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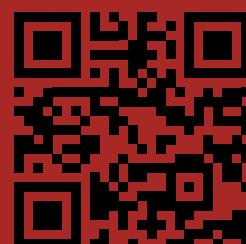
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BITS & PIECES

Experience the Inaugural Heal Women, Heal the World Health Festival Hosted by Dr. Robyn White and Pamoja Place



Event Details:

What: Heal Women, Heal the World Health Festival! - an empowering event dedicated to promoting women's health and community well-being, featuring health screenings, wellness education, inspirational talks, and family-friendly activities.

When: Sunday, September 22, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where: Pamoja Place, 721 Camano Ave, Langley, WA 98260

Event Highlights:

- **Health and Wellness Booths:** Interactive activities focused on women's health, including breast cancer awareness.
- **Women's Marketplace:** A showcase of local women-owned businesses promoting economic empowerment.
- **Food and Nutrition Zone:** Local farmers presenting healthy eating options.
- **Inspirational Talks:** Engagements with healthcare professionals, survivors, and community leaders.
- **Kids Art + Fun Zone:** Launch of "Colorful Heroes: Kids Kick Cancer with Dr. Robyn" coloring book, among other activities.

Media Opportunities:

- **Exclusive Interviews:** Availability of Dr. Robyn White, DNP, and Kenesha Lewin, Executive Director of Pamoja Place.
- **Event Coverage:** Direct access to health activities, talks, and the vibrant festival environment.
- **Photographic and Video Content:** Captivating visuals of community participation and engagement at various booths and sessions.

Invitation to Media:

We invite members of the media to join us for this transformative event. Please contact Dr. Robyn White to arrange press passes, interviews, and special coverage opportunities. For additional event details and media resources, visit www.HealWomenFest.com.

We look forward to welcoming you to a day of health, empowerment, and community celebration. Together, we can amplify the message of wellness and unity throughout our communities.

[Submitted by: Hillarie Maddox]

The Bard's Boutique Artists' Spotlight presents: Poetry in the Afternoon, The Cusp



Please join us upstairs in the Front Room Gallery at the Bayview Cash Store from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22, the Fall Equinox, as we welcome poets Robin Barre, John Burgess, Mary Elizabeth Himes, Dallas Huth, Victory Lee Schouten, Brooke Stout, Eden Trenor, and Faith Wilder.

Each poet brings 10 minutes' worth of poetry on the theme of The Cusp, that period of astrological transition between Virgo and Libra; that moment when the sun will be directly over the Earth's equator and everyone on the globe shares equal parts of light and dark—12 hours each of sun and moon.

What will these poets say from the Cusp on this 265th day of 2024?

Poetry books by some of these poets will be offered for sale after the reading, and everyone is welcome to browse the Bard's Boutique for more delightful, local artist fare.

The Bard's Boutique in the Bayview Cash Store (now one hundred years old!) is located at 5603 Bayview Road in Langley.

Poetry in the Afternoon is a pay-what-you-will donation event to support Island Shakespeare Festival. Come get your poetry on!

[Submitted by: Patricia Duff]

Island County PNW Vets Chapter Hosts Veterans Resource Fair in Oak Harbor



The Island County PNW Vets Chapter is proud to announce its upcoming Veterans Resource Fair, set to take place on Saturday, September 21st, from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The event will be held at the American Legion George Morris Post 129, located at 690 SE Barrington Dr, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

This resource fair aims to connect local military, veterans, and their families with a variety of essential services and support systems. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore a range of resources, including veteran benefits, housing and job assistance, mental health resources, and more. This event is open to all!

In addition to the valuable information and services available, the American Legion will provide complimentary food for all attendees. Beverages have been graciously donated by Better Homes & Gardens McKenzie Realty and Hydros for Heroes. This is a fantastic chance for veterans to gather, access helpful resources, and enjoy a meal with fellow community members.

The Veterans Resource Fair is hosted by the Island County PNW Vets Chapter, a local coalition dedicated to creating community and connecting veterans to resources across Island County. The PNW Vets Chapter meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM at the American Legion George Morris Post 129, offering a consistent platform for veterans to connect and collaborate. Local county coalitions also hold monthly meetings throughout the Pacific Northwest to further support and engage the veteran community.

For more information about the event or the Island County PNW Vets Chapter, please contact Rachel Oswald at yourstorydoesntendhere@gmail.com.

[Submitted by: Garrett Michael]

Classroom On the Water



Over the past three years, Washington State Ferries has taken significant steps to address our crewing challenges, particularly as we face the reality that 50% of our licensed officers will reach retirement age within the next five years. Acknowledging this challenge, we've made it a priority to develop career pathways that not only prepare our workforce for the future but also build long-term resilience within the organization.

Our efforts began by focusing on our unlicensed employees, ensuring they have the necessary support and time to obtain the qualifications required to advance into leadership roles such as Captain. We established programs that help employees acquire their U.S. Coast Guard mate's license and support licensed mates in obtaining their Class 1 Pilotage. These internal initiatives have been critical in addressing upcoming retirements, promoting workforce equity and creating a sustainable talent pipeline.

In response to the well documented global shortage of mariners, we expanded our approach beyond internal development programs. One key initiative is the introduction of a high school-to-pilothouse pathway, which includes a full-ride scholarship program.

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TUESDAY, 09/03/24

07:40:06 A.M., SW SWANTOWN AVE

Two red gas cans are on the road leaking, appears to have fallen out of someone's truck.

10:43:23 A.M., SE 8TH AVE

Reporting party has questions about what weapons must be concealed and what can be carried openly.

11:22:10 A.M., NE MIDWAY BLVD

Someone left a cat at the thrift store and wants to turn it over.

12:27:59 P.M., SE CITY BEACH ST

Reporting party states there is an expensive cart loaded with property at the back of the water filtration plant.

4:18:38 P.M., SR 20

Needs to turn over a dead deer they put down, currently in their freezer.

4:58:29 P.M., S BEEKSMA DR

Reporting party advises a male is riding a bike in circles around the area.

6:08:17 P.M., NE BARRON DR

Downstairs neighbor is refusing to give the reporting party her cat back.

7:43:37 P.M., WEST BEACH RD & HASTIE LAKE RD

Vehicles pulled over at the beach on Hastie Lake Rd. Mustang was speeding, and a truck was following. Mustang driver gave them the finger. Unknown what happened afterward.

WEDNESDAY, 09/04/24

03:02:15 A.M., SE GLENCOE ST

Hearing an emergency alarm.

08:03:30 A.M., NE ERNST ST

Reporting party states his caregiver is accusing him of not being there, but he claims he was there all night.

Report provided by OHPD & Island County Sheriff's Dept.

5:01:58 P.M., SR 20

Reporting party states a male is walking around with his pants down.

10:09:06 P.M., S BEEKSMA DR

Reporting party states they are locked in at the park.

11:24:24 P.M., SE PIONEER WAY

Subject seen in the middle of the road wearing a black shirt, kilt, and riding a skateboard. Last seen two minutes ago.

THURSDAY, 09/05/24

8:10:48 P.M., SW WATERSIDE CT

Reporting party, difficult to understand, advising that subjects are now fishing in Loer's Pond, stating they aren't supposed to be there or fishing.

9:25:01 P.M., SE CITY BEACH ST

Orange cat got lost in the area. Reporting party states it went into the bushes and hopes law enforcement can help find it. The cat is not wearing a collar.

FRIDAY, 09/06/24

10:38:15 A.M., NW CROSBY AVE

Reporting party states a male and female "came at her" while she was trying to trap a cat.

3:59:10 P.M., SE BAYSHORE DR

Last seen walking up and down Pioneer. Reporting party states "The Queen" is back on site and needs to be checked on.

SATURDAY, 09/06/24

4:50:28 P.M., SR 20 & SE PIONEER WAY

Protestors at the intersection pushing the pedestrian cross button to stop traffic.

9:08:14 P.M., SW ERIE ST

Male came in and tried to pay with counterfeit cash, subject has left the area.

SUNDAY, 09/07/24

5:01:49 A.M., SR 20 & W SLEEPER RD

Caller sounds far from the phone, states they can't see the road. Mentioned something about Oak Harbor and coffee.

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HONORING AND CARING FOR OUR WHIDBEY BAT POPULATION

By Thomas Reicken | Bat & Beakfast

Encounters with bats might look something like one of these scenarios:

You wake up and see a dark shape spinning in circles above you. Clattering noises erupt as a picture frame bounces to the floor. Stunned, you toss your blanket into the air and run out of the room. You slam the door and scream, struggling to remember where you left your phone. Is it still in the bedroom?

Stepping into your garage, you notice a few pieces of dirt on the top of your collectable vehicle. Easy to clean off, it must have been on the tarp. A few days later, you notice it again, except this time there's more. You also detect a faint smell, pungent and sharp. Tilting up your head, you shine a flashlight into a dark corner and discover a huddling mass of brown fur.

Cooking lunch for your family, you set down the spatula and are about to grab an onion when a bat shoots into the kitchen chirping. It swoops and spins until it lands on a picture frame hanging on the wall. It takes off and aims for the window, but clatters against the glass, unable to escape.

What do you do next? Do you call someone? Do you smash the animal with a broom? Try to catch it somehow?

If you don't know, then it's good you're reading this. Island County is home to nine or more species of bats. We'll cover each of them in a future column. Hundreds of households in our area have interactions with bats every year. Knowing how to react is important for both your family and the bats themselves. Rabies is less common among bats than other large mammals like raccoons or possums, but unhealthy bats

are more likely to interact with humans.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, or WDFW, has instructions you can find here:

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/living/species-facts/bats>

(Or just Google "WDFW Bats")

There is a video about what to do if bats enter your home. This means your place of residence. For a standalone garage or separate structure, simply exit the building, lock it, and communicate to family not to enter. Then contact a wildlife control expert. We will cover more about that in our next column. For bats in your residence, read the following.

Here's the summary of things to remember for your safety. Rabies is one of the few diseases that is both 100% fatal and 100% preventable.

1. Do not touch the bat. If you must handle it, wear gloves or use a box/bucket to contain it.
2. Before deciding what to do, confirm if the bat entered a room where someone was sleeping, or if the bat has bitten or scratched anyone. Was the bat around young children, outside of your vision?
3. If the answer is yes to any condition in number 2, do not attempt to release the bat. You will need to capture the bat to bring to your local health department to test for rabies.
 - a. Again, do not directly touch the bat. Use a box, bucket, or container of some kind to catch it. Wear gloves and a long-sleeved

shirts.

- b. Try not to kill the bat. Testing for rabies requires that the bat's spinal fluid is in-tact.
 - c. If it must be killed, try to do so without blunt trauma, and put it on ice immediately.
 - d. For us on Whidbey, search for the "Island County Health Department" located in Coupeville for instructions. They will advise you on rabies testing and vaccination.
5. If the answer is no to everything in number 2, no one had contact with the bat, you may attempt to get the bat out of your house.
 - a. Start by closing doors to other rooms in your home.
 - b. Then, open any windows or doors to the outside.
 - c. Turn off your lights and shine a flashlight on the open window/door.
 - d. Be patient. You might encourage it with gentle nudges from a broom or stick.
 - e. If the bat is unable to fly, wear gloves and long sleeves, and attempt to catch the bat with a box or bucket. Ensure the container is not airtight, otherwise make small holes for air.
 6. Once you've caught the bat, confirm again that no one was bitten or scratched.
 - a. If still untouched, proceed, otherwise follow step 3.

- b. Wait until night, or if it is night / dusk, proceed to the next step.
- c. Bats cannot take off directly from the ground. Placing the box somewhere up high, but tilting down and watch with a flashlight.
- d. If the bat flies away, congratulations! If it falls to the ground and crawls, recapture it in the box without touching it.
- e. You have an injured, sick or dehydrated bat. Reach out to your local bat rehabilitator. For us on Whidbey Island, that is "Happy Valley Bats" (meg number)

For bats that are on your property but not in your home, confirm that no one was touched by the bat. If it is near a door or window, leave it alone. If it is acting erratically, ensure that other people do not go near it, and call either the department of health if it is during business hours (M-F 8:00-5:00), or a rehabilitator at any time.

If the bat is nowhere near your home and acting sluggish, you may also call a rehabilitator. If there is a heat wave, you may consider placing out water in a shallow dish nearby while waiting. Use caution and gloves while doing this. Many bats can be affected by fireworks during the 4th of July, so be aware in the days after.

Thanks for reading! Stay safe. Remember, don't touch any bat without wearing gloves. Put these two numbers in your phone or on your fridge:

Island County Health(M-F): (360) 679-7350

WDFW Bat Line(M-F): 360-902-2515

Report a Colony Online: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/diseases/bat-white-nose>

Happy Valley Bats - Rehabilitator (Most Hours): (360) 631-0668



What's Going On!

DJANGO FEST NW 2024

NOW – Sunday, September 22
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565 Camano Avenue, Langley

Ticket prices vary, scan this QR Code to secure your tickets or follow to djangofest.com.

For more than two decades, DjangoFest Northwest (DFNW) has brought the beauty of Django music to Whidbey Island. This year's festival, taking place at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts (WICA) from September 18-22, offers five days of incredible music, vibrant energy, and unforgettable performances, showcasing the very best of Django music in the beautiful Village by the Sea.



THE SAVANNAH SIPPING SOCIETY

Friday, September 20 – Sunday, September 29
730 SE Midway Blvd., Oak Harbor
Tickets: \$25

Performance Times:
Friday: September 20 and 27 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday: September 21 and 28 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday: September 22 and 29 at 2:30 p.m.

The story follows four Southern women who bond over an impromptu happy hour. Over six months, they form a strong bond as they face personal challenges, rediscover their zest for life, and find friendship and humor in each other.

Get tickets by scanning this QR Code:



Or at the Box Office
Tuesday – Friday from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

OUTCAST PRODUCTIONS

PRESENTS: HYDE AND SEEK, A NEW MUSICAL

Friday, September 20 – Sunday, September 29
Black Box Theater, 819 Camano Ave., Langley
Tickets: Student/Senior \$18 | Adult \$20 | General (Sept 22) \$16

Performance Times:
Friday: September 20 and 27 @ 7:30 p.m.
Saturday: September 21 and 28 @ 7:30 p.m.
Sunday: September 22 and 29 @ 4:00 p.m.

Meet Henry Jekyll, age 15, and his family. He appears to be an angel of a child. Smart, loving, and sensitive... or is he? Henry has a playmate named Edward Hyde. Is Hyde an imaginary friend? Is he a man? Or is he a dangerous monster hiding inside Henry?

Get tickets by scanning this QR Code, or you can also reserve a seat with an email to Ned at ocp@whidbey.com and pay when you enter.



CRUZIN' CLINTON CAR SHOW

Saturday, September 21
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Olde Towne Clinton

It's a day for all ages – starting with a car parade on Clinton Boulevard at 9:00 a.m. Enjoy vintage, classic, and late-model cars on display, along with music, food, and family fun.

Also happening: The Big Truck Experience will run from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

HEAL WOMEN, HEAL THE WORLD HEALTH FEST

Sunday, September 22
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Pamoja Place Whidbey, 721 Camano Ave., Langley

FREE

Join us for the inaugural Heal Women, Heal the World Health Festival! Hosted by Dr. Robyn White and Pamoja Place, this event offers free health screenings, educational booths, empowering talks, a Women's Marketplace, and a Kids Art + Fun Zone.

For more details, visit HealWomenFest.com.

FAMILY HISTORY: WRITING THE STORY WHEN THEY LEFT NO STORIES

Wednesday, September 25
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Freeland Library, Milby Community Meeting Room, 5495 Harbor Ave., Freeland

Learn how to turn genealogical data into a readable and compelling family narrative. Mary Roddy, a Certified Public Accountant and experienced genealogist, will demonstrate how to search for period-specific resources to help write your family's story.

WIND TUNNEL ADVENTURES

Wednesday, September 25
2:45 – 3:45 p.m.
Coupeville Library Meeting Room, 788 NW Alexander St., Coupeville

Use paper, scarves, streamers, and other materials to build something that can fly and test it in a wind tunnel! All materials provided.

For kids ages 4-11 and their caregivers.

STATE PARK FREE DAYS

Saturday, September 28
All Washington State Parks

Our Island County State Parks:

- Camas Beach Historical State Park, 1880 SW Camano Drive, Camano Island
- Camano Island State Park, 2269 S Lowell Point Road, Camano Island
- Deception Pass State Park, 41229 State Route 20, Oak Harbor
- Fort Casey Historical State Park, 1280 Engle Road, Coupeville
- Fort Ebey State Park, 400 Hill Valley Drive, Coupeville
- Joseph Whidbey State Park, Crosby Road, Oak Harbor
- South Whidbey State Park, 4128 S Smugglers Cove Road, Freeland

Take advantage of free entry and parking for day use at these beautiful parks on the following dates:

- Sept. 28 — National Public Lands Day
- Oct. 10 — World Mental Health Day
- Nov. 11 — Veterans Day
- Nov. 29 — Autumn Day

WHIDBEY ISLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL PRESENTS: "DAY OF KEYBOARDS"

Saturday, September 28
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
St. Augustine's In the Woods, 5217 South Honeymoon Bay Road, Freeland

Music lovers will enjoy a showcase of historical keyboard instruments, including the lautenwerk, clavichord, harpsichord, fortepiano, and organ. Each performer will hold a Q&A session to offer insights into these extraordinary instruments.

Schedule:
10-11 a.m. | Henry Lebedinsky, clavichord
11-12 p.m. | David Buice, lautenwerk
12-1 p.m. | Byron Schenkman, harpsichord

2-3 p.m. | Tamara Friedman, fortepiano with Tekla Cunningham, classical violin
3-4 p.m. | Henry Lebedinsky, organ
Tickets: \$35 (free for students).

Visit whidbeyislandmusicfestival.org.

WHIDBEY ISLAND CIDER FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 28
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Greenbank Farm, 785 Wonn Rd., Greenbank

Tickets: \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door
Enjoy cider tastings, music, local food, and family activities at the Greenbank Farm. Sample varieties of local ciders, beers, wines, meads, spirits, and kombucha (must purchase tasting glass and tokens, 21+ only).

Music Schedule:
10:00 a.m.: Kick Brass
11:00 a.m.: A Fiddle in the Forest
12:00 p.m.: David Locke on the Accordion
1:00 p.m.: Shifty Sailors
2:00 p.m.: David Locke
3:00 p.m.: A Fiddle in the Forest
4:00 p.m.: One Hundred Huckleberries

MARTHA REDBONE – ROOTS PROJECT

Saturday, September 28
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565 Camano Avenue, Langley

Tickets:
WICA Star: \$45
Standard: \$30
20 for \$20 (by request to the Box Office)
Youth 18 and under: Free

Martha Redbone, a vocalist and songwriter, is known for her unique blend of folk, blues, and gospel from Harlan County, Kentucky, mixed with Brooklyn's eclectic energy.



TSUNAMI RISKS AND PREPAREDNESS – ALEX DOLCIMASCOLO, WA DNR

Wednesday, October 2
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Clinton Community Hall, 6411 S Central Ave, Clinton

Join WA Department of Natural Resources tsunami geologist Alex Dolcimascolo as he discusses tsunami hazards in Island County and best practices for preparedness and community resilience. Learn about tsunami modeling, evacuation maps, and more.

Future sessions in the 5-part natural disaster preparedness series include:

October 16: Get Involved – Volunteer Opportunities with DEM, Island County

No registration necessary.

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This pathway is designed to take individuals with no prior maritime experience and guide them into licensed deck officer positions within 2.5 years. By offering an alternative route into maritime careers, we are tackling the shortage directly.

Another crucial element of this strategy is our partnership with Maritime High School. Through the newly created Classroom on the Water program, students enrolled in the Running Start program gain hands-on experience aboard our ferries, providing them with real-world exposure to vessel operations, both on the deck and in engine rooms, sparking early interest in maritime careers. Next summer, we hope to expand this program to middle schoolers who are considering applying to Maritime High School, offering them an opportunity to "test the waters" before they apply.

Together, these efforts have set us on a clear path to overcoming the crewing challenges we face today. More importantly, they are designed to ensure that these challenges do not resurface in the future, providing long-term stability for Washington State Ferries and cultivating the next generation of maritime leaders.

Spotlight

With funding from Gov. Jay Inslee and the Legislature, WSF has created new programs to address crewing challenges. This has led to several successes, one being the Able-bodied sailor to Mate programs. Thanks to these efforts, we already have 15 people signed up for New Mate Orientation (NMO), meaning we are able to conduct the NMO in October — months earlier than planned. Typically, these orientations happen in January or February, as we wait for enough candidates to complete their pilotage qualifications to be eligible. This accelerated timeline is a clear indication that we're making tangible progress in preparing for the wave of upcoming retirements and building a stronger, more resilient workforce.

Major Milestones of the Week

System Electrification

160-Auto Ferry: Issued Addendum 4 to pending invitation for Bid. This addendum adds requirements for the pending Special Prequalification submittal related to program management. This will help ensure participating shipyards have the program management capacity to be successful with the new construction program. Prequalification packages are due on Sept. 25.

Quality, Health, Safety, & Environment

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) signed the Biological Opinion for our WSF Maintenance and Preservation Programmatic Consultation for the Endangered Species Act. It applies to all projects funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), or the state of Washington, and subject to a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit. It is a great example of streamlining to achieve mutual goals of environmental conservation while also keeping our transportation infrastructure safe and functioning.

Service Reliability*

For the week of Sept. 9-15, systemwide service reliability was 98.2%. Last week, we cancelled 50 of 2829 scheduled sailings. Of those cancellations, 59% (32) were due to crewing, 26% (14) for schedule resets (when a boat is so far behind schedule, we cancel a sailing to get it back on schedule, providing predictability for customers), 4% (2) were due to a vessel being out of service, and 7% (4) for schedule adjustments.

*For WSF, "reliability" refers to a scheduled sailing taking places, not on-time-performance. We understand for the public a significantly late sailing isn't "reliable," but we also share on-time-performance data for transparency on both metrics.

Vessel Availability

We're operating at our 15-vessel current service level, adding a 16th "bonus" boat on the Fauntleroy/Southworth/Vashon "Triangle" route when crewing and vessel availability allows. Last week, the bonus boat returned from Port Townsend/Coupeville on Monday, available for additional service the rest of the week.

New Vessels and Jumbo Mark II Conversions

New Vessels – The contracting process for new vessels continues and we're in active discussions with industry about the terms of the Invitation for Bid we released. We are still scheduled to deliver two boats in 2028.

Hybrid Conversions – Work continues on the Wenatchee, the first Jumbo Mark II vessel undergoing its long-planned midlife propulsion upgrade. That work includes on-going coordination with the shipyard on when the conversion will be completed and the vessel ready to return to service.

WSF Community Engagement

Wednesday, Sept. 11 – San Juan County Ferry Advisory Committee

Upcoming Public Meetings – On Sept. 24 and 25, we will host virtual public meetings to look ahead to fall service, look back on WSF's summer season, update the public on the latest in workforce development and new vessels and answer questions. This is in addition to the two rounds of public meetings we've already held in 2024. Links to register for the two public meetings are here: [Community participation | WSDOT \(wa.gov\)](#)

[Submitted by:WSF Communications]

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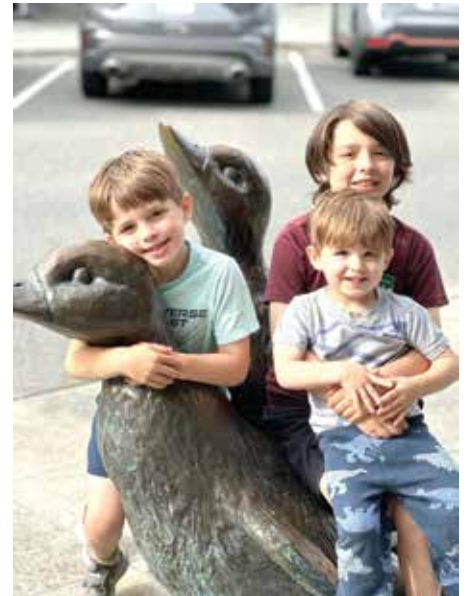
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Duck Names Revealed...Almost

During Holland Happening this past spring, the City of Oak Harbor's Art Commission had a booth launching the new Art Plan and featured a contest to "name the ducks." The three ducks, which have resided on Pioneer Way for several years, were nameless until now. The Parks and Recreation Department even featured the ducks in a coloring page in their Summer Activity Guide. Whidbey Weekly reached out to the Art Commission to learn the results of the naming contest, and to our surprise, we received an anonymous text saying, "Ask me about the duck names." Curious to get to the bottom of the story, we replied, and here is the transcript of our conversation with "Duck."



WW: Hello Duck! Our readers would like to know a little bit more about you. Do you have a minute?

Duck: Sure, what's time to a duck? As you may or may not know, we were brought into existence by renowned sculptor Georgia Gerber, who lives in Clinton. You really should check out her other works. We really like her bunnies in Woodinville and her "Boy and Dog" in Langley.

WW: Our readers would like to know a little bit more about how you got your names. We understand that the City of Oak Harbor's Art Commission had a contest during Holland Happening to name you, so what were the results?

Duck: Whoa! Let's get the facts straight. We ALREADY have names! The whole thing was a game to see if anyone could GUESS our names! They invited kids to take a whack at guessing them.

WW: So they guessed all your names?

Duck: Well, yes and no. Through sheer luck, the kids guessed two of our names correctly! A group of middle schoolers guessed Kronk's name.

WW: Which one is Kronk?

Duck: It's pretty obvious—he's the one doing a belly flop. Later on, a 6-year-old girl guessed Lydia, and amazingly, she was right! Although, since it was a write-in guess, we're not sure if she has the correct pronunciation. It's kind of like that Harry Potter "Leviosa vs. LevioSA" situation.

WW: What about you? What's your name?

Duck: Ah, that's still for me to know and for the public to find out! Think Rumpelstiltskin or Beetlejuice! You see, if you say all of our names correctly at the same time and tap our heads, we'll come to life and grant you three wishes! So far, nobody has guessed all our names and tapped us, but lots of kids like sitting on Kronk, and he actually enjoys that.

WW: So no one has ever guessed your name?

Duck: Nope, not yet, but during the Oak Harbor Music Festival last year, a little boy climbed on my back and called me "Goliath the Destroyer!" It was a touching moment. I almost wanted to change my name and give him a ride.

WW: So you guys can come to life? Do you do that often?

Duck: Every chance we get! We're like the toys in Toy Story or objects in Night at the Museum—humans can't see us move. Kronk likes to waddle over to "The Mad Batter" cookie shop, and we all love going to "Poppies!" Sometimes we play with the squid or the mermaid girl. I'm not at liberty to say their names—they might have the same wish-granting deal.

WW: So how are you talking to me?

Duck: I'm not! I'm texting! The mermaid has access to a cell phone, so sometimes we text our buddies.

WW: Can you give us a clue to your name?

Duck: No way! But I can tell you there were some creative guesses—Quack Sparrow, Duck Norris, James Pond, Lucky Ducky, Larry, Bluey, Ethel, Bobo Cai, Dinky, and the obvious guesses like Donald, Huey, Dewey, and Louie. But nobody's gotten it yet. And I'd like to keep it that way!



WW: Is there anything you'd like to pass on to our readers?

Duck: Sure! Stop by and say hi, take a selfie with us—we enjoy looking at Facebook and Instagram posts of kids playing with us. Good luck guessing my name... it's not happening! (Then there was a laughing emoji.) And make sure you use the hashtag #OHArts!

So that's where our conversation ended, and now you know the story. Good luck! For the record, we tried Bubbles, Spickett, Bob, and Moose—all with no luck.

[Submitted by:City of Oak Harbor]



Orca Recovery Day is Saturday, October 19th!

Orca Recovery Day is an intentional day of action to build awareness and make a difference for Puget Sound's local Southern Resident orca pod.

What's Happening with the Southern Resident orca whale pod?

Our local orca population relies on the endangered Chinook salmon as their main food source to survive. Due to habitat loss, climate change, and increased pollution, it has become even more difficult for migrating salmon to make the journey home to grow their population. In order to save our orcas, we must start with our salmon.

How can I help?

There's strength in numbers. More stewards mean more salmon, and more salmon means more orcas. You, your friends, and your loved ones can plant native shrubs and trees, collect trash along roads and beaches, or expand your green space outside your office building—anything that makes the environment better than how you found it. If you're unable to volunteer or support physical efforts on your own, you can also donate to organizations that are helping with the cause or spread the word!

About Orca Recovery Day

This region-wide event was created by the collective Puget Sound Conservation Districts. Almost every county in the United States has a conservation district that partners with residents to help align their property goals with natural resource conservation.

Puget Sound Conservation Districts, including Whidbey Island, work with partners across the region to restore habitat, reduce stormwater impacts, and educate the public with hands-on actions to improve water quality and living conditions for orca and salmon.

Every year, more native plants are planted, more invasive species are removed, and more acres of habitat are restored because of our community's response on this day of collective impact!

Join Whidbey Island Conservation District and our partners for fun, family-friendly events at Cornet Bay in Deception Pass State Park!

Several walk-and-talk events throughout the day will be intermingled with volunteering at shoreline restoration plantings. The Island County Marine Resources Committee and the Northwest Straits Foundation are hosting a stewardship event to continue the great work at the Cornet Bay Restoration site, including the now-restored Hoypus Point. We will be focusing on planting and mulching. Join us to learn how native plantings at sites like these help our whale and salmon species. Lisa Kaufman from the Northwest Straits Foundation will lead a walk and talk focused on the restoration efforts at Cornet Bay and Hoypus Point over the years. She will also highlight the significance of restoring and protecting our shorelines.

Sound Water Stewards will demonstrate their overnight light traps for the Swinomish Crab Abundance Monitoring Project. "Monitoring and surveying with a light pot is fascinating. I am always amazed to see what marine creatures we find and how the number of larval crabs rise and fall with the season," says Tracy, Sound Water Stewards' volunteer. She has found crabs and octopus in tiny early stages of development. Come learn about the light traps, which attract larval stage marine invertebrates.

Join Orca Network for a walk and talk about the endangered Southern Resident orcas. Learn how they are being impacted by toxins in the marine environment, and why restoration projects such as Hoypus Point are important to the health of the orcas and the salmon they rely on.

Whidbey Island Conservation District Planner James Watson will host a walk and talk about native habitat along shorelines and the Conservation District's work to help you help the land. Learn about the different ways to improve local habitat quality and diversity and be a part of the community that supports these efforts.

When: October 19th, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

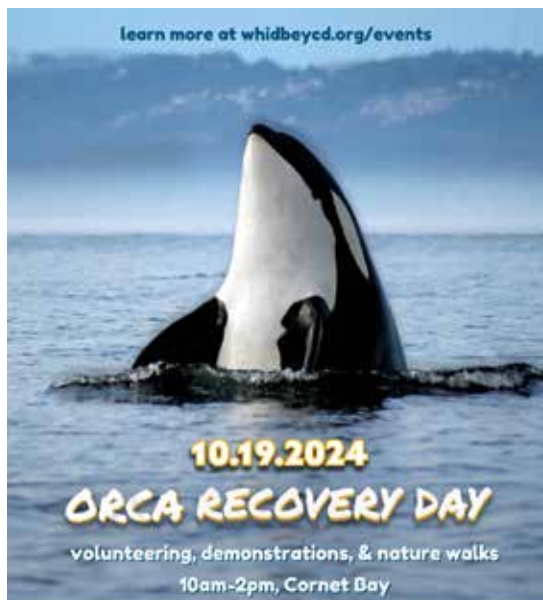
Where: Cornet Bay, Deception Pass State Park

Who: These events are family-friendly and designed to have something for everyone.

For more information:

Visit whidbeycd.org/events for more information about day-of activities and registration.

Visit BetterGround.org to find more regional information, a detailed interactive story map of the issues facing Southern Resident Orca Whales, and examples of what people can do every day to help in the recovery efforts.



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Recipe of the Week

Spinach all rolled up with flavor



Including more spinach in one's diet can be a healthy decision. Spinach is rich in iron, potassium, magnesium, folate, and vitamins C, E and K. With that strong profile, spinach supports the heart, eyes, skin, and immune system. Spinach also can aid digestion and strengthen bones.

The good news is that spinach is a versatile ingredient and can be added to many dishes relatively easily. As an alternative to meat-based dishes, "Spinach Balls" serve up flavor in easy-to-portion style. Serve these with a dipping sauce as an appetizer, or place alongside pasta instead of meatballs. Enjoy this recipe courtesy of "It Just Happens to Be Gluten-Free" (Do Life Inspired Publishing) by Jen Fiore.

Spinach Balls

Ingredients: (Makes about a dozen)

- 1 10-ounce box frozen chopped spinach
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 2/3 cup gluten-free breadcrumbs
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 6 shakes Tabasco sauce (6 shakes more if you like it hotter!)

Instructions:

1. Place the spinach box in the microwave for 2-3 minutes until defrosted. Set aside to cool.
2. In a large bowl mix together the cheese, bread crumbs, salt, pepper, parsley, and garlic powder.
3. Squeeze excess water out of the spinach. Place the spinach into the cheese mixture. Mix.
4. Add oil, eggs and Tabasco sauce.
5. Form into balls and place on a parchment-lined baking sheet.
6. Bake at 375 F for 18 to 22 minutes.
7. Serve with garlic aioli.



Readings by Noa

Astrology for Sept 19-25 2024

The season of Fall is official on September 22 with the arrival of the Autumnal Equinox, where day and night are of equal duration. This ushers in the season of Libra, and the theme of balance. Libra is ruled by the planet Venus and rules over our one-on-one relationships, so it is safe to assume that our relationships will be highlighted now. And well, haven't they already been quite loud for a while now?

Since July 17, 2023, humanity has been tasked with reconsidering relational patterns, releasing old ways, old connections, and codependency vs. strengthening independence with interdependence and self-sufficiency. Libra does include our romantic relationships and they likely are the loudest now with Venus transiting the sign of Libra as well, however the spotlight is beaming on ALL of our connections (platonic, familial, business, etc.) It is in these areas we have been focused on rebalancing how they function in our lives, what needs to be updated? Excavated? Transformed? Completely eliminated? These themes will continue until the nodes of the moon move out of Libra/Aries and into Pisces/Virgo on January 11, 2025.

Who's got opps? The theme of relationship shifts is amplified by an opposition between Mercury in Virgo and Saturn (retrograde) in Pisces at 15° on September 18-19, and by another potent opposition between Venus in Libra and Chiron in Aries at 22° on September 20. These may be the days where we are confronted by our partners with grievances of some kind that are unsettling, painful even, yet not necessarily surprising. These planets suggest the necessity for mature and caring discussions around boundaries and the details of those boundaries so as to create better balance in our agreements. The moon will be waning in Aries at this time, just after being full, so emotions are still very high, and it will be VERY easy to be emotionally triggered by present events. Remember that present triggers are pointing to past pain. Can we address the roots of longstanding hurts with our partners? This is serious. Don't have the conversation without taking solo time to get prepared to have it. Mars, now in Cancer, adds some passive-aggression and a dash of taking things personally. Communicate in detail. Let your partners know you are willing to have important conversations, but do not abandon your desire for balance just because you got your feelings hurt. Be gentle with yourself and others without being avoidant.

This week we are in between eclipses, the time between the Full Moon Lunar Eclipse that recently occurred on Sept 17 and the coming New Moon Solar Eclipse that is set to occur on October 2. The barrier between the seen and unseen realms is said to be very permeable in between eclipses. It is a time where things are not exactly as they seem, as eclipses naturally deal with light and shadow. The karmic wheel turns, the next chapter in our lives becomes activated and revealed through the themes and events we experience now. It is wise to pay attention. Do your best to observe what seems to be shifting within and around you. It would not be a great time to make permanent or rash decisions, because they are sure to be extremely consequential. Dreams are especially active and can be very helpful with clues of where to put our focus, or what personal messages we need to receive to move through our current issues. In my experience, there is no time more potent than eclipse season to be taking time off, to get enough sleep, to record your dreams, to be with yourself and listen. There is a high chance these actions are incredibly revealing.

Noa is an astrologer and artist based in Austin, Texas with a love for nature, live music and the occult. She has been practicing astrology for 10 years and is dedicated to making astrological concepts more widely accessible and useful for navigating everyday life.

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ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

A disagreement may have you questioning a relationship this week, Aries. Do not get ahead of yourself, as you'll figure out that the turmoil will subside soon enough.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Group activities or time spent with a significant other may not go as well as usual this week, Taurus. With your mind elsewhere, it's hard to focus on having fun and others will catch on.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Do not believe everything you hear this week, Gemini. There are a lot of rumors floating around, and only a portion of what is being said is accurate. Get the facts first.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you are usually outgoing and easygoing, but this week you may be feeling more reserved and shy. Are you missing someone? If so, get in touch and you'll feel more like yourself.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Friends or family members may be making more demands on your time, Leo. You want to go along with it, but be careful not to stretch yourself too thin.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, someone close to you might be feeling under the weather and could use a little extra support right now. Perhaps you can make soup or drop in for a visit to cheer this person up?

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Seek out quiet spots right now, Libra, as lately your life has been a bit of a whirlwind. Change is good, but so much change at one time can be exhausting.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, take a step back from all of your responsibilities. Things will not go haywire if you take a break for a few days or even a week. You can commit fully again after some rest.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

There's no point getting into an argument over a situation beyond your control, Sagittarius. Instead, wait until the time is right to express your thoughts and work out a solution.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, even though you may want to expand your friend network right now, you aren't sure how to begin. Social media can connect you with those nearby.

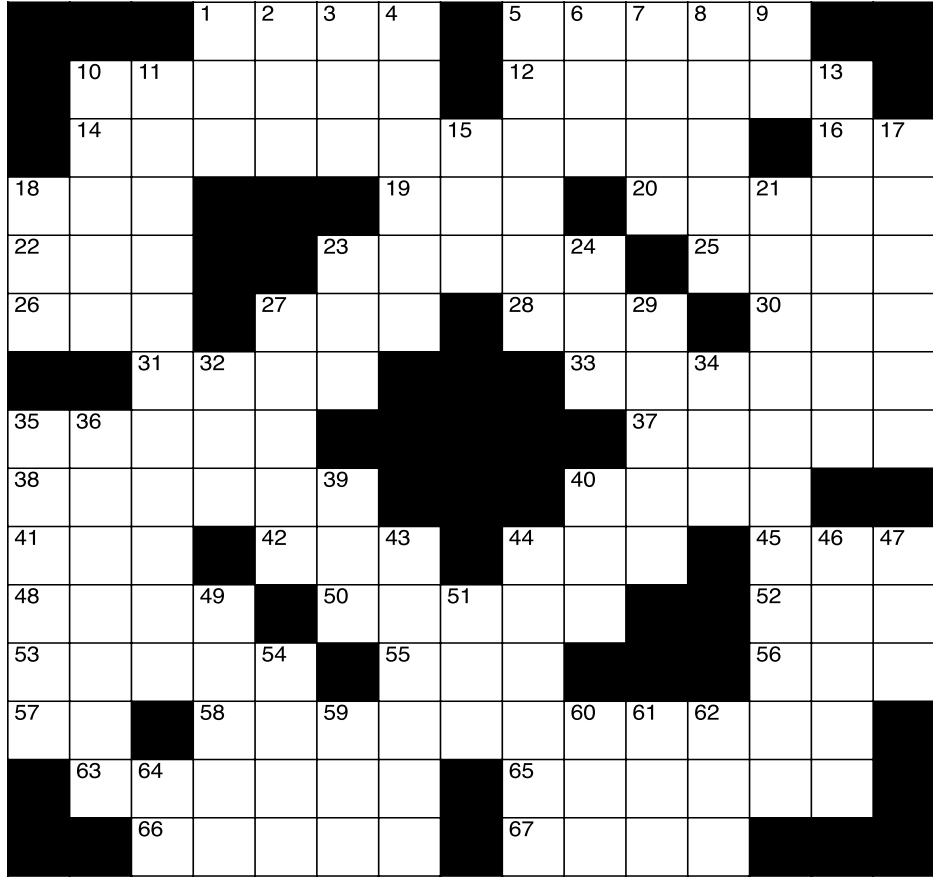
AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

It is a good idea for you to have set deadlines for your goals, Aquarius; otherwise, you may keep putting things off. With dates on paper, you can check things as they get done.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you want to return to a relationship right where you left off, but the other person may not be on the same page right now. Give it a little more time.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Wrest
5. Russian river
10. Grupo Montparnasse founder
12. One who quits prematurely
14. Related to the nature of being
16. Early multimedia
18. Indigenous Tibetan religion
19. Tease
20. J.M. __, Irish dramatist
22. Pounds per square inch
23. Surrendered
25. Notable Dallas Cowboy Leon
26. Dash
27. Man who behaves dishonorably
28. British Air Aces
30. Data executive
31. Spiritual leader
33. Flower cluster
35. Of the cheek
37. Tears down
38. Uncoordinated
40. Touches lightly
41. Soak
42. Founder of Babism
44. Not good
45. Inches per minute (abbr.)
48. Type of casino game
50. Skills assessments for adults
52. Check
53. Gives a job
55. Fifth note of a major scale
56. Small, faint constellation
57. Thou
58. Reduce
63. Another recording
65. Removes for good
66. Jill and Catherine are two
67. Cruise

CLUES DOWN

1. Greenwich Time
2. Metropolis
3. Complete
4. Scheduled
5. One who obeys
6. Resinlike substance secreted by certain lac insects
7. Days (Spanish)
8. Unsaturated hydrocarbon radical
9. Region of the U.S. (abbr.)
10. Tributary of the Alabama River
11. One who eliminates
13. Ballroom music
15. Officer in the Book of Mormon
17. Denies
18. Barrels per day (abbr.)
21. Make vital
23. Former NFLer Newton
24. Kashmiri tribe
27. Indigenous S. American person
29. Capacitance unit
32. MLB great Scherzer
34. Taxi
35. Boggy
36. Artist's workroom
39. Feline
40. Prosecutors
43. Freshwater perches
44. Young ladies
46. Whittles
47. Licensed for Wall Street
49. Type of gene
51. Express displeasure
54. Fly high
59. Norwegian krone
60. Investment account
61. Chinese surname
62. Language
64. By the way (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

By Helen Mosbrooker

What would surprise a first time visitor to Oak Harbor?



Mayor Ronnie Wright

Oak Harbor

"Oak Harbor is not only full of hidden gems, and our visitors would be surprised to see a wonderful community and beachfront access once they turn towards our downtown area. Our locally-owned shops/restaurants and scenic trails will surprise visitors with the peacefulness they get here all year long. If visitors attend a local event like Holland Happening, Independence Day, the Music Festival, the tree lighting festivities, or the many Main Street events, they will

get a surprising glimpse of Oak Harbor's culture and traditions. Lastly, being home to NAS Whidbey Island makes us a place that anyone can call home."

Robert Sanders

Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Oak Harbor

As a lifelong Oak Harbor resident, in my humble opinion, a first time visitor to Oak Harbor would be surprised by a multitude of things like the beauty, the plethora of events, and the many food options.

However, I believe that visitors would be most surprised by the people. The warmth, compassion, and love that our community displays is paramount to all of the other wonderful qualities it has to offer. I've been to other places around the world and have yet to find one that has the same camaraderie and positive atmosphere.

Our tight knit community always comes together to help make an impact. There are always meetings around town to facilitate the growth and sustainability of our home. I sincerely believe that when visitors come here, they're amazed by our residents.

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"Many visitors to Oak Harbor are surprised by its unique mix of natural beauty and vibrant community spirit. Despite its small size, Oak Harbor offers stunning waterfront views, scenic parks, and serene beaches. The town's rich history and character are reflected in its historic downtown, with distinctive shops, local eateries, and friendly faces. Our strong naval heritage, highlighted by Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, adds a unique cultural layer. Visitors often note that Oak Harbor is one of the cleanest 'military towns' they've seen. From hiking and kayaking to whale watching, the variety of outdoor activities provides a delightful surprise for nature lovers. Overall, Oak Harbor's welcoming atmosphere and diverse offerings make it a memorable destination for first-time visitors."

Michelle Kuss-Cybula

Ed. D, Superintendent, Oak Harbor

First-time visitors to Oak Harbor are immediately struck by the island's natural beauty, with breathtaking views of the Olympic Mountains and Cascade Range depending on where you look. However, beyond the scenery, what truly surprises visitors are the hidden treasures scattered throughout this small city. Unique shops, creative murals, live music, charming bookstores, and eclectic thrift stores offer an unexpected cultural richness. Those who stay longer will also discover the remarkable diversity within the community. Above all, Oak Harbor is a hidden gem where residents come together in a spirit of unity and pride as #OneOakHarbor, making it an unforgettable place to experience.



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Follow to North Central Whidbey Farmers Market's website or visit Oak Harbor or Coupeville Farmers Markets to sign up for upcoming opportunities. This is an excellent place to support your local farmers, meet new people, and learn about the health of our local food ecosystem. Email whidbeyfarmersmarket@gmail.com

I Support the Girls-Whidbey Island is in need of one or two volunteer warehouse workers. Please do not let the term "warehouse" frighten you... it is a 12 x 15 outbuilding on church property in Oak Harbor. It has light, heat, a big window for the summer months and music. To help fill some time you didn't know what to do with, and to experience the extreme gratification of helping people in your community, then please contact Kate Mistler at istg.whidbeyisland@gmail.com.

Volunteer with the Sculpture Forest Team
We are an all-volunteer led organization with a fun group of people who casually work together and have formed some great friendships as we bring art and nature to the entire community. We are always interested to meet people who like to do landscaping, social media, community outreach, lead tours, write grants, and more. Reach out to Contact@SculptureForest.org to inquire and explore new possibilities

RESOURCES

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

Food Banks:
-Gifts From the Heart, 203 N Main St., Coupeville 360-672-5502
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 Tuesdays) 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. Anthony's Soup Kitchen: 804 3rd St., Langley 360-221-5303/sthubert@whidbey.com Tuesday orders for home; Wednesday kitchen meals 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
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

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: Night-to-night shelter for up to 30 individuals. Must follow check-in rules and must register Mon-Fri between 4 and 4:30 p.m. at SPiN Café, 1241 SW Barlow St., Oak Harbor.

House of Hope Emergency Housing, Langley 360-708-4533 Temporary shelter 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

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 Fire-side Room, rear of church. Karol:360 914 7695.
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: Danielle 360-840-7181 or Randy 360-914-8084

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/>

CRISIS LINES

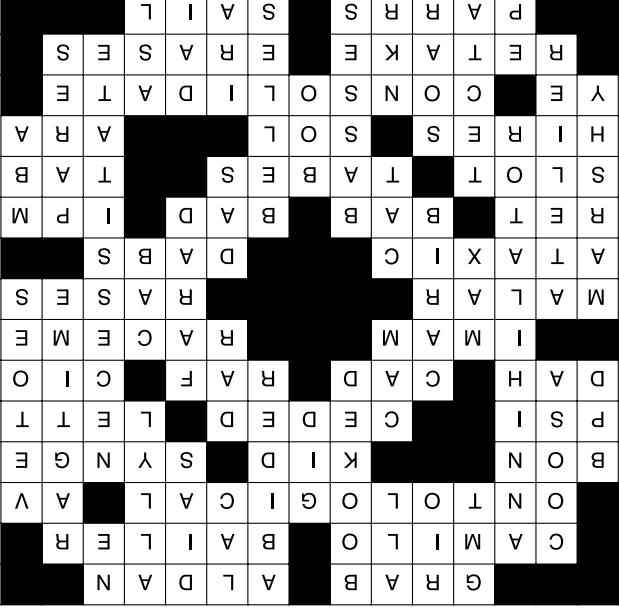
9-1-1: Call for threats to life, fire, accident or crime
-Non-emergency lines:
Oak Harbor Police Department-360-279-4600
-Island Communications Dispatch (ICOM) - 360-679-9567
9-8-8: Suicide and crisis lifeline, free & confidential - 741-741: 24/7 Crisis Text Line -800-584-3578:
24/7 Northwest Washington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

CRISIS LINES

866-789-1511: Recovery help; warecoveryhelpline.org
800-215-5669: CADA 24/7 confidential domestic violence crisis support; 360-675-2232;text LOVEIS to 22522
2-1-1 or 877-211-9274: 24/7 confidential referral to crisis programs and services statewide; wa211.org



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