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Not Everything is Black & White

but Great Film is.

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This week we enter week two of the sixth annual Whidbey Island Film Festival (WIFF), Washington State's only purely classic film festival. The now two-week event is dedicated to creating a place where

and shadow to tell their stories; and many more modern films, including several from this year's line-up, use black and white as a critical component of the plot." Deana Duncan has served as WICA's Executive Art Director for the past four years and recognizes WIFF as a lightning rod to bring the community together over

opens one hour before showtime each night, luring the audience inside with the smell of over-buttered, freshly popped corn from a beautiful, vintage red metal and glass popcorn machine, offering bottomless popcorn and 15 toppings to choose from over the two weeks. After guests have enjoyed their signature drink and live piano bar, Duncan and Hinkley introduce each of the classic films - defined as appearing in both the Turner Classic Movies and American Movie Classics

for conveying our human story," says Duncan. "The art of classic films requires the contributions of nearly all the other art forms. Our hope is that Whidbey Island Film Festival becomes a true heritage festival for Whidbey Island and continues to grow and impact our lives through this powerful, shared experience of watching great film together."

The Whidbey Island Film Festival is sponsored by the Washington State Arts Commission, National Endowment for the Arts, Creative West (formerly WESTAF), the City of Langley, and Island County, in partnership with the Seattle International Film Festival, Washington Filmworks, and Scarecrow Video.

movie lovers can experience some of the world's most iconic classic films the way they were meant to be experienced: on the big screen! Spanning more than half a century, this year's ten films are presented In Glorious Black and White at Langley's Whidbey Island Center for the Arts (WICA), WIFF's seaside setting.

"In the world of cinema, the use of black and white did not always serve aesthetic purposes, and it can play a pivotal role in creating a timeless quality, and setting time and place," says James Hinkley, WICA Box Office Manager and WIFF co-curator, "It's often critical to the storytelling as well. With a limited color palette, directors have been inspirationally creative in how they use light shared love of art and filmmaking. "Because [the event] is held at our beautiful, intimate WICA, it's a true community, family event," says Duncan. "Guests share their love of the classics, meet or make new friends, and relive favorite classic movie memories from their past. We strive to celebrate and honor these world class pieces of art within their original context and contemporary impact in a fun, authentic, warm party that you won't want to miss!"

The festival begins with a red-carpet opening celebration night, welcoming guests to pose in front of WICA's step and repeat banner with their own little Oscar statue, before toasting champagne to the forthcoming entertainment. The theater

catalogs - helping to transport the audience into the nuances of the film they are about to see.

The third night of the festival features a moderated discussion about Pinky, a 1949 American drama directed by Elia Kazan, starring Jeanne Crain and Ethel Waters, which was fascinatingly controversial at the time of its release, and has remained controversial for very different reasons to this day. On January 26, Hinkley - a cellist by trade - is joined by pianist Sheila Weidendorf and violinist Gloria Ferry-Brennan for "Art of the Score," a live concert of custom arrangements from the festival's films.

"Film is a remarkably effective medium

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Coupeville High School on Whidbey Island



Before the Deception Pass Bridge, Whidbey was reliant on the sea for travel, trade, and socializing. Most people think of sailors as men- but Berte Olson set about making a change to the status quo. Berte was born in 1882 in Stavanger, Norway. Her family came to the US when she was 9 and they became one of the early Scandinavian homesteaders on Whidbey Island. She stayed small all her life at not quite 5 feet tall, but her personality was huge.

In an interesting twist, Berte Olsen married Aaton Olaf (Augie) Olson in 1916, so her last name was pronounced the same and only changed the spelling by one letter.

Berte was the first woman to skipper a ferry boat in Puget Sound and the first to own her own ferry boat company. In 1919, Berte was awarded a contract for the first scheduled ferry service between Hoypus Point on Whidbey Island and Dewey's Landing on Fidalgo Island. If you go past the Marina in Deception Pass State Park, you can still see the remains of the launch site.

The Olsons had a ferry built specifically for the route. This was the Deception Pass, 68.8 ft long by 24 ft beam (wide), constructed by the Ballard Marine Yard in June, 1924. It carried 12 cars. The fee for car and driver on the ferry was 50 cents, with 10 cents additional for every extra passenger. Extra-large cars paid 75 cents. Service was hourly, and it only took five minutes to cross. Service was often interrupted by storms, wind, tides and breakdowns.



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In 1924, the little company expanded to include the Oak Harbor-Utsaladdy run between Whidbey and Camano islands. They added the Acorn which could carry 16 cars. Berte became an accomplished pilot, business manager and supervisor of the vessels' maintenance.

When the subject of the Deception Pass Bridge was raised, Berte fought it with all her might. She went many times to Olympia to lobby against the bridge. She managed to convince the governor to veto a bill that would have built the bridge in the late 1920s, but eventually, the New Deal meant that the bridge would happen no matter what. When the bridge opened in 1935 it put Berte's company out of business, and Augie left too.

Olson wasn't a quitter, though. She started her own business, the Olympic Navigation Company, and bought the franchise for the Port Gamble-Shine ferry run on Hood Canal from the Black Ball Line. Later, she added two new boats, the Lake Constance and the Klatawa to her company and ran between Seabeck and Brinnon. She kept her family and company going through WWII and until 1950.

Olson died in Seattle in 1959 at age 77. Her ashes were scattered where the Hood Canal Bridge was built.

Stop by the Island County Museum as 908 NW Alexander in Coupeville to learn more about sea captains. Our brand new Maritime exhibit will be opening this spring, and you can learn more about the sailors who made life possible for Island County.

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Red-throated Loons Field Trip



Join Whidbey Audubon Society field trip leaders Sarah Schmidt and Steve Ellis and Deception Pass Park staff at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, January 25 for an opportunity to see hundreds of Red-throated Loons gathering to feed in the outflowing current of Deception Pass. These birds feed in the northern coastal regions during the winter before heading to the Arctic to breed and nest. This event is free. Meet at the north end of West Beach parking lot of Deception Pass State Park. The group will explore the

beach and lake for other birds and wildlife too. Bring a spotting scope if you have one. Depending on weather and interest, the trip will end about noon, with a possible stop to see more birds at Dugualla Bay on the way back toward Oak Harbor. If you wish, bring water, a snack or a hot drink. Dress warmly and prepare for wind. There won't be much walking. Cars need a Discover Pass to park. Those with questions may call or text Sarah Schmidt, at 360-929-3592 or email 4bats@ixoreus.com.

To carpool, meet at 7:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Park and Ride in Freeland, 8:00 in Coupeville at Prairie Station Transit Park, 201 S Main St; or at 8:30 at Walgreen's in Oak Harbor (after SR 20 turns 90-degrees left at Pioneer Way traffic light, the entrance comes up immediately on the right). Carpoolers will need to organize yourselves.Whether arriving from the north or south on SR20, you will come to a stoplight at the bottom of a hill. Turn west into the main park entrance. Drive past the welcome station and follow along the winding road until you reach a stop sign, then turn left. Take this road all the way down to the end, which will lead you to the West Beach parking lot. Restrooms are available at this location.

Photo: Red-throated Loon in non breeding plumage. Photo by Peter Massas, USFW

[Submitted by: Whidbey Audubon Society]

Orca Network's Way of the Whales Workshop Features Southern Residents Orca Updates, **Blue Whales, & Salmon Conservation**

The bittersweet New Year's Day visit to central Puget Sound by J and K pods revealed both a new, apparently healthy calf had been born to the endangered population, but also that J35 Tahlequah had lost a calf first spotted on December 20, and was mourning her loss by carrying her daughter's body, as she did in 2018. Tahlequah's grief has again made headlines around the world, and has many concerned and curious about the Southern Resident Orcas.

The annual Ways of Whales Workshop presented by Orca Network, taking place Saturday, January 25, from 10:00am-5:00pm, at Coupeville High School's Performing Arts Center on Whidbey Island with an option for virtual attendance, is one way to find out more about this critically endangered population, and how to help them recover from the combined threats of reduced prey availability, toxic pollution, and disturbance from vessel traffic.

Center for Whale Research's Dr. Michael Weiss, Coast Salish Elder Rosie Cayou James, and Orca Network's co-founders and current Board President and Executive Director, Howard Garrett and Susan Berta, will share updates and insights about the Southern Resident Orcas.

Salmon conservation, essential to Southern Resident Orca recovery, is another topic addressed at the workshop. A panel focusing on salmon passage will include a series of short presentations by Thomas Quinn on salmon behavior, Eric Crawford, speaking about Snake River dams; Lee First speaking about the proposed Chehalis River dam, Holly Henderson discussing fish passage in the Skagit, and Shane Anderson sharing success stories from the Klamath River dam removals.

Rounding out the program are student activist Nateli Sanderson speaking about youth advocacy, and John Calambokidis of Cascadia Research Collective, speaking about blue whale research and the "52 Hertz Whale."

The Ways of Whales workshop brings together researchers, advocates, educators and whale lovers for continuing education and networking. In addition to fascinating presentations by experts in their field, the day offers our popular silent auction, an opportunity to socialize with fellow whale enthusiasts, and the chance to visit the Learning Lobby and learn about the great work being done by Orca Network's Pod Partners.

Find more information and register at https://givebutter.com/c/jW1pNG. Registration is \$40 general admission, \$30 seniors and students. Clock hours are available for teachers. A limited number of full and partial scholarships are available for those who need them. Please email cindy@orcanetwork.org for more information.

The Second Annual Great Whidbey Seed Swap Saturday Feb. 16, 11-4pm, Camp Casey Conference Center

Join the Whidbey Island Growers Association and Heavy Nettle Collective for a day of exchanging seeds and tips, wellness practice, classes, hands on & kids activities, repair, fiber arts, food, and more! Information booths, classes, and family friendly activities will help you learn more about growing your own food, sustainable living, and how to connect with our local food system on Whidbey Island.

Folks will be able to lay out their seeds on a communal table to share, and get to know their community by discussing what they have brought! Seeds will run the gamut from extras people purchased commercially to those they collected and saved from their own gardens. You'll have the opportunity to speak to each grower about what worked for them and what didn't, and learn together! Since we are all local growers, typically seeds will be well adapted for our climate and soils.

This event is family-friendly and designed for everyone from first time gardeners, folks looking to swap and repair items, to professional growers. Last year's event drew over 300 participants.

There is no fee to attend this event and bringing seeds is not required.

Featuring: Black Girl Country Living - Blackseed Agroecology - Winding Circle Massage - Chef in the Black Bandana North Central Whidbey Farmer's Market - Good Cheer -Whidbey Island Grown - Celerity Cycles Quilting Mayhem - Cascade Cody - Sage Hayes - Pete Ruble - Buddy Mac

About us:

Whidbey Island Growers Association was formed in 2015 to provide a space for Whidbey's farmers to get to know each other and foster an environment where differences of approach and opinion are celebrated where solutions may spontaneously be found. Our seasonal events provide a break from the busy work lives of farmers and an opportunity to deepen connections and learn together. The association is led by a committee of 5 local farmers and events are co-produced by Whidbey Island Conservation District and WSU Extension.

Heavy Nettle Collective are a band of farmers, community builders, small business owners, parents and caregivers, storytellers, and local leaders working to nurture the community we love—all centered around stewardship of the land and each other. It started as a small group of us meeting at the Whidbey Island Farmers Market in Oak Harbor and it has bubbled into over 20 plus kids. We meet regularly at Case Farm and in each other's homes to expand the vision of what we are creating, lay out plans for the season and years ahead, and share soul-nourishing food and conversation. Find them on instagram: @heavy.nettle.collective

*There will be opportunities for video and photography of activities, musicians, and participants

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

Rob Schouten Gallery presents Winter Group Show February 1 - March 31

Opening Reception Saturday, February 1 from 5-7 during

Langley's First Saturday Art Walk

The gallery will be showing a variety of outstanding pieces from our world-class gallery artists. Included are works by painters Alfredo Arreguín, Anne Belov, Peggy Woods, Craig Kosak, Rob Schouten, Brian Maheiu, Carolyn Doe, Cary Loopuyt Jurriaans, Timothy Haslet, and Teresa Saia.

You will also find sculptures by Georgia Gerber, Dan Freeman, Jeff Day, Sharon Spencer and Lloyd Whannell, handblown glass by Dale Reiger, Dan & Joi LaChausseé, Richard La Londe, and Robert Adamson, mixed media by Sara Saltee and Pam Kueny Taylor, woodwork by Don Wodjenski, Gary Leake, and Bruce Launer.

This promises to be a beautiful exhibit featuring stunning original art by local and regional artists.

We hope you can come by and enjoy the beauty!



[Submitted by: Orca Network | Langley Whale Center]

Tilth's Annual Meeting Features Regenerative Agriculture

The annual membership meeting for South Whidbey Tilth is 12 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 26. There will be a special program by Jake Stewart of Sweetwater Farm. Jake and his wife Aja own a 24-acre regenerative agroforestry farm on Whidbey Island where they are building an integrated family farmstead deploying regenerative agriculture innovation, sustainable food forest development and hands-on educational workshops. They will describe their farming practices, which promote community resiliency using innovative techniques for regenerative agriculture. Jake is currently focused on climate adaptation and sustainable farmstead integration/education. The public are welcome to attend this free program. There will be a potluck at noon followed by a business meeting and elections to the governing council. All members in good standing can vote. Please bring a dish to share and your own dishes and utensils, there is no kitchen available. Coffee, tea and cold beverages will be provided. The program with Jake Stewart is after the potluck and business. This event will be held at the South Whidbey Fire and EMS building at 5579 Bayview Road in Langley. For more information, contact membership@southwhidbeytilth.org.

[Submitted by: South Whidbey Tilth Alliance

[Submitted by: Rob Schouten Gallery]

"Flower Sermon" watercolor by Rob Schouten, 30"h x 22"w



"Dream Rabbit" oil on canvas by Craig Kosak, 16"h x 36"w x 1.5"d



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Friday, Jan. 31

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WHIDBEY ISLAND FILM FESTIVAL

Now through Sunday, Jan. 26 Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565 Camano Ave., Langley

- Ed Wood: Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m.
- Pleasantville: Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m.
 Anatomy of a Murder: Jan. 25, 2 p.m.
- The Innocents: Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m.
- Young Frankenstein: Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m. (Closing Night)

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

THE ART OF THE SCORE CONCERT Sunday, Jan. 26, 2 p.m.

Experience the magic of cinema at the Whidbey Island Film Festival. The Art of the Score concert will feature iconic music and performances by local musicians James Hinkley, Sheila Weidendorf, and Gloria Ferry-Brennan, along with other familiar faces.

LAST CALL: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOMEBUYER APPLICATION PERIOD

Now through Friday, Jan. 31 Online: islandcountyhabitat.org/ affordable-homeownership

Homebuyer applications are open in Oak Harbor. Apply online or RSVP at office@ islandcountyhabitat.com.

SPECIAL EVENT: LOONS OF DECEPTION PASS

Saturday, Jan. 25 9 a.m.–noon West Beach, 41229 SR 20, Oak Harbor

Join Whidbey Audubon Society

volunteers for a bird walk to observe red-throated loons. Depending on the weather, the event may include a stop at Dugualla Bay.

AUDITIONS FOR "PLAZA SUITE"

Saturday, Jan. 25 – Sunday, Jan. 26, 1–3 p.m. Invited callbacks: Monday, Jan. 27, 6:30 p.m. Whidbey Playhouse: Star Studio, 730 Midway Blvd.

Plaza Suite, a comedy by Neil Simon, is set in Suite 719 of the Plaza Hotel in New York City. The play is divided into three acts with different characters and storylines. A diverse ensemble of actors will be cast for various roles, with lead actors potentially playing supporting roles in other acts. Scripts are available for checkout at the Whidbey Playhouse office during office hours (Tuesday– Friday, 1–6 p.m.).

FUNERAL OPTIONS 2.0

Saturday, Jan. 25 2–4 p.m. Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St.

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WINTER STROLL

Saturday, Jan. 25 2–5 p.m. Historic Downtown Oak Harbor, NE Pioneer Way

Take a Winter Stroll on Pioneer Way. Enjoy hot tea, cider, cocoa, and treats at participating businesses.

WAY OF WHALES WORKSHOP

Saturday, Jan. 25 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Coupeville High School Performing Arts Center, 501 S. Main St. (and virtual)

This annual workshop features whale conservation experts, including Susan Berta, Howard Garrett, and John Calambokidis. Scholarships are available. Contact cindy@orcanetwork.org.

BOARD GAME NIGHT Saturday, Jan. 25 6–9 p.m.

Langley Library, 723 Camano Ave.

Join us at the South Whidbey Community Center for an evening of fun! Try a variety of board games or bring your own. No experience is necessary.

FINANCIAL AID HELP

Monday, Jan. 27 5:30–7 p.m.

Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Dr.

Students and parents can get help creating FSA IDs or completing financial aid forms, including the FAFSA or WASFA. Library staff and community volunteers will assist. Dinner, gift cards for families, and laptops for use will be available. Registration encouraged: snoisle.bibliocommons.com.

SCAM PREVENTION 101: BE SMART, DO YOUR PART!

Tuesday, Jan. 28 2–3 p.m.

Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Dr. Learn to recognize scams with the "Five Signs of a Scam" presented by the Consumer Protection Division of the Washington State Office of the Attorney General.

SHIBA MEDICARE REBOOT WORKSHOP

Tuesday, Jan. 28

12 p.m. The Center at Oak Harbor, 51 SE Jerome St. Learn about Medicare Advantage plans during the special open enrollment period (ends March 31). This workshop will cover options, costs, and benefits.

CONNECTING THROUGH CRAFTS Wednesday, Jan. 29

10–11:30 a.m. Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave. Adults ages 55+ can connect through crafts. This month's program focuses on finger knitting—no needles or experience required. Coffee and tea provided. JANUARY 23, 2025 - JANUARY 29, 2025 LOCALLY OWNED

SOUND WATERS UNIVERSITY

Saturday, Feb. 1 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Coupeville High School, 501 S. Main St., Coupeville

This year's theme is "The Power of Place: Voices for the Salish Sea." Tickets: \$70 (includes general admission and one elective class). Registration required. Visit soundwaterstewards.org.

FIRST SATURDAY ART WALK

Saturday, Feb. 1 5–7 p.m. Downtown Langley

Stroll through Langley's galleries, meet artists, and view new installations. Participating galleries include Artworks Gallery, Lasher Gallery at WICA, Museo Gallery, Rob Schouten Gallery, and Whidbey Art Gallery.

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Friday, Jan. 31 – Sunday, Feb. 23

Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday matinees, 2:30 p.m.

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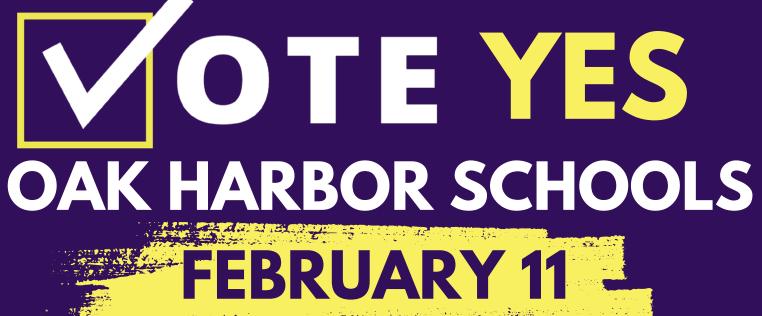






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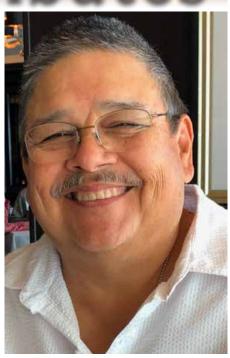
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Michael Newman October 3, 1952 - December 11, 2024

Michael "Mick" Newman passed away on December 11, 2024, from complications resulting from open-heart surgery. He was born on October 3, 1952, in Portsmouth, Virginia, to Jack and Leona "Lee" Newman, the second of ten children. He grew up in a happy, close-knit Navy family and had many wonderful memories of those years.

Mick's family moved to Oak Harbor from California in 1966 when his father was transferred to NAS Whidbey Island. He graduated from Oak Harbor High School in 1971 and attended Everett Community College. After joining



the Air Force the following year, he married Diane "Di" Terrell, and they had two children, Michael "Mick" Jr. and Maca. He served four years in the military and was a proud Vietnam veteran.

After his service, he returned to Washington and was employed by Sudden Valley in Bellingham. In 1980, he was hired by the Boeing Company. He loved his job and took great pride in being a mechanic and later an inspector on the 777. He made many lifelong friends during his career with Boeing.

In 1982, he met Sandra Carlin, and they married in 1984. Three years later, they welcomed their daughter Asia. Those were busy years with work, Asia's sports and school activities, and, of course, Mick's second career: bass fishing. He eagerly awaited the summer months when Mick Jr. and Maca would visit from Texas. Many of his favorite occasions were spent in Oak Harbor with his extended family, at the home his parents built in 1970. They celebrated holidays, birthdays, and enjoyed impromptu get-togethers.

Mick retired from Boeing in 2015 after 35 years of service. He loved having unlimited free time to pursue his hobbies and spend time with family and friends. On October 1, 2022, he received a kidney transplant, just two weeks after he and Sandra moved to a multigenerational home with Asia, Lawrence, and two granddaughters. He had endured two difficult years of dialysis, and the kidney gave him a new life. Most recently, he enjoyed the many hours he spent around the kitchen table in Oak Harbor with his beloved 97-year-old mother and sisters. They loved talking, telling stories, playing games, and laughing. Mick was kind, generous, and extremely funny, with a BIG personality. He will be greatly missed by everyone who was fortunate enough to know him.

Mick is survived by his mother, Leona "Lee" Newman; his life partner, Sandra; children: Mick Newman Jr. (Bridget), Maca Ferguson (Holton), and Asia Martin (Lawrence); grandchildren: Ainsley and Ellery Ferguson, Kora Newman, and Rowan and Vienna Martin. He is also survived by his sisters: Gwen Mead (Bill), Kathy Kososki (Tom), Monica Newman, and Mary Burdick; and his very closest friend of 56 years, Bill Flanders. He was predeceased by his father, Jack Newman Jr., and brothers Jack "Skippy" Newman III, Mark, Gregory, Stephen, and Patrick.

IMMORTALIZE YOUR LOVED ONE



Gloria Jane Hartley January 10, 1938 - December 19, 2024

Gloria was the 2nd child born to Esmerelda & Earl Trickier of Milwaukee, WI. Her father Earl, and brother Jack, were both devoted to The New York Blower, Co. and considered it the Family Business. Though Gloria's youthful interests lay in Engineering and Geology, she chose an 'Acceptable' career and became an Elementary School Teacher.

She taught for 7 years until she met and married the Love of her Life, D. Bruce Hartley, Sr. in August of 1964. They each brought 2 sons to their marriage & subsequently had a daughter



together. The early years of their marriage were challenging. They gained a child, lost 3 of their Parents and moved. They'd agreed: If they could handle all that, they would make it. They'd been married 52 years when Bruce died in June of 2016.

Theirs was a strong & supportive marriage. Bruce & Gloria raised their family in Hazel Crest II, before moving to Mahopac, NY. Bruce was originally from Walla Walla, WA. Upon retiring, they moved west to Oak Harbor, WA. Quickly becoming active members of the United Methodist Church and involved in their community. They even performed "Love Letters" on-stage at the Whidbey Playhouse.

Gloria's insatiable curiosity and NEED to KNOW drove her to gain a vast expanse of knowledge. Both Gloria & Bruce valued higher education and encouraged others to be life-long learners. Gloria believed `Food is Love' and was well-known for her exceptional cooking. Her artistic nature fostered creativity through painting, sewing, quilting (she had her own business), paper crafts, gardening and knitting. In her final years she knit for charity supporting both Holiday House and Margie's House in Oak Harbor.

Gloria's voice was deep & memorable; her heartfelt contagious

laughter heralded her arrival often before the Bells on her feet! She possessed a formidable spirit. Enthusiastic. Generous. Fiercely loyal & protective. Unfailingly welcoming. Gloria was strongwilled and vigilantly observant of even small details. She could be both impish & cantankerous. Her great-grandson NJ said: "She was a very particular person. She always wanted her things HER way, but she still made sure others had things how they wanted them as well. She loved her family very much."

Predeceased by both her husband Bruce & his eldest son David B. Hartley, Jr. Gloria's Legacy continues in: Earl (Leslie) Hartley of Peekskill, NY., Laird (Linda) Hartley of Bourbonnais, IL., Don (Julie) Hartley of Port Charlotte, FL., Roberta Hartley (Kim Winterfeldt) of Oak Harbor, WA. Grandson Logan (Eileen) Hartley and their children Nolan James & Penelope. Also, through Sarah & Matthew Fellows and their sons Kalvin, Luke, Thomas and Nolan Charles. Josh (Val) Winterfeldt and their daughter Faith.

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Solution: Before trying to communicate through this conflict, think about how most conflict interactions are 90% about the other person and 10% about you. Especially in stressful and chaotic work situations, tempers can rise quickly and most people do not realize that they are being condescending, rude or dismissive when they are overly stressed. Try to observe the conflict you just went through but not absorb it. Then approach the person or people and explain how you interpreted the interaction, making sure to acknowledge that it was your impression, not their intention, to be other than effective when communicating.

-You are in a romantic relationship with someone and they just do not see the history of difficult communications the way that you do. Your account of history does not match your partner's recall. It seems impossible to try and resolve conflict when both you and your partner have such a different understanding of how the conflict originated in the first place, or even what was said.

Solution: When a difficult conversation arises, try to repeat what you are trying to convey and have your partner also repeat what they are saying. Make sure that you both are hearing what the other is saying so that when it comes up later you both are on the same page about what was said. Sometimes jotting down notes on your phone while the conflict is happening can be helpful.

Tip of the week: There is a difference between remembering a conversation and recreating a conversation from your memory. Most people tend to recreate rather than just remember because there are little nuances that are thought about after the fact and people include them in their memory. It is important in communication to recall the memory as close to reality as possible because accuracy in retelling a conflict conversation can be essential to its successful resolution.

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Loco Moco is a beloved Hawaiian comfort food, combining hearty rice, a savory beef patty, rich gravy, and a perfectly fried egg. While traditionally a humble dish, this version takes it up a notch with high-quality ingredients and attention to detail. Juicy Wagyu beef patties, a velvety gravy, and thoughtful garnishes make this recipe as visually stunning as it is delicious. Perfect for a casual family meal or an elegant dinner, this refined take on a Hawaiian classic will impress everyone at the table.

Prep Time: 30 mins | Cook Time: 30 mins

Loco Moco Ingredients:

(Serves 4)

- 2 cups jasmine/short-grain rice
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups water, pinch of salt

Patties:

- 1 lb Wagyu or ground beef
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tbsp onion, finely chopped
- 1 tbsp soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- Salt & pepper

Instructions:

- 1. Cook the Rice: Rinse rice until water runs clear. Cook with water and salt in a rice cooker or pot. Fluff when done and keep warm.
- Make the Patties: Mix beef, garlic, onion, soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, 2. mustard, salt, and pepper.
- 3. Shape into 4 patties and cook in a skillet over medium heat for 4-5 minutes per side. Set aside.
- Prepare the Gravy: Melt butter in the skillet, then whisk in flour. Cook 1-2 4. minutes.
- 5. Slowly add stock, whisking until smooth. Stir in soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, black pepper, and onion powder. Simmer until thickened.
- Fry the Eggs: Heat butter or oil in a pan and fry eggs sunny-side up or over 6. easy
- 7. Assemble: Place a scoop of rice on each plate. Add a patty on top, then pour gravy generously over both.
- 8. Top with a fried egg. Garnish with scallions, crispy onions, or microgreens.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, the week begins with an energy boost, making it ideal to tackle ambitious tasks on the 24th. By the 27th, focus shifts to relationships-take time to nurture important bonds.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, seek balance between work and rest this week. Midweek, the 25th offers a chance to resolve a lingering financial issue. The 28th is perfect for connecting with loved ones.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, curiosity drives you to explore new ideas. The 23rd brings an unexpected opportunity so stay flexible. By the weekend, carve

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, your charm and diplomacy are in high demand. The 25th is great for smoothing over disagreements or building new partnerships. The 28th offers time for much-needed relaxation

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, introspection leads to breakthroughs this week. On the 23rd, trust your instincts to make a bold decision. By the 27th, share your insights with someone you trust.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, your social energy is contagious, making you the center of attention. The 26t



Astrology for January 23-29 2025

New Moon in Aquarius

On January 23, Mercury in Capricorn opposes Mars retrograde in Cancer 23° and trines Uranus retrograde in Taurus at 23°. We are being asked to look at those new but practical perspectives that have been coming online as possible options for the way forward. Are we truly open to letting the new come through? Mars retrograde may point to where we are fighting old patterns that are getting in the way. This aspect can highlight arguments, resentment, and exchanging cold words if we need to confront an issue within ourselves or with another, but Uranus is lending support through keen and intuitive hits about the future. Listen to the hits.

On January 25, Venus in Pisces trines Mars retrograde in Cancer at 22°. Ah, the cosmic lovers in harmonious aspect. Finally, we have a moment available for resolve and compassionate connection. Today the latest tensions have the opportunity to relax. A great day for creativity, balance, and deepening our connections to both our relationships and to spirit itself. A day where the water element is especially powerful. Water activities are encouraged. Feelings can become unstuck and flow with more ease today. Creativity is more accessible. We are able to be more open and vulnerable in relationships.

On January 26, Venus in Pisces sextiles Uranus retrograde in Cancer at 23° and this aspect is active as Venus trines Mars. The aforementioned creative openness, flow, and willingness to be vulnerable is supported by making new choices and trying new ways of relating. Uranus is encouraging that we innovate our tools and resources, especially our inner resources, those that we lean on for stability. The freedom to do our own thing is both attractive and useful now. How can we implement a sense of freedom and autonomy in our connections? We may truly be bold enough now to imagine new options in relating, to follow unconventional desires despite fear of the unknown.

On January 27, Mercury in Capricorn sextiles the North Node in Pisces and trines the South node in Virgo at 28°. When Mercury aspects the Nodes, fated information has a tendency to come through. Pay attention to signs, symbols, paperwork, conversations, and thoughts that strike a chord. Important information for the way forward surfaces today, information about what is ending and what is just beginning.

On January 29, Mercury moves into the sign of Aquarius until February 14, and the Sun and Moon meet for the New Moon in Aquarius at 9°. At this time, Neptune is applying a conjunction with the North Node. This aspect is not exact, but because it is slow moving, can be felt all week, and is a strong influence under this new moon. It is worth mentioning as well, that Mercury is still within orb of a conjunction with Pluto. This is an intense Aquarius party. Aquarius is the sign of innovation, rebellion, humanity, and the future. This can be a very empowering time for those willing to embrace new chapters, and a more challenging time for those clinging to the past. What old thing still needs to be destroyed so that the new can emerge? We have a serious, intellectual call to make. A potent day to set intentions for what we would like to see grow in the coming weeks, and what we no longer wish to continue. Make the distinction. This is also the day of the Lunar New Year. Some might say this is the real beginning of 2025.

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- 2 tbsp soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp black pepper, ½ tsp onion powder
- 4 large eggs

2 tbsp butter/oil

- 2 tbsp flour 2 cups beef stock



Garnish:

Scallions, sesame seeds, microgreens

out time for reflection and personal growth.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, focus on home and family matters this week. The 24th is ideal for organizing your space or planning a family gathering. A meaningful conversation on the 26th deepens a connection.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, communication is key this week. Use the 25th to share your ideas or address a misunderstanding. The 29th is a great day for creative pursuits or spending quality time with friends.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, finances take center stage this week. Use the 24th to review budgets or consider new investments. By the weekend, enjoy simple pleasures that help you unwind.

is perfect for networking or joining a group effort. Keep an eye on your health by the weekend.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, this is a week of professional growth. The 24th brings recognition for your efforts, while the 29th is ideal for mapping out future goals. Celebrate your progress with loved ones.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, inspiration strikes on the 25th. making it a great time for creative projects or brainstorming. Use the weekend to connect with someone who shares your vision.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, trust your intuition this week. The 23rd highlights a personal revelation, while the 27th is ideal for letting go of what no longer serves you. Embrace self-care as the week ends.

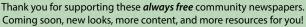




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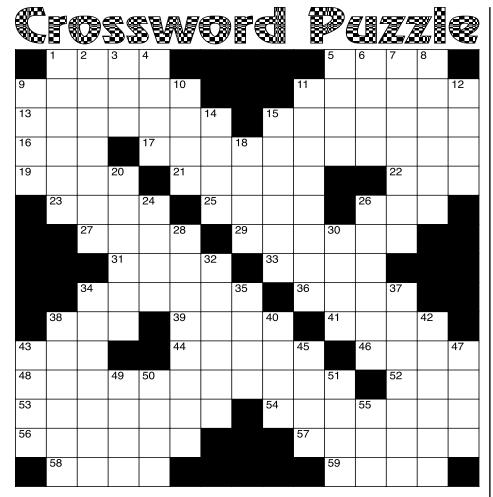




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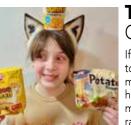
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- 51. Primordial matter of the universe



OUR Community An Upbeat Question of the week By Helen Mosbrooker

If you could meet anyone past or present, who would it be and why?



Terra R, Oak Harbor

If I could meet any person from the past or present, I would choose to meet Momofuku Ando, the inventor of instant ramen. Ramen is my most favorite food; it's incredibly tasty and always makes me so happy when I eat it. I also love to add a variety of fun ingredients to my ramen like egg and chili oil. Meeting the person who created ramen would be amazing! I'd like to ask him what inspired him to invent instant ramen and how he went about doing it. I'm also curious

to know what his favorite flavor of ramen is and what toppings he enjoys. Did you know that there's even a ramen museum in Japan? I've always wanted to visit it!

> Owen A, Oak Harbor

If I were given the chance to meet anyone, I would like it to be the President of United States of America. I would like to know what it's like being the leader of the free world. It must be overwhelming at times. I would like to know what the President does in the office. What do they do for fun? Finally, shaking hands and having pictures next to the President would be super cool.

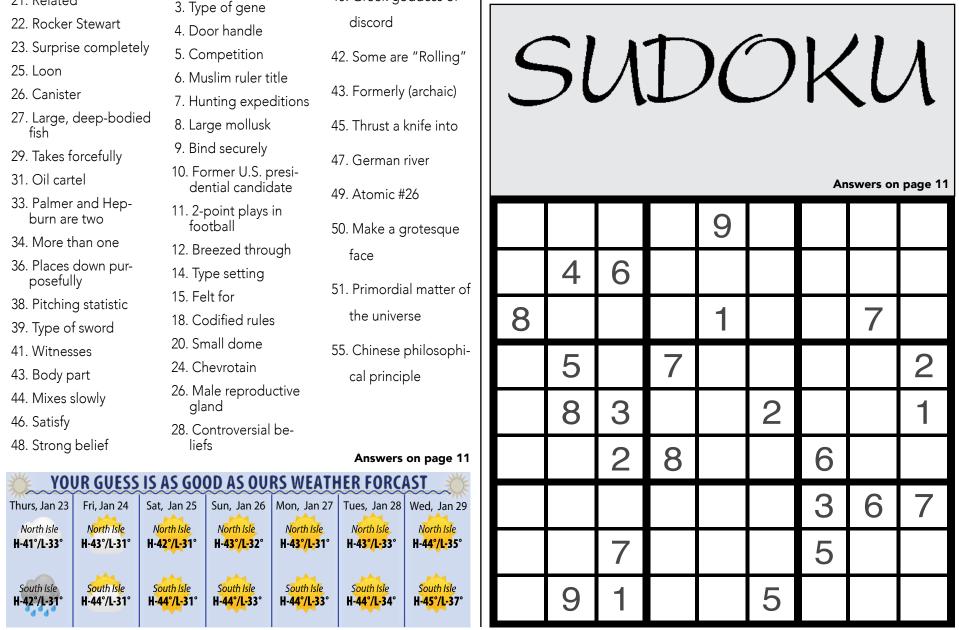


Lailonie C, Oak Harbor

If I could meet anyone from the past or present, it would be my dad. My dad passed way, year and a half go. WOW time flies. Many things has happened since then. Dad I would like to thank you for our trip to California. I would show you funny pictures on rides at Disneyland and Knotts Berry Farm. I would sing the songs I sang at my school concert. I joined the basketball team. I would show you my skills I learned. I would ask you to make dinner. I miss your cooking, mom tries. I just want you to give me a BIG hug and kiss. I would tell you I miss you so so much, and that I still want to be a doctor. I Love you Dad.

Joyful saying of the week

"We risk missing out on joy when we get too busy chasing down the extraordinary."- Brene Brown





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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.

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