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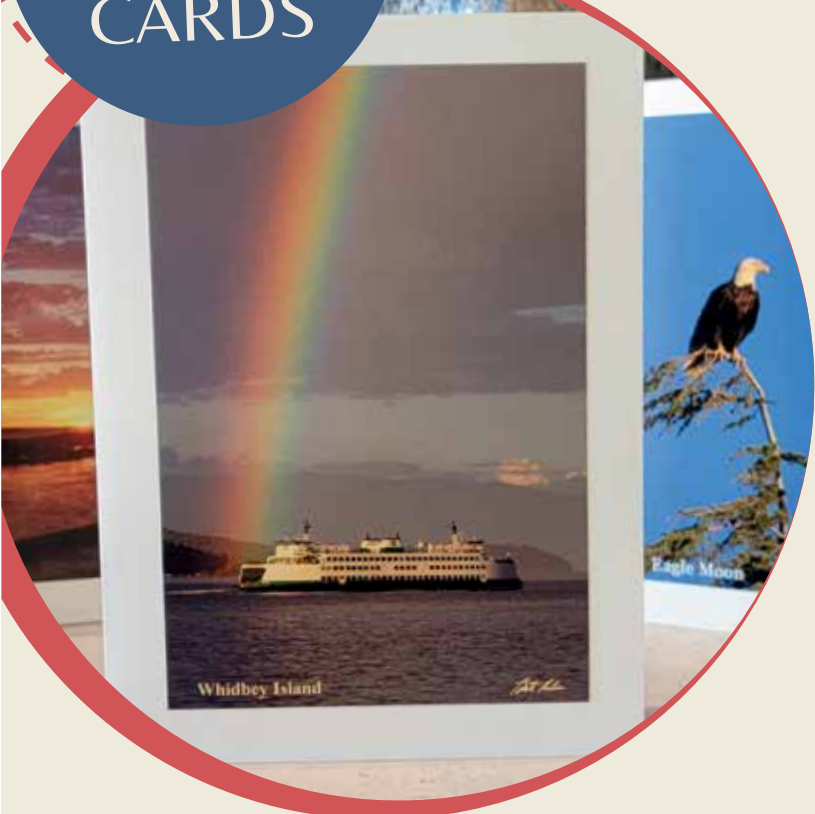


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The Quest for True Independence

As July 4th approaches, we brace ourselves for the fireworks, red-white-and-blue everything, and a grilling marathon that would make a Texas rancher blush. On Whidbey, we're working to be conscious of our wildlife more and more every year. Amid the burgers and beer, it's worth pausing to consider a deeper, more thoughtful independence—a kind of freedom that transcends slogans and flags. What does it truly mean to be independent in an era of global supply chains, tariffs, and environmental reckoning?

Independence: More Than Just a Date on the Calendar

Independence Day in the United States commemorates a very particular kind of liberation: political autonomy from an imperial power. The signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 marked a bold assertion of freedom, self-governance, and the right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." It's the founding mythos that fuels everything from Star-Spangled Banners to summer parades.

But what that mythos often glosses over is the complexity of independence itself. How independent can a society truly be when its survival hinges on goods, energy, and knowledge shipped across the world? How free are we if our groceries, furniture, and clothes come on container ships with unpredictable arrival dates and price tags that spike with every tariff?

Political independence was a revolutionary beginning, but it's only the first step. Real, lasting freedom—economic, environmental, and cultural—requires a deeper reckoning. It demands that we rethink how we live, what we consume, and how closely we're tied to the land beneath our feet. Without that, July 4th risks becoming more about spectacle than substance.

What Guyana Teaches Us About Sustainable Independence

Let's jetset mentally to Guyana—a small, often overlooked country on the northern edge of South America. Here, indigenous Amerindian communities have long lived by a philosophy of self-sufficiency and respect for the land.

Fishing local rivers, growing cassava and plantains, and hunting sustainably, these people balance their needs with what the earth can offer—not the other way around. They don't rely on distant supply chains; their grocery store is the forest and the river.

In recent years, Guyana as a nation has taken bold steps toward full self-reliance, emerging as one of the few countries on Earth that can now claim 100% self-sufficiency in food production. With fertile soil, abundant freshwater, and a climate that allows for year-round farming, Guyana has doubled down on local agriculture, aquaculture, and renewable resources. This isn't just survival—it's strategy.

And while Guyana has recently gained international attention for its oil discoveries, many of its policies and rural communities have kept a strong foothold in food sovereignty and environmental stewardship. In

a time when the world is feeling the strain of disrupted supply chains and rising costs, Guyana offers a timely reminder: independence isn't a relic of the past—it can be cultivated in the present.

Their culture and governance model remind us that independence is about more than flag-waving or economic metrics. It's about survival, stewardship, and resilience—a deep relationship with place that feeds both body and soul. It's the kind of independence that's rooted, regenerative, and built to last.

Whidbey Island's Native Heritage: Abundance, Not Scarcity

Right here at home, before settlers came and renamed and reshaped the story, the Coast Salish peoples thrived on Whidbey Island by living in deep reciprocity with the land and sea. This place was, and still is, rich in resources—so rich, in fact, that the island's Native name is remembered to mean "place of plenty" or "abundance": Tscha-kole-chy, though spellings and dialects vary.

The Coast Salish fished the silvery schools of Puget Sound, dug clams and gathered oysters along rocky beaches, and harvested berries, camas bulbs, nettles, and roots from forests and meadows. Through rotational harvesting, seed stewardship, and seasonal burning, they practiced an advanced form of ecological management—long before it had that name.

Their economy wasn't built on conquest or consumption. It was a circular system of sharing, trade, and stewardship, where wealth was measured in relationships, not stockpiles. While the land gave generously, it was never taken for granted.

Ironically, when settlers arrived, the few goods deemed necessary to bring onto Whidbey were tobacco, coffee, and cotton—commodities of comfort, luxury, and colonialism. Everything else was already here. Fresh water. Protein. Timber. Medicine. Shelter. Fertile ground. A grocery store, hardware store, and apothecary, all rooted in the landscape itself.

Today, that legacy still pulses beneath our feet. Whidbey remains a place of plenty: with clean water, fertile soil, and forests filled with cedar, madrona, and maple. The question now is whether we will continue to honor that abundance—or forget that it ever existed.

The Curious Case of July 4th Consumerism

Every year, we celebrate independence with traditions that often rely on faraway systems. The burgers sizzling on our grills are commonly made from beef raised in distant feedlots, wrapped in plastic, and trucked across states. The chips in the bowl may come from potatoes grown hundreds of miles away and processed for long shelf life rather than local nourishment.

Even the plates and forks we eat from—along with the festive decorations and firework displays—are usually mass-produced in overseas factories and

shipped across oceans. Each item carries with it an unseen footprint: fuel, packaging, and the labor of people we'll never meet.

Here on Whidbey, a place once known by its Native name for abundance, where food and goods were once gathered, grown, and made through relationship, it's worth asking how far we've come—and how far we've strayed. Celebrations meant to honor independence now lean heavily on supply chains that are fragile, costly, and far from sustainable.

And perhaps that's the quiet irony: in commemorating freedom, we often find ourselves dependent on systems that don't reflect the values we're celebrating.

What if Independence Meant Shopping at Our Own Farmers Markets?

But here's the thing: we don't have to do it that way. Not here.

Whidbey Island remains one of the rare places where a different kind of celebration is not only possible—it's already happening.

We don't need to rely on trucks and tariffs when we can walk to a stand, shake the hand of the person who grew our potatoes, and bite into something that was in the ground just days—or even hours—ago.

Oak Harbor Farmers Market kicks off Thursday, July 3, from 4–7 PM, serving North Island residents with fresh produce, honey, eggs, flowers, and artisan goods. Bayview Farmers Market and Coupeville Farmers Market follow on Saturday from 10–2, with overflowing tables of greens, garlic, jam, handmade soap, and island-grown fruit. And if that's not enough, South Whidbey Tilth Farmers Market carries it home on Sunday, 11–3, with a slower pace and deep community roots.

Want to turn the weekend into a celebration of real freedom? Grab a copy of Goosefoot's Eat Local Farm Stand Tour and chart a course from one family farm to the next. Dozens of stands are open across the island, offering everything from pastured eggs and fresh-cut flowers to summer squash, goat cheese, and heritage pork—no passport, shipping label, or barcode required. goosefoot.org/eat-local-farm-stand-tour



And of course, no island grill is complete without Three Sisters Beef, the Coupeville-based, multi-generational family farm whose grass-fed cattle remind us that quality doesn't need to travel far. It's independence you can taste.

We've been told that global is the only way forward. That we must choose between convenience and principle. But Whidbey quietly proves otherwise every week—at card tables, under pop-up tents, in barn fridges, and roadside coolers.

We don't need to import freedom. We grow it here.

Handmade, Homegrown, and Here to Stay

If fireworks are flash, local craftsmanship is the slow burn—the kind that stays with you.

Our community is blessed with artisans who embody the kind of independence that doesn't need a declaration. They make it, with their hands, every day. There's the heirloom furniture built from local cedar and maple, meant to be passed down—not tossed out. There are puzzles

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BITS & PIECES

Skagit Cycle celebrates 10 years in Oak Harbor

This summer, Skagit Cycle will be celebrating 10 years of business in its Oak Harbor store, located downtown on historic Pioneer Avenue. To mark the occasion, the store will be hosting community bike rides during the month of July and a two-day anniversary sale on July 25-26.

Everybody with a bicycle is invited to join one of three leisurely group rides on Friday evenings on July 11th, 18th, and 25th. Store manager and mechanic Isaac Bonnell will lead a 1-hour ride starting at Windjammer Park and winding through Oak Harbor's neighborhoods. To use some cycling lingo, the rides will be "no drop" and "party pace."

"'Party pace' just means that it's not 'race pace'," Bonnell said. "It means everybody is welcome, I don't care what kind of bike you're riding as long as it's working, and nobody will be left behind for being too slow. The goal is to have fun riding bikes together."

Group rides will meet at Windjammer park near the baseball fields at 7 pm.

The anniversary sale on the last weekend in July will feature a 10% discount on everything in the store except for bicycles. There will be tons of new bike accessories to look at – bells, bottles, and bling – plus a few bins of used parts for those who like to tinker with their ride.

"There are a lot of ways to customize your bike to make it fit you better," Bonnell said. "Personally, I recommend finding the right saddle, because an uncomfortable saddle is literally a pain in the butt."

Skagit Cycle Center was started in Burlington in 1998 by owners Gary and Bernice Santiago. The business slowly expanded to include a store in Anacortes in 2002 followed by the Oak Harbor store in 2015. Bernie died of breast cancer last year at the age of 60, prompting her husband Gary to begin the transition into retirement by handing the operations of the family business over to his two sons, Cody and Alec Santiago.

"We've been amazed and thankful for the support of the Whidbey Island community over the past 10 years," said Alec Santiago. "I'm really excited to see what the next 10 years will bring. Who knows, maybe we'll be selling hover bikes by then?"

Fireworks pose danger to nesting eagles

Did you know that it is against federal regulations to set off fireworks within 1/2 mile of an eagles nest during breeding season?

Fireworks have a profound impact on the wildlife on Whidbey Island, including our official national bird – the bald eagle. In early July, eagle fledglings (chicks) are still in the nest and can not yet take flight. "Although there are federal protections in place to keep them from direct harm, the loud booms of fireworks and other disturbances can cause young fledglings to fall out of the nest and become vulnerable to predators on the ground", according to Kurt License, a biologist for Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife assigned to Whidbey Island.

Whidbey Audubon Society is providing outreach and education to help protect bald and golden eagles through a sign-lending program for the upcoming 4th of July on South Whidbey Island. Citizens will be able to check out an 'Alert Sign' to post within a ½ mile of a known eagle's nest with fledglings. The ½ mile is the distance required for 'no blasts, explosions, or loud booms' specified in the Federal Bald and Golden Eagle Act protection guidelines. If this sign-lending program is successful on South Whidbey at providing greater protections for nesting eagles, Whidbey Audubon Society will expand the program to more areas of Whidbey Island.

According to Jackie Lasater, the Whidbey Audubon Conservation Chair, there is an example of how a single night of fireworks disturbance can cause a complete colony failure. In 2018 Fish and Wildlife biologists were studying a nesting colony of 40 pairs of American White Pelicans at Padilla Bay in Skagit County. Because there were only two nesting colonies of pelicans in Washington State, the presence of the nesting colony in Padilla Bay was significant. On July 4th there were 40 pairs of Pelicans. On July 5th there were zero. The Pelicans completely abandoned their colony and have never returned.

Harassing a Bald or Golden Eagle can result in a \$100,000 fine and/or one year imprisonment. For more information about the specific protections in the Bald and Golden Eagle Act guidelines, here is the link: <https://www.fws.gov/story/do-i-need-eagle-take-permit>.

In last year's interview with Whidbey News-Times writer Kira Ericson, Kurt Licence stated "I think it is important to celebrate our great nation's independence and the many freedoms we enjoy, and it's also critically important to protect the parts of our nation that make it equally great". Whidbey Audubon agrees with his message and advises people to attend community based fireworks displays at conscientious locations away from sensitive wildlife areas where birds may be nesting."

South Whidbey residents interested in borrowing an Alert Sign during the week before the 4th of July can contact: conservation@whidbeyaudubonsociety.org.

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What's Going On!

FREELAND FREEDOM FEST AND FIREWORKS

Thursday, July 3
5:00–10:30 p.m.
Freeland Park, 5495 Harbor Ave.,
Freeland

The traditional July 3 fireworks return to Freeland Park, with kid-friendly activities and live music starting at 5 p.m. Fireworks usually begin around 10 p.m. Enjoy live music, bouncy houses, food, face painting and free shuttles. For more information, call the Freeland Chamber of Commerce at 360-331-1980 or email freeland@whidbey.com.

WHIDBEY WAGS PET PARADE & FAIR

Thursday, July 3, 5:30–8 p.m.
Registration check-in: 4:30 p.m.
Windjammer Park Pavilion (near basketball courts), Oak Harbor
Parade ends at Flintstone Park
The Oak Harbor Chamber's third annual Whidbey Wags Pet Parade & Fair invites pet lovers of all ages to celebrate Independence Day with costumed pets, giveaways, games, and more. The parade is open to dogs and cats—leashed or in enclosed carriers only. Entry fee is \$20 per pet and includes a gift, goodie bag, and photo.

Parade kicks off at 5:30 p.m., with a pet-friendly fair continuing through 8 p.m.

OAK HARBOR INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Thursday, July 3 – Sunday July 6
Multiple locations, Oak Harbor
Carnival July 3–6
Freund Property, across from Windjammer Park
Rides, games, and classic snacks for all ages.
Wristbands: \$35 pre-order at North Whidbey Pool Park & Rec (85 SE Jerome St.), \$40 onsite. Single tickets: \$1 (rides require 4–8 tickets).

Hours:
Thursday, July 3: 4–9 p.m.
Friday, July 4: 12–5 p.m. & 5–10 p.m.
Saturday, July 5: 12–5 p.m. & 5–10 p.m.
Sunday, July 6: 1–6 p.m.
Closing times may vary based on crowd and weather.

Street Festival
July 4–6, 11 a.m.–6 p.m.
Windjammer Park
Enjoy food vendors, handmade goods, antiques, and live music. Beer garden (21+) sponsored by Greenbank Cidery.

Parade
Thursday, July 4, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Parade route: SE Midway Blvd to SE Pioneer Way via Bayshore Drive
Celebrate with floats, costumes, and community spirit.

Fireworks Show
Thursday, July 4, 10 p.m.
Windjammer Park
Cap off your holiday with a spectacular fireworks display over the water.

MAXWELTON INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE
Thursday, July 4, noon–1 p.m.
Maxwelton at Swede Hill Road, South Whidbey Island

For more than 100 years, this small community has hosted a parade featuring school bands, 4-H clubs and civic groups. Registration and shuttle service begin at 10:30 a.m. Entry is free.

For more information, visit maxwelton.org.

WICA SUMMER NIGHTS SERIES

Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5, 5–7 p.m.
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565 Camano Ave, Langley

Celebrate Independence Day weekend with live music under the tent at WICA. Friday features TRI, a lively folk-rock trio, followed by Island Beguillin, blending traditional Irish and Cape Breton sounds, on Saturday.

Free parking and family-friendly atmosphere.

WINDJAMMER CAR SHOW

Saturday, July 5, noon–4 p.m.
Windjammer Park, 1600 S. Beeksma Drive, Oak Harbor

The Oak Harbor Rotary Club hosts the Windjammer Car Show over Independence Day weekend. Vehicle registration is \$25, starting at 10 a.m. The show opens to the public at noon with free admission for spectators. Trophies will be awarded to the top three winners by People's Choice vote.

Proceeds benefit Rotary Club community programs.

BALLYDIDEAN FARM SANCTUARY: ANIMAL MEET AND GREET

Tuesday, July 8, 2–3 p.m.
Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Dr, Oak Harbor

Meet some of the amazing rescued farm animals from Ballydidean Farm Sanctuary in Clinton. Drop in anytime between 2 and 3 p.m. to learn about the sanctuary and spend time with a small group of friendly animals. Fun and educational for all ages.

SUMMIT ASSISTANCE DOGS: CREATING PARTNERSHIPS

Wednesday, July 9, 2–3 p.m.
Coupeville Library Meeting Room, 788 NW Alexander St., Coupeville

Join us to meet a service dog in training and hear more about what they do! Summit Assistance Dogs is a nonprofit organization that creates life-changing partnerships between people and dogs. For kids ages 5 and up and their caregivers.

PORCH STORIES: HISTORIC FARMING ON WHIDBEY

Wednesday, July 9, 2–3 p.m.
Island County Museum, 908 NW Alexander St., Coupeville

Join Dalva Church on the museum porch for a look back at historic farming practices on Whidbey Island. This free, family-friendly event is part of the Porch Stories summer series, exploring local history through engaging talks.

MARINE MAMMALS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Wednesday, July 9, 4–5 p.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave., Freeland

Do you love beach walks or kayaking around the island? Have you wondered what to do if you come across a stranded seal, sea lion, pup, whale, dolphin, or porpoise? Join Garry Heinrich to learn about the marine mammals of the Salish Sea and what to do when you find a marine mammal on the beach.



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Coupeville Wharf Marks 120 Years as a Maritime Landmark



By Merrick Parnell

This year marks the 120th anniversary of the historic Coupeville Wharf on Whidbey Island, a major milestone for a structure that has stood as a gateway to the region’s maritime past and present. The anniversary will be celebrated with the community, welcoming both island residents and visitors. Throughout 2025, events and exhibits will commemorate the Wharf’s storied history.

“The Coupeville Wharf originally served an important economic role for Whidbey Island residents, as boat travel was the island’s only link to other Puget Sound towns and the mainland,” said Susan Laarman, with the Port of Coupeville. “Farmers especially benefited from the ability to transport crops, and the Wharf played a vital role in establishing Whidbey’s agricultural heritage—still a major employer today.”

The completion of the Deception Pass Bridge in 1935 enabled vehicle travel to and from Whidbey Island, leading to the end of ferry service from the Wharf. In the years that followed, it evolved into a historic tourist destination and community gathering space on Penn Cove, hosting festivals, educational programs, and waterfront activities.

Since 1966, the Port of Coupeville has served as the Wharf’s caretaker, dedicating time and resources to preserving the structure. In 2019, the Port launched a multi-year, phased rehabilitation project. Completed work includes a new roof, upgraded cap and pile foundation supports, a

replaced building exterior, and new wood windows and doors—all meeting strict historic preservation standards. Additional improvements include a new septic system, updated fuel tanks, and a restored seawall. A new dock is slated for completion this year.

Exploring the Wharf: A Living History on the Water

As part of the 120th anniversary celebration, the Coupeville Wharf features a wide range of exhibits and self-guided educational displays. Newly installed historical timelines trace key milestones over the past century, offering visitors a deeper understanding of the site’s significance.

Marine Life and Ecology of Penn Cove

Displays explore:

- The world-famous Penn Cove Pacific Blue Mussel
- Educational panels on orcas and gray whales
- The geologic history of Whidbey Island and the Salish Sea
- The Saratoga Passage Marine Stewardship Area
- Information on local marine wildlife including seals and sea lions

Wharf History and Maritime Heritage

Visitors can delve into:

- Highlights of Wharf history from its 1905 founding to today

- The story of the Penn Cove orcas and Tokitae
- The Mosquito Fleet steamships that once connected Puget Sound communities

Indigenous Heritage and Cultural Traditions

Displays honor regional Native American history, including:

Lower Skagit native villages

- Penn Cove Water Festivals
- Tribal canoe races

Recreation and Access to the Salish Sea

The Wharf remains an active part of waterfront life in Coupeville. The public dock supports private boat access, and kayak rentals allow visitors to explore Penn Cove from the water. Each summer, the historic sailing schooner Suva docks at the Wharf, offering guided tours on the water.

Together, these exhibits and activities create a vibrant window into the natural, cultural, and maritime heritage of Whidbey Island—making the Coupeville Wharf both a living landmark and a beloved community resource.

A Historic Visitor: The Virginia V

A highlight of the anniversary celebration will be the arrival of the Virginia V, a historic steamship and one of the last surviving vessels from the legendary Mosquito Fleet.

“The Virginia V is a powerful link to

Whidbey Island’s maritime history,” said Laarman. “Once part of a fleet that connected communities and fueled commerce across Puget Sound, her visit brings history to life.”

Public tours of the Virginia V will be available from noon to 5 p.m. during the event. In addition, two ticketed cruises on Penn Cove will be offered: a Kick-Off Cruise from 11 a.m. to noon, and a Happy Hour Cruise from 5 to 6 p.m. More information and tickets are available at virginiav.org/calendar.

Looking Ahead: Preservation for Future Generations

Recent restoration efforts have been driven not only by age and wear but also by storm damage and the impacts of rising sea levels. In 2024, the Coupeville Wharf was named one of Washington’s “Most Endangered Places” by the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation. This designation opens up new opportunities for funding and long-term planning.

“Our mission continues to care for the historic Wharf for future generations,” Laarman said.

With deep roots in Whidbey Island’s economy, ecology, and culture, the Coupeville Wharf’s 120th anniversary serves not only as a celebration of the past—but as a call to protect and preserve its future.

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and toys made from solid wood and human attention, not plastic molds and branding campaigns. There are custom fishing rods, stitched leather bags, and cutting boards so beautiful they make store-bought look like landfill.

Even home cleaning has gone native. Across Whidbey, refill stations and small-batch producers are offering plant-based, non-toxic soaps and scrubs. No supply chain crisis needed—just a jar, a pump, and a maker who lives nearby.

It’s the quiet revolution, and it’s happening in plain sight.

Independence: A Practice, Not Just a Holiday

So as you flip your burgers this Fourth, or lay a blanket down at Double Bluff or Windjammer to catch the last sparks of summer sun, take a beat.

Ask what independence really looks like—not in theory, but in practice. Not in firecrackers, but in relationships. Not

in imports, but in what we choose to sustain.

Because the truth is: independence doesn’t have to be loud. It can be humble, soil-stained, rooted in a network of growers, makers, and neighbors who understand that freedom is something you feed, water, and protect.

Guyana’s Amerindian communities remind us: self-sufficiency is not scarcity—it’s culture. Whidbey’s Coast Salish heritage tells us the same. Generosity and sustainability once thrived here—and still can.

And it’s been a while since we’ve said it plainly, but here it is again:

Many hands make light work.

It’s true of gardens, of communities, of nations. Especially the ones worth building.

A Note of Gratitude: Independence in All Its Forms

Finally, let’s raise our glass—not just to the past, but to the present. And not just to the homesteaders and farmers, but to the sailors, aviators, and families stationed at NAS Whidbey, who carry the weight of another kind of independence. The kind secured through service, sacrifice, and quiet strength.

They shop at our farmers markets. They coach our kids’ teams. They join us at harvest festivals and sunset parades. And they do so while balancing lives of intense duty and personal transition. Their commitment to freedom—on a national and local level—is no small thing.

Their presence reminds us that independence isn’t just grown from the ground up. It’s also upheld from the sky down.

So whether you’re tending the grill, walking the farm stand trail, harvesting beans from your backyard, or watching a flyover from your front porch—know

this: Whidbey is rich. In soil, in sea, and most of all, in spirit.

We don’t need to buy independence this year.

We just need to remember where it lives.

And bring it home, baby.

Happy 4th,
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THE RACE FOR CHINOOK SALMON!

Island Anglers that are gearing up for the July saltwater chinook season should be in their final stages of preparation. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has given the salmon fishermen their quota of marked (clipped) chinook for the early 2025 season. I use the word “race” because that is what it will basically boil down to, the retainable Chinook salmon quotas for Marine Areas-6, 7 and 9 will be so low that there will be a scramble-race to fish until the quota is met.

The quota for Marine Area-6 is 3,500 chinook, 2181 chinook for Marine Area-7, and the chinook quota for Marine Area-9 will be 3,900, these low quota numbers are what sets the race mentality into motion. Here is the good news, the chinook fishing over the last couple years has been on fire! The tough news is the quota will be caught in 2 to 7 days. In my opinion the statewide printed fishing regulations for summer Chinook salmon are only good for basic fishing information and gear restrictions. Unfortunately the usable fishing dates and guidelines come from the WDFW website under the “Emergency Rule Change” section, here is where the state makes almost daily in-season rule changes that cover sudden closures and openings. It is difficult to plan for friends and family to come visit and fish with the loose ended and ever changing regulations.

Key points for Marine Area 6:

- **Closed Areas:** Fishing is closed south of a line from Angeles Point to Observatory Point.
- **Port Angeles Harbor:** The harbor west of a line from the tip of Ediz Hook to the ITT Rayonier Dock is closed to salmon fishing.
- **Retention:** Marked Chinook are retained only west of a true north/south line through the “2” buoy near the tip of Ediz Hook.
- **Quota:** The total landed Chinook quota for Marine Area 6 is 3,500.
- **Size Limit:** Chinook must be at least 22 inches in length to be retained.
- **OtherRestrictions:** Anglers must release unmarked coho, chum, and Chinook.

Key points for Marine Area 7:

- **Quota:** 2,181 legal-marked hatchery Chinook.
- **Opening Date:** July 17-19 (tentative, may vary).
- **Daily Limit:** Two salmon, one of which may be a hatchery-marked Chinook.
- **Minimum Size:** 22 inches for Chinook.
- **Release:** Wild Chinook, chum, sockeye, and wild coho must be released.
- **Bellingham and Samish Bays:** Closed to salmon fishing through August 15.
- **Additional Openings:** May occur based on remaining quota, check the WDFW website.

Key points for Marine Area 9:

- **July:** Marine Area 9 is closed for all salmon fishing except for a specific opening for hatchery Chinook, hatchery coho, and pink salmon from July 17-19.
- **August - September:** Open daily for pink and hatchery coho salmon.
- **Quota:** The 2025 Chinook catch quota is 3,900, the same as in 2024.
- **Daily Limit:** The daily limit is two salmon, with only one being a hatchery-marked Chinook.
- **Release:** Anglers must release all chum, wild coho, and wild Chinook.

You might be asking why the summer Chinook salmon retention quotas are so small. In my opinion, incomplete large scale harvest numbers are not accurate. Anti-hatchery activism is rampant in this state, along with organizations more interested in fish related lawsuits than money and energy spent towards real recovery. And the WDFW and Co-management are not totally transparent with the public on salmon proposals and seasonal fishing opportunities.

A lack of seemingly basic common sense with retention rules, for example. The quotas we have been given are solely for marked (adipose fin clipped fish,) and we are only allowed one marked chinook per angler per day (using barbless hooks). We are not allowed to keep “wild” (non-clipped) fish. Here is a non-common sense point; “after a wild fish has been released the state counts up-to a 40% mortality rate of those released salmon, these mortality fish count toward the overall allowed quota”. So realistically an angler could catch and release numerus wild fish before catching a marked fish. Wouldn’t it make more sense to let anglers keep the first legal size fish he or she catches? Salmon management at this point in the state of Washington is difficult, however, I believe there are areas where simple common sense changes would add-to the recovery and sustainability of our chinook salmon.

Every year myself and thousands of fellow salmon anglers cross our fingers that the summer chinook quotas and seasons will be increased and extended, and winter chinook seasons will once again be reopened. Until state and federal acceptable king salmon numbers are achieved clearing the way to longer seasons, I will be one of the anglers lined up for the “race for chinook.”

Beginning this month through October salmon fishing opportunities (some very short) in the Puget Sound and the surrounding rivers will increase, it’s going to be an exciting summer for salmon fishermen! Be ready, be safe, and get to the beaches or to your boat and catch a magical salmon!

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Oak Harbor Police Department Receives State Accreditation Grant

The Oak Harbor Police Department (OHPD) is proud to announce that it has been awarded \$43,478.26 in grant funding through the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission's Fiscal Year 2025 Accreditation Grant Program.

This funding comes as a result of OHPD's completion of a four-year re-accreditation in August 2024. The department is one of 23 law enforcement agencies in Washington State to meet the eligibility criteria for this round of funding.

"Receiving this grant reflects the hard work and dedication of our officers and staff. Maintaining accreditation standards is a testament to the dedicated and professional staff at the Oak Harbor Police Department," said Oak Harbor Police Chief Tony Slowik.

The Oak Harbor Police Department remains the only accredited law enforcement agency in Island County, one of 80 accredited agencies statewide.

North Cascades National Park Service Complex News Release

Campfires banned in all portions of North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area

Effective Thursday, July 3, campfires or the ignition of wood, briquettes, or any fuel in fire pits, fire pans and barbecue grills, are banned in all portions of North Cascades National Park Service Complex, which includes North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area. This ban includes all National Park Service lands and campgrounds along State Route 20 as well as Hozomeen and the entire Stehekin Valley. Pressurized or bottled liquid fuel stoves, grills, or lanterns are allowed. Devices must have an on/off switch or valve that can immediately extinguish the flame.

Lack of spring rains and warm weather has contributed to drier fuels and increased fire danger. The burn ban helps reduce the chance of human-caused wildfires during drought-like conditions with prolonged high summer temperatures. Use caution when smoking and do not discard cigarette butts. Discharging, or using any kind of fireworks, tracer ammunition or other incendiary devices in any location are always prohibited on federal lands.

If smoke or flames are visible, dial 911 or make a report to any ranger station.

Free virtual workshop to address wildfire preparedness in Island County

As wildfire seasons across Washington state become longer and more intense, it's more important than ever to understand the risks and how Island County residents and responders can work together to be better prepared.

From 2-4:30 p.m. Thursday, July 10, Island County Department of Emergency Management is holding a virtual Wildfire Preparedness and Response Workshop. This event, which is free and open to all, will bring together local and regional experts to discuss the following:

- The wildfire risks unique to Island County
- Challenges and strategies for wildfire response in our region
- Steps you can take to protect your home, property, and family
- How utilities such as Puget Sound Energy are working to reduce fire risk

"The July 10 Wildfire Preparedness and Response Workshop will be an informative, interactive session designed for all residents, whether you're new to the area or have lived here for decades," said Deputy Director, Island County Department of Emergency Management, Eric Brooks.

"We encourage everyone to share this invitation with neighbors, family, local groups, and anyone who could benefit from learning more about wildfire preparedness," Brooks said. "The more we prepare together, the stronger and safer our communities become."

Meet Our Expert Panel:

- Kirk Troberg, Community Wildfire Resilience Coordinator, Washington Department of Natural Resources. A 19-year wildland fire veteran, Kirk brings frontline experience and practical advice for building wildfire resilience in Northwest Washington.
- Chief Jason Allen, fire chief for Camano Island Fire and Rescue. With nearly three decades of service, Chief Allen will share insights into local firefighting capabilities and what community members need to know when fire strikes close to home.
- Rocio Castillo-Foell, community affairs manager for Puget Sound Energy. Rocio will discuss PSE's wildfire prevention and response initiatives, and how the utility is working with communities to improve safety and sustainability.
- Mason Parizo, emergency preparedness coordinator for Island County Public Health. Parizo brings experience in both tribal and county emergency management with a focus on public health impacts and community readiness.
- Eric Brooks, deputy director for Island County Department of Emergency Management. With more than 14 years leading disaster planning and public safety initiatives in Island County, Brooks will walk workshop attendees through the county's wildfire planning efforts and what residents can do now to be ready.

For more information about the public workshop, contact Eric Brooks, Island County Department of Emergency Management, at e.brooks@co.island.wa.us.





Fragrant with island-grown lavender and bursting with local blueberries, these shortcakes capture the essence of Whidbey in every bite. Fluffy biscuits, gently sweetened cream, and a juicy compote make this a rustic but elegant summer dessert.

Blueberry-Lavender Shortcakes

(Makes 6 servings)

Ingredients

For the Blueberry Compote:

- 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries (Whidbey-grown if possible)
- 2 tbsps sugar
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- ½ tsp dried culinary lavender (or 1 tsp fresh, finely chopped)

For the Shortcakes:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp baking powder

- ¼ tsp salt
- 3 tbsps sugar
- ½ cup cold unsalted butter, cubed
- ¾ cup heavy cream, plus more for brushing
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

For the Whipped Cream:

- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 tbsps powdered sugar
- ½ tsp vanilla extract

Optional: a pinch of culinary lavender or lemon zest

Instructions:

1. Make the Blueberry Compote:
In a small saucepan, combine blueberries, sugar, lemon juice, and lavender. Simmer on low for 10–15 minutes until thickened but still chunky. Set aside to cool slightly.
2. Bake the Shortcakes:
Preheat oven to 425°F. In a large bowl, whisk flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in cream and vanilla until dough just comes together.
Turn onto a floured surface, pat to 1-inch thick, and cut into 6 rounds. Brush tops with cream and bake 15–18 minutes until golden.
3. Whip the Cream:
Beat cream, sugar, vanilla, and optional lavender/zest until soft peaks form.
4. Assemble:
Split shortcakes in half. Spoon warm blueberry compote over the bottom half, add a generous dollop of whipped cream, then top with the other half. Finish with more berries and cream on top if desired.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, this week brings a burst of confidence—especially in creative or romantic pursuits. Around the 5th, an opportunity to lead or perform shows up. Trust your instincts and don't hold back.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you're craving comfort and connection. The 4th is perfect for gathering with loved ones or beautifying your home. Emotions may run deep midweek—don't suppress them; let them guide you.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, your voice carries power now. Whether you're writing, speaking, or negotiating, others are listening. Around the 6th, an important message gets through—so be clear, concise, and kind.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

Cancer, your focus shifts to your values. Financial decisions or emotional boundaries may surface, especially near the 5th. Stand firm in what matters most—you're redefining what "security" means to you.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Leo, this is a week of self-renewal. The 7th is particularly strong for setting personal goals or debuting a fresh idea. Shine brightly—but also stay aware of how others receive your light.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, rest and reflection are essential now. The pace slows around the 6th, inviting you to check in with your inner world. A dream or gut feeling offers clarity—write it down before it fades.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, this week is full of connection. Surround yourself with people who inspire you and fuel your vision. A conversation around the 4th or 8th could reignite a collaboration or spark a new one.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, all eyes are on you professionally. Use the momentum around the 5th to step up, apply, or pitch. You've earned your expertise—don't shy away from owning it.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you're feeling the itch for adventure or meaning. Whether you're booking travel or diving into a new belief system, the 6th is ideal for saying yes to the unknown.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, this week invites emotional depth and renewal. A personal or financial entanglement may surface—especially around the 7th. Approach it with honesty and you'll find the resolution you need.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, relationships are in focus now. Whether strengthening a bond or letting one go, the 4th through 6th provides clarity. Don't run from vulnerability—it's where the real magic happens.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, organization becomes your love language this week. Streamline your schedule and clear space—both mentally and physically. The 8th is great for starting a new wellness or productivity routine.



Astrology for July 3 - July 9 2025

Venus and Uranus enter Gemini

On **July 4**, Venus enters Gemini until July 30. Venus in Gemini brings focus and good feels to communication, travel, learning, and curiosity. This transit will amplify relationships and conversations between friends, neighbors, siblings, and those in our local everyday environments. Since Venus also rules over romantic endeavors, we are likely to be more open to trying new things in matters of love. Venus in this position is less concerned with commitments and more interested in mental stimulation, good conversation, and exchanging ideas. This is a great month to follow curiosity and truly learn about what we value and how we want to grow. Get curious.

On **July 6**, Venus in Gemini sextiles Saturn in Aries at 1° and then Neptune in Aries at 2°. This helpful aspect gives Venus some inspiration and a little stability as she follows the white rabbit. We may be more inclined to weigh out our options before jumping right in to whatever or wherever our curiosity has led us. This would be wise. If it were just a sextile to Saturn, we would have more of a sure bet, but be aware that with Neptune in the mix, there can be confusion about what is truly being offered or presented. Keep things light today as you explore in the physical world. Ask questions! Take notes of findings and offerings. The Moon in late degrees of Scorpio will oppose Uranus in Taurus at 29° midday, creating the possibility for emotional unpredictability around the status of relationship energies and finances. Later in the day, when the Moon moves into Sagittarius forming a trine to Saturn and Neptune in Aries, moods shift into more productive channels.

On **July 7**, Venus in Gemini trines Pluto in Aquarius at 3°. This is a powerful and very supportive aspect that connects passion and pleasure with transformative energy in all matters connected to Venus (relationships, finances, values, self-worth, beauty, pleasure, etc.) and Pluto (power dynamics, collective unconscious, death/rebirth cycle, etc.). These planets are speaking through the lens of air signs, so there is a cerebral, mental tone today that is turned on and actively engaging in social exchanges. Ideas that turn you on. Mental flirtations. Transformative and engaging conversation. Linking with people on your frequency.

Also on **July 7** we have some MAJOR astrology. Uranus enters the sign of Gemini for the first time in 84 years. Uranus will only dip into the sign of Gemini for a few months (stations retrograde in September moving back into Taurus), but this is our first taste of the next chapter until the transit is complete in 2033. Since 2018, Uranus had a hard time in Taurus, a sign that does not enjoy change and unpredictability. We have endured the stubborn energy that shifted our interactions and awareness around food supplies, agriculture, property and land ownership, survival kits, and all matters of physical resource conversations. As Uranus moves into Gemini, the brakes are off completely. Over the next 7-8 years, Uranus in this position will make moves at high speeds in regards to changes in travel, transportation technology, social media and the apps we use most frequently, the way we communicate with each other, awareness of language and writing, and human elements vs AI convenience to name a few themes. Look to where 0° of Gemini is in your personal natal chart to see exactly where the first boom begins for you. Wherever Uranus transits, you can bet on extreme changes.

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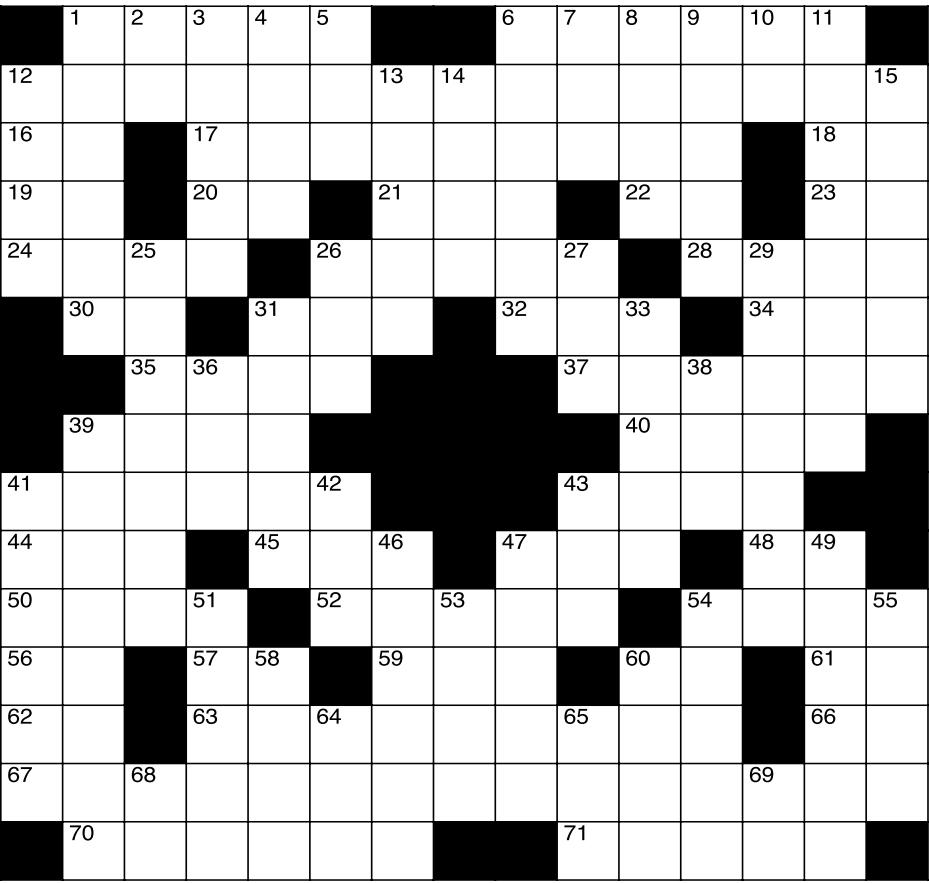
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Notes
- 6. Long-haired dog breed
- 12. ESPN's nickname
- 16. Spanish be
- 17. Disadvantage
- 18. Of I
- 19. Actor Pacino
- 20. On your way: __ route
- 21. Fifth note of a major scale
- 22. Companies need it
- 23. News agency
- 24. Faces of an organization
- 26. Ponds
- 28. Samoa's capital
- 30. Partner to "Pa"
- 31. Adult male
- 32. Cool!
- 34. Used of a number or amount not specified
- 35. No No No
- 37. Hosts film festival
- 39. British place to house convicts
- 40. Made of fermented honey and water
- 41. Chief
- 43. College army
- 44. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
- 45. Consume
- 47. One point north of due east
- 48. For instance
- 50. Brews
- 52. Alaskan river
- 54. Not soft
- 56. Atomic #22
- 57. "The Golden State"
- 59. "The world's most famous arena"
- 60. Larry and Curly's pal
- 61. One billion gigabytes
- 62. Conducts inspections
- 63. Malaria mosquitoes
- 66. Unit to measure width
- 67. Features
- 70. Affairs
- 71. Letter of Semitic abjads

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Follower of Islam
- 2. Trauma center
- 3. French young women
- 4. Norse god
- 5. U.S. commercial flyer (abbr.)
- 6. Merchant
- 7. Peyton's younger brother
- 8. Jungle planet in "Star Wars" galaxy
- 9. Tree-dwelling animal of C. and S. America
- 10. "Pollack" actor Harris
- 11. Stuck around
- 12. Put on
- 13. Influential Norwegian playwright
- 14. Christian __, designer
- 15. Fulfills a debt
- 25. Style
- 26. More (Spanish)
- 27. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 29. Remedy
- 31. Disturbance
- 33. "The Martian" actor Matt
- 36. Express delight
- 38. Brooklyn hoopster
- 39. 1900 lamp
- 41. Motionless
- 42. One's mother (Brit.)
- 43. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 46. Compels to act
- 47. Gardening tool
- 49. Ancient country
- 51. Frightening
- 53. Wimbledon champion Arthur
- 54. Popular plant
- 55. Database management system
- 58. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- 60. Where soldiers eat
- 64. Tenth month (abbr.)
- 65. Illuminated
- 68. Atomic #18
- 69. Adults need one to travel

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST						
Thurs, July 3	Fri, July 4	Sat, July 5	Sun, July 6	Mon, July 7	Tues, July 8	Wed, July 9
North Isle H-60°/L-50°	North Isle H-61°/L-50°	North Isle H-61°/L-51°	North Isle H-63°/L-52°	North Isle H-65°/L-54°	North Isle H-66°/L-54°	North Isle H-66°/L-55°
South Isle H-63°/L-52°	South Isle H-64°/L-53°	South Isle H-64°/L-53°	South Isle H-67°/L-56°	South Isle H-68°/L-56°	South Isle H-70°/L-57°	South Isle H-71°/L-58°



OUR Community
An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

Why do we celebrate the 4th of July?



Olivia Y,
Oak Harbor

America became independent on 4th of July, 1776. We celebrate that with fireworks and parties every year. We sometimes go and watch the parade. We all wear red, white and blue.

Maggie Y,
Oak Harbor



Fourth of July means celebrating the birthday of America. People celebrate with parades, parties and bba-ing. We also wear the patriotic colors red, white and blue in honor of the birth of America. That is what Fourth of July means to me.



Serenity W,
Oak Harbor

We celebrate the 4th of July of our independence. My dad is in the military, so this days means a lot to me and my family. The fireworks remind us of our freedom that we have in our country. On the 4th of July I think of how hard it was to fight for our independence and am thankful for the people that did and still do today.

Porter S,
Oak Harbor



We celebrate the 4th of July because, in 1776, we were at war with Great Britain. The American colonies wanted freedom and independence from Great Britain to create their own rights. We celebrate the 4th of July for American pride and our independence from Great Britain. To me, the 4th of July means fireworks, staying up late, and BBQs.

Joyful saying of the week

"Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day."
- Henri J. M. Nouwen

YOU CAN SUPPORT Brian Fakkema and Shirley and Jeff Dalton

who lost everything they owned- in a fire- including the loss of Mark Fakkema, who died in the explosion, which caused the fire.

There are two ways you can support these members of our community.

1- A GO FUND ME account has been set up in support of them. The page can be found at gofund.me/3b16efa0 or by searching "Fakkema" on the GoFundMe site.

2- A bank account has been set up at Whidbey Island Bank as well.

Shirley Dalton has asked me to share the following with you, "We would like the members of our community to know how very grateful we are for their support. The Elks Club has been especially supportive, as well as other members of our community. A truly heartfelt thank you.

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Thursdays through August 28, 4-7 p.m.
Enjoy local produce, handmade goods, and community spirit every Thursday this summer.

COUPEVILLE FARMERS MARKET
788 NW Alexander St., Coupeville
Saturdays through October 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Find fresh food, crafts, and more at this long-running market. Closed Aug. 9 for the Arts and Crafts Festival.

BAYVIEW FARMERS MARKET
Corner of SR 525 and Bayview Road, Langley
Saturdays through October, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
A vibrant market with local food, crafts, live music, and more. Celebrate the 25th season with the community every Saturday.

SOUTH WHIDBEY TILTH FARMERS MARKET
2812 Thompson Road, Langley
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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 Tues)
Closed 12-1 p.m. for lunch
Island Church of Whidbey Soup Kitchen: 503 Cascade Ave., Langley 360-221-0969
Tues & Thurs 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
SPIN Café: 1241 SW Barlow St., Oak Harbor Daily, 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
St. Hubert's Catholic Church Wednesday Soup Kitchen All are Welcome! 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
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Ask about our Thursday Dinner HUB After School: 301 Anthes Ave., Langley 360-221-0969
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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

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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
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Ryan's House for Youth – 19777 SR 20, Coupeville 360-331-4575
For at-risk adults ages 18-24
Whidbey Homeless Coalition – Serving Island County 360-900-3077
The Haven Overnight Shelter is a night-to-night shelter for up to 30 individuals. Must follow check in rules and must register daily between 4:00 and 4:30pm Mon. thru Fri. and 3:45 pm to 4:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays at the SPIN Café, 1241 SW Barlow St., Oak Harbor.
House of Hope Emergency Housing, Langley, 360-708-4533. Transitional housing for families and adults at severe risk of homelessness; to apply, contact the Housing Support Center or call the number above.
Oxford Houses – Recovery housing oxfordhouse.org
-Men:360-246-4101
- Women & Children: 360-682-5773

MONTHLY MEETING


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

WEEKLY MEETINGS

MEMORY CAFÉ Every 1st and 3rd Tues of the Month 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church 1050 SE Ireland Street Oak Harbor, WA
Join our bi-monthly gathering for people with memory loss and their family to enjoy a time of fun, conversation, music and laughing (and snacks). This is a dementia friendly setting. For information: 360-720-4535
SOUTH WHIDBEY NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUP meets every Wednesday at 6pm at the Langley Methodist Church, 301 Anthes in Langley. We meet in the Fireside Room, rear of church. Karol:360 914 7695.
Have a problem with drinking? It doesn't cost anything to attend A.A. meetings. Local Meetings are in Coupeville, Freeland, Langley, Clinton, and Oak Harbor. There are no age or education requirements to participate. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about their drinking problem. A.A.'s primary purpose is to help alcoholics to achieve sobriety. We're here to help. For local meetings search aa.org or call 888-360-1564
Have you ever been affected by someone else's drinking? Al-Anon may be for you. AL-ANON: Tuesdays at 5:30-6:30 Oak Harbor Lutheran Church Library 1253 NW 2nd Ave. There is help and hope: Contact for more info: Rebecca 425-773-6937
Gamblers Anonymous Meeting: Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Senior Center. Mount Vernon Senior Center, 1401 Cleveland Ave, Mount Vernon Any questions, call Washington State Gamblers Anonymous hotline at 855-222-5542, or visit <https://gawashington.org/>
OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS Tuesdays 7 PM to 8 PM Langley United Methodist Church 301 Anthes Ave. Room 224 Langley, Washington 98260
For local meeting information and support call: Kevin 206-395-9622
Adult Children of Alcoholic and Dysfunctional Families meeting, Tuesdays 2-3 pm, Langley Methodist Church - 301 Anthes Ave, Langley - Fireside room. Contact: acawhidbey@gmail.com

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