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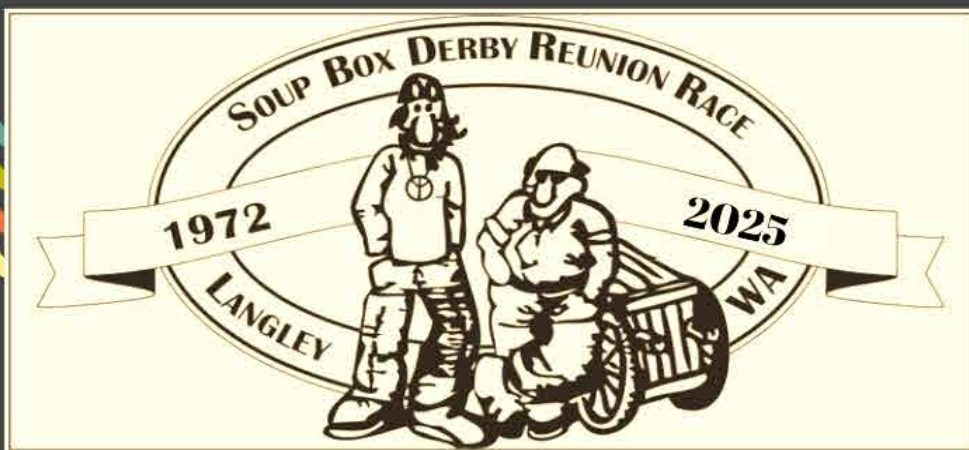
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October 2025 at Penn Cove Gallery

This October our Featured Artist is Timothy Haslet. Timothy uses his breakthrough technique of oil over fluorescent and phosphorescent acrylics. His Whidbey Island-themed paintings dynamically evolve as the light upon them changes.



Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards 4th and 5th Sets Rule Takes Effect on September 15, 2025

Today, HUD's Office of Manufactured Housing Programs (OMHP) is reminding manufacturers and other stakeholders that the Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards 4th and 5th Sets Rule ("MHCSS 4th and 5th Sets Rule") published on September 16, 2024 (89 FR 75704) will take effect on Monday, September 15, 2025. All parties are expected to comply fully on that date, and all relevant activities and processes should be adjusted accordingly to ensure full compliance by that date.

The Caretaker by Harold Pinter An iconic play comes to the Black Box Theater in Langley

OutCast Productions will present Harold Pinter's The Caretaker Sept. 12-28 at the Black Box Theater in Langley.

The production, co-directed by its three actors, Dan Christiaens, David Mayer and Robert Sindelar, promises an evening of unforgettable drama where the boundaries of compassion, identity and survival are tested and explored.

Set within the confines of a cluttered London flat, The Caretaker unravels with Pinter's signature intensity and wit, drawing audiences into an enigmatic dance of shifting alliances and uncertain motives. The play, which first captivated viewers in the early 1960s, remains startlingly relevant. Its central image — a Buddha statue presiding over the action — serves as both a beacon and an enigma, inviting reflection on caretaking and compassion amid chaos.

"This production dares its audience to confront the pressing issues of our time: homelessness, illegal immigration, racism, xenophobia, mental illness, consumerism, fear and the ever-present threat of violence," Christiaens said. "The resonance is unmistakable; the world Pinter constructed decades ago is, in so many ways, our world today."

A feast for lovers of language, The Caretaker revels in words — each utterance loaded with humor, menace and mystery. Pinter's famed "comedy of menace" keeps audiences on edge in a world where laughter and danger co-exist.

"As actors and directors we have found a rich, relevant and thrilling landscape in Pinter's words and story and hope that you do as well," Christiaens said.

Audience members should prepare for a journey into the theater of the absurd that is as unsettling as it is exhilarating. This is theater meant to challenge and provoke, lingering long after the curtain falls.

For tickets and more information, visit outcastproductions.net.



Whidbey Veterans Resource Center's mission is to connect, educate, and serve Veterans, their families and communities.

Drivers Needed

One of the many ways Whidbey Veterans Resource Center served my late husband, Robert, was providing shuttle service to Seattle VA Medical Center. Longtime volunteer shuttle drivers Bob and Brad allowed Robert and me the opportunity to relax on the journey to medical appointments. Definitely a plus in my book!

Unfortunately for those of us who depend on shuttle service, one of the drivers, is retiring from driving the WVRC van. To provide shuttle service, the Whidbey Veterans Resource Center needs to grow to having a pool of 5 volunteer drivers. Island Transit provides vehicles and training for all volunteers. Their RideLink program is a partnership with local social service organizations to provide transportation to access services beyond Island Transit's fixed routes and paratransit service areas.

WVRC wants to add shuttle service Wednesday mornings in addition to the current Tuesday and Thursday service. And the center would like to add convenient future shuttle service for veterans living in Central and North Whidbey. A pool of five volunteers will be needed for each of these service areas to deliver veterans to Seattle, Everett and Mount Vernon VA Medical Centers. The rides program, with added volunteer drivers, can grow to rides to the new VA Clinic in the medical facility at Navy Station Oak Harbor.

Are you someone who enjoys driving, meeting new people and being of help to others? WE NEED YOU! Volunteer as a shuttle driver. You can make that happen by calling 360-331-8081 or emailing HYPERLINK "mailto:whidbeyvrc@gmail.com" whidbeyvrc@gmail.com to join the team.

Annual Whidbey Veterans Community Picnic – 12:00 – 3:00 pm Sept 20th!

Come enjoy a picnic, and while there you can thank the WVRC drivers for safely delivering veterans and their companions to and from Seattle at the picnic on Saturday, September 20th. It will be held at 4632 Tompkins Road near Langley from noon to 3:30. Enjoy free burgers, brauts and veggie options (you're welcome to bring your own special diet foods), music and beautiful views of Saratoga Passage. Meet other veterans in a climate-friendly venue with covered areas. Parking access for all mobility abilities. Bring the whole family (no pets, please) and invite other community members to join the fun and learn about Whidbey Veterans Resource Center.

Disaster Preparedness

The recent 8.7 magnitude earthquake in Russia has raised concern about the possibility of a local earthquake and resultant devastation. But experiencing an earthquake is not the only concern of people living on Whidbey Island. If you've lived here for any length of time you have probably experienced windstorms, road closures, "atmospheric river" pouring rain or a power outage.

It's always wise to be prepared for such disasters. And we are fortunate we have local organizations helping us prepare to survive these hazards. South Whidbey Fire and EMS recommend being ready for emergency survival for two weeks by creating a kit based on your or your family's needs, appetite and preferences. You can print out their strategy for gathering your emergency kit at [HYPERLINK](https://www.swfe.org/get-two-weeks-ready) "https://www.swfe.org/get-two-weeks-ready" <https://www.swfe.org/get-two-weeks-ready>.

The Map Your Neighborhood (neighborhood disaster readiness) is a FEMA endorsed program developed to help communities prepare for disasters. "The Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) program guides you and your neighbors through simple steps to help enhance your preparedness for an emergency. These steps will help you to quickly and safely take actions that can minimize damage and protect lives. It is designed to improve disaster readiness at the neighborhood level and teaches neighbors to rely on each other during the hours or days before fire, medical, police or utility responders arrive." You can download the MYN pdf.s at [HYPERLINK](https://www.islandcountywa.gov/467/Map-Your-Neighborhood) "https://www.islandcountywa.gov/467/Map-Your-Neighborhood" <https://www.islandcountywa.gov/467/Map-Your-Neighborhood>.

Nationally, the Canned Food Alliance suggests your emergency pantry should include canned meats, seafood, beans, nuts and peanut butter for protein. Canned, boxed or dried milk and shelf-stable processed cheese should be considered. Ready-to-eat cereals, crackers, instant oatmeal, granola bars and other grain products that don't require cooking are good additions. Canned fruit and fruit juices, canned vegetables and vegetable juices along with one gallon of water per person per day will help with hydration in emergency situations.

Disaster preparedness information will be available at the Annual Whidbey Veterans Community Picnic on September 20th. More in-depth information for individuals, caregivers and neighborhoods will be presented by Whidbey Veterans Resource Center September 29th and October 1st.

WVRC Center Activities:

- Mondays at 3:30 - Women Veterans & Spouses Group
- Tuesdays at 5:00 - Mixed Veterans Group
- 'Ride Link' Van Shuttle to Seattle and Everett VA Medical Centers for Veterans. Spouses and caregivers can ride as well. Call the WVRC for a reservation
- Veterans with Parkinsons & Caregivers Support Groups – call for info
- Confidential Counseling by local credentialed counselors - call for info for a referral. Multiple insurances, TriCare, and VA Community Care accepted.
- Benefits and Claims Assistance by appointment – (360)-331-8081
- Drop-in hours:
 - Mondays 10:00 to 1:30
 - 10:00 to 2:00 on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month
 - Thursdays 10:00 to 2:00
- WVRC is recruiting - need VOLUNTEERS for additional OPEN HOURS!
- Upcoming events - Mark your calendar!
 - September 20th - 12:00 to 3:00 Annual Community & Veterans Picnic at 4632 Tompkins Rd, Langley WA
 - Veterans' Options in Medicare Open Enrollment Information Sessions. Info available at the Picnic
 - Are You Ready and Prepared with Needs and Supplies During An Outage or Disaster!? Individual & Neighborhood Preparedness Information. Info available at the Picnic
 - Seniors, Veterans & Caregivers – Planning for Power Outages, Wind, Ice, Earthquakes – Be more Prepared! Disaster Preparedness Info Sessions – considerations for seniors, disabled and caregivers. Info available at the Picnic
 - Sept. 24th - 10:00 to 2:00 50+ Resources Fair at The Center, Oak Harbor
 - Sept 29th - 11:00 to 12:30 Neighborhood Networking for Disaster Preparedness – Local Program Presentation. Info Session at the WVRC in Langley, South Whidbey Community Center

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What's Going On!

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 - 3:30 p.m.
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.

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.

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.

WEIRDBEY ISLAND WRITING WORKSHOP WITH AUTHOR ELDRITCH BLACK

Wednesday, September 17
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
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
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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.

CORNFEST

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20-21
Whidbey Farm and Market, 1422 Monroe Landing Road, Oak Harbor
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Free entry; tickets required for some attractions

Experience fall at Cornfest with fresh treats, games, live entertainment, hayrides, potato digging, hay bale pyramid, and the Alice in Wonderland corn maze. Additional festivities continue Fridays-Sundays through Oct. 31, including barrel train rides, u-pick corn, pumpkin carving (Oct. 11 and 19), a scarecrow competition, fire pit reservations, and a Halloween party with haunted maze on Oct. 31. Family friendly.

WHIDBEY ISLAND CIDER FESTIVAL

Saturday, Sept. 20
Pacific Rim Institute, 180 Parker Road, Coupeville
Noon to 6 p.m.

Free admission; tasting package \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door (21+)

The Whidbey Island Cider Festival, the main fundraiser for Pacific Rim Institute, features hard cider and spirit tastings for adults, live music from The Shifty Sailors, A Fiddle in the Forest and more, local food trucks, vendor booths, and family-friendly activities. Non-drinkers and designated drivers, 21 and over, enter free. Explore PRI's Native Plant Center and prairie, and help support endangered prairie restoration. Leashed pets welcome. Smoke-free site.

HUMPBACKS

Saturday, Sept. 20
Langley Whale Center, 105 Anthes Ave., Langley
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Free

Learn about humpback whales in the Salish Sea during this family-friendly event featuring a brief talk and hands-on crafts for kids. All ages are welcome to enjoy a fun and educational afternoon celebrating these incredible whales.

STATE PARK FREE DAY

Saturday, Sept. 27
Whidbey and Camano Islands state parks

Enjoy free entry and parking at Washington state parks on National Public Lands Day. No Discover Pass required for day use on this date, making it a great opportunity to explore the region's scenic parks, including popular spots like Deception Pass. Note: Fees still apply for overnight stays and rentals.

For more info on state parks, visit the Washington State Parks website or check with local park offices.

WASHINGTON WORKER BENEFITS- ALL ABOUT THE NEW WA CARES FUND

Saturday, September 20
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
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.

September Business of the Month

The Coupeville Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize Whidbey Provisions, owned by Katie Oakes Stevens, as our September Business of the Month.

Whidbey Provisions

Weekly Market Mondays give customers 10% off grocery goods, and a points card rewards regulars for house made favorites. The woman-owned business employs 6 to 8 part and full-time staff, with Katie's husband also running Celerity Cycles right across the lot.

Opened in August 2024, Whidbey Provisions just celebrated its first birthday. Since joining the Chamber in January 2025, the shop has become a favorite place for good, local food and products. Katie's mission is simple: to source ingredients as locally as possible, cook from scratch with the seasons, and keep everything affordable and accessible.

One of Whidbey Provisions goals is to be part of many locals' daily routines, while also offering catering for special occasion

Katie and her team love hearing from the community. Whether you are looking for a new product, a special take-home meal, or catering for your next event, you can reach them at through their website or by visiting the shop in person.

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NWC Girl's Soccer
Everett at Oak Harbor

Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m.
NWC Volleyball
Oak Harbor at Anacortes

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ROCKFISHING GONE FOREVER?

Coho and pink salmon fishing are in full swing right now, limits (4) of pinks are being caught from both shore and the boats in as little as 30 minutes, pink buzz bombs, pink rotators, and pink-n-white spoons continue to be the most productive lures. If your one of those lucky fishermen that has a quick limit of fish in the cooler, your options are to head back to the dock and get some breakfast or check the bottom charts and head to the nearest underwater structure to jig up hard fighting rockfish to cook up some wonderful fish-n-chips or make a stack of fish tacos. At least that's the way it used to be, in the year 2000 rockfish retention was reduced to one fish per person per day then in 2010 a complete ban on rockfish retention was implemented By the federal agency NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) in the Puget Sound, let's take a quick look at what that mean to us Island Anglers and other fishermen in the inner Puget Sound?

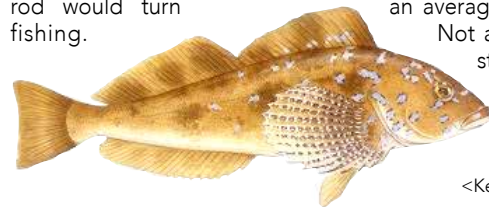
Fish biology studies indicated there were low numbers of "yellow eye" rockfish in the inner Puget Sound. Were the studies conducted in the lower Marine Areas like 11 and 13 where water quality is to the point where pregnant women are restricted from eating any bottom fish? They (NOAA) even went as far to say that the inner sound yellow eye was a different species that their open water pacific cousins, I'm not a trained biologist but I do know that the Puget Sound is directly connected to the main body of the Pacific Ocean, and I also know that fish are master swimmers and are known to travel or migrate to all areas throughout the sound, so what is the great underwater barrier that separated the two species?



<Yellow eye rockfish

I believe the state of Washington and NOAA took the easy way out, instead of maintaining the ban on yellow eye only; they simply made a blanket restriction on all rockfish retention. Year 2000 restrictions (one fish per person) was only the stepping stone to the 2010 total ban. There is no large recovery plan for rockfish that I'm aware of like salmon where hatcheries can help increase numbers, so the total ban, unfortunately could be the only way. My heartache with the ban is how long? It's basically been 25 years so far; whole generations of young Island Anglers have not had the opportunity to fish for rockfish in their immediate surrounding marine areas.

Rockfish opportunities still exist on the Olympic Peninsula in Marine Areas 1 through 4 but extended travel, larger expenses, and heavier sea conditions are factors that will come into play. Salmon has always taken the spotlight when we talk about Puget Sound saltwater fishing, but I can remember the days when putting down the salmon rod and picking up the rockfish rod would turn an average day of fishing into an outstanding day of fishing.



<Kelp greenling, top of the eating list after rockfish

I have heard rumblings that the federal agency (NOAA) has considered steps to re-examine Puget Sound rockfish and possibly start the process of lifting the total ban. I personally would not go out and by a boat just yet, federal agencies unless forced to do so are very slow to lift heavy restrictions. We the people can put pressure on NOAA through the state on the voter's ballot, if enough signatures can be gathered we can get an initiative on the ballot for the people to vote on, and then the closure issues can be brought down and handled at the state level.

If you don't believe that change to a Federal Government action is possible, you're wrong, look what this state did with recreational marijuana. Recreational marijuana use is illegal at the federal level, however, the State of Washington voted to legalize marijuana use..... Bringing the laws, taxes, and business decisions down to local government levels. If the same amount of people smoked rockfish as they do marijuana in this state it would be a sure thing, and rockfish tacos would once again be on the recreational fishermen's tables in no time.



<Tasty smoked salmon

September fair weather should hold on until October, after that all bets are off. Coho numbers are increasing so be sure to check the regulations for the Marine Area you are fishing and if either clipped or unclipped fish can be retained. Our children are back in school, and the buses are running so be sure to give yourselves a little extra time getting to the boat ramps and beaches.

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Astrology for September 12-18, 2025

Big Week for Communication, Mercury Making Moves Again

On **September 12**, Mercury in Virgo sextiles Jupiter in Cancer at 19°. Energetic communications come to the surface, moving energy through words, messaging, and intuitive ideas. This day favors the ability to combine intuition with practicality. Finding solutions. Out of the chaotic feelings of the recent full Moon, something makes sense today. Order and sorting of ideas. This is a very helpful day for important conversations. Mercury in Virgo is articulate and specific, but if void of compassion can become impatient and overly critical. Jupiter aids in our ability to exchange energy and messages with care and emotional awareness.

On **September 13**, Mercury conjuncts the Sun at 20° of Virgo. Yesterday's themes continue and compound as Mercury meets the Sun. Notorious 'aha moment' sort of a day. Information coming in hot. A lot to communicate and a lot to digest. Virgo in medical astrology rules the digestive system, and we are reminded of the ways in which our mental and physical health are symbiotic. News. Messages. Busyness. Check in with the body, not just the to-do list.

On **September 15**, Venus in Leo sextiles Mars in Libra at 25° and on September 16, Venus in Leo trines Chiron in Aries at 26°, while Mars forms an opposition at the same degree. All of these transits are happening consecutively within minutes of a degree and really become the centerpiece of the week among Mercury's productive movements. This is a beautiful thing. Venus the planet of relationships, finances, self worth, values etc. is supporting Mars in Libra's aim for balance and harmony. As Libra is ruled by Venus, this is especially true within our one-on-one relationships. As Mars confronts Chiron, we must face an old wound about who we are in partnership vs. alone. Venus is helping both opponents (Mars/Chiron) find the key to progress in matters of healing. New compromises can be written today, as understanding evolves around deeper desires and needs required for harmony.

On **September 17**, Mercury in Virgo opposes Saturn retrograde in Pisces at 29°. This is where all that great flow of communication hits a serious pot hole. We are called to revisit the themes of the most recent full Moon lunar eclipse in Pisces that occurred on September 7, but this time, from a Mercurial perspective. Saturn is president of the karmic clean up crew in Pisces. In a standoff with Mercury, outdated thoughts, contacts, and language will be very loud. Frustration around travel is possible. Words hit a serious tone. A mental pattern is no longer applicable or allowed to continue. The end of a contract. Difficult conversations, or the awareness that they are near.

On **September 18**, Mercury enters Libra until October 6. Mercury will then immediately oppose Neptune in Aries at 0°. Mercury in Libra brings our mental focus to relational matters. We care a little bit more about how our words are being perceived than usual. The strength of Mercury in Libra is tact and diplomacy. Great for mediating, Mercury in Libra can fairly see many sides to a conflict, and usually will aid in conflict resolution without burning any bridges. Neptune's presence, however, adds haze and confusion to what might normally be a straightforward pitch. Just like yesterday but for different reasons, communications are likely to be difficult, misleading, and fraught with delusion.

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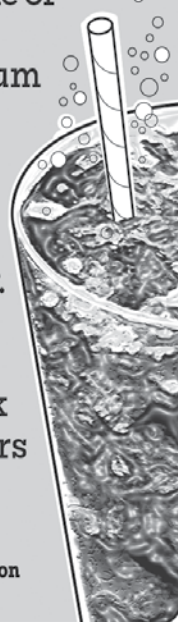
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Fun Fact

Of all the countries in the world, Hungary drinks the most soda each year, with an average intake of 310 liters per person! Belgium comes in second, with an average of 272 liters per person yearly. Argentina is third; its citizens drink about 155 liters per person each year.

Source: worldpopulationreview.com



Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* The world's tiniest robot is smaller than a grain of salt.

* Despite what you see when you gaze at the night sky, the moon's actually shaped like a lemon, with flattened poles and bulges on its near and far sides around its equator.

* In Utah, birds have the right of way on a highway.

* What's in a name? Well, a casket is a rectangular box with a lid, and a coffin is a six-sided box that's wider at the shoulders and narrower at the feet. In America, caskets are more commonly used than coffins.

* On the Titanic, more than 700 third-class passengers had to share just two bathtubs.

* Black and orange are the traditional colors of Halloween because the ancient Celts believed black symbolized the "death" of summer and orange represented the fall harvest.

* For the film "A Star Is Born," Bradley Cooper spent six months with a dialect coach trying to imitate Sam Elliott's voice, before he knew Elliott would be cast as his brother.

* Some female sharks store sperm after mating, potentially holding on to it for years before they're ready to reproduce.

* When trick-or-treating began gaining popularity in the 1930s, adults worried that kids "threatening" people with tricks if they didn't get candy would encourage them to become criminals later in life.

* The first cigarette lighter was invented three years before the first friction match.

* In 1993, a Mexican zoo owner was arrested for illegally purchasing an FBI agent in a gorilla suit, thinking the agent was an actual gorilla.

* On his deathbed, Steve Jobs asked for five different oxygen masks so he could choose the one with the best design.

Thought for the Day: "To acquire knowledge, one must study, but to acquire wisdom, one must observe." -- Marilyn vos Savant

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, your week begins with strong momentum, but by midweek you'll need to slow your pace. On the 15th, a shift in perspective helps you see an old problem in a new light.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, your focus turns to relationships. A heartfelt conversation around the 16th could strengthen a bond or clear away tension. Be open and gentle with your words.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, your schedule fills quickly, but don't stretch yourself too thin. The 17th favors efficiency—streamline routines and prioritize tasks. Small adjustments bring lasting relief.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

Romance and creativity highlight your week, Cancer. The 13th is perfect for enjoying time with loved ones or exploring a hobby. By the weekend, a spark of inspiration may arrive unexpectedly.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Home and family take center stage. Around the 15th, a situation may call for your leadership in bringing harmony. Your warmth has the power to unite others now.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Your voice carries weight this week, Virgo. Whether in work, friendship, or love, your words inspire trust. The 16th is especially favorable for important conversations or negotiations.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Finances and values are in focus, Libra. A practical plan made midweek could help secure your long-term stability. Avoid impulsive decisions, especially on the 14th.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you're magnetic this week. Use this energy to start something new or step into a leadership role. The 17th could bring recognition for your persistence and vision.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

You may feel the need to retreat, Sagittarius. Rest and reflection now will recharge your energy for what's ahead. Pay attention to dreams—they may hold hidden insight.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Connections with friends or networks bring opportunity. Collaboration is especially fruitful around the 15th. Be open to advice—an ally may offer exactly what you need.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Your ambitions are front and center. A career shift or recognition could arrive this week. The 16th is ideal for showcasing your talents and proving your reliability.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Adventure is calling, Pisces. Whether through travel, study, or exploration, the 14th sparks your curiosity. Stay open to new perspectives—they may inspire your next big move.

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9/19 "A BIG BOLD BEAUTIFUL JOURNEY"
9/26 GABBY'S DOLLHOUSE: THE MOVIE
9/26 "ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER"



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- 12 "Rocks"
- 13 Old Testament book
- 14 Guitar master Paul
- 15 Puzzle solver's epiphany
- 17 "Tasty!"
- 18 Director DuVernay
- 19 Postpones
- 21 Supervised
- 24 Appear
- 25 Blackbird
- 26 Back talk
- 28 "Swell!"
- 31 Aliases
- 33 Corn core
- 35 "Go no further!"
- 36 Nerd
- 38 "Don't Start Now" singer Lipa
- 40 Tolkien creature
- 41 First lady of scat
- 43 Distress signals
- 45 Band around a sleeve
- 47 Reunion gp.
- 48 Grazing tract
- 49 Black Sea region
- 54 New England cape
- 55 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
- 56 Farm female
- 57 Dijon denial
- 58 Head lights?
- 59 "Evil Woman" gp.

CLUES DOWN

- 1 Actress Farrow
- 2 German pronoun
- 3 Chai, e.g.
- 4 Digging tool
- 5 Itinerant
- 6 British verb ending
- 7 Looks after
- 8 Lustrous fabric
- 9 Yale, to Jodie Foster -- Martin (cognac)
- 10 -- Martin (cognac)
- 11 Doctrines
- 16 Irate
- 20 Cask sediment
- 21 Round of applause
- 22 Sufficient, old-style
- 23 "Save Me" singer
- 27 Group of whales
- 29 Vocal quality
- 30 Makes a choice
- 32 Vend
- 34 Beast on a nickel
- 37 Laundry additive
- 39 Los --, New Mexico
- 42 Confused
- 44 "-- Blue?"
- 45 Astronaut Shepard
- 46 Gambling city
- 50 Unwell
- 51 Formerly known as
- 52 Hogwarts messenger
- 53 Old Oldsmobile

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Fri, Sept 12	Sat, Sept 13	Sun, Sept 14	Mon, Sept 15	Tues, Sept 16	Wed, Sept 17	Thurs, Sept 18
North Isle H-67°/L-55°	North Isle H-69°/L-54°	North Isle H-65°/L-55°	North Isle H-65°/L-53°	North Isle H-66°/L-53°	North Isle H-63°/L-53°	North Isle H-64°/L-52°
South Isle H-69°/L-56°	South Isle H-74°/L-55°	South Isle H-65°/L-56°	South Isle H-67°/L-54°	South Isle H-68°/L-53°	South Isle H-63°/L-54°	South Isle H-65°/L-52°



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What was the most fun thing you did this past summer?



Max B,
Oak Harbor

The most fun thing I did this summer was going to Fort Ebey and Fort Casey on trail adventures and swimming in the swimming pool.



Aria K,
Oak Harbor

The most fun thing was my trip to Maui, Hawaii. I enjoyed the warm weather, swimming at the pool every day and exploring nice beaches with my mom. I saw big turtles at the beach and went to Haleakala national park.



Callum M,
Oak Harbor

The most fun thing I did this summer was go to Hawaii. My favorite part was swimming in the ocean and getting shave ice



Silas B,
Oak Harbor

The best thing I did this summer was visiting all my cousins in the Dakotas with my family. We took a road trip in our van and it took three days to get there. I got to swim in the pool at all the hotels. I'm good at swimming. I also went to the Birch Bay waterslides for my birthday with my friends. I had fun swimming at the beach near Cranberry Lake. I went camping this summer with my family. We camped on Orcas Island and in Forks. We had to take a ferry to get there. My grandparents took my brother, sister and I camping in Lynden in their camper. S'mores are the best part of camping! It was all fun. Oh yea, I caught my first fish off a boat too!

Joyful Saying of the Week

"A flower blooms for its own joy."

- Oscar Wilde

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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PO Box 155, Coupeville 98239
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
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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
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Whidbey: 1791 NE 1st Ave. Mon-
Th 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Tues-Fri
8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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Oak Harbor Police
Department-360-279-4600
-Island Communications
Dispatch (ICOM) - 360-679-
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Crisis Services
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Support - 105 NW 1st St.,
Coupeville 360-678-8284
For homeless or at risk of
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Ryan's House for Youth

- 19777 SR 20, Coupeville
360-331-4575

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Whidbey Homeless Coalition

- Serving Island County 360-
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St., Oak Harbor.

House of Hope Emergency

Housing, Langley, 360-708-
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Trinity Lutheran Church in
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18341 WA-525, Freeland
3rd Wednesday of the Month
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Email for more information:
karens@nami-sno-isle.org

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3rd Tues of the Month 12:30 - 2:00
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Anthes in Langley. We meet in the
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Karol:360 914 7695.

Have a problem with drinking? It
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quirements to participate. Mem-
bership is open to anyone who
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their drinking problem. A.A.'s pri-
mary purpose is to help alcoholics
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Have you ever been affected by
someone else's drinking? Al-
Anon may be for you. **AL-ANON:**
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Group, Wednesdays 9:30 AM
to 10:30 AM, Langley Meth-
odist Church, 301 Anthes
Ave, Langley. Fireside room
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Gamblers Anonymous Meeting

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non Any questions, call Washing-
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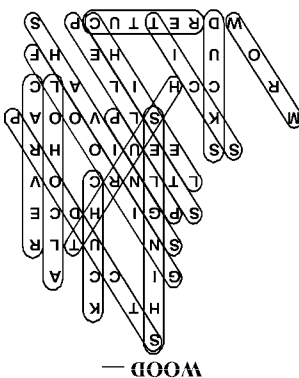
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