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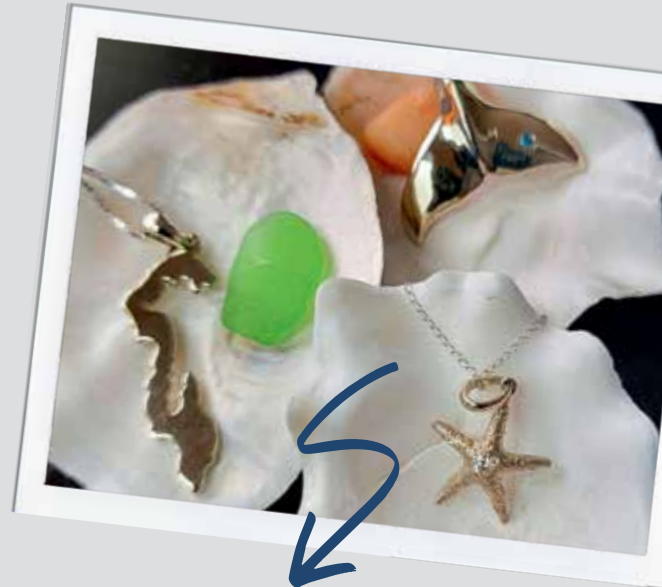
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Oak Harbor Girls Track Team Finishes Seventh at State, Wins Relay Title

by Merrick Parnell

After an undefeated regular season in league meets and a Northwest Conference title, the Oak Harbor High School girls track and field team carried its momentum into the postseason, capping a dominant year with a seventh-place finish at the 3A state championships.

Held at Mount Tahoma High School in late May, the state meet featured 11 Oak Harbor athletes. The Wildcats earned 32 points overall, highlighted by several standout performances on both the track and field.

Addisen Boyer placed fifth in the 100-meter finals with a time of 12.40 seconds. She also anchored the 4x100-meter relay team—alongside Payton Champignon, Jenesis Lowery and Kailynn LaRue—which took third place with a time of 48.10 seconds.

The highlight of the weekend came in the 4x200-meter relay, where the same quartet—Champignon, Lowery, LaRue and Boyer—captured first place, marking the school’s first-ever girls relay state title.

In field events, Lilly Grubbs contributed critical points with a second-place finish in the javelin.

“All of the track coaches were super happy with how the girls team performed,” said Head Coach and Athletic Director Jay Turner. “The girls had our first relay state championship in school history, and our girls team had their highest state finish in over 20 years. The girls worked hard all year, which showed with their performance at state. It truly was a magical season for them.”



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BITS & PIECES

VAQ-144 Returns from 8-Month Deployment

The Main Battery of Electric Attack Squadron (VAQ) 144 returned to NAS Whidbey Island over the first weekend of June 2025 after an eight-month deployment with Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group to the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of operations.

"VAQ-144 is excited to return home from its inaugural deployment and greet loved ones after a challenging but rewarding eight months at sea," said Cmdr. Brant Schmall, commanding officer of VAQ 144. "The Main Battery exceeded lofty expectations throughout all facets of the deployment culminating in combat operations. Several Milestones were achieved during this deployment including being awarded the Battle 'E' and Safety 'S', continuing a proud Main Battery heritage."

More information on the Truman Strike Group Deployment is available at <https://www.navy.mil/Press-Office/News-Stories/display-news/Article/4202753/truman-strike-group-returns-from-8-month-deployment/>



Station Search and Rescue Whidbey Assists in Rescue of Stranded Mountaineers

A Search and Rescue (SAR) team from Naval Air Station Whidbey Island assisted in the rescue of two stranded mountaineers off the North Face of Mt. Baker on June 3, 2025.

The mountaineers slipped and fell on the north face of Mt. Baker while attempting to summit the mountain that morning. They became stranded and immobile after one of the members, a 62-year-old man, lost a boot/crampon in the fall.



NAS Whidbey Island's SAR team received a request for assistance from the Whatcom County Sheriff Department via the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) at approximately 11:20 a.m. A SAR team was able to reach the stranded men's coordinates quickly, in roughly 20 minutes, as they were conducting an airborne training exercise.

After retrieving the two men the SAR crew flew them to Peace Health St. Joseph Medical Center before returning to the air station.

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island SAR has conducted 13 missions this calendar year, which includes 4 MEDEVACs, 1 search and 8 rescues.

The Navy SAR unit operates three MH-60S helicopters from NAS Whidbey Island as search and rescue/medical evacuation (SAR/MEDEVAC) platforms for the EA-18G aircraft as well as other squadrons and personnel assigned to the installation. Pursuant to the National SAR Plan of the United States, the unit may also be used for civil SAR/MEDEVAC needs to the fullest extent practicable on a non-interference basis with primary military duties according to applicable national directives, plans, guidelines and agreements; specifically, the unit may launch in response to tasking by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (based on a Washington State Memorandum of Understanding) for inland missions, and/or tasking by the United States Coast Guard for all other aeronautical and maritime regions, when other assets are unavailable.

Festival Passes Now Available for Whidbey Island Music Festival's Milestone 20th Anniversary Summer Program

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Two Decades of World-Class Musical Artistry Returns to Whidbey Island with Spectacular Season of Baroque and Classical Masterworks

The Whidbey Island Music Festival announces that festival passes are now available for its highly anticipated 20th Anniversary Summer Program, marking two decades of bringing world-class musical artistry to the beautiful Pacific Northwest island

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Thursday, June 12, 10:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Kapaw's Ice Cream, 21 Front St. NW &
Honey Bear, 23 Front St. NW, Coupeville

Celebrate the last day of school with a scoop from Kapaw's and a visit to Honey Bear. Both businesses will donate a portion of the day's sales to the Coupeville Schools Foundation, which supports students through teacher grants, college scholarships and the Promise Fund.

LIBERACE & LIZA
Friday & Saturday, June 13–14, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565 Camano Ave., Langley
Tickets: purchase at wicaonline.org

What if Liberace and Liza Minnelli had shared the stage? This dazzling tribute brings that fantasy to life with pianist David Saffert and vocalist Jillian Snow. Packed with iconic songs, modern surprises, sequins, and laughs, it's part concert, part comedy, and all sparkle.

COUPEVILLE PRIDE PARADE:
PRIDE GROWS HERE
Saturday, June 14, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Farmers Market Field, 788 NW Alexander St., Coupeville

Free admission
Celebrate inclusion and community at Coupeville's annual Pride Parade, held during the weekly Coupeville Farmers Market, which runs from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The family-friendly parade begins at 12:30 p.m. behind the library and welcomes everyone to show support for Coupeville's LGBTQ+ community.

PREVENTING DIABETES
Monday, June 16, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
WhidbeyHealth Diabetes Education Room, 101 N. Main St., Coupeville
Free

If your fasting blood glucose is between 100–125 or A1C between 5.7–6.4, you may be at risk for diabetes. Join this free class to learn how to reduce that risk. Pre-registration is required, as space is limited. Call (360) 678-7656 ext. 4210 to sign up.

SENIOR FEET NEED AND DESERVE SPECIALIZED CARE!
Tuesday, June 17, 1–3 p.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave., Freeland

Learn about age-related changes to your feet, common foot problems, diabetic foot problems, fall risk and prevention, health conditions that affect feet, and seven steps to better foot care for older adults.

ART TALKS WITH REBECCA ALBIANI: THE IMPRESSIONIST GARDEN
Tuesday, June 18, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565 Camano Ave., Langley
Tickets available at wicaonline.org

Art historian Rebecca Albani explores how Impressionist painters like Monet, Renoir, Morisot, and Cassatt transformed gardens into iconic subjects. From intimate garden scenes to Monet's famed waterlilies, discover how nature shaped some of the most beloved works of art.

TWIRL THE RAINBOW: HOOP FUN FOR ALL
Wednesday, June 18, 2–3 p.m.
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St, Coupeville

Join Hillia Hula for an energetic hula hoop performance, an engaging storytime with a twist, and a hands-on workshop where participants of all ages can learn beginner-friendly hoop moves through interactive games and activities. This colorful program promises fun for everyone!

A ROOM IN THE CASTLE
June 19–28, 7:30PM & 2:00PM performances
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565 Camano Ave., Langley

Part of New Works June, this West Coast premiere of Lauren Gunderson's latest play reimagines the women of Hamlet as they seek safety, freedom, and identity beyond Shakespeare's court. Directed by Rose Woods in collaboration with The Whidbey Institute.

SOUTH WHIDBEY PRIDE PARADE & FESTIVAL
Saturday, June 21, 12:00PM–3:00PM
Downtown Langley & South Whidbey Community Center Track

Celebrate love, diversity, and community at the South Whidbey Pride Parade & Festival! The parade kicks off at noon in downtown Langley and is followed by a lively festival with music, food trucks, booths, and entertainment behind the South Whidbey Community Center. Free to attend. All are welcome!

For more information: www.southwhidbeypride.org
LITTLEBIGFEST PRESENTS: SUMMER SOUL-STICE
Saturday, June 21, 3:00PM–10:00PM
Whidbey Island Fairgrounds, Langley

Celebrate the season with live music, local art, great food, and good vibes at this family-friendly mini-festival! Enjoy a full afternoon and evening of summer fun and get a preview of the main LittleBIGFest coming in August. Food and beverages available for purchase.

More info: www.littlebigfest.org
BOLLYWOOD DANCE – SILVERKITE WORKSHOP
Wednesday, June 25, 2–3 p.m.
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St, Coupeville

Come learn the dances that are a part of the largest movie-making capital in the world – INDIA. No prior dance experience is required. For all ages.

OUTDOOR FAMILY STORYTIME
Thursday, June 26, 10–11 a.m.
Community Green behind the Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St, Coupeville

Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and creative activities together as a family to prepare for the wonder of reading. A play time or art activity may follow.

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Whidbey Island Friends Meeting
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community. This milestone season promises to be the most spectacular yet, featuring beloved baroque and classical masterworks, exciting new musical discoveries, and unique experiences that celebrate the vibrant spirit of Whidbey Island.

For twenty years, the Whidbey Island Music Festival has served as the premier destination for exceptional baroque and classical chamber music performances, creating unforgettable moments of musical joy, discovery, and inspiration for audiences from across the region and beyond.

"Mark your calendars and prepare for an unforgettable summer! We are absolutely thrilled to share this monumental milestone – the Whidbey Island Music Festival is celebrating its 20th Anniversary!" said Tekla Cunningham, Founder and Creative Director. "For two decades, the Whidbey Island Music Festival has been your destination for world-class musical artistry, bringing unforgettable performances and inspiring moments of baroque and classical chamber music directly to our beautiful Whidbey Island community."

This year's program has been crafted with special attention to creating meaningful connections between performers and audiences. The festival will feature beloved classical repertoire alongside exciting new musical discoveries, including very special events such as the popular Ebey's Landing hike accompanied by medieval troubadours.

"We are joyfully crafting experiences that bring people together through the timeless emotional power of baroque and classical masterpieces, creating spaces where lasting connections form around shared musical discovery, and celebrating the vibrant community spirit that makes our island home so special," Cunningham added.

The summer season opens with "Distant Shores," a globetrotting musical adventure that explores the fusion of Western art music with folk and indigenous traditions across oceans and centuries. This opening concert will be presented on two dates: Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 3:00-5:00 PM at First Reformed Church in Oak Harbor, and Sunday, June 22, 2025, from 3:00-5:00 PM at St. Augustine's in-the-woods in Freeland. Both performances will feature acclaimed mezzo-soprano Cecilia Duarte and GRAMMY® nominated ensemble AGAVE. The program promises to take audiences from the opulent cathedrals of colonial Latin America to the court of Hawai'i's last queen, from the Scottish Highlands to imperial Japan, featuring everything from infectious Haitian dance rhythms to passionate songs of longing and heartbreak. Buy tickets online.

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Hot Mix Asphalt Overlays

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The following South Whidbey roads are scheduled for HMA Overlays from 6/10 to 6/13.

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Upcoming performances:
June 4 – Sage Hayes
June 11 – Erik Christensen Band
June 18 – Marcus Raymond
June 25 – Kick Brass
July 2 – Green Leader
July 9 – Tekla Cunningham
July 23 – Andre Feriante
July 30 – Erik Christensen Band
Aug. 6 – Deceptive Cadence
Aug. 13 – Marcus Raymond
Aug. 20 – Deceptive Cadence
Aug. 27 – A Total Fiasco

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BUSKERS ON THE CORNER
Friday, June 13, 5:30–6:30 p.m.
Pop-Up Plaza Stage, Pioneer Way
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from a variety of local artists. All ages
are welcome and admission is free.

Featured artists:

June 13 – Brandon Baker
June 20 – Lauren Flynn
June 27 – Dankia Kloewer
July 11 – Erik Christensen Band
July 18 – Shannon Patino
July 28 – Selena Mac
Aug. 1 – Steve Johnson
Aug. 8 – Fiddle Chix
Aug. 15 – Sage Hayes
Aug. 22 – End of Summer Bash

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2025 lineup:
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July 9 – Wax Lips
July 23 – ROSSaCONN
Aug. 6 – Rubatano Marimba
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Festival.

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Honorable Achievements

Gerry and Norm Haveman Celebrate 70 Years of Marriage



Norm & Gerry Haveman on their wedding day June 1955.

Oak Harbor Couple Reflects on a Lifetime of Love, Laughter, and Teamwork

Gerry and Norm Haveman of Oak Harbor will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on June 16, 2025 — a remarkable milestone marking a lifetime of love and shared adventure.

The couple's story began long before their wedding day in 1955. Having known each other since they were in high school, their bond grew over the years until one fateful phone call sealed the deal: while Norm was stationed in San Diego, Gerry picked up the phone and told him to go ahead and ask her to marry him. He did, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Since then, they've been practically attached at the hip. Their lives have been centered in Oak Harbor, where Norm served in the Navy and the couple raised their four children. Throughout the decades, they've built a life that is not just long-lasting, but full of humor, deep affection, and mutual respect.

Their relationship is best described as a beautiful balance, Gerry often providing the direction and Norm faithfully following through. It's a dynamic that has worked wonderfully for 70 years. They've always supported each other's passions: Gerry with her love for the beach and flowers and Norm with his vegetable garden and his animals. Though they no longer live on property, their lives remain in rhythm, whether it's enjoying daily puzzles or continuing to cheer each other on in every way.

As their family and community celebrate this incredible milestone, one thing is clear: the Havemans' marriage is a shining example of love, teamwork, and shared joy. Here's to Gerry and Norm — seventy years strong, and still perfectly in sync.

Norm & Gerry Haveman at Gerry's 90th birthday Party August 2024.



Life Tributes

Shirley Morrison 8/16/1935—6/2/2025



Shirley Morrison Adamson, also known as Diamond Shirl not only because she loved the gems stones that she wore often but because she was a rare gemstone of a woman. Born 8/16/1935 in Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada she passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on 6/2/2025. She married the love of her life Edwin Adamson from Oak Harbor, Washington, whom she was married to for 71 yrs. She loved her travels with her husband and children to many countries and states while he was in the service. She was quick to make friends among her travels during her career as a top selling realtor in Hawaii and Louisiana and then returned to Oak Harbor where her husband was born and raised. Shirley had a love for animals including many family dogs, cats and horses. She touched so many in her life with her quick wit and humor. She lit up any room and shared her larger-than-life personality with her funny stories and amazing memories that always brought a smile to others. She will be missed by her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nephew and friends dearly.

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Country-fried or chicken-fried are terms given to breaded and deep-fried poultry and meat. In fact, chicken-fried steak is an institution in the American south, where thinly sliced cuts of cubed steak are prepared in this way and served with country gravy and biscuits. There’s not much room for improvement in this classic... or is there?

In “Best-Ever Steak Fingers,” chicken-fried steak gets a makeover into easily picked up finger foods tailor made for dipping in a savory sauce. They are perfect for picnics and meals on the go. Dig in, courtesy of “Lord Honey Traditional Southern Recipes with a Country Bling Twist” (Pelican Publishing) by Chef Jason Smith.

Best-Ever Steak Fingers
(Makes 6 servings)

Ingredients

- Veggie oil for frying
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose steak seasoning, divided
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 egg

- 4 pounds beef cube steak
- Dipping sauce
- 1 cup mayo
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons yellow mustard
- 1 package dry Italian salad dressing
- 2 tablespoons dried dill

Instructions:

Preheat oven to lowest temperature.

Pour 1 inch oil into a large cast-iron or other thick-bottomed skillet. Turn heat to medium low. Place the flour in a shallow pan. Sprinkle half the steak seasoning over flour, and mix together.

Cut steak into 1-inch strips. Add the rest of the steak seasoning, rubbing into each piece. Turn heat to medium on skillet. Place each strip in the flour mix, then into the milk and egg mix, then back into the flour. Shake off excess and place each strip on a plate. Repeat until all strips are coated.

Sprinkle a few drops flour over oil. If it sizzles, it’s ready to fry. Using tongs or a fork, place strips side by side in hot oil. Don’t crowd the pan, or it will cool the oil.

After about 2 to 3 minutes, when strips start to brown on bottom, turn over. When second side is brown, remove and place on a cooling rack that has been set on a cookie sheet. Set the sheet in the preheated oven. Repeat until all fingers are cooked.

In a bowl, whisk together all dipping sauce ingredients.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, slow down and listen closely. This week is more about observation than action. Midweek could bring a shift in how you communicate—especially around the 14th. Choose your words with care.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, your comfort zone is being stretched in a healthy way. Something unexpected may land in your lap on the 13th. Stay curious instead of cautious—you might just love the surprise.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, your energy is bright and magnetic. Use it to connect with others and pitch ideas. The 15th is especially favorable for writing, networking, or getting something off your chest.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you’re preparing for a new beginning, but first: rest. The 14th invites you to reflect, recharge, and wrap up lingering tasks. Trust that clarity will come by next week.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you’re the life of the party this week—but one conversation might turn deeper than expected. The 16th is ideal for strengthening bonds, especially with friends or collaborators.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, all eyes are on your work or public image. The 13th may bring a breakthrough—or a moment that demands flexibility. Stay poised, even if things shift suddenly. You’ve got this.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, your mind is hungry for something new. Enroll in a class, plan a trip, or explore a fresh perspective. The 15th could connect you to someone who broadens your worldview.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, it’s a powerful week for facing fears and cutting cords. Something that’s been draining you emotionally or financially comes into focus on the 14th. Letting go makes room for healing.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, partnerships are under the microscope. An important talk around the 16th helps clear the air. Whether it brings closeness or closure, know you’re heading in the right direction.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, it’s a great time to fine-tune your schedule or revisit health goals. The 13th brings motivation to reset habits. Small shifts now lead to major results down the road.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, creativity and joy take center stage. Don’t overthink it—follow the spark. A romantic or artistic opportunity around the 15th could surprise you in the best way.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, home is where your focus lies. A family matter may need attention around the 14th. Tend to your roots, both emotional and physical—it’s time to anchor yourself in what truly matters.



Astrology for June 12-18 2025

A Week of Squares, Stop and Go Frustrations, Gifts in Disguise

Overall, this is a week of very pivotal changes. Buckle up and get ready to shift.

On **June 13**, the Sun in Gemini squares the North Node in Pisces and South Node in Virgo at 22°. The Sun represents one’s vitality, sense of expression, and key factors in the uniqueness of identity. We are confronted with a challenge or obstacle that must be faced in regards to our evolving identity and sense of self. We may encounter situations that force us to recognize a past pattern, while revealing what next steps may reconcile the karma and urge us forward. In the mutable signs, a piece of the challenge is testing our flexibility. When things do not flow as planned, how strong is our pivot game? How open is the mind for recognizing opportunities in disguise? Pay attention today for important clues, symbols, people, encounters, etc, that are helping to guide a sense of direction based on your own unique and authentic truth. Self-awareness check in. Are you really going in the direction you say you desire?

On **June 15**, Jupiter in Cancer squares Saturn in Aries at 1°. This energy is confrontational. Cancer is a sign that represents home and country, patriotism, roots, ancestry, etc. Jupiter expands the power of the people here, as well as the awareness of our humanity and connected origins. When this energy squares off with Saturn, the planet responsible for authorities, laws, governments, and in the sign of Aries, the sign that represents war, aggression, anger, and confrontation, conflicts between these areas of life escalate. This energy will be experienced in a myriad of ways collectively and individually. One example we are witnessing is the protest response of the people against governmental orders regarding immigration. These energies will continue to be activated at this time. On a more personal level, this invites us all to consider where we stand in matters of roots, family, home and country. Saturn will challenge the beliefs of Jupiter and if any beliefs are outdated or misaligned with our truth, we will be pressured to update as a result. There is a major dynamic here of push/pull and stop/go. Opportunities for expansion are available in matters of family, fertility, land, real estate, emotional bonds, emotional security, etc, but Saturn may delay their arrival, wanting each of us to truly earn them.

Also on **June 15**, Mars in Leo squares Uranus in Taurus at 28°. This aspect throws a massive wildcard over the Jupiter/Saturn tension. Mars and Uranus are the most unruly of the planets. Their energies meeting via hard aspect/square implies unexpected violence, aggression, drama, displays of ego, stubbornness, etc. People are more activated, more inclined to take things personally, and make unexpected decisions as a result of such intensity. The tension is thick, and this signature shows extreme passion for freedom, freedom that includes self-expression, protest, and a drive for making major changes. The upside to this challenging aspect can reveal innovation, creative new ways of moving through conflict via emotional connection and banding together as a community.

On **June 17**, the Sun in Gemini sextiles Chiron in Aries at 26°. Here we can receive a healing balm over a tense landscape. The Sun in Gemini is concerned with learning, curiosity, local networks, neighborhoods and familiar environments. We are invited to consider how to connect with more of what we find interesting in our local spaces. We are more inclined toward the desire to grow, to learn how to better our circumstances that ultimately contribute to our greater healing journeys as individuals. Self-development, improvements in confidence, and healing parts of core identity are on offer. Unlikely conversations may contribute to these eye-opening developments.

On **June 18**, Jupiter in Cancer squares Neptune in Aries at 2°. Faith can indeed be tested, fantasies challenged. What we idealize might receive criticism or encouragement depending on circumstances, but one thing is certain, and that is that nothing is certain. Neptune tends to dissolve form and structure, Jupiter tends to expand and amplify. It will be very enticing to bypass and avoid responsibilities, and that is not a wise move based on the rest of the sky. Find a way to ground into a sense of self that feels real and true. Lean into that and let it be the anchor that we all need in times such as these when faith is tested.

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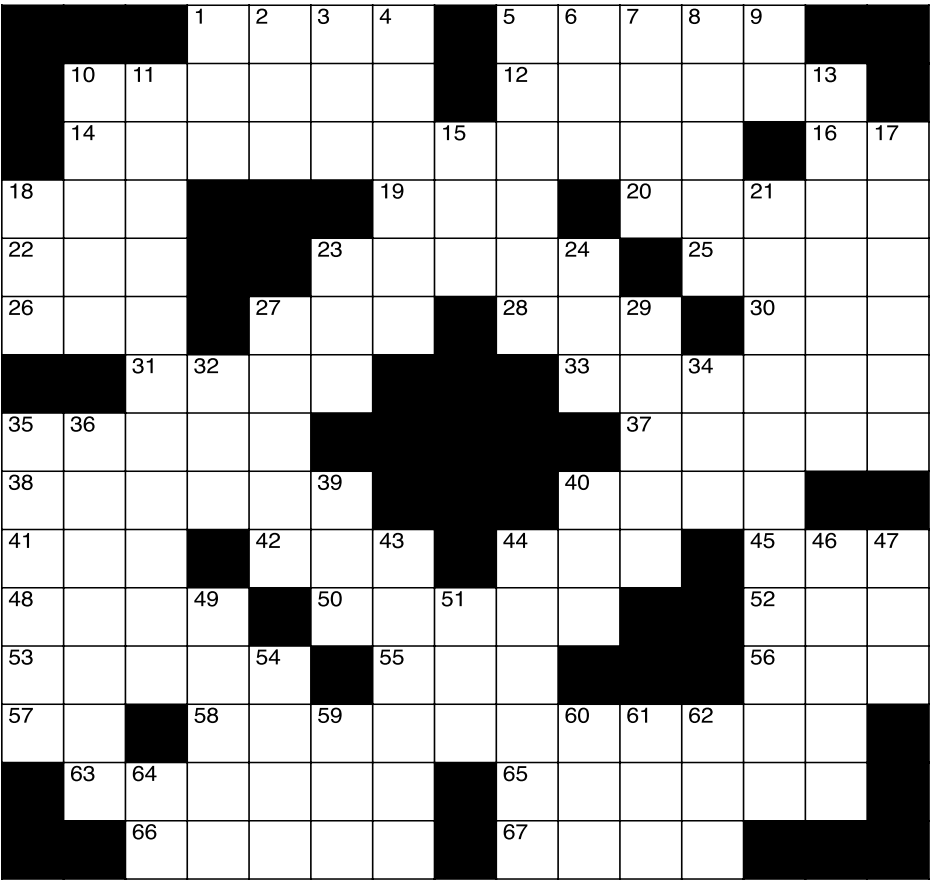
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Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Type of bread
5. Range of mountains
10. Ended
12. Musical forms with a recurring theme
14. On the nature of being
16. Law enforcement agency
18. Australian flightless bird
19. Subway rodent
20. More dried-up
22. A beaver might build one
23. Suggestive of the supernatural
25. Art __, around 1920
26. American rocker Snider
27. Not or
28. Earliest human: __-Magnon Man
30. Firearm
31. Tough outer skin of fruit
33. Alternative form of a gene
35. Low shrub some call "fat pork"
37. Plants in the chamomile tribe
38. Revolutionary War era spy
40. Portion of a book
41. Hoover's office
42. Title of respect
44. Tax collector
45. Cool!
48. Real estate
50. Boy's name
52. Airborne (abbr.)
53. Strongly recommends
55. Hit lightly
56. Bar bill
57. Atomic #54
58. Devotes again
63. Fish sauce
65. French stock market
66. Things that consist of two elements or parts
67. Tense
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Retired game show host Sajak
2. Equal (prefix)
3. Israeli city __ Aviv
4. Loved
5. A type of analyst
6. Ad __
7. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
8. Ran without moving
9. Opposite of yes
10. Diffuse clouds of gas
11. Mentioning one by one
13. Instruments used to dilate
15. Freshwater fish
17. Remotely-manned flying objects
18. Doctor of Education
21. Renews
23. Not the start
24. Pitching stat
27. Small water buffaloes
29. Ceramic jars
32. I (German)
34. Something to toss on a fire
35. The process of flowing in
36. A series of acts at a night club
39. Egg of a louse
40. Inquire too closely
43. Travelers
44. Drink
46. Behave in a way that degrades
47. Electronic music style
49. Northern Ireland city
51. Upset
54. Stiff structure resembling a hair
59. Father
60. North Atlantic fish
61. 8th month (abbr.)
62. Make an effort
64. Commercial

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, June 12

Fri, June 13

Sat, June 14

Sun, June 15

Mon, June 16

Tues, June 17

Wed, June 18

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OUR

Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What is the coolest thing about your Dad and why?




Riddick S, 4th grade, Oak Harbor

I am a lucky guy because I have two dads. I have a dad, Brandon, in my hometown Chewelah. I also have a dad, Josh, here in Oak Harbor.
I love my dad Brandon because he plays with me in real life, not just video games. He does a lot of shopping for me and buys me things. He takes me for lots of walks. I enjoy that because it's not just walking; we walk to friends' houses, parks, stores and sometimes midnight walks.
I love my dad Josh because he's shown me a lot. He teaches me things like mowing the yard, fishing, and building things — all I think are fun. He also buys lots of stuff for us like a zip line kit, a trampoline and a rope swing for our backyard.
I feel loved a lot more having two dads to look up to.


Mady J, 4th grade, Oak Harbor

The coolest thing about my dad is that he makes time to hangout with me and my siblings, when he picks us up from school on Wednesdays he takes us to eat, we usually get to have Applebees and that is fun. Another place we go a lot is the book store, he lets us each pick a new book, once we finish the last book. Recently, my dad started playing golf and he lets me and my brother play with him sometimes which is a lot of fun, if it's not raining! My dad is a hard worker and never gives up on things.



Paige O, 4th grade, Oak Harbor

The coolest thing about my dad is the way he makes time for me and my younger brother, Nolan. He play-fights with us like we are boxing or wrestling, and he takes us shopping for fun things like toys or art supplies. He also watches wrestling with me every Monday. That's why my dad is the coolest!



Joyful saying of the week

"We cannot cure the world of sorrows, but we can choose to live in joy."
- Joseph Campbell

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