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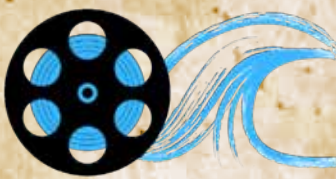
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MODERN TIMES

THE MUSIC MAN

THE LAST
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WRATH

THE STING

PENNIES FROM
HEAVEN



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RAGTIME

THE ROAD TO
WELLVILLE

MATINEE

FRIED GREEN
TOMATOES

THE CRADLE WILL
ROCK



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JANUARY 17 | 7:30 PM



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Florian Graner – Opening Keynote Speaker
marine biologist, international filmmaker, ocean advocate
“Orca Eco-cultures and What They Tell Us”

elin kelsey – Closing Keynote Speaker
international speaker on science-based hope, author, educator
“How to be Hopeful: Empowering Practices to Overcome Despair and Act for Climate Justice”

8:00 am – 4:00 pm | Cost \$70 | Registration Required
Saturday, February 7, 2026
Coupeville High School on Whidbey Island

Includes Elective Classes:

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Auditions for ‘WOMEN PLAYING HAMLET’

Auditions for the Whidbey Playhouse production, ‘WOMEN PLAYING HAMLET’ by William Missouri Downs, will take place in the Star Studio, 730 A Midway Blvd, Oak Harbor, WA 1 - 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24th & SUNDAY, January 25th.

Auditions will combine cold and studied reads from the script. Regular in-person cast rehearsals begin the last week of January. The show opens April 10, 2026 and runs weekends through May 3, 2026.

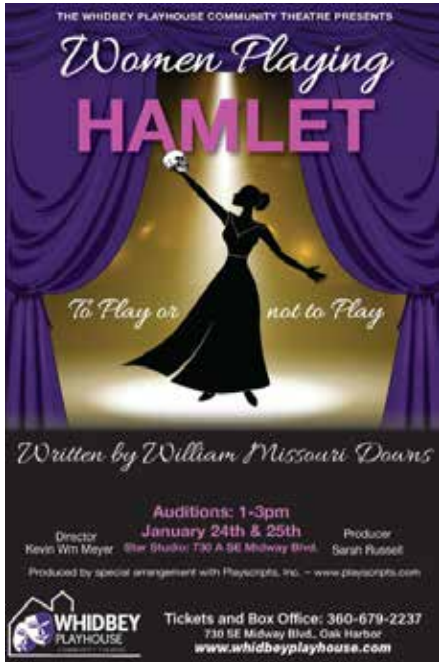
Please bring a head shot and resume (if available) and share all conflicts you may have between auditions and the end of the performance schedule. Rehearsals will be held in the Star Studio up to 4 times a week. For any questions regarding auditions, please email Producer, Sarah Russell sbrussellmusic@gmail.com or Director, Kevin Wm Meyer kevinwm.meyer@gmail.com

Play Description:

“Hamlet’s a challenge for any actor, but when Jessica is cast as the titular character in a New York production, it sends her into an existential tailspin. It doesn’t help that her acting coach is borderline abusive, or that every Starbucks barista with an MFA tells her she’s too young for the role. Or that she’s somehow managed to make Sir Patrick Stewart her nemesis. Not to mention the fact that she’s a woman. How can Jessica figure out “to be or not to be,” when she can’t even figure out herself? Featuring an all-female cast performing multiple roles, Woman Playing Hamlet is rip-roaring fun for Shakespeare fans and haters alike.”

Aside from the lead character Jessica, the director plans to cast five supporting roles that will play multiple characters ranging in age from teens up, some female and some male roles but ALL played by women. As the script says “In the time of Shakespeare, men played the female roles, why not have the women play all the male roles too?”

No acting experience needed, just the ability to read from the script and have fun. Scripts are available to check-out through the Whidbey Playhouse Office Manager.



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Tilth annual meeting features small farms

The annual membership meeting of South Whidbey Tilth is 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 10 at the South Whidbey Fire/EMS meeting room at 5579 Bayview Road, Langley. The featured speaker is Hannah Andersen of the Whidbey Island Conservation District who will present, “Start Small, Grow Tall — building small-scale farms that support the community around them and the land they operate on. She asks “What does a modern farm look like?” This image may come up: rolling fields of produce, tractors equipped with direct sowing machines and tillers, multi-person teams of agricultural workers and silos full of grain. She asks, “But is this generalization a true representation of the farms that keep our food systems resilient and the land healthy?” She’ll explore some of the alternative farm plans, community initiatives, creative enterprises and conservation practices that are reinventing farming in North America and the ways each of us can participate. Hint: it might reinvent your backyard.

Hannah is the education and outreach coordinator for the Conservation District.

The Tilth annual meeting starts with a potluck lunch, followed by a business meeting for elections and reports, including an introduction to the council of trustees (the governing board.) Check in at 12:30 p.m. and pickup a name tag.

Hannah will begin her presentation at about 1:45 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. There will be hot tea and coffee and cold drinks, please bring your own dishes and a potluck dish to share.

St. Augustine's Holiday Market Charitable Giving

On December 16th, the St Augustine’s Holiday Market Team met with selected charities to distribute fundraiser proceeds. It is an honor to support their important work! Each received \$3933: Island Senior Resources, Kids First, Ryan’s House for Youth, sdubhub/Snohomish Tribe Cultural & Family Services, Friends of Ebey’s(not pictured).



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Micro Crossword By Elizabeth C. Gorski

- Across
- 1 “Green” energy type
 - 6 Feminine side, to Jung
 - 7 “Fly Away” singer Kravitz
 - 8 Autobahn vehicles
 - 9 Kung ____ chicken

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
	9			

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- Down
- 1 Parlor, in Madrid
 - 2 In the lead, but barely
 - 3 Hamilton of
 - 4 Diagnostic procedure, briefly
 - 5 Tampa Bay baseball team

MINI SUDOKU

			2	4	
	2		6		5
		1	3	5	
		5		1	2
	1	2		6	3
3			1	2	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 6-box square contains all of the numbers from one to six.

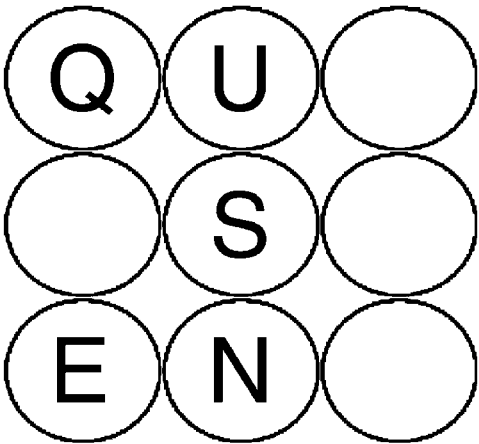
Five Spot™ Not really sure

M	A	Y	B	E

Solve each row by replacing one letter from the answer above or below and scrambling to make a new word. When complete, the top and bottom words will have no letters in common.

- Possibly
- Assist at the climbing wall
- A single unit of grass
- Kept a machine running smoothly
- Provided a hint
- Might be able

WORD SPIRAL



Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.

Fun Fact

The 24 “Solar Terms” are an ancient calendar system based on celestial movements and the position of the sun. It is an essential part of Chinese heritage that farmers rely on. Each solar term carries **unique meaning**, with titles such as Beginning of Spring, Rain Water, Awakening of Insects, Spring Equinox, Clear and Bright, Grain Rain, Grain Full, End of Heat and Frost’s Descent.

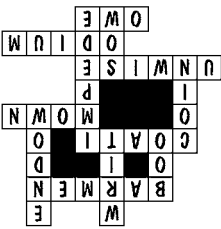
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GRIN and BEAR IT



“Now I have to go take it all back for the recall!”

ANSWERS



ANSWER
FEAR KNIGHT

	P	A	O	
S	A	U	D	I
Y	L	E	N	N
A	A	N	I	M
S	O	L	A	R

Answer

Micro Crossword

3	5	6	1	2	4
4	1	2	5	6	3
6	3	5	4	1	2
2	4	1	3	5	6
1	2	4	6	3	5
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Answer

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QUICKNESS

Answer

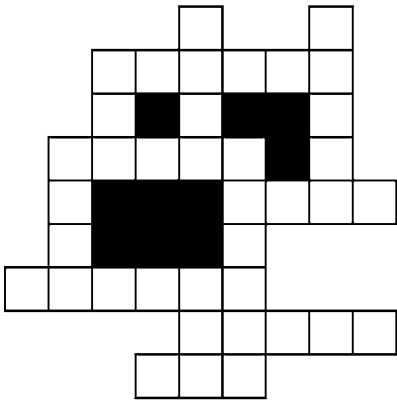
Word Spiral

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C	L	U	E	D
L	U	B	E	D
B	L	A	D	E
B	E	L	A	Y
M	A	Y	B	E

Solution



- OBO
- WENIUS
- DUMIO
- RTWI
- DEMPIE
- ♥EWO
- ♥NCIO
- ♥WEDNO
- WOS
- ENRAMB
- TACIO
- WMNO



Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.



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On Life as a Movie Others are Watching

BY CHARLES LAFOND ISLAND FUNDRAISER, POTTER, AUTHOR,
AND ESSAYIST

We all have our little routines for different parts of the day, and I'm no exception. I find that as I come out of deep sleep in the morning, certain things happen before I whip back the blankets and swing my legs out into the air to lever my body up into a sitting position.

The first thing I do is to reach over and touch my dog. I need to feel her there, warm, alive and cosy - just emerging from her own sleep.

The second thing I do is take a few deep breaths to feel the gratitude of simply being alive. It seems to me that every morning is a bit of a miracle - that this sack of calcium, blood, muscle, tendon and its 60,000 miles of blood vessels are all working enough for me to get up and have another day. So, each morning I try to begin with gratitude.

The third thing that I do before leaving my bed in the morning is to imagine that this is the very last day I will live on this planet. I find that it's valuable for me to ask myself this one key question about the day I am about to enter: *If this were my last day on the planet, is how I'm going to spend it, the very best plan I could have?*

Now, if it were truly the last day on this planet for me, I would probably spend the whole day doing things I couldn't discuss in this article, and that's as it should be. So, I'm not talking about the last meal and the last fun and the last friendships and the last hours in a literal sense. But I am asking myself hard questions about these next twelve-fifteen wakeful hours for which there is no refund. I want to know if this day ahead of me is really the way I want to spend my waking hours?

- Are the people I'm going to spend my day with today, the people with whom I would want to spend my last day?
- Is the work I'm doing today, the work I would want to do on the last day of my existence on this planet?
- Are the meals I'm going to eat today, the kinds of meals that celebrate life?
- Are the meetings I have scheduled, the most effective way to get done what needs to be done?
- Did I say "yes" to anything, ANYTHING, to which I should have answered a polite but firm "No, thank you, but thanks for asking."

And the most important question that I ask myself about this upcoming day, before I get out of bed, is this:

*If my life were a movie with a movie theater full of a few hundred people with popcorn, M&Ms and sodas, what would they be **screaming at the theater screen?** What can they see about my day or my life, that I might not be able to see?*

Perhaps you have been in a movie theater or in front of a TV, watching a film, and you wanted to scream at the screen: "Don't open the closet door; there's a monster in there!" Or perhaps you want to scream at the person you're staring at on the movie screen: "Leave this job; you know you hate it. There are others out there." Or perhaps you want to scream, "Leave that person and start a new life with someone else because this relationship you're in is toxic." Or perhaps you are screaming, "Don't go down into the basement when you know that the light is not working down there."

All of us have these "audience movie -screen moments" in our day that, if someone were watching our life or our day unfold as a movie, they would scream things we need to know.

What is it that you think people might be screaming at the movie of your life? And what do you think you need to go into the day prepared to change?

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What's Going On!

AMERICANA: 2026 WHIDBEY ISLAND FILM FESTIVAL
Thursday–Sunday, Jan. 8–18
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts
65 Camano Ave., Langley

Experience Americana, a curated journey through a century of American life on screen. This year's Whidbey Island Film Festival explores work, community, struggle, reinvention, music, and imagination through landmark films, musicals, period dramas, and inventive comedies. From silent-era satire to late-20th-century social commentary, the lineup reflects how Americans have told their stories—and how those stories continue to resonate.

Whidbey Island Film Festival is a program of the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts.

Festival Screenings & Events
(Past)Thursday, Jan. 8
Modern Times (1936) 7–9 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 9
The Music Man (1962) 7–9 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10
The Last Picture Show (1971) 1–3 p.m.
An American Retrograde (discussion) —3–4 p.m.
The Grapes of Wrath (1940) 7–9 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 11
The Sting (1973) 1–3 p.m.
Pennies from Heaven (1981) 7–9 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 15
Ragtime (1981) 7–9 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
The Road to Wellville (1994) 7–9 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Matinee (1993) 1–3 p.m.
The Art of the Score (live concert) — 7:30–9:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 18
Fried Green Tomatoes (1991) 1–3 p.m.
Cradle Will Rock (1999) 7–9 p.m.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
Friday, Jan. 9, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Langley Library, 104 Second St.

Share books, songs and creative activities designed to help preschoolers build early literacy skills. A short playtime or art activity may follow.

Additional dates:
Friday, Jan. 16, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Friday, Jan. 23, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Friday, Jan. 30, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 6, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 13, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 20, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 27, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Friday, March 6, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Friday, March 13, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Friday, March 20, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

FANDOM FRIDAY
Friday, Jan. 9, 3:00–4:30 p.m.
Langley Library
104 Second St.

Tweens and teens are invited to bring their favorite fandom and connect with others who share their interests. Whether it's gaming, music, books, anime, DnD, or something entirely your own, this casual hangout offers conversation, simple crafts, and snacks in a welcoming space. Snacks provided by the Friends of the Langley Library.

LOONS AT DECEPTION PASS
Saturday, Jan. 10, 9 a.m.–noon
Deception Pass State Park, 41020 SR 20, Oak Harbor

Join the Whidbey Audubon Society for a free birding field trip to observe red-throated loons feeding in the outgoing currents at Deception Pass before they migrate north to breed. A Discover Pass is required.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE
Saturday, Jan. 10, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave.

Browse hundreds of books for all ages during the Friends of the Freeland Library's monthly book sale, held in the library meeting room. Books are available by donation, or fill a bag for \$20. Proceeds

support library programs, services, and materials. Cash, check, cards, and Venmo accepted. Families welcome.

Additional dates:
Second Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Feb. 14; March 14; April 11; May 9; June 13; July 11; Aug. 8; Sept. 12; Oct. 10; Nov. 14

READ TO JOE THE THERAPY DOG
Saturday, Jan. 10, 11:00 a.m.–noon
Freeland Library 5495 Harbor Ave.,

Children are invited to read aloud to Joe, a friendly and patient certified therapy dog. Reading to a dog helps build confidence and strengthen reading skills by providing a calm, nonjudgmental audience. Intended for elementary-age readers, though all are welcome to stop by and say hello.

WHIDBEY BRIDAL EXPO
Saturday, Jan. 10 | 11 a.m.–4 p.m.,
Freeland Hall, 1515 Shoreview Drive, Freeland |

Calling all brides-to-be. Plan your dream wedding at the Whidbey Bridal Expo, hosted at historic Freeland Hall overlooking Holmes Harbor. Meet Whidbey Island wedding professionals, explore entertainment options, discover florals and décor, and sample catering offerings.

Admission is free. This is a 21-and-over event. A raffle drawing will be held at 1 p.m. Sampling, giveaways and products for sale will be available. Hosted by Bootleg & Bridle Mobile Bar Services.

SONGS OF FREEDOM WITH DANA LYONS
Saturday, Jan. 10 | 2–5 p.m.
Whidbey Institute, Thomas Berry Hall
6449 Old Pietila Road, Clinton

Renowned singer-songwriter Dana Lyons returns for an inspiring afternoon of music and storytelling. Known as an “environmental troubadour,” Lyons shares songs from across America highlighting unlikely alliances working for democracy and care for the planet. Suggested donation \$15–25; no one turned away for lack of funds. Limited seating.

Additional dates:
Feb. 14; March 14; April 11; May 9
All dates run 11:00 a.m.–noon

FREE TEEN & TWEEN CAR CARE WORKSHOP
Monday, January 12 | 5:30–7:00 p.m.
Mark's Auto Repair
181 NE Midway Blvd., Oak Harbor

A free, hands-on workshop designed for teens, tweens, and new or future drivers. This session covers essential car care skills, including basic maintenance, understanding dashboard warning lights, and building confidence as a driver. Part of the Oak Harbor Library's How Do I... life skills series.

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FRIENDS OF THE COUPEVILLE LIBRARY POTLUCK BUSINESS MEETING-NEW DAY & TIME!
Sunday, January 18th from 12-2pm
Coupeville Library Meeting Room
788 NE Alexander St.

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THE ART OF AWE AND WONDER: REHEARSING RESILIENCE
Sunday, Jan. 18, 2–6 p.m.
Whidbey Institute, Sanctuary at the Heartland, 6449 Old Pietila Road, Clinton

This participatory workshop invites adults to explore awe and wonder

as everyday practices of resilience through movement, music, and creative expression. Guided by expressive arts facilitators Marta Mulholland and Ruth Yeo-Peterman, participants will reconnect with inspiration, build creative community, and collaborate in short arts-based pieces for shared reflection and celebration. Suggested donation \$20–\$40.

STATE PARK FREE DAYS
Monday, Jan. 19, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Washington State Parks (Whidbey & Camano Islands)

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2026 Free Days Schedule
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March 19 — State Parks' Birthday
April 22 — Earth Day
June 6 — Free Fishing Weekend
June 7 — Free Fishing Weekend
June 19 — Juneteenth
Aug. 9 — Smokey Bear's Birthday
Sept. 26 — National Public Lands Day
Oct. 10 — World Mental Health Day
Nov. 11 — Veterans Day

Free days apply to day-use parking only; other fees and activities may still apply.

STORMING THE SOUND
Friday, Jan. 23, 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Skagit Valley College, 2405 East College Way, Mount Vernon

Environmental educators from across the North Sound region are invited to gather for a day of learning, collaboration and inspiration hosted by Sound Water Stewards. The event features keynote speaker Chris Morgan and focuses on understanding challenges facing regional ecosystems and communities, while sharing ideas and goals for a healthier future.

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER: CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT
Friday, January 23, 7:00 p.m.
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island
20103 SR 525, Freeland

A reflective evening of chamber music and spoken word offering stillness and renewal after the holiday season. Featuring seasonal works by Debussy, Poulenc, Vaughan Williams, Holst, Bruckner, Schubert, and others, performed by Whidbey Island musicians in an intimate setting.

Suggested donation: \$25
All are welcome.

WAYS OF WHALES WORKSHOP
Saturday, January 24, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Coupeville High School
Performing Arts Center
501 S. Main Street, Coupeville

Join Orca Network for its annual Ways of Whales Workshop, a full-day gathering focused on whales, marine ecosystems, and conservation in the Salish Sea. The program features presentations from regional experts on orcas, humpback whales, harbor porpoises, salmon recovery, and whale sighting networks, along with a panel discussion on salmon success stories.

Lunch is available on site, and the popular silent auction returns with online and in-person participation options.

Cost: \$50; \$40 for students and seniors.

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By Auston Reisman | Parent, Farmer, Builder, Artist, Environmental Steward
Photo Carly Mcardle

Throughout the year our family gathers treasures, trinkets, and objects of beauty offered by nature. During the last dwindling days of the year a watercraft is constructed from nature's bounty. Treasures remembering the prior year become offerings, and are placed within. Along with emotional burdens and thanksgivings, written on small notes, surrendered and released. This vessel symbolizes all the things we have accumulated during the year, both material and emotional. It is time to let it go.



Adapted from the ancient Yoruba tradition: Yemanja, the deity of the waters, invites these vessels into her open arms. As I plunge my head into the water I embrace a deep connection to a source of cosmic energy, reminding me that I spent about 280 days floating in this water during my mother's pregnancy. Senses are elevated when I return to the surface with a perpetual brain freeze, slowing my busy brain enough to remind me that every moment is precious.

Along with the urge for warmth I reflect on what creates a flawless fire; equal ratios of oxygen, fire, and wood in various sizes. If any one of these elements is out of balance one may experience too much smoke, not enough fire, or a flame that burns too hot and fast. We each have this internal fire burning in our bodies. It is easy to hinder this natural harmony within ourselves by misusing or clinging to emotions, possessions, expectations, regrets, perceptions, opinions, fear, and commitments.

As we shift into this new year we may choose to greet this shift in season as a time of reflection, a cleansing and refreshing of one's soul. I notice the shorter darker days draw me inward, the wintry weather may guide us in slowing down and searching for warmth. This is reflected in our own energy level, encouraging one to draw within, to relax enough to slip past the mind and ego, to examine ourselves on a deeper level. In the stillness of this spirit, we find reality, release, and resolution for the accumulation- the things and feelings we have shouldered throughout the year.

As an observer, a year may suddenly feel like one day, one minute, or one second. This is the only moment that matters. It is time to shake off 'burdens' like a drenched dog vigorously shaking the wetness away: to feel refreshed, to lighten our load by Letting Go. In this way, we create freedom and spaciousness, which in turn allows for quality self-focus, free of judgement and shame. Nature is always our best guide to salvation and if one observes closely plants and animals are making these shifts every day; from trees shedding leaves to chickens molting feathers in the fall. If a drastic change is needed it is possible to embrace beauty in complete annihilation, the same way plants and animals do. This act of surrender, or re-booting one's life, may reveal what is indestructible within ourselves.

Balance may be created between light and darkness. Red glowing embers dance together joyfully, small subdued flames create spontaneity, and warmth stimulates excitement for new opportunities. As we share this comfort I invite you to ask yourself what may go into your boat? How might it feel to loosen the grip and just start letting go?

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A Parent’s Guide to Family Resources in Oak Harbor and Island County

A practical guide to childcare assistance, food support, health-care, and early intervention services available locally

Submitted by Ashish Batwara

When you’re in the thick of raising little ones, finding time to research what help might be available feels impossible. And honestly, most families don’t even know these programs exist until something goes wrong and they’re scrambling.

I’ve spent over a decade working with families in WA state, and one thing I’ve noticed is that the hardest part isn’t qualifying for help. It’s knowing where to look in the first place. So I put together this guide to save you some of that legwork.

Start with 211

If you only remember one thing from this article, make it this number: 211. It’s a free helpline that connects you to local resources across Washington State. Call or text anytime. A real person will answer and help you figure out what you need, whether that’s food assistance, help with bills, childcare, or other support.

You can also explore their online database at <https://wa211.org>. When you’re overwhelmed and don’t know where to start, this is the place.

Washington Connection: One Website, Multiple Programs

<http://WashingtonConnection.org> lets you apply for several assistance programs at once. Food benefits, medical coverage, cash assistance, childcare help. Instead of filling out separate applications and visiting different offices, you can do it all in one place. The site works in multiple languages, and you can check on your application status anytime.

Opportunity Council: Local Help When Other Options Run Out

The Opportunity Council has been around since 1965, and their Island County office in Oak Harbor is one of those places that can sometimes help when nobody else can. They do energy assistance for heating bills, emergency housing support, and something called the Essential Needs Program that covers things like utilities, rent, or unexpected expenses that pop up out of nowhere.

If you’re dealing with a crisis and the usual programs aren’t cutting it, give them a call at 360-679-6577. Their office is at 231 SE Barrington Dr, Suite 100 in Oak Harbor.

Help Paying for Childcare

A lot of families have no idea they might qualify for childcare assistance. Two programs are worth knowing about.

Working Connections Child Care is the state’s subsidy program. If your household income is at or below 65% of the state median income, you could get help. Apply online at <http://WashingtonConnection.org> or call 844-626-8687. They’ve made the process a lot simpler than it used to be, and there’s phone support in multiple languages.

If you’re a military family, look into MCCYN (Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood). It’s fee assistance for when on-base care has a long waitlist or isn’t an option. The program helps cover the difference between what base childcare would cost and what you’d pay in the community. Details and applications are at <http://MilitaryChildCare.com>.

Food and Nutrition Support

Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) is one of those programs that more families qualify for than you’d think. It provides healthy food, nutrition education, and breastfeeding support for pregnant women, new parents, and kids under five. The Island County WIC clinic is at 1791 NE 1st Avenue in Oak Harbor. Call 360-240-5554 or text 360-544-2239 to find out if you’re eligible.

Nearly half of all babies born in Washington are on WIC. Military families and working families qualify all the time. And if you’re worried about immigration status, WIC doesn’t affect that.

The North Whidbey Food Bank is also here for you. They’re at 1091 SE Hathaway Street, open Monday through Friday. Just show up. No appointment, no hassle.

If Your Little One Isn’t Hitting Milestones

Steps (they used to be called the Toddler Learning Center) has been on Whidbey Island for 40 years, helping families with infants and toddlers who have developmental delays or concerns. They send physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, and early childhood specialists right to your home. Services are free for kids from birth to age three.

You don’t need a doctor’s referral. If something feels off, just call them at 360-679-1039 or check out <http://takingstepstogether.org>. Early intervention really does make a difference.

When Your Child Has Special Needs

Island County’s Parent to Parent program is run by families for families. They offer support, resources, and events for parents raising kids with disabilities, developmental delays, or complex medical needs. They do sensory-friendly movies, social gatherings, and can connect you with other parents who actually get what you’re going through.

Reach out to Tiffany at t.wheeler-thompson@islandcountywa.gov if you want to learn more.

Health Coverage for Kids

Apple Health for Kids covers doctor visits, prescriptions, dental, and more. Plenty of families with moderate incomes still qualify. You can apply at <http://WashingtonConnection.org>.

One Last Thing

I know asking for help isn’t easy. But these programs exist because our community decided families shouldn’t have to struggle alone. If you’re not sure whether you qualify, apply anyway. The worst that happens is they say no. But you might be surprised.

And if you ever have questions or need help figuring out where to go, feel free to reach out. Pointing families toward the right resources is something I care about.

Program eligibility and details can change. Always check directly with providers for the most current information.

Nidhi Gupta is the Owner and Director of Nurture with Care Kids Academy, with over 10 years of experience working with children. The academy serves families at two Oak Harbor locations. Learn more at <https://nurturewithcarekidsacademy.com>.



Life Tributes



Sonna Ruth Ryan 11/29/1949 – 12/31/2025

Sonna Ruth Ryan was born on November 29, 1949, in Fort Worth, Tx, to Elvis Houston Pearce and Georgia Ruth Pearce and passed away on December 31, 2025, in Mount Vernon, Washington.

Sonna grew up in Fort Worth, TX and graduated there from North Side High School. She was the youngest of three children; her brother Durwood and sister JoAnn.

She began her employment career at Southwestern Bell at the age of 18 years old in Fort Worth, TX. She advanced from secretary to management over a career spanning 30 years. She met her husband, Tim, at Southwestern Bell. She and Tim moved to Whidbey Island and opened The BBQ Joint in 2006. Sonna and Tim owned and operated The BBQ Joint until 2024 when their daughter Courtney and friends took over.

Sonna had two kids from a prior marriage; Courtney and Casey, and three stepchildren; Luke, Andy, and Mary.

She is preceded in death by her parents Elvis and Georgia Pearce; her brother Durwood Pearce; her sister JoAnn Williamson; and her beloved dogs, Tuffy and Buddy.

She is survived by her husband Tim Ryan; her children Courtney Harper and her husband Hadden, Casey Cromwell and his wife Erin; her stepchildren Luke Ryan, Andy Ryan and his wife Kelli and Mary Crandall and husband Corey, and grandchildren Hallie, Hudson, Peyton, Scarlett, Carter, and Bella.

A Memorial Mass will be held on January 30, 2026, at St, Augustine’s Catholic Church in Oak Harbor at 10:00 am with Reception following.

Sonna was a devoted Catholic and was loved by all she came in contact with. She had the unique ability to make friends everywhere she went. Her smile, warmth, and generosity were unmatched. Although she spent most of her time at The BBQ Joint in the kitchen baking, she always came out to greet and hold babies and hug sailors. She was known as Momma Sonna to many sailors. She always had special cookies made to hand out to kids at the restaurant. She will be deeply missed.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

Momentum builds this week. Career progress and recognition are within reach, but patience matters—timing is everything. By the weekend, a breakthrough restores confidence in your goals.

TAURUS (Apr 21 – May 21)

Your outlook broadens under supportive stars. Learning, travel, or mentorship may inspire a shift in direction. Venus encourages joy and connection—follow curiosity where it leads.

GEMINI (May 22 – Jun 21)

This week brings transformation and renewal. Clearing emotional or financial clutter helps you regain control. A deep conversation may strengthen trust with someone important.

CANCER (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Relationships take priority. Cooperation and compromise open doors—especially midweek. By weekend, shared laughter or teamwork restores balance and lightness.

LEO (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Focus on health and daily habits. Organization gives peace of mind and improves results. Friday's energy boosts productivity—use it to wrap up loose ends efficiently.

VIRGO (Aug 24 – Sept 22)

Your creative spark returns. Express yourself freely—through art, writing, or heartfelt gestures. Romance may also warm up under Venus's touch—let joy guide your choices.

LIBRA (Sept 23 – Oct 23)

Home life and emotional stability are highlighted. It's a great week to declutter, reorganize, or reconnect with family. A sense of calm renewal fills your space by the weekend.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 – Nov 22)

Your words have weight. Use them wisely—negotiations or presentations can go especially well. A short trip or new contact midweek brings an uplifting surprise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 – Dec 21)

Finances and priorities find stability. You're learning to balance generosity with practicality. The weekend brings a pleasant reward for your recent hard work.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 – Jan 20)

The spotlight's still on you, Capricorn. New opportunities appear—don't shy away from responsibility. Confidence and persistence continue to open doors all week long.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 – Feb 18)

Take time for introspection before your season begins. Reflection sharpens intuition. A quiet midweek pause leads to renewed purpose by week's end.

PISCES (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

Community connections thrive. Join in, share your ideas, or reconnect with supportive friends. Inspiration flows easily when you surround yourself with positive energy.



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Astrology for January 9-15 2026

Potent Activation Week, Sun/Venus/Mars Triple Conjunction in Capricorn 19°

The plot of our lives develop in significant ways this week both on individual and collective levels. **On January 9**, the Sun, Venus, and Mars form a triple conjunction in the sign of Capricorn at 19°. One by one, these planets will move on to oppose Jupiter retrograde in Cancer at 20° amplifying relationship and ambition themes. On January 9, Venus will oppose Jupiter. On January 10, the Sun and Mars will oppose Jupiter. Jupiter helps expand our understanding about our personal desires and goals. This can bring about social exchanges that are fun, but reveal some truth about our feelings in pursuit of those desires and goals. These are a couple days that can be filled with both memorable happenings and potent growth. We discover more about what brings us fulfillment in a longterm way, beyond superficiality. With wind in our sails and courage on offer, the shadow to monitor is around gluttony and excess. We can be adventurous and have a “let’s go get it” attitude, but we would do well to match these passions with a touch of temperance. Enjoy these experiences that foster growth, but stay present and observe the reality. Confidence yes, overconfidence beware.

On **January 11**, Venus in Capricorn will square Chiron in Aries at 22° beginning another successive transit for the aforementioned planets. On January 12, the Sun in Capricorn squares Chiron at 22°. On January 13, Mars in Capricorn squares Chiron in Aries at 22°. The enjoyable and social exchanges of January 9 and 10 will reveal a truth, and that truth will rise to be faced from January 11-13. Challenges or differences in values in relationships. Matters of asserting one’s position or defending a sense of self-worth. Financial differences that in a moment reveal a new awareness about resources. There is a tension that can appear within ourselves or in our relationships that challenge the recent expansion in our desires. In its highest form, this transit is an opportunity to get clear about where we have wounds that need tending and the ability to bring them to light. This is a triggering time. How do you or those you are in relationships with handle conflict? Try a little tenderness.

On **January 15**, Venus in Capricorn sextiles Saturn in Pisces at 27° and trines Uranus retrograde in Taurus at 27°. After a potent few days of social and internal developments, today we have a helpful transit for integrating everything that went down. We can become more open to suggestions or adjustments that at first seemed offensive or off-base. Saturn’s involvement here helps us find practical solutions. We are more open to connection and have more stamina for working something out. The qualities that we value in ourselves and others shine through. In our own stories and in our own ways, we are all starting very new and unprecedented chapters. Today helps us find harmony, progress, and answering to life’s developments with maturity.

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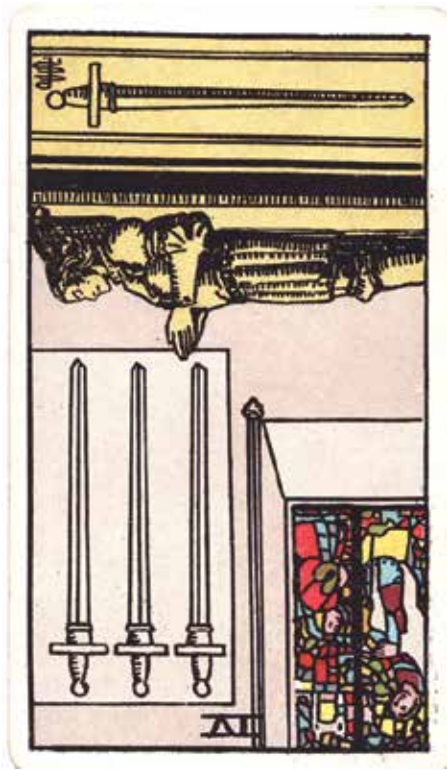
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Tarot from Camano
January 9th – January 15th : Four of Swords Reversed

The time for restful contemplation is drawing to a close. Decisive action is clarifying through your brainstorming, so long as you continue to ponder from a state of peace and trust. Bear in mind that action here does not indicate a charging forward in fiery passion. But rather like the inquisitive sure-footedness of Indiana Jones in his approach toward the archeological treasure he seeks. This is not rushed, but strategic and adaptable. After all, it is the tortoise that comes to win against the hare, not by outpacing, but having confidence in her movements and not falling prey to an over-inflated ego.

There is a sense of being held aloft from the worries that you fear would impale your life. This is not a guarantee, but a

reassurance, with a reminder. It is the focus and concentration on the desired outcome that maintains the levitation as the women in “The Craft” participate in ‘light as a feather, stiff as a board’. So, too, is your focus of importance in association with your anxieties and fears. You are presented with the advice not to ignore the concerns, but rather face them calmly, and concentrate on the actions that will keep the objects of impalement at bay or that will dispel them altogether.

Although this week’s card does not appear to be particularly active, looks can be deceiving. First, rest IS productive. And just as significant, intentionally pausing between deliberate actions to come back into presence with yourself and the clarity expanded there at this time, can make this a much more accomplished week than anticipated. Just as the stained-glass window of beauty is encased beside the mounted swords within the card’s image, make a point of envisioning the future you’re ideally working toward, while maintaining focus adjacently on shaping solutions to the problems that are causing you worries.

Continue wrapping up those projects which belong to the past; this chapter nears its final page. It will shed naturally. All that’s asked of you is to follow your instincts of what to finish and what to begin as those nudges rise to your consciousness. You’ve got this. You’re doing just fine.

~Xo, Tiffany

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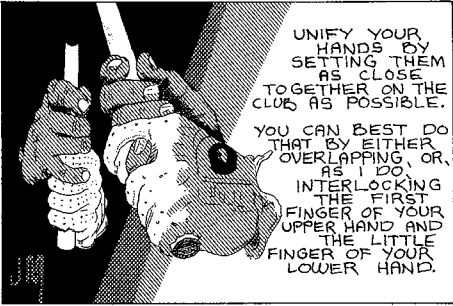
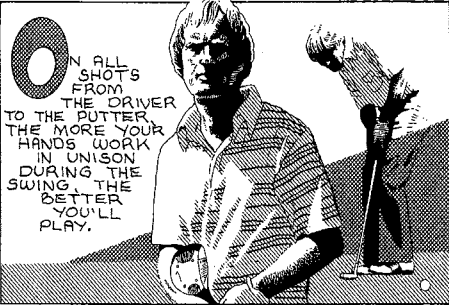
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- 2 Leeway
- 3 Part of A.D.
- 4 Easily swayed
- 5 Culpable
- 6 Forever -- day
- 7 Perfect place
- 8 Texter’s guffaw
- 9 Tubular pasta
- 10 During
- 11 Corn concoction
- 20 Coerces
- 22 Map feature
- 24 “The Da Vinci Code” monk
- 25 Small ammo
- 26 Wish undone
- 27 Coach Parseghian
- 29 Physique
- 30 “-- was saying ...”
- 31 Retrieve
- 35 Sense
- 36 Low-budget flick
- 39 Small plateau
- 40 Cameo stone
- 41 Single
- 43 Legal document
- 45 Plane reservation
- 46 Pot starter
- 47 Incubator noise
- 49 Bovary’s title (Abbr.)

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

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OUR Community An Upbeat Question of the week
with Helen Mosbrooker

What’s the best book you read last year?



Maria McGee,
Oak Harbor

The Covenant of Water was my favorite book of 2025. By Abraham Verghese.
It follows three generations in Kerala, India that explores faith, medicine and human understanding from 1900-1977.
It’s not an easy read and there are so many characters involved but it all wraps up into one beautiful ending.



Deanna Rogers,
Coupeville

For 2025, my favorite has to be 107 Days by Kamala Harris. I always gravitate toward biographies of any kind with emphasis on political novels as they are usually very informative, eye-opening and I enjoy reading history of those most talked about. This one about campaign strategy sessions, debate prep, behind-the-scenes details and intimate moments all during history-making shortest presidential campaign ever. Entertaining and fun read.



Dini Maharani,
Oak Harbor

The best book I read all year is called Lady Tan’s Circle of Women by Lisa See. The novel explores the story of Lady Tan who is a herbalist and midwife. Set in the 15th Century China, the story explores the challenges of women navigates within a male-dominated society. Lady Tan is determined to create a supportive circle of women who help one and another in their struggles and aspirations. As an Asian descent and a woman who has also faced gender bias, I found the book relatable. It also offers a powerful message of empowerment through shared experiences and knowledge. The writer has provided a well-researched look into Ming Dynasty culture, including the practice of foot binding and intricate details of ancient Chinese Medicine. This book is masterfully written where it blends historical immersion, female empowerment and friendships. One of my favorite quote from the book ‘A woman who helps others helps herself’



Happy news! For personal reasons, I will not be moving to Myrtle Beach for at least a year.
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Helen Mosbrooker

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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JOBS

Permanent position for Landscaper. Location: **Langley** We have an immediate position for two single persons or a couple to care for a home's landscaping. All landscaping tools provided for use. Job details are raking leaves, mowing of grass, and shearing bushes and plants. You need to provide transportation to and from our home on Whidbey Island and have a cell phone for contact. Pay is \$25 per hour, depending upon experience, for eight hours once a week. Position is permanent. Work is available immediately. No experience required. We will train, while you work in beautiful surroundings. All Ages, race or either sexual status considered.

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For Sale:
1969 FORD F-250
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Text "WOOD" to 206-947-
8078 with contact number
you can be reached at.

MINISTRY

A Self-Sustaining Ministry (SSM) named Restorative Life Ministry is being established in Island County. For inquiries, please contact restorativelife@proton.me

NEW BUSINESS HOURS

Coffee At Dawn New Hours
Hi All, beginning Friday November 14th our new hours will be: Friday thru Monday 7:30am to 3pm. The kitchen will be open until 2:30 but the coffee bar with pastries will serve until 3:00pm.
5331 S Crawford Rd, Langley

RESOURCES

Family Resource Center
723 Camano Ave, Langley. 360-221-6808 ext 4321
School supplies, coats, warm clothing, resource connections. Mon-Wed 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thurs 9 a.m. - 12 noon, or by appt. readinessstolearn.org

Mother Mentors
360-321-1484 ·
info@whidbeymothermentors.org Carregiving mentoring and play support, mothermentors.org

I Support the Girls
360-678-2090 · isupportthegirls.org/affiliates/whidbey-island
Essential health and hygiene items for women and girls.

Island Senior Resources
360-321-1600
14594 SR 525, Langley
Multiple 50+ programs and services. Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. senior-resources.org

Pamoja Place pamojaplace.org
721 Camano Ave, Langley
Safe space for BIPOC people and allies to connect, collaborate, and celebrate.

Veterans Resource Center
360-331-2496
723 Camano Ave, Langley
Events, Support, and Benefits help
Monday 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tues - Thurs 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday by Appointment. whibeyvrc.org

Veterans Services
360-632-2496
105 NW 1st, Coupeville
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

RESOURCES

Basic Food Benefits Community Services Office: 275 Pioneer Way #201, Oak Harbor 877-501-2233

Food Banks:
Gifts From the Heart:
108 SW Terry Road
Monetary donations, they should be sent to:
PO Box 155, Coupeville 98239
Distribution on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 2-5 p.m.
Good Cheer:
2812 Grimm Rd., Langley 360-221-4868
Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
North Whidbey Help House:
1091 SE Hathaway St.
Oak Harbor 360-675-0681
Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
(5 p.m. on Tues)
Closed 12-1 p.m. for lunch

Island Church of Whidbey
Soup Kitchen: 503 Cascade Ave., Langley 360-221-0969
Tues & Thurs 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
SPiN Café: 1241 SW Barlow St., Oak Harbor
Daily, 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

St. Hubert's Catholic Church
Wednesday Soup Kitchen
All are Welcome!
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
804 3rd St., Langley 360-221-5303
Ask about our Thursday Dinner

HUB After School: 301 Anthes Ave., Langley 360-221-0969
Food and activities for middle and high school youth. Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday 2-6 p.m., Wed 1-6 p.m.

Ryans House for Youth:
Food, fun, support, 19777 SR 20, Coupeville 360-331-4575
Drop-in center for adults ages 18-24; Daily 6 a.m.- 8:30 p.m., 35 SE Ely St., Oak Harbor 360-682-5098
Drop-in center for youth ages 12-21; Mon-Fri 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Women, Infants & Children (WIC): -Oak Harbor/North Whidbey: 1791 NE 1st Ave. Mon-Thurs 360-240-5554 Text: 360-544-2239

CRISIS LINES

9-1-1: Call for threats to life, fire, accident or crime
-Non-emergency lines:
Oak Harbor Police Department-360-279-4600
-Island Communications Dispatch (ICOM) - 360-679-9567
9-8-8: Suicide and crisis lifeline, free & confidential - 741-741: 24/7 Crisis Text Line -800-584-3578:
24/7 Northwest Washington Crisis Services
- 360-678-7880: Island County Behavioral Health
866-488-7386 Trevor Project: 24/7 support for LGBTQIA2S+

SHELTERS/HOUSING

CADA Emergency Shelter
- Confidential crisis shelter for women and children fleeing domestic violence/sexual assault/stalking. This is NOT a homeless shelter. Office: 360-675-7057 Crisis Line: 360-675-2232 Toll Free: 800-215-5669

Island County Housing Support - 105 NW 1st St., Coupeville 360-678-8284
For homeless or at risk of losing housing. Mon-Thurs, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Ryan's House for Youth
- 19777 SR 20, Coupeville 360-331-4575
For at-risk adults ages 18-24

Whidbey Homeless Coalition
- Serving Island County 360-900-3077

The Haven Overnight Shelter
is a night-to-night shelter for up to 30 individuals. Must follow check in rules and must register daily between 4:00 and 4:30pm Mon. thru Fri. and 3:45 pm to 4:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays at the SPiN Café, 1241 SW Barlow St., Oak Harbor.

House of Hope Emergency Housing, Langley, 360-708-4533. Transitional housing for families and adults at severe risk of homelessness; to apply, contact the Housing Support Center or call the number above.

Oxford Houses - Recovery housing oxfordhouse.org
-Men:360-246-4101
- Women & Children: 360-682-5773

MONTHLY MEETING

Monthly Meeting for Mental Health Hosted by NAMI for All Adult Individuals who have a family or friend suffering from depression, anxiety, bi-polar disorder, or other mental health conditions. Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland, Lower Building Closest to the Highway 18341 WA-525, Freeland 3rd Wednesday of the Month 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Email for more Information: karens@nami-sno-isle.org

WEEKLY MEETINGS

MEMORY CAFÉ Every 1st and 3rd Tues of the Month 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church 1050 SE Ireland Street Oak Harbor, WA. Join our bi-monthly gathering for people with memory loss and their family to enjoy a time of fun, conversation, music and laughing (and snacks). This is a dementia friendly setting. For information: 360-720-4535

SOUTH WHIDBEY NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUP meets every Wednesday at 6pm at the Langley Methodist Church, 301 Anthes in Langley. We meet in the Fireside Room, rear of church. Karol:360 914 7695.

Have a problem with drinking? It doesn't cost anything to attend **A.A. meetings**. Local Meetings are in Coupeville, Freeland, Langley, Clinton, and Oak Harbor. There are no age or education requirements to participate. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about their drinking problem. A.A.'s primary purpose is to help alcoholics to achieve sobriety. We're here to help. For local meetings search aa.org or call 888-360-1564

Have you ever been affected by someone else's drinking? **Al-Anon** may be for you. **AL-ANON:** Tuesdays at 5:30-6:30 Oak Harbor Lutheran Church Library 1253 NW 2nd Ave. There is help and hope: Contact for more info: Rebecca 425-773-6937

Bothered by someone's drinking? **AlAnon** can help! Langley Family AlAnon Group, Wednesdays 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM, Langley Methodist Church, 301 Anthes Ave, Langley. Fireside room Information: (206) 898-2771.

Gamblers Anonymous Meeting. Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Senior Center. Mount Vernon Senior Center, 1401 Cleveland Ave, Mount Vernon Any questions, call Washington State Gamblers Anonymous hotline at 855-222-5542, or visit <https://gawashington.org/>

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS Tuesdays 7 PM to 8 PM Langley United Methodist Church 301 Anthes Ave. Room 224 Langley, Washington 98260 For local meeting information and support call: Kevin 206-395-9622

Adult Children of Alcoholic and Dysfunctional Families meeting, Tuesdays 2-3 pm, Langley Methodist Church - 301 Anthes Ave, Langley - Fireside room. Contact: acawhidbey@gmail.com

How'd you do?

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Let's Keep it Going for WHIDBEY! THANK YOU!



At Whidbey Weekly, we believe in recycling — and that includes our delivery van. If the frame is sound, we believe a vehicle deserves to be reconditioned and kept on the road for as long as possible.

It's time for a new engine on our faithful 2003 Oldsmobile Silhouette. The cost of parts and labor is estimated at \$8,600 out the door.

This purchase is essential to keeping our local news in print across Whidbey. Thousands of readers pick up their free copies every week from locations across the island — and this van makes that possible.

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