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THE WHIDBEY PLAYHOUSE COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENTS

# Calendar Girls

Written by Tim Firth

Based on the Miramax Motion Picture  
by Juliet Towhidi and Tim  
Firth

Sept. 5-28

Fridays 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays 7:30 p.m.

Sundays 2:30 p.m.

Directed, by Sarah Jaye Gallella  
Produced, by Amy Jones

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## Cheeky "Calendar Girls" Will Put a Smile on Your Face



Review by Jim Sovanski, The Whidbey Weekly

In case you've forgotten the story, "Calendar Girls" at the Whidbey Playhouse tells the heartwarming true story of six Yorkshire, England, women who band together to produce a calendar as a fundraiser. The proceeds are for a new couch in the local hospital oncology unit after one of their husbands dies from leukemia. The twist is it's a nude calendar featuring middle-aged women doing domestic chores. It's a charming, funny show full of cheeky British wit while dealing underneath the wit and charm with the all-too-common reality of fighting the relentless killer, cancer. The play is based on the 2003 hit film of the same name. The theatrical adaptation premiered in 2008 and a musical stage version appeared in 2015.

At the Playhouse, this production is so much more than just a play for everyone involved. It's a love letter and group hug to everyone whose lives have been touched by the battle against cancer. Most everyone involved has a story to tell or a connection to share about this disease.

The actual story is similar and real enough. The women, all members of the Knapely Women's Institute (WI), a local charity, started the calendar project hoping to raise enough money to buy the new waiting room couch. The first calendar ended up raising over 322,000 British pounds. The resulting publicity spawned a worldwide phenomenon and similar fundraising schemes all over the globe. Over 25 years, the original group has raised over 6 million pounds for Blood Cancer UK to research and find a cure for blood cancers. With such a compelling story, it wasn't long until Hollywood came calling. The rest, they say, is history.

The story starts with lifelong friends Chris, played by Katie Jones, and Annie, portrayed by Erin Martin, and how they deal with Annie's husband John's, played by Jim Kane, battle with leukemia. The script nimbly treads the fine line between the comedy of understated British wit and tragedy. The marvelous Playhouse cast uniformly delivers a heartfelt yet witty and loving portrayal of life in the wake of leukemia. Making lemonade from lemons comes to mind.

Rusty, Lisa, Erin, Katie, Jade & Laura Beth

Kudos to the company for pulling off their clever, resourceful, and tasteful presentation of actually photographing a nude calendar. Who knew donuts, flowers, and sheet music could be so strategic a prop. Also, don't blink. Each shot happens quickly.

As the story unwinds, individual personalities are revealed as each woman navigates the unfamiliar territory of notoriety and celebrity, and their eventual empowerment by living through it. And they all manage to grow a little along the way.

That personal connection of cast and crew extends to Gallella's creative process. "As soon as I got my hands on a copy of the script I was swimming with ideas on how I could stage a show like this and make it work in our theater. The six ladies have some of the best character arcs for female actors. Seeing how each actor has brought to life these women has been a special process."

Powerhouse Katie Jones, who plays Chris, put it this way: "Being cast as Chris did not shock me. We are both loud, funny, come up with crazy ideas, get passionate about the things we are involved in, and enjoy being the star. We also both desperately love our best friends and would do anything for them! I don't take lightly that so many others could have filled Chris's bra! I'm just glad she let me be the one to take it off, of course without any indecency!"

Theater newcomer Erin Martin, who shines as Annie, takes a different approach to the same result. "Annie prefers to keep the peace and avoid conflict, but Chris encourages her to step out of her comfort zone and embrace her authentic self. I am similar to Annie in that way. It took a great friend to encourage me to step out of my shell to audition for this role."

Jim Kane ably plays Annie's husband John, whose story is the impetus for the calendar project in the first place. "I was interested in this play and this role in particular because it's quite a bit different than my last few experiences onstage. There's comedy, tragedy, and some really poignant scenes with my character's final scene. It's been a delight working with the rest of the cast, crew, and our director. I'm still a bit of a novice with theater, and it's fascinating to watch the process of a group of people working together and creating a show!"

"Calendar Girls" at the Whidbey Playhouse opens Friday, September 5, at 7:30 p.m. and runs weekends through September 28. Evening shows are at 7:30 p.m. and matinee performances are at 2:30 p.m. The



Lisa Judd & Rusty Hendrix



Lisa, Laura Beth, Rusty & Jade

A show like "Calendar Girls" fosters really strong connections and memories among the cast and crew. Director Sarah Jayne Gallella spoke to this. "I love this story. I remember when this happened in real life and was on the news. This show shares a glimpse into the friendship the six women have and really demonstrates how far a friend can go to support you when they are going through something horrible."

Whidbey Playhouse is located at 730 SE Midway Blvd. in Oak Harbor. Ticket sales and further information at [www.whidbey-playhouse.com](http://www.whidbey-playhouse.com)

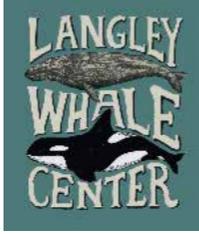
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# BITS & PIECES

## NEW "TOKI'S LEGACY" EXHIBIT AT LANGLEY WHALE CENTER CONNECTS ONE CAPTIVE WHALE, HER EXTENDED FAMILY, AND HER HOME

Orca Network's Langley Whale Center will celebrate the opening of their new "Toki's Legacy" interactive exhibit on Saturday, August 30, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM at 105 Anthes Avenue in Langley, WA. The exhibit, made possible by a grant from the Washington Maritime Heritage Foundation, tells the story of Tokitae/Lolita/Sk'aliCh'elh-tenaut, a whale from the critically endangered Southern Resident orca population who was captured in Penn Cove in August of 1970 and survived in captivity for 53 years before her death in 2023.



"Toki's story is worth telling by itself, because she had such a remarkable spirit and ability to draw together people from all walks of life to work toward her release, throughout her lifetime," said Orca Network Co-Founder and President Howard Garrett. "But what makes this exhibit really special is how it tells the bigger picture of her story, from the relationship of Salish people to the Southern Resident orcas, to Toki's L-pod family members who still make their home in Pacific Northwest waters, to the salmon and ecosystem that tie us all together."

The new exhibit features an interactive display that allows Langley Whale Center visitors to explore all aspects of Tokitae's family, life, and home waters, in addition to artifacts from the Penn Cove capture. Another element of the exhibit is in place on the Washington State ferry Tokitae, named for the whale. Passengers will find a mural of Tokitae by artist Kaarina Makowski in the passenger cabin of the vessel, in addition to educational panels about Tokitae, her family, and the impact of the orca captures in Puget Sound in the 1960s-70s.

That impact was significant; nearly one third of the Southern Resident orca population was taken to marine parks and aquariums during what is known as the "Capture Era," resulting in a loss of genetic diversity that is among the challenges faced by Toki's surviving family.

"The exhibit explores the vital connections between orcas, salmon, and the people of the Northwest," said Garrett. "Toki's Legacy is a growing community of people celebrating her family's unique vocal and behavioral culture, working together to strengthen these connections, to help her family grow to a healthy population once again."

Langley Whale Center is a program of Orca Network. Admission is free. The Center is open Wednesday-Sunday, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM year round. For more information, please visit [www.orcanetwork.org](http://www.orcanetwork.org).

## Perry, Thunder, and Big Beaver Fires Monday Update

Although fire behavior moderated under morning air inversions, the Perry Fire remained active over the weekend and is estimated at 600 acres. On Sunday, the Type-3 helicopter delivered aerial water but had to disengage due to reduced visibility. Steep, difficult, and cliffy terrain pose significant threat to firefighter safety which limits direct handline work. Fire managers continue a full suppression strategy with aerial delivered water.

The Type-1 Whiskeytown Wildland Fire Module, which includes 10 firefighters, arrives on Tuesday. Additional resources, including a Type-3 Incident Commander, have been ordered to support active suppression operations.

Unseasonably hot and dry weather is expected for Monday throughout the remainder of the week. An air inversion will likely occur overnight and into the morning, lifting early in the afternoon. Once the inversion lifts, increased fire behavior is expected due to hot and dry conditions. Visitors should expect to see smoke impacts in the Ross Lake area.

Today the Type-3 helicopter with helitack crew will continue aerial delivered water operations to the fire area as conditions safely allow. Visitors recreating on Ross Lake should keep away from aerial resources, such as helicopters, utilizing the lake as a water source for firefighting suppression efforts.

The Thunder Fire remains at 1.5 acres. Smokejumpers continue mop up operations and are expected to have the fire contained and controlled by the end of shift on Monday. A fire is considered contained and controlled when a control line has been completed around the fire, including all spot fires, and the control line can reasonably be expected to stop the fire's spread.

The Big Beaver Fire is currently in patrol status following a full suppression effort with aerial delivered water from the Type-3 helicopter. No smoke has been observed in the last two shifts.

Regional and national smoke is present in the area which may affect air quality. Air quality can change quickly. Know your risk from wildfire smoke and plan to reduce exposure. Learn more at <https://fire.airnow.gov>.

Drones are prohibited in the area during emergency fire response. If you fly, we can't! If there are drone incursions, all helicopter flights will be grounded. Keep drones away from wildfires.

Visitors should check the park Fire Closures page prior to a visit for up-to-date trail and camp closure information. Closures are in place to protect the public.

Fire restrictions remain in effect in all areas of the park complex. Campfires are banned in all portions of North Cascades National Park Service Complex – North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area. This includes all National Park Service lands and campgrounds along State Route 20 as well as Hozomeen and the entire Stehekin Valley.

## Lightning storms ignite fires in North Cascades National Park Service Complex

Lightning struck several areas across North Cascades National Park Service Complex over the last several days with smoke and a handful of fires observed immediately following the lightning storms. Crews are working to suppress three fires in the park complex, including Thunder (approx. 1.5 acres), Perry (approx. 50 acres), and Big Beaver (approx. ¼ acre) Fires.

Trails and camps in the Little Beaver area of Ross Lake are closed due to proximity to the active fire. Additional closures may occur as more information becomes available. Visitors should check the park Fire Closures page prior to a visit for up-to-date trail and camp closure information.

Fire crews are still assessing potential fire activity associated with smoke reports within the park complex. Difficult and cliffy terrain, cloud cover, rain, and poor visibility may hamper aerial and ground suppression efforts.

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The Oak Harbor Music Festival thrives not only through music and community, but also through the dedication of those who safeguard it. We are deeply grateful to the Oak Harbor Police and Fire Departments along with Robert May & Team at Whidbey Health EMS for their steadfast care and protection.

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# What's Going On!

## FLYING FINGERS

Friday, Sept. 5 — 5:30 p.m.  
Langley United Methodist Church, Fireside Room

Join a supportive group of deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals to practice fingerspelling and signing in a welcoming environment. Shared food adds a nice surprise to the monthly gathering.

## CHILDREN'S FAIR

Saturday, September 6  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Coupeville Community Green, next to Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St

Join the Coupeville Library and Partners for Young Children in Island County for a resource fair dedicated to families with children ages 0-5. Meet a variety of local organizations who serve families and enjoy entertainment from your local library!

National award-winning children's singer-songwriter Nancy Stewart will present a fun-filled concert at 11AM, and kids of all ages will enjoy the contagious sing-along fun that is part of every Nancy Stewart Show! Attend a short Storytime Sampler at 10:30AM or 12:30PM. Families can also visit Clementine the Amazing Face Painting from 10AM-2PM.

This drop-in event will be held on the Coupeville Community Green right next to the Coupeville Library in conjunction with the Farmers Market.

## MILITARY APPRECIATION PICNIC

Sept. 6, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Windjammer Park, 1600 S. Beekma Drive, Oak Harbor

The Oak Harbor Chamber and Oak Harbor Navy League present the Military Appreciation Picnic — a community celebration with live music, family activities, and the "largest BBQ in town." More than 400 pounds of meat will be served, along with sides like potato salad, coleslaw, and chips. The free event also includes kids' crafts, games, and vendor booths.

Organizers are collecting 12-ounce soda cans or donations to support supplies. All proceeds benefit military families relocating to the area.

## GREENBANK FARM HARVEST FAIRE

Saturday, Sept. 6, 10:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
Greenbank Farm, 765 Wonn Road, Greenbank

Celebrate Whidbey Island's bounty at the Greenbank Farm! The Harvest Faire features hayrides, a pie-eating contest, farm animals, vendors, live music, a beer garden, free kids crafts, food trucks, and more. This community event showcases the island's food, farms, and nonprofits.

Free admission.

## U IS FOR UKULELE EARLY LITERACY MUSIC PROGRAM

Wednesday, Sept. 10  
2 to 3 p.m.  
Langley Library, 104 Second St., Langley

The Harmonica Pocket presents "U is for Ukulele," an interactive program for toddlers, preschoolers and kindergarteners. Families are invited to join a lively hour of favorite nursery rhymes, songs, beloved books

including Dr. Seuss's ABCs, and playful stories—all designed to build excitement for reading and the alphabet. Free. Suitable for young children and their caregivers.

## AN OUTCAST PRODUCTIONS: THE CARETAKER

Sept. 12, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
OutCast Black Box Theater, Camano Avenue, Langley

OutCast Productions presents Harold Pinter's *The Caretaker*, directed by Dan Christiaens and Robert Sindelar. Aston offers down-and-out Davies the chance to be a live-in caretaker, but Davies doesn't know what a caretaker should do in a room filled with junk. When Aston's manipulative brother Mick arrives, a power struggle begins in this sharp exploration of trust, betrayal, loneliness, and absurdity.

Additional performances:

- Sept. 13, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Sept. 19, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Sept. 20, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Sept. 21, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Sept. 26, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Sept. 27, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Sept. 28, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$20 adults, \$17 students and seniors.

## ANIMAL MYCOPHILES (CRITTERS THAT HUNT, FARM, SELF-MEDICATE AND GET HIGH ON FUNGI)

Saturday, September 13, 2025  
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
Coupeville Library, Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St

Uncover the secret lives of animals and fungi in *Animal Mycophiles* with author Eva Gordon who will take you on a journey into a hidden world of surprising partnerships.

## HARVEST AT THE HARBOR

Sept. 13, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Oak Harbor Marina, SE Catalina Drive, Oak Harbor

Celebrate fall on the waterfront with family fun at the Oak Harbor Marina. The day includes boat tours, seasonal kids' crafts and games, and the build-a-boat Rain Gutter Regatta with prizes. Food will be available for purchase from local vendors. Free and open to all ages.

## WHALES OF THE SALISH SEA

Tuesday, Sept. 16  
4 to 5 p.m.  
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave., Freeland

Join Garry Heinrich, response coordinator and investigator for the Central Puget Sound Marine Mammal Stranding Network, for an overview of the whales you may encounter in the Salish Sea and the challenges they face. Heinrich holds a 200-ton captain's license, teaches marine science and works part time on West Coast tall ships. The Central Puget Sound Marine Mammal Stranding Network is a partnership with Orca Network, wildlife veterinarians, biologists and NOAA Fisheries, with trained staff and volunteers.

Free. Suitable for adults.

## SOUP BOX DERBY

Sunday, Sept. 14  
First Street Hill, Langley

Join the wildest race on Whidbey Island as community members race nonmotorized vehicles downhill on First Street Hill in Langley. Check out the wacky designs and costumes or enter the race yourself. Racer check-in starts at 8:30 a.m., safety inspections at 9 a.m., and races run from 10 a.m. to noon. Presented by the Langley Main Street Association.

## WEIRDBEY ISLAND WRITING WORKSHOP WITH AUTHOR ELDRITCH BLACK

Wednesday, September 17, 2025  
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
Coupeville Library, Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St

Do you like writing spooky stories? Create a monster using all five senses as Weirdbey Island author, Eldritch Black, guides and inspires young writers through this fun and engaging workshop. For tweens and teens ages 10 and up.

## ADVANCED CARE PLANNING WORKSHOP

Thursday, September 18, 2025  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
Coupeville Library, Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St

Join a multidisciplinary care team from Whidbey Health to learn more about your options for Advanced Care Planning. Advanced Care Planning (ACP) is a way for you to express their goals of care anywhere along the health care continuum.

We will begin with a short PowerPoint presentation and a Q & A session and conclude with the opportunity to talk one-on-one with a social worker, physician, or Nurse Practitioner (RN). These are informational sessions only; no medical care will be provided.

## DJANGOFEST NORTHWEST 2025

September 17–21  
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## WASHINGTON WORKER BENEFITS- ALL ABOUT THE NEW WA CARES FUND

Saturday, September 20, 2025  
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
Coupeville Library, Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St

Learn what the WA Cares Fund is, how workers can qualify for the program, what kind of benefits will be available, and the importance of addressing and understanding Long-Term Care needs.

## FINANCIAL FRAUD SCHEMES AND SCAMS WITH WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Sunday, September 28, 2025  
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
Coupeville Library, Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St

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### Important update from 501 Commons regarding GiveBIG and Washington Gives

Dear Washington Gives participants,

It is with heavy hearts that we announce this difficult news regarding 501 Commons. On August 25, 2025, our Board of Directors voted to enter the organization into dissolution. This decision was not made lightly. After two years of significant financial challenges, audit recovery costs, and reduced revenue, our organization is no longer able to sustain operations.

In recent years, GiveBIG has continued to inspire us through its impact and the generosity of donors everywhere, with millions raised each year to support Washington's nonprofits. In 2025 alone, the campaign raised more than \$9 million. However, while these results show the strong commitment of donors and organizations, the event always required a lot of staff time, technology, and marketing efforts from 501 Commons. Even though it brought in revenue for the sector, these operational costs were much higher than what we had, causing the organization to lose money over time in running and maintaining the campaign.

As part of our closure, 501 Commons will no longer serve as the sponsor of GivingTuesday (December 2, 2025) or GiveBIG (Spring 2026). We understand these campaigns are vital fundraising opportunities for your organizations, and we are working closely with Mightycause, our giving platform partner, to ensure a smooth transition and to give you clear information about what to expect.

Mightycause has committed to ensuring the Washington Gives platform and support remain available for nonprofits through December 31, 2025.

This means organizations will continue to have access to their donation page, reports, donor data, tools, and resources to utilize for fundraising during GivingTuesday as well as end of year.

Please be on the lookout for more information regarding continued fundraising on the Washington Gives platform as conversations begin around a new sponsor for GiveBIG.

We will share updates as soon as we have them confirmed. Our commitment is to provide you with timely information so that you can plan accordingly and continue engaging donors without disruption.

On behalf of our staff and board, thank you for the trust and partnership you have shown 501 Commons. It has been an honor to support your fundraising efforts, and we are grateful for the extraordinary community that Washington Gives and GiveBIG have built across our state.

With gratitude,

Washington Gives team at 501 Commons



### All Aboard for the Oak Harbor Kiwanis Annual Sunset Dinner Cruise!

On Saturday, September 13, the Kiwanis Club of Oak Harbor will set sail on its Annual Sunset Dinner Cruise. This enchanting evening combines breathtaking Pacific Northwest scenery, fine dining, and the warm spirit of community service into an unforgettable experience you won't want to miss.



The cruise begins at 5:30 p.m. in Anacortes, where guests will board a comfortable vessel for a journey that promises awe-inspiring sights. The highlight of the evening will be a sunset voyage under the iconic Deception Pass Bridge, one of the Northwest's most dramatic landmarks. Guests will also enjoy a delicious dinner and decadent desserts provided by Gere-A-Deli, a local favorite known for fresh, flavorful meals.

But this evening represents more than scenic beauty, it is also a chance to make a difference. Every ticket purchased directly supports the Oak Harbor Kiwanis Club's wide range of youth-sponsored programs, which empower and inspire the next generation.

Your ticket helps fund programs such as:

- Key Club & Scholarships— building leadership and opportunity for local students.
- Achieving by Believing Awards— recognizing students who show perseverance in reaching personal or academic goals.
- Dictionary Project— providing every third grader with their very own dictionary.
- Reading with a Leader— giving each first grader a book before summer break, paired with a read-aloud from community leaders.
- Santa Oranges— a holiday tradition where Santa visits preschool and kindergarten classrooms, gifting each child with an orange from the "North Pole."
- Event Details at a Glance
- Date: Friday, September 13
- Departure: 5:30 p.m. from Anacortes
- Tickets: \$135 per person
- Purchase: [www.oakharborkiwanisclub/1718072](http://www.oakharborkiwanisclub/1718072)

Join the Kiwanis on the water for an evening that delights the senses, strengthens community bonds, and changes lives. Reserve your seat today and be part of a magical evening that helps build a brighter future for Oak Harbor's youth!

### Birch Bay Polar Bear Plunge Aims for World Record on New Year's Day

Volunteers Needed Now to Help Make History

Birch Bay's biggest tradition is about to get even bigger. On January 1, 2026, the Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce will attempt a GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title during its annual Polar Bear Plunge, and the community is invited to be part of the action.



To pull it off, the Chamber needs 125+ volunteers to handle setup, teardown, registration, merchandise sales, and serve as impartial stewards during the official record attempt.

"Birch Bay's Polar Bear Plunge has always been about fun and community," said Sacha Sanguinetti, event coordinator for the chamber. "This year, it's about making history — and we can't do it without volunteers."

Sign up to volunteer online at [birchbaychamber.com](http://birchbaychamber.com) or in person at the Chamber office: 4819 Alderson Rd. #103, Birch Bay.

The Polar Bear Plunge draws myriads of brave swimmers — and thousands of cheering spectators — to the chilly waters of Birch Bay every New Year's Day. With a world record on the line, 2026 promises to be the most unforgettable plunge yet.

This event is made possible in part by a Tourism Grant from Whatcom County and a Community Support Grant from Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2.

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\* On Sept. 15, 1916, British troops employed tanks for the first time in history, during an offensive against the Germans during the Battle of the Somme. While some were too slow to hold their positions during the German counterattack and were subject to mechanical failure, General Douglas Haig realized their potential and ordered the war department to produce hundreds more.

\* On Sept. 16, 1845, Phineas Wilcox was stabbed to death by fellow Mormons in Nauvoo, Illinois, on suspicion of being a Christian spy. The crime reflected the frequently violent conflict between the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and surrounding communities.

\* On Sept. 17, 1967, British rock band The Who ended their nationally televised performance of their hit "My Generation" on "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour" with a literal bang from a blast of fireworks that Keith Moon had packed into his bass drum. Guitarist Pete Townshend's hair was badly singed, Moon's arm was hit with shrapnel and the show was momentarily knocked off the air, but everyone survived intact.

\* On Sept. 18, 1974, actress Doris Day won a \$22.8 million malpractice suit against her former attorney. Day had allowed her third husband, Martin Melcher, to handle her finances, but following his death discovered that her \$20 million in life savings had disappeared, and sued her lawyer for mismanagement.

\* On Sept. 19, 1959, during a trip to California, Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev's famous temper displayed itself in his exasperated reaction to learning that he could not visit Disneyland, as he'd previously requested, due to government authorities fearing that the crowds would pose a safety hazard for him.

\* On Sept. 20, 1988, at the Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, American diver Greg Louganis won the gold medal on the springboard despite nearly knocking himself out during a qualifying round dive, becoming the first man to win back-to-back gold medals in both the 3-meter springboard and 10-meter platform events.

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# VETERANS POST

## When claims aren't checked out

By Freddy Groves

A veteran and wife duo have been indicted for a whole menu of crimes against the VA, including conspiracy to defraud the United States, theft of government funds and conspiracy to commit wire fraud.

Their scams brought in a lot of VA benefit cash because the husband claimed a variety of problems, including traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder and back issues, for which he was granted a 100% disability rating. By later getting a permanent and total disability rating, he no longer had to show up for any reevaluation of his condition.

The couple grabbed additional benefit cash because the wife said she was his caregiver -- since the husband claimed he couldn't even go outside and needed his wife for everything, including feeding and bathing.

Over the years the wife alone had taken in over a quarter of a million dollars. The scam fell apart when an investigation revealed that he'd never been in a combat zone and surveillance showed him driving a vehicle, doing home maintenance up on a ladder, shoveling snow and more.

How, we want to know, was this veteran thief ever approved for a permanent disability rating before anybody even looked in his personnel file and talked to former unit members? At this point the pair could get 20 years each and a fine of \$250,000. I hope this isn't like so many of the crimes against the VA where the thieves are only sentenced to a fraction of what their total sentence could be.

Because here's another case where a scammer could have been sentenced to up to five years and a \$250,000 fine, yet he ended up with a year of supervised release. In this one, the founder of a medical device company offered doctors a way to make a bit of money in the form of product development consulting fees -- for which they never actually did any work. By law those transactions should have been reported.

## Fun Fact

Mushrooms are harvested year-round. The white button is the favorite variety in the U.S., with baby bellas, portabellas, oyster and shiitake also popular.

Mushrooms are 90% water, and they do not need sunlight to grow.



Mushrooms double in size in one day, and one acre can produce 1 million pounds of mushrooms annually.

Source: www.americanmushroom.org



## Pill Time Solutions

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I read your article regarding the cat not swallowing his medications. My father taught us years ago to teach our puppies to eat wet food off a spoon. Now that the dogs are older and our vet has them on glucosamine and vitamins C and E, we put the pills with the spoonful of wet dog food and voila, they eat it! In fact they look forward to their pill time. I don't know if the same method would work with a cat, but I would think so. -- Sharon A., via e-mail

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DEAR PAW'S CORNER: After reading your column on getting cats to swallow pills, I wanted to share information about a product I found to be helpful in this regard. It is called Pill Pockets, and it is available at many veterinary hospitals and most major pet stores. The product is essentially a treat with an open side to allow the pill to be put inside and then closed up by pressing in the sides. It comes in pouches of approximately 45 treats and in different flavors like salmon and chicken.

My cat loves the treat, and it allows me to give her a pill without any hassle or stress for either of us. It is also available for dogs. Please check it out. Your readers may find this product helpful. -- Elaine B., Belmont, Calif.

DEAR SHARON AND ELAINE: Many thanks to both of you! I received several helpful tips from readers on giving medications to pets, from hiding the pills in food to ordering custom preparations from pharmacists. Sometimes a pet owner will have to try more than one method to see which works best, and I'm grateful to everyone for their suggestions.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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## Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. FOOD & DRINK: The Middle Eastern dish called falafel is made mostly of what ingredient?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which country has the most UNESCO World Heritage sites?
3. TELEVISION: What is the name of Hawkeye's living quarters in the "M\*A\*S\*H" sitcom?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a male swan called?
5. LITERATURE: Which Irish author wrote his last novel in crayon?
6. MEASUREMENTS: How many square feet are in a square yard?
7. SCIENCE: What's the main function of red blood cells?
8. MOVIES: Streaming movies became eligible for the 2021 Oscar awards for what reason?
9. ANATOMY: What type of acid is found in the human stomach?
10. U.S. CITIES: Which city was named for a British prime minister?

- Answers
1. Chickpeas or fava beans.
  2. Italy.
  3. The Swamp.
  4. A cob.
  5. James Joyce.
  6. 9.
  7. To carry oxygen.
  8. COVID-19 pandemic.
  9. Hydrochloric acid.
  10. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (William Pitt the Elder), 10, 1,000.

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## Astrology for September 4-10 2025

### Full Moon Lunar Eclipse in Pisces

Buckle up. We are hitting big transition points and it's likely going to be a bumpy ride.

On **September 4**, Mars in Libra squares Jupiter, while Jupiter in Cancer trines the North Node in Pisces at 18°. This is an energizing, but conflictual situation. Mars in Libra is fighting for balance and harmony in a situation, likely involving our relationships, while Jupiter in Cancer has a lengthy emotional response to surfacing triggers. Tensions are high as feelings continue to build toward the full Moon in a few days, and today we may find ourselves involved in an emotional catalyst that begins to kick up the dirt forcing confrontations. If we can take a beat from the drama, this catalyst moment is very much connected to the upcoming full Moon. Jupiter's trine to the North Node is pointing the way forward, and that way forward involves actually feeling the feelings, consulting intuition, imagining possibilities that are non-linear in scope or application. The Moon at the end of Capricorn will be moving to conjunct Pluto to boot. Emotional power struggles get no free escape passes. Face what surfaces with cutting honesty, but temper dramatic instincts until you can process in private for the best way through the next few days.

On **September 6**, Uranus in Gemini stations retrograde at 1° until February 3rd, 2026 where it will land for its final lap in Taurus at 27°. As the outer planets, one by one, complete their last laps, we are again having to face themes that have been with us for many years. In this case with Uranus, we will soon be reviewing for a final exam in matters relating to our resources. Before Uranus moves back into Taurus on November 7 and those themes come knocking, we are being urged to reflect on the first introductory lap of Uranus in Gemini that began on July 7. How has your ability to pivot been challenged? How have you had to face outdated ways of thinking? How has your considerations around travel fluctuated? When a planet stations retrograde it pulls a lot of energetic focus, and the themes associated with that planet are turned up to 11. And on the heels of an eclipse!? Expect the unexpected. Tests in mobility, adaptability, and innovative thinking. What isn't working? Try on an outlier. We gotta do something else.

**September 7** brings the full Moon Lunar Eclipse in Pisces at 15°. This is a North Node-focused eclipse, as the North Node is nearby at 18° of Pisces, still in a trine to Jupiter in Cancer. Despite all of the culminating shifts and chaos, this to me really points the way like an usher with a flashlight in a dark theater. As the drama plays out on stage, we are guided effectively to find our seats. Outside of metaphor, this is undoubtedly an emotional time. Lunar eclipses are a time of important closures and endings, and in the sign of Pisces, doubly so. We will be asked to let go of something that has long been ready and we have reached the point where the universe won't be asking. Pisces is about a trust fall, a surrender to the flow of our lives, a letting go that takes us to a new beginning. Do not try to hold on. Feel all that you can as it meets you. Tears for processing and healing. We are especially looking at escapism, addictions, falling in love with potential, facades, or false promises. We are calling out avoidance, immaturity, and imposter spirituality. Goodbye to rituals and routines that are outdated and do not serve the life we are now building. What in your heart is complete? Release it. Release yourself.

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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, your drive is unmatched this week. On the 7th, a surge of energy pushes you toward a breakthrough. Just remember—teamwork brings better results than going it alone.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you may feel the urge to slow down and ground yourself. Focus on routines that bring comfort and stability. By the 9th, a personal revelation helps you see what truly matters.

### GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Social invitations come your way, Gemini. Communication flows, but be mindful not to scatter your energy. Around the 10th, one meaningful conversation could change the tone of a relationship.

### CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, work and financial matters move into focus. A new project or responsibility may surface midweek. Stay organized and lean into your intuition—it will guide you to smart choices.

### LEO - July 23/Aug 23

You're glowing with confidence, Leo. The 6th may bring a chance to showcase your talents or lead a group effort. By the weekend, a spark of romance or creativity lifts your spirits.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

You're in planning mode, Virgo. This is the perfect week to map out long-term goals and refine daily habits. The 9th favors private reflection—listen closely to your inner voice.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Connections with friends and allies feel especially rewarding. A group project gains momentum midweek. By the 11th, you may find yourself stepping into the role of peacemaker.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Career opportunities or recognition may arrive around the 7th, Scorpio. This is your moment to show persistence and depth. A small risk could open the door to bigger rewards.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you're craving adventure. A fresh perspective—through learning, travel, or new experiences—brings excitement. The 10th is perfect for diving into something that expands your horizons.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Emotions run deep this week, Capricorn. Financial or trust matters may surface, requiring your steady approach. By the weekend, clarity comes through honest, vulnerable conversation.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Relationships are highlighted. A partner—or potential one—may surprise you with new insight. The 9th favors compromise and collaboration that sets a healthier balance going forward.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, focus on health, work, and organization. Even small adjustments in your daily schedule pay off. Around the 11th, you may feel the satisfaction of checking off long-postponed tasks.

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- 4 Country great McEntire
- 8 Chew (on)
- 12 Singer Rawls
- 13 Holiday lead-ins
- 14 Peregrinate
- 15 Belief
- 16 Tide variety
- 17 Currier's partner
- 18 Dick Tracy's sweetie
- 21 Method
- 22 Gear tooth
- 23 Daisy part
- 26 "Incidentally," in a text
- 27 Lass
- 30 Crooned
- 31 Hosp. areas
- 32 Pizzazz
- 33 Boy king
- 34 Coach Parseghian
- 35 Used a stopwatch
- 36 "Exodus" hero
- 37 007 creator Fleming
- 38 Classic Hank Williams song
- 45 Dutch cheese
- 46 Ovid's 53
- 47 "A pox upon thee!"
- 48 Jeansmaker Strauss
- 49 Harrow rival
- 50 Mimic
- 51 Future atty.'s exam
- 52 Big rig
- 53 Scarlet

CLUES DOWN

- 1 Landed
- 2 Valentine flower
- 3 Fall bloomers
- 4 Tourist's car
- 5 Without exception
- 6 Suitor
- 7 Features
- 8 "Peer Gynt Suite" composer
- 9 Bright star
- 10 Say it's so
- 11 Compass point
- 19 Booty
- 20 Explanation
- 23 Calif. clock setting
- 24 Water (Fr.)
- 25 Blaster's need
- 26 Bikini top
- 27 Tiara jewel
- 28 Enzyme suffix
- 29 British "Inc."
- 31 Baltimore baseballers
- 32 Fan publication
- 34 Rainbow
- 35 Sesame paste
- 36 Fess up
- 37 Figure of speech
- 38 Prison room
- 39 Praiseful pieces
- 40 Volcanic flow
- 41 Low-calorie
- 42 Miles away
- 43 Ready for harvest
- 44 Ticked (off)

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The Spats



YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Fri, Sept 5	Sat, Sept 6	Sun, Sept 7	Mon, Sept 8	Tues, Sept 9	Wed, Sept 10	Thurs, Sept 11
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# OUR Community

## An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

*What in your life gets you really excited?*



**Claudia Koenig,**  
Oak Harbor

The world is full of knowledge and experiences waiting to be explored. I find immense excitement in traveling, exploring new places, cultures, trying new food, and stepping out of my comfort zone.

I also find joy in little things, like painting and crafting with my daughter, making my husband's favorite food, having a quality time with my loved ones, taking a day off and not feeling guilty.

I get so excited when life presents amazing opportunities and people in my path. I feel very grateful and blessed everyday.

**Mike Legere,**  
Oak Harbor



What really gets me excited is anything that has to do with Halloween. I keep the Halloween season alive all year long as I have a love for skeletons and all things spooky. My 12ft skeleton and friends in the front yard and my 6ft male and female skeleton companions Frank and Shelly keep me company in back seats of my car dressed for whatever holiday or special occasion. The looks and laughs then driving or parked is a lot of fun. When I DJ people look for Frank at my table. But come October minus decorating the house I mostly look forward to scaring all month long at the Roller Barns Fright Ville. Here in Oak Harbor the owners; the Croft Family, are amazing. All of us actors are a close Family and share a love of all things spooky. For me it's the best time of the year.



**Helen Mosbrooker,**  
Oak Harbor

There are two things in my life that gets me excited. The first is going on trips with my family. The photo is from our trip this year to Costa Rica.

The second is buying exotic mushrooms from Whidbey Island Grown. This past week I bought a pound each of pink oyster, lions mane, and shiitake mushrooms. The fun part is sautéing them in plant butter. I put them on everything, and then put them in snack packs for the freezer for future use.

A bonus is that both things bring me joy.

## Joyful Saying of the Week

There are those who give with joy.  
AND THAT JOY IS THEIR REWARD.  
-Khalil Gibran

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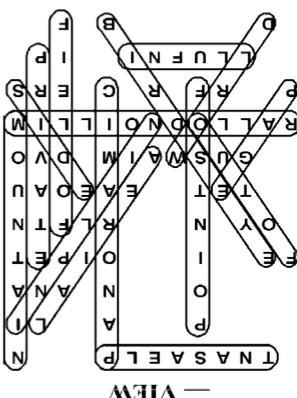
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788 NW Alexander St., Coupeville  
Saturdays through October 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Find fresh food, crafts, and more at this long-running market. Closed Aug. 9 for the Arts and Crafts Festival.

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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  
Sundays through October, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Family-friendly market in a meadow setting, featuring fresh produce, plants, crafts, and prepared food. SNAP and nutrition program benefits accepted.



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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.  
804 3rd St., Langley 360-221-5303

Ask about our Thursday Dinner

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

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

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

### CRISIS LINES

9-1-1: Call for threats to life, fire, accident or crime

-Non-emergency lines:  
Oak Harbor Police Department-360-279-4600  
-Island Communications Dispatch (ICOM) - 360-679-9567

9-8-8: Suicide and crisis lifeline, free & confidential - 741-741: 24/7 Crisis Text Line -800-584-3578:

24/7 Northwest Washington Crisis Services - 360-678-7880: Island County Behavioral Health 866-488-7386 Trevor Project: 24/7 support for LGBTQIA2S+

### SHELTERS/HOUSING

#### CADA Emergency Shelter

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

#### Island County Housing Support

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

#### Ryan's House for Youth

- 19777 SR 20, Coupeville 360-331-4575  
For at-risk adults ages 18-24

#### Whidbey Homeless Coalition

- Serving Island County 360-900-3077

#### The Haven Overnight Shelter

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

#### House of Hope Emergency Housing

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

#### Oxford Houses - Recovery housing

oxfordhouse.org -Men:360-246-4101 - Women & Children: 360-682-5773

### MONTHLY MEETING

#### Monthly Meeting for Mental Health

Hosted by NAMI for All Adult Individuals who have a family or friend suffering from depression, anxiety, bi-polar disorder, or other mental health conditions. Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland, Lower Building Closest to the Highway 18341 WA-525, Freeland 3rd Wednesday of the Month 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Email for more Information: [karens@nami-sno-isle.org](mailto: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](http://aa.org) or call 888-360-1564

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

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

#### Gamblers Anonymous Meeting

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

#### OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Tuesdays 7 PM to 8 PM Langley United Methodist Church 301 Anthes Ave. Room 224 Langley, Washington 98260 For local meeting information and support call: Kevin 206-395-9622  
Adult Children of Alcoholic and Dysfunctional Families meeting, Tuesdays 2-3 pm, Langley Methodist Church - 301 Anthes Ave, Langley - Fireside room. Contact: [acawhidbey@gmail.com](mailto:acawhidbey@gmail.com)

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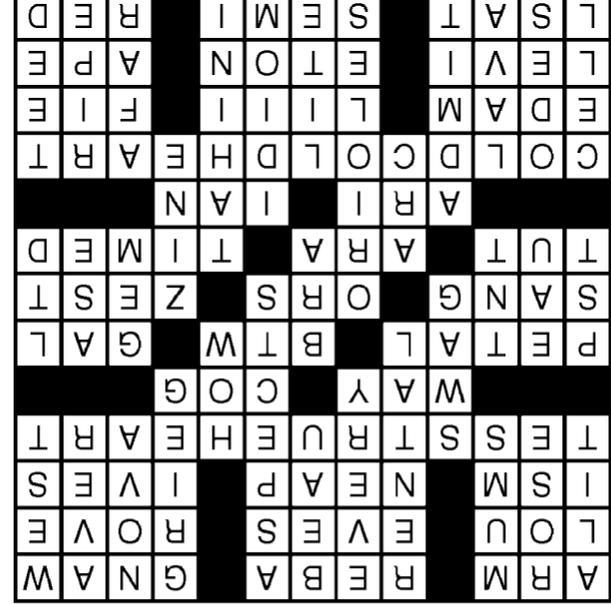
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