six people who fight over a winning lottery ticket after the ticket's owner suffers a fatal heart attack.

Whether gently flirting with a young cop who harbors a shy crush on her, or going toe-to-toe with an unruly, gun-wielding customer who wants more than his fair share of the winnings, Ubach offers a distinctive spin on a role which is never routine in her hands. She is waitress—hear her roar, especially if you ask for fresh coffee.

Her best moments, though, come in *Denise*, which show-



Reel Time

By David Svien

cases a group of people whose relationships exist only through a series of phone calls. Caught up in their work, always "too busy" to meet face-to-face, they operate in a world where call-waiting and personal computers allow a person to reach out and touch someone, while never having to leave the safety of their unmade bed.

That is, until the bus-riding, cell-phone-gabbing Denise (Ubach) crashes this tightly-knit, if rather isolated, party-line addicted community.

An artificially inseminated mom-to-be, she warily tries to obtain info on the man who provided the "goods." She doesn't want to be a bother, really, but she kind of wants to make sure the invisible prospective dad isn't a drooling mental defective.

From earnest discussions over potential baby names, to screaming fits when she learns the baby's sex, Denise is the only person able to wake this group from their collective apathy.

The childbirth scenes, with everyone offering advice over the phone as Ubach's wheeled into the delivery room, are screamingly funny. By contrast, the tender first meeting between mom, dad and child adds a perfect cap to a film which, up until then, had focused on people unable to connect anywhere except over the phone.

Take my advice. Connect with Ubach now, before you're just another fair-weather fan jumping on board as her star starts to shine more brightly in the coming years.

In Stores Tuesday: Ageless warrior Sean Connery is back, fighting for *The Rock*, while kid-friendly dinosaurs return in *The Land Before Time IV*. Or, laugh at divorce with *Edie & Pen*, have a *Homecoming* or be *Just Like Dad*.

To include your event in the community calendar, drop the information off, with your phone number, at our office at 901 Grace St., next to Coupeville Travel. Or, mail information to The Examiner, P.O. Box 948, Coupeville, WA 98239. Deadline is 1 p.m. Tuesday for Friday's edition.

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Christmas in Coupeville Calendar

Nov. 30-Dec. 23

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December 7

Greening of Coupeville

Coupeville United Methodist Bazaar, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Crafts & Gifts Sale, Recreation Hall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

"Christmas Lights Run," 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Parade, noon

Admiralty Head Lighthouse Gift Shop, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Santa Claus at ICHS Museum, Noon to 4 p.m.

Christmas Boat Parade

Lighting of Community Tree, 5 p.m.

December 8

Crafts & Gifts Sale, Recreation Hall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Admiralty Head Lighthouse Gift Shop, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

December 12

Coupeville School Winter Concert

December 14

PTA Winterfest

Breakfast with Santa, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Admiralty Head Lighthouse Gift Shop, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

PTA Craft Bazaar, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Holiday Gift Shop for Kids Only, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Farmers Market Christmas Sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Santa at ICHS Museum, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

ICHS Christmas Home Tour

December 15

Admiralty Head Lighthouse Gift Shop, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

December 21

Santa at ICHS Museum, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Weekly Prize Drawings

Enter the Weekly Christmas in Coupeville Drawing for a chance to win more than \$100 in prizes from local merchants. New drawing every Saturday until Christmas. See page 3 for contest details and entry form.



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McBrayer: 'Painting is what I've wanted to do my whole lifetime'

Even as a child working in the cotton fields in western Oklahoma, **Beth McBrayer** knew she would be an artist.

"In the old days, everything came wrapped in heavy brown paper tied with string," she said. "My mother saved the paper for me and I would draw pictures on it with my crayons."



This & That

By Irene Mueller

It wasn't until she was married, the mother of seven and living in California that she started using paints. When Beth injured her left shoulder, her doctor told her to paint for therapeutic purposes. Finally, she had to do what she had always wanted to do!

In 1981, Beth came to Whidbey Island and found the quiet of the island the perfect place to paint. She taught art classes at Cam-Bey Apartments and to the developmentally disabled at the now defunct Tenex Industries. The job at Tenex was most rewarding. All of the students enjoyed the classes, but she was thrilled with one young man who wouldn't join in any activities, "Except, the minute I brought out the paints, he was first in line."

"The fact that I looked like his grandmother may have helped," she laughed, "but he loved to paint and it was awesome to see him come alive."

Beth managed Country Cottage Gifts in Coupeville for me in 1988 and 1989, and I was there when she sold her first large canvas, "Grandma's Attic." A doctor from Snoqualmie walked in the shop, took the painting off the wall and paid the price. He also wanted to buy the copyright, but Beth said "No!" She still sells postcards from that painting.

Grandma's Attic tells a story as all of Beth's paintings do. When she was a small child, her parents sold their home and stored some of their belongings in Grandma Martha Jane Carter—of Carter's Pills—Benton's attic. At age 16, Beth returned to visit and spent time in the attic enjoying her doll, her baby buggy, digging in old trunks, and in secret, her grandmother's love letters which were all bound in pink ribbon. All of the wonderful things she saw that day in the attic are in Beth's painting.

Family history is important to Beth. In her "Cottonfields" painting, her family is working in the fields, and across the road, children are playing in a school yard. Beth still feels the pain of the sharp points of the cotton bolls, and remembers wanting so much to go to school.

"Wagon Yard" a painting of a "kind of motel" where they stayed in Coalgate, OK, shows horse-drawn carriages and the circus advertisements that covered the structure. She had never seen a circus and was enchanted with the pictures.

Beth has dozens of paintings—each with amazing detail and each with a fascinating story,

but she doesn't paint much anymore. She was injured in a fall at a fast food restaurant in Oak Harbor in 1989, and she can only raise her right arm for short periods. So, with her left hand she brings the paper to the brush in her right hand and only uses water colors, a lighter medium.

"Painting is what I've wanted to do my whole lifetime," she says. "At 79, I can stand that much pain."

Keep painting, Beth, and record those stories!!



Palmer Kauffman embraced the wonderful age of 85 on Nov. 24. That's how he lives his life, wholeheartedly. In his youth, Palmer was a civil engineer in New Jersey where one of his jobs was the construction of the George Washington Bridge connecting New Jersey and New York.

He and **Ethel** have lived on Whidbey for four years. You probably know him. Palmer frequently delivers *The Coupeville Examiner* to the local outlets. Or maybe you've seen him driving around town with **Lady BeeBee** the Cockapoo sitting beside him while Ethel relaxes in the back seat enjoying the view.

Happy Birthday, Palmer, and many more!!



Marshall Bronson celebrated his birthday last Tuesday. Marshall serves on the Coupeville Town Council, owns half of The Compass Rose B&B, is active in the Central Whidbey Chamber of Commerce and is in demand as speaker at most events in Coupeville.

Happy Birthday, Marshall.

If you have an idea for This & That, call Irene Mueller at 678-4453.



Donita Clausen photos

Christmas tour offers peak at Whidbey homes

George and Janet Enzmann are showing their doll houses, including one from Scotland, above, during a home tour Dec. 14. At right, George Enzmann stands next to doll house he made for his daughter in the early 1960's. Eight homes dressed in their holiday finery will throw open their doors for the Island County Historical Society's home tour. The Admiralty Head Lighthouse will also be open for showing. The tour, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is \$7.50 per person. Tickets are on sale at Whidbey Island Bank branches, Coupeville Pharmacy and the ICHS Museum. The tour includes stops at Penn Cove Inn and the homes of Lee James, Jeanne Carrington, Mike and Sue Bonnet, the Enzmans, Wendy Belew and Alice Martin.



Sharing secrets of smart gardeners

Probably, like me, you too have a collection of garden books.

Most of us are lured into buying when we see a title like, "How to Have a Beautiful Garden the Lazy Way," or "Be a Carefree Gardener."

Here is a tip—these gardeners aren't lazy or carefree, they are smart. They are the ones who, instead of planting the tall varieties, plant the dwarfs so they won't have any staking to do.

Here's another secret they learned a long time ago, and this is about annuals, the one-season wonders: In a climate such as ours many of the annuals will, in a manner of speaking, "winter over." Some of those that will return next season without replanting are alyssum, nicotiana, nasturtiums, poppies, lobelia and sometimes petunias.

All of these plants will go to seed.

Fall cleanup dictates that the average tidy gardener carefully removes every vestige of the plant (annuals) and rakes away all debris.

Aha! Therein lies the error of your ways! Leave a few of the dead plants and pile a few leaves around them and forget they are there. True enough, these plants are dead,

Island Gardener

By Fran Sabine

but the mother plant has released her seeds, and her skeleton protects the babies over the winter. Simply left alone, you will enjoy rows and rows of alyssum next year. Just let your plants sit out the winter and then enjoy the seedling the following spring.

Resist the urge to pull out every frozen or dead annual.

You don't have to keep all of the old plants, but choose the mother plants in the most protected areas. Leave the dead mother plants until the chance of frost has passed. When the little seedlings have two sets of leaves you can remove the mother plant and transplant, or leave them just where they sit. Pamper the new little plants with extra water and protection against slugs and when they are about two inches tall you can fertilize them gently.

As a matter of fact, leaving the skeleton particularly applies to hardy fuschias. This bit of winter protection is vital to any year's growth.

We were taught that precise neatness in the garden doesn't always receive Mother Nature's blessing.

Fran's tip of the week: The usual antidote for mealybugs on houseplants is to swab each painstakingly with a cotton swab dipped in alcohol. Save time and energy. Screw a recycled spray top into the alcohol bottle and give it a gentle mist.

Fran Sabine is a WSU Master Gardener. If you have a question for Fran, call her at 679-2810.

Volunteer needed for historic preservation board

The county commissioners need a volunteer, preferably with architectural experience, to serve on the Central Whidbey Historic Preservation Advisory Committee.

The term is four years. Duties include review of all building permit applications affecting buildings and sites of significant historic and archaeological value as identified on the official map of the district.

The committee meets twice a month.

Call Bob McCaughan, building official, a non-voting advisory member, for more information.

Interested volunteers should contact the commissioners at P.O. Box 5000, Coupeville, WA 98239, by sending a letter of interest with a background description and brief statement why they would like to serve in this capacity.

Lions' contributions add up

Ever wondered how big an asset the Coupeville Lions Club is, just add up the numbers covering July 1 to Nov. 16:

Community service

Boy & Sea Scouts—6 Lions, 74 hours; medical equipment loans—8 Lions, 46 hours; Help House—3 Lions, 22 hours; roadside cleanup—30 Lions, 69 hours; state parks—4 Lions, 36 hours; Meals on Wheels—8 Lions, 163 hours; swim instruction—10 Lions, 269 hours; Red Cross and hospital—14 Lions, 775 hours; used eye-glass collection—11 Lions, 11 hours, 574 pairs; Concerts on the

Cove crowd—2 Lions, 4 hours; blood drive—13 Lions, 52 hours, 116 units; Students of the quarter and year—3 Lions, 9 hours; and miscellaneous service—26 Lions, 99 hours.

Fund-raising

Garage sale—64 Lions, 2,090 hours, \$13,256; newspaper recycling—23 Lions, 74 hours, \$1,230; discount coupon books—32 Lions, 345 hours, \$2,485 to date; Arts & Crafts Festival food booth—25 Lions, 173 hours, \$400; Lions mints—4 Lions, 18 hours, \$301; HCFdn Tag Days—22 Lions, 62 hours, \$1,068.

Disbursements

New eye glasses—\$190; Island County Historical Society Museum—\$2,000; Coupeville School District, A&C & sound system—\$2,000; and Youth Dynamics—\$350.

Wolves come on strong against Clallam Bay

By Donita Clausen

Coupeville boys varsity basketball team showed Clallam Bay it meant business Tuesday night, winning the game 79-63.

The Wolves came out strong and never let up.

The Wolves kept the pressure on throughout the game, especially when they applied a full court press. With it, they were able to steal the ball away and score.

"Our full court press worked well for us" said coach Randy King. "Our team came out shooting and gave their all throughout the game never slowing up."

The Wolves had three players in double figures. Nick Sellgren was the leading scorer with 20



Donita Clausen photo

Wolves basketball coach Randy King gathers the team in a huddle to strategize during the second half of Tuesday's game.

points. Rich Morris had 19 points and Pete Petrov had 16 points.

The Wolves next game Saturday, Dec. 7 at home against Sequim. Game time is 1 p.m. for junior varsity and 3 p.m. for varsity.

Last year's state champs whip Wolves

The Coupeville varsity girls basketball team had a rough night Tuesday against Clallam Bay.

The Wolves lost to last year's state champs 88-37.

The Wolves just couldn't connect with their shots. Early in the game, they had a hard time with the Clallam Bay's full court press.

"Three of the five starters had never played on varsity before," said coach Willie Smith. "They are still learning."

Clallam Bay's press hurt at the beginning until the girls figured out how to break it, he said. "They seemed to play a lot harder and more aggressively in the second half."

"We were missing one of our

Coupeville Statistics

Clallam Bay 8 20 15 20 - 63
Coupeville 12 25 23 19 - 79
Nick Sellgren 20, Rich Morris 19, Pete Petrov 16, Arik Garthwaite 7, Michael Vaughan 6, Greg White 4, Scott Stuurmans 2, Dennis Terrell 2, Christian Townsden 2, Jerry Helm 1
Three Point Goals—R. Morris, 4; P. Petrov, 1
Fouled out—None

regular starters," said assistant coach Cherie Smith. "It's hard when you don't have all of your team."

Starter Zenovia Barron was one of the regular starters who didn't play in Tuesday's game.

Barron said sitting on the sideline and not being able to help her team out was one of the hardest things she's had to do.

The Wolves next game is Fri-

day, Dec. 6 at South Whidbey. Starting time at 5:45 for junior varsity and 7:30 p.m. for varsity. Their next home game is Saturday, Dec. 7 against Sequim.

Coupeville Statistics

Clallam Bay 27 18 30 13 - 88
Coupeville 4 11 9 13 - 37
Jen Canfield 11, Ann Pettit 10, Maureen Wetmore 7, Kim Warder 3, Tina Lyness 2, Danielle Vracin 2, Lori Friswold 2
Three -point goals: A. Pettit, 2
Fouled Out: J. Canfield

Wolves named to Cascade All League

The following Wolves made All League in the Cascade "A" League: Pete Petrov (running back), Nick Sellgren (line), and Jason Sechrist (line) made the first team for offense in football. Petrov (linebacker) and Sellgren (def. line) also made the first team for defense in football. And Petrov made the return specialist first team. The second team for offense consists of Jomo Bowman (running back), Bill Marti (tight end), and Joey Biller (line). The second

team for defense consists of Rich Morris (line backer), Justin Theisen (def. line), and Greg White (cornerback).

Emily Wodjenski made second team and Jen Canfield honorable mention in All League for volleyball.

For soccer, Coupeville's Marnie Bartelson made WESCO "AAA" All League first team. Bartelson plays on the Oak Harbor-Coupeville combined team.

Correction

The following are corrections to fall sports awards reported on page 1 of the Nov. 22 edition of *The Coupeville Examiner*.

JV football—Best Defensive was Jemaal Knox. MVP was Kellen Ward.

Lettered for football: Michael Vaughan, Justin Theisen

Participation certificate for football—Israel Mudder

"C" volleyball—Participation

Certificate - Amanda Rodda

JV volleyball—Best Offensive was Sofia Lindquist

Boys tennis lettered—Kyle Dunnagan

JV spirit team—Participation Certificate - Tiffany Murray

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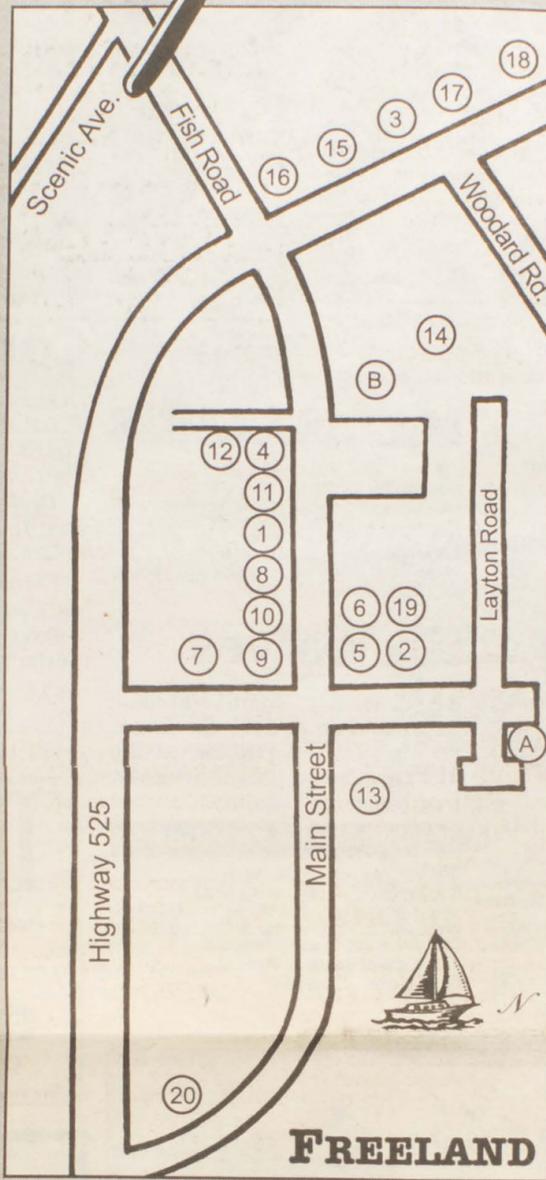
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Obituary

Richard Floyd Way

Richard Floyd Way, 79, died at Whidbey General Hospital, Coupeville on Nov. 29, 1996. He was born in Moberidge, South Dakota on June 5, 1917 to Floyd Richard and Leah Lucille (Hughes) Way. He graduated from Moberidge High School with the Class of 1935.

Mr. Way worked in construction, building all steel homes, the predecessor of the modern mobile home. He moved to Billings, Montana, where he attended PolyTech Institute for one year, learning the printing trade. He returned to Moberidge, where he again worked construction. He eventually settled in Colorado, where he joined his brother in a print shop.

Mr. Way received a job offer from Glenn and Phyllis Smith to work as a printer for Whidbey Press in Oak Harbor, Wash. He began his career as a linotype operator and a printer in 1948. He lived in Coupeville for the past 48 years. He remained with Whidbey Press after it was purchased by John Webber and Wallie Funk. He retired from Whidbey Press in 1976 after 28 years of newspaper printing.

Richard Way is survived by three sisters, Alene Mayo and Ethol Bowden of Salina, Kansas and Esther Blair of Oklahoma City, OK. He was preceded in death by one brother.

Mr. Way requested no formal funeral services be conducted. Cremation was held with interment to follow at the Greenwood Cemetery, Moberidge, South Dakota. Arrangements were under the direction of the Burley Funeral Chapel, Oak Harbor.

Sheriff's reports

The following incidents were reported to the Island County Sheriff's Office:

Tuesday, Nov. 26

6:59 a.m. A Bainbridge Street resident reported hearing shots fired, west of his house. He called back half an hour later to report shots still being fired, just outside town.

8:21 p.m. A 13-year-old Greenbank resident was reported as a runaway.

8:26 a.m. Vehicles reported speeding on Engle Road near the Keystone ferry.

3:43 p.m. Video South in Freeland reported theft of \$150 worth of movies.

4 p.m. Diamond Rentals in Freeland reported a rental truck broken into during the previous night.

10:28 p.m. An Alzheimer's patient reportedly wandered away from Careage of Whidbey.

Wednesday, Nov. 27

10:45 a.m. Coupeville Lumbermen's reported receiving seven bad checks totaling \$3,124 from the same man over the past 12 days.

12:05 p.m. Great Times Espresso on Front Street complained that two young men took between \$5 and \$10 out of the tip jar and left. They left punch cards, with names on them, behind on the counter.

12:47 a.m. A Freeland resident reported his vehicle broken into at the Freeland park-and-ride lot.

3:21 p.m. A ferry ticket agent reported a possible DWI heading north on the highway from the Clinton ferry terminal.

5:09 p.m. Construction and ferry traffic reported causing a hazard near the Keystone ferry terminal.

9:09 p.m. A Greenbank resident reported a tree down and blocking most of the roadway on Houston Road half a mile from the highway.

Thursday, Nov. 28

9:45 a.m. Prairie Center Family Grocer reported receiving five bad checks totaling \$179 from the same person.

1:03 p.m. Country Store asked for assistance for a customer who locked herself out of her car, with two children, ages 2 and 3, inside.

1:30 p.m. Broken water main reported at intersection of Haller and Sixth streets.

Friday, Nov. 29

1 a.m. Two subjects reported loitering behind the Coupeville Recreation Hall.

3:51 p.m. A resident reported finding a dead harbor seal at a Lagoon Point boat dock.

1:59 p.m. A Ledgewood Beach resident complained that her car was damaged while parked at the Oak Harbor Airpark.

4:49 p.m. A motorist reported a van crossing the center line as it was driven south from the intersection of Morris Road and State Highway 20.

5:10 p.m. Domestic violence at a Southwest Terry Road residence.

Saturday, Nov. 30

8:59 a.m. A resident in the 200 block of Madrona Way reported hunters shooting out over the water.

1:40 p.m. A Parker Road resident complained that someone threw rocks through one of his windows.

5:52 p.m. Toby's Tavern reported three women left without paying for their meals.

Sunday, Dec. 1

11:20 a.m. A resident on Northeast Kinney Street reported her neighbor's fence being blown down, and the neighbor's dog and three puppies running loose. She didn't have nails big enough to fix the fence for the neighbor, who was not home.

6:40 p.m. A Greenbank resident reported seeing bright lights appearing to be on a helicopter or a ship, in the Admirals Cove area. The responding officer said they were probably a searchlight from a shopping mall in Port Angeles or Bremerton.

Monday, Dec. 2

4:44 a.m. Tree down across northbound lane of Engle Road south of town limits.

9:40 a.m. Aid requested at Coupeville High School for a student who fell and broke a leg.

Fire & rescue reports

Central Whidbey Fire and Rescue responded to the following:

Wednesday, Nov. 25

9 a.m. Bomb threat at Coupeville Middle and High School.

2:18 p.m. Medical emergency on Black Road.

Saturday, Nov. 28

11:31 p.m. Cardiac problem at Cam-Bey Apartments.

Sunday, Nov. 29

8 p.m. Cardiac problem at the Country Store.

Monday, Nov. 30

12:47 p.m. Assist ambulance with patient transport from Nettle Road in Greenbank.

6:26 p.m. Vehicle in ditch at State Highway 525 and Rehberg. Unable to locate occupants.

7:15 p.m. Reported as possible structure fire on State Highway 20 near Jacobs Road. Investigated but unable to locate anything other than a gas vent at the landfill.

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Check it out

By Emily Ramsey

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December 20: Open House—The library staff invites the community to share holiday greetings, hot Cider and goodies while picking out your holiday reading. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

January 28: Friends present a special Washington Commission for the Humanities lecture, "Living History Portraits of Great

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January 23: The Friends Book Club will not meet in December but, in January, meets to discuss author Wallace Stegner and his works. He has written many books besides his two fiction works that we're the most familiar with: *Angle of Repose* and *Crossing to Safety*. His nonfiction includes a history of the Mormons. If you would like to participate, just pick up a Stegner book at the library, read it and come join in, it's a great way to meet people and share your enjoyment of books. 7 p.m.

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It's a fact: The most popular books this month are "how to" make Christmas gifts and decorations.

Emily Ramsey is a Coupeville resident and member of the Friends of the Coupeville Library and numerous other community organizations.

Coupeville gets martial arts school

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