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Veterans Day Program



Oak Harbor High School

Tuesday, November 11, 2025, 11AM to 12PM

**Guest Speaker - Captain Juliann Althoff,
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Oak Harbor Navy League Honors Veterans, Marks 21 Years of Community Tribute



Composed by: Samantha Goodman with contributions from: David Lura, Dave Williams, Allen Hall, Beth Munns, George Saul, and Steve Bristow

The Oak Harbor Navy League continues its 21-year tradition of honoring local veterans this Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. with its annual Veterans Day celebration at Oak Harbor High School at 1 Wildcat Way, in Oak Harbor.

In history, on Nov. 11 at exactly 11 a.m., a ceremonial ringing of bells resounds in tribute to the moment the armistice ending World War I took effect—the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month—transforming sorrow into remembrance and stillness into gratitude.

In honor of the historic Armistice Bell of November 11, 1918, the event will take place promptly at 11 a.m., with a musical prelude beginning a little after 10:30 a.m.

The program will feature stirring musical performances by the All-Island Community Band conducted by Dave Johnson, the Harbor Singers led by Darren McCoy, and the Oak Harbor High School Wind Ensemble under the direction of Zachary Petty. The Oak Harbor High School NJROTC will perform ceremonial drills, joined by the Orion Division of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

For the past 20 years, the Oak Harbor High School NJROTC has proudly presented the colors during the annual Veterans Day celebration, honoring those who have served our nation. The cadets' presence at this event has become a time-honored tradition, symbolizing respect, patriotism, and dedication to service.

Proceeds from the event benefit the region's Naval Sea Cadet Corps, supporting their mission to build leaders of character. Donations help fund cadet recognition awards, color guard equipment, STEM training materials,

instructional aids, and both summer and winter training camps.

This longstanding community program owes much of its success to retired Navy Chaplain David Lura, a Navy League member who has helped guide the event since its inception. Fittingly, Lura will also serve as grand marshal for this year's Oak Harbor Main Street Parade, beginning at 2 p.m. on Pioneer Way.

The Navy League Area Council was founded in Oak Harbor in 1956, inspired by the legacy of President Theodore Roosevelt, who donated his Nobel Peace Prize funds to help establish the national organization. The Oak Harbor event has welcomed many distinguished guests over the years, with this year's guest speaker being Captain Juliann Althoff, MC, USN (Ret.), a decorated Navy physician and former commanding officer of Naval Health Clinic Oak Harbor. Captain Althoff retired in March 2025 after nearly 30 years of service.

Sponsored in partnership with the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce and supported by Navy League Council including co-presidents Beth and Larry Munns, and Navy League of United States, the event continues to inspire future generations to serve and remember.

The Four Pillars of Tradition

By George Saul, U.S. Army (Ret.)

I believe there are four fundamental pillars that support the continuing success and popularity of our 21-year-old community Veterans Day program.

First, is our appreciative audience. Oak Harbor has a veteran population that accounts for approximately 18% of our residents. If you count just one family member for every veteran, you could even say 36% of our population is veteran-related. By comparison, veterans account for about 9% of the state's population. Our audience is deeply appreciative of the recognition of their service.

Second, is the program itself. Fundamentally, it is a musically based tribute to the service

and contribution of our veterans. The Oak Harbor High School Choir and Band have been the anchors of the program since its earliest days.

Of particular note (pun intended), Darren McCoy has superbly led his award-winning choir for the past 17 years. The instrumental and vocal music bring the emotions of pride and gratitude to the surface.

Third, is the professional contribution of the High School Junior ROTC program. For 21 years it has been spearheaded by retired Chief Bill Thiel. The cadets strike the memorial bell, post the colors, and set the POW/MIA table. They are a visible link between past and present.

Fourth, is the vision and inspiration of our leadership over the past 20-plus years. The program started in the Oak Harbor First Methodist Church, led by then-Pastor David Lura. Dave Williams, former base commander, has sustained the original vision, and both David and Dave have shared leadership for over a decade now. They are our two Hall of Famers.

We hope that by honoring the service of veterans—past and present—we help inspire future generations of uniformed service.

The Navy League: Supporting Sea Service and Community

Founded in 1954, the Oak Harbor Navy League Council carries out the mission of the national organization through local programs that:

Enhance morale among active-duty Sea Service personnel and their families.

Inform the public and policymakers about the importance of strong U.S. seapower.

Support youth education through programs such as the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and NJROTC.

Through its partnerships and events, the Oak Harbor Navy League continues to honor the traditions of Sea, Shore, and Reserve, while inspiring the next generation to serve with courage and character.

Veterans Day History and Frequently Asked Questions

Forwarded By Steve Bristow, USN (Ret.)

- » "Armistice Day" was originally set aside to honor veterans of World War I. In 1954, after World War II and the Korean War, Congress changed "Armistice Day" to "Veterans Day" to honor American veterans of all wars. "Remembrance Day" is celebrated in other World War I Allied nations.
- » Veterans Day occurs on November 11 every year in the United States. This is the date of the 1918 World War I armistice, which ended World War I hostilities. The war officially ended with the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919.
- » The striking of 11 bells signals the beginning of the Armistice at the "11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month." For years following World War I, U.S. and Allied churches would toll 11 bells, followed by a moment of silence. Twenty-one bells are struck to mirror the highest honor of a 21-gun salute; 21 bells were also struck during the World War I centennial.
- » Veterans Day is not "Veteran's Day" or "Veterans' Day." The holiday does not "belong" to one veteran or multiple veterans, which is what an apostrophe implies. It is a day for honoring all veterans—active duty or otherwise—so no apostrophe is required.
- » Memorial Day is different from Veterans Day. Memorial Day honors men and women who died serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated following the Civil War. Veterans Day honors all who have served our country in war or in peace—living or dead—though it is largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices.
- » Observance: When Veterans Day falls on a Saturday, either Saturday or the preceding Friday may be designated as the federal holiday. If it falls on a Sunday, it is typically observed the following Monday.

Fun Fact:

- » The population of veterans in Island County is just over 12,000. This number is roughly 2.6 times the national average by proportion of population.



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BITS & PIECES

Whidbey Community Foundation Launches Whidbey Food Resilience Fund to Support Island Food Access

The Whidbey Community Foundation (WCF) today announced the launch of the Whidbey Food Resilience Fund, a coordinated community response to the growing food insecurity facing island residents following the recent reduction in federal SNAP benefits.

The new Fund—seeded with \$50,000 with Board approval from WCF’s discretionary reserve—will provide rapid, equitable grants to food banks, meal programs, and other community-based organizations, ensuring that Whidbey residents have reliable access to nutritious food during the holiday season and beyond.

“Every donor who has ever given to our Foundation Fund helped make this new effort possible,” said Jessie Gunn, Executive Director of the Whidbey Community Foundation. “The Whidbey Food Resilience Fund allows us to respond quickly and collaboratively—supporting the organizations feeding our neighbors right now, while strengthening the long-term network that keeps Whidbey nourished.”

A Coordinated Community Effort

The Fund builds on WCF’s proven COVID-19 Community Resilience Fund model, which distributed over \$450,000 in rapid-response grants during the pandemic. As with that initiative, the Whidbey Food Resilience Fund emphasizes partnership, transparency, and shared leadership among community organizations, funders, and local government partners.

“We opened the Whidbey Food Resilience Fund because our island is once again facing an impossible situation—rising food insecurity just as public supports are shrinking. During COVID, we saw how powerful it can be when our community pools its resources and responds together. This Fund builds on that same spirit of collaboration and care—ensuring our local food providers have what they need to keep every Whidbey household nourished,” said Gunn.

Supporting Local Food Providers

Initial grants will focus on core food-access organizations across Whidbey Island—including food banks, community meal programs, youth backpack and school-based nutrition efforts, and other initiatives addressing food insecurity.

A portion of the Fund will also support smaller or emerging efforts, such as church-based and seasonal meal programs, through a simplified mini-grant process.

“This Fund is meant to work alongside, not in place of, the incredible generosity already directed to Whidbey’s food providers,” Gunn added. “By coordinating resources, we can help fill gaps and reach ALL of the community efforts that are essential to keeping our island nourished.”

Complementing, Not Replacing, Direct Giving

WCF emphasized that this Fund is not intended to replace donors’ direct contributions to local food banks and food-serving organizations. Instead, it offers an additional, coordinated option for those who wish to help meet island-wide needs equitably.

“We encourage continued giving directly to our local food banks, pantries, and meal programs,” Gunn said. “This Fund simply adds another tool to ensure resources reach across all parts of Whidbey, including smaller grassroots and faith-based efforts that might otherwise be overlooked.”

Ongoing Coordination and Transparency

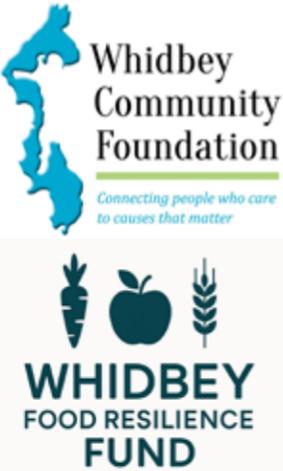
WCF will work with food-access partners across North, Central, and South Whidbey to identify needs, collect data, and distribute funds equitably. A full list of funded organizations will be shared following the Fund’s first round of grant distributions, expected later this month.

The Foundation will continue to maintain and share an updated list of food-serving organizations and meal programs to ensure broad visibility and public accountability in how resources are coordinated.

How to Contribute

The Whidbey Food Resilience Fund is open to contributions from individuals, families, businesses, and community groups.

To donate or learn more, visit WhidbeyFoundation.org, email info@whidbeyfoundation.org, or call 360-600-5041. The Foundation accepts donations by credit card, check, and gifts of securities. Checks can be made out to “Whidbey Community Foundation” with a note in the memo for “Food Resilience Fund” and mailed to PO Box 1135, Coupeville, WA 98239. Credit card payments can be made following this link: Whidbey Food Resilience Fund.



Shellfish Safety Update

Butter and varnish clam closures have been lifted for parts of Island County. The following areas are now open to the harvest of all species of shellfish:

- Possession Sound from Sandy Point south to Possession Point
- Skagit Bay
- West Whidbey Island

The following areas remain CLOSED for butter and varnish clams only due to biotoxin:

- Port Susan
- Saratoga Passage, including Penn Cove and Holmes Harbor

Audubon Program Features Arctic Visitors

Join Seward Park Audubon Lead Naturalist Ed Dominguez on Thursday, November 13 to explore the amazing colors and varieties of ducks, grebes and coots we call “Arctic Visitors.” These waterfowl leave their breeding grounds in the far north each autumn to overwinter in the Puget Sound lowlands. This will be a hybrid meeting hosted by the Whidbey Audubon Society. Join online or attend in-person at the Unitarian Universalist meeting house, 20103 State Route 525, north of Freeland. Register to participate by Zoom on the “Events” page of the Whidbey Audubon Society website: whidbeyaudubonsociety.org.

Doors open at 7 p.m. for refreshments and socializing, followed by a brief meeting at 7:15 p.m. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to this free program.

Ed Dominguez has served as the lead naturalist at the Seward Park Audubon Center since 2011. A native of Mount Shasta, California, Ed obtained his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from California State University. He then moved to Seattle to work on his doctorate at the University of Washington. Knowledgeable in geology, trees, mushrooms, wildflowers and mammals, Ed particularly enjoys birds and birdsongs. He is passionate about sharing the wonders of nature with others and is an experienced teacher to people of all ages.



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The Penn Cove Water Festival celebrates the cultural heritage of Native American canoe races that have been held in Coupeville since 1930. After being interrupted by World War II, the races were revived by Island County Beach Watchers in 1992, currently the Penn Cove Water Festival Association maintains the tradition.

Its mission is to bring families together to enjoy Native American canoe racing, entertainment, crafts, and culture while learning about and protecting our environment.

Planning meetings for the 2026 season are held on the third Sunday of each month at the Coupeville Library.

The next meeting is November 16, 2025, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

We invite anyone interested to attend a meeting to learn more about the festival and how you might participate as an event volunteer or Board member.

See the Job Descriptions on our website for ideas on how you can help.

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Friday-Sunday, Nov. 7-9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Greenbank Progressive Club, 3090 Firehouse Road, Greenbank

Shop handmade and local at the 2025 Makers Boutique! This three-day event features the best of Whidbey Island's artisan community — including wire tree sculptures, carved wooden creations, pottery, jewelry, crocheted plush toys, kitchen essentials, quilted goods, artwork, jellies, sauces, jams, and more.

Whether you're searching for unique holiday gifts or simply love supporting local makers, you'll find something special here.

Hosted at the Greenbank Progressive Clubhouse, located at the corner of Bakken and Firehouse Road.

FLYING FINGERS DEAF AND HOH SOCIAL

Friday Nov. 7, 5:30 p.m.
Langley United Methodist Church, Fireside Room (Third St and Anthes Ave)

We gather held monthly for a fun social and gather to learn sign language. We share our treats and enjoy each other company. The Fireside Room is in the back section of the church, it is the perfect room for learning ASL. Contact Susan for details, sisoleil973@yahoo.com.

MEDICARE Q+A

Saturday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St, Coupeville

Got Medicare questions? Drop in to meet with a SHIBA (Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors) volunteer for answers during Open Enrollment.

CYTHARA VII: THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD ACCORDING TO THE GUITAR

Saturday, Nov. 8, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565 Camano Ave., Langley

Guitar virtuosos André Feriante and Troy Chapman return to the WICA stage for Cythara VII: The History of the World According to the Guitar — an evening that blends music, storytelling, and cultural discovery. Through their collection of rare stringed instruments, the duo explores the evolution of music across centuries and continents, weaving humor, warmth, and artistry into a performance that's both educational and enchanting.

Tickets available at wicaonline.org.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Saturday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave, Freeland

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THELMA SCREENING & ELDER-FRAUD Q&A

Sunday, Nov. 9, 1 to 4 p.m.
The Clyde Theater, 217 First St., Langley

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Island Senior Resources and The Clyde Theater present a free afternoon of entertainment and community education. Enjoy Thelma, a heartwarming comedy-drama about a 93-year-old woman who takes justice into her own hands after being scammed.

Following the screening, join Assistant Attorney General Jeremy Morris from Washington State's Medicare Fraud Control unit for an informative discussion on how to recognize and avoid elder-fraud scams. Arrive early—seating is limited. Can't make the movie? Stop by at 2:30 p.m. to join the conversation.

More information at senior-resources.org.

HONORING OUR VIETNAM VETERANS: PORTRAITS & STORIES

Monday, Nov. 10, 4-5 p.m.
Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Dr, Oak Harbor

Photographer and author Michael Holtby presents his portrait series honoring Whidbey Island veterans who served in the Vietnam War. The photographs, on display throughout

November, feature portraits and first-person reflections on the war's lasting impact. Holtby will also share a slideshow and discuss the 50th anniversary of the fall of Saigon.

DISCOVER PASS FREE PARKING DAY - VETERANS DAY

Tuesday, Nov. 11
All Washington State Parks and state-managed public lands

Celebrate Veterans Day with free access to all Washington State Parks—no Discover Pass required. Enjoy the outdoors while honoring those who have served.

Free parking applies to day use only; overnight stays and facility rentals are not included.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Oak Harbor High School, 1 Wildcat Way, Oak Harbor

Join the community in honoring those who have served at the annual Veterans Day Program featuring guest speaker Capt. Juliann Althoff, Medical Corps, USN (Ret.).

Free admission. Everyone welcome.

Sponsored by the Oak Harbor Area Council, Navy League of the United States, in partnership with the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce.

OAK HARBOR VETERANS DAY PARADE

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2 to 3 p.m.
Downtown Oak Harbor, SE Pioneer Way (from Ely Street to Midway Boulevard)

Come celebrate and honor our nation's heroes at the Oak Harbor Veterans Day Parade. Bring family, friends, and neighbors for an afternoon of patriotic pride as the community salutes the brave men and women who have served our country.

The parade will feature veterans, marching bands, community groups, colorful floats, and more — all joining together in a moving tribute. Rain or shine, the procession begins at Ely Street and concludes at Midway Boulevard.

BUSINESS BUILDER: CREATE YOUR IDEAL BUYER PERSONA AND UNIQUE BUSINESS VALUE PROPOSITION

Thursday, Nov. 13, 6 to 7 p.m.
Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce, 32630 SR 20, Oak Harbor

Learn how to identify your ideal customer and define what sets your business apart from the competition in this free Business Builder workshop. Held on the second Thursday of each month, this series helps local entrepreneurs strengthen their business skills and strategies.

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MAKE IT BEAUTIFUL: A JOURNEY INTO THE HEART OF LOSS THROUGH THE ARTS

Friday, Nov. 14, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565 Camano Ave., Langley

Make It Beautiful marks the 10th anniversary of Healing Circles Langley with a powerful, multi-arts celebration of healing and community. The evening features music, poetry, theatre, dance, and film exploring themes of grief, loss, and resilience.

Local artists Aimie Vallat, Eric Mulholland, Judith Adams, Nathaniel Talbot, Meander Dance Collective, and Peggy Taylor lead audiences through a creative journey that celebrates how art helps us find meaning in life's hardest moments.

A Pay-What-You-Wish preview performance will be held Thursday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Healing Circles Langley, Island Senior Resources, and WICA's Walking Each Other Home program.

Tickets: \$30 standard, \$45 WICA Star, \$60 Angel (includes a free ticket for a community member).

Tickets available at wicaonline.org.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: DOGS, CATS, PETS AND US

Friday, Nov. 14, 2-3 p.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave, Freeland

Learn how to include your pets in your emergency plan before disaster strikes. Local emergency preparedness and fire safety expert Jan Skewes will discuss local resources and how to prepare for emergencies affecting both people and pets.

HOW DO I...MEAL PREP?

Friday, Nov. 14, 4-5 p.m.
Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Dr, Oak Harbor

Learn how to stock your fridge with healthy, affordable meals. Alex and Charlotte Bear of Whidbey Nutrition will share budget-friendly shopping tips, simple recipes, and practical strategies to make meal prep easy and sustainable.

COSMOLOGY: THE UNIVERSE, FROM THE BEGINNING OF TIME TO THE END

Saturday, Nov. 15, 10-11:30 a.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave, Freeland

Learn how the universe began, how atoms, stars and galaxies formed, and what the far future may hold. Presented by Dr. Dan Tomandl, emeritus professor of physics and astronomy at Northwest University. A Q&A session will follow the program.

MARINE MAMMALS OF THE SALISH SEA

Monday, Nov. 17, 2-3 p.m.
Langley Library, 104 Second Street, Langley

Learn what to do if you encounter a stranded seal, sea lion, whale or other marine mammal. Garry Heinrich, response coordinator for the Central Puget Sound Marine Mammal Stranding Network, will share insights on local species and marine safety.

CONNECTING THROUGH CRAFTS

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 10-11:30 a.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave, Freeland

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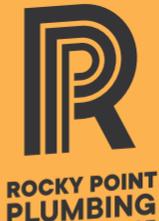
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Island County Lights Historic County Courthouse Green in Support of Operation Green Light for Veterans

Island County—announced today that the historic County Courthouse and County Administration Building will be illuminated green as part of Operation Green Light for Veterans, a nationwide effort by counties, the National Association of Counties (NACo), and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers.

From November 4-11, county buildings and landmarks will be illuminated green to show support for veterans and raise awareness around the resources available at the county, state, and federal levels to assist veterans and their families.

Now in its fifth year, Operation Green Light is expected to draw hundreds of participating counties from states across the nation. The county role in administering services for veterans includes County Veterans Service Officers helping fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year, as well as other services supporting the approximately 200,000 service members who transition into civilian communities annually.

The Board of Island County Commissioners directed that Island County will recognize Operation Green Light, honoring Veterans Day as part of a national recognition effort by National Association of Counties (NACo). Island County residents, businesses and community organizations are encouraged to participate in Operation Green Light by changing one light to a green bulb. By shining a green light, we let our veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported.

Counties and residents across the country are sharing their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight.



On Preparing for Thanksgiving

BY CHARLES LAFOND
ISLAND FUNDRAISER, POTTER, AUTHOR,
AND ESSAYIST

As the holiday season approaches and the land begins its time of rest, my anxiety increases. It's silly, really. I mean, I live alone with a sweet dog. I am gainfully employed, and every day I tend to have no savings but enough food, enough warmth, and a soft, warm, dry place to sleep within walls with plumbing and a wood stove. And as I age, I am noticing that I need to begin wanting less and giving more. It seems to me that gratitude is the antidote to envy, and envy is the secret source of anxiety for many of us. Even though we, in the United States, make up 5% of the planet's population, we use 25% of its resources annually, which is a bit messed up. So, for me, Thanksgiving is about gratitude (the "thanks" part) and "giving" (well, that's sort of

in the name).

How shall we prepare for Thanksgiving? It is an agnostic holiday that carries a strange, marbled rye of dark and light emotions for me. Yesterday I spoke to my family in Virginia. They are all gathering for the holiday at my sister's home, and I am envious. My sister is a great cook, and the family is made up of, without exception, wonderful humans on both sides of our political spectrum. There will be plenty of the usual foods, football, and laughter.

I was raised in Montreal by a preposterously British mother and a kind but detached American Father. Thanksgiving in my childhood was odd because we celebrated it in Canada, whose Thanksgiving is on a different date and technically in a "realm." Canadian Thanksgiving is earlier in the calendar because of a shorter and earlier growing season.

In my family, we ate Batter Pudding on Thanksgiving. My parents drank too much, we all ate too much, and then we sat in a dull metabolic haze watching TV all night until I went to bed and my parents passed out on their respective couches. Also, my Father thought Thanksgiving was quintessentially American, while my mother saw it as the start of a Native genocide, a notion my Father found annoying. Mind you, the Fourth of July was a holiday my British mother called "The anniversary of an experiment" before, uncomfortably, moving the conversation to "The Fall of Rome," which took me five decades to connect.

If, as I believe, our cultural illness is anxiety, and if, as I also think, our anxiety is borne from the envy we feel when we see how others say they are living, the antidote to envy is gratitude, which makes Thanksgiving quite a dose of emotional intelligence indeed.

Emotional intelligence is complex, but it boils down to being able to identify 87 emotions and feelings (see Brene Brown's Atlas of the Heart) rather than the three we usually and lazily identify. Then it further boils down to having enough and being given permission to feel that one is "enough," no matter what others say to or about one.

As we cook our Thanksgiving meals, we will reduce ingredients and boil them down into different sauces. And that meal will begin a season of 4 weeks of shopping, decorating, and partying, regardless of religion or of none. I hope, for myself, that I will feel and actually be "enough" without four courses, new clothes, and gifts; that I will want less.

I want what the cheerful Whos in Whoville have in the Dr. Seuss story after The Grinch stole everything.

We live on this small island together. I hope we, too, can live "heart to heart and hand in hand."

Mom's Batter (Yorkshire) Pudding

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 eggs
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1/2 cup of butter or pan drippings from a roast

Directions

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Sift together the flour and salt in a bowl. In another bowl, beat together the eggs and milk until light and foamy. Stir in the dry ingredients just until incorporated. If possible, do this the day before or at least 30 minutes before cooking, and let it sit. Pour the butter or drippings into a muffin pan (as shown above) or into a 9-inch pie pan, a cast-iron skillet, or a square baking dish. Don't overfill the pan with batter, as it will rise quickly and tall. Put the pan in the oven and heat the fat until it's very hot. Carefully remove the pan from the oven and pour in the batter. Put the pan back in the oven on a cookie sheet and cook until puffed and dry, 15 to 20 minutes.

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STEELHEAD TROUT

On occasion the steelhead trout is referred to as a salmon, they are anadromous meaning they travel from freshwater to saltwater and back to fresh plus they can grow to 8 and 9 pounds but that is where the basic similarities end. Here is the wonder of a steelhead, they return to their home rivers to spawn but after the spawning cycle they do not perish! They begin making their way back to the saltwater, and become aggressive feeders in the process. This is one of the times when our odds of hooking into a steelhead is most likely.



There are different species of trout such as brook, cutthroat, and brown but it is the rainbow trout that holds the title of becoming a mighty steelhead. There are summer and winter runs of steelhead, both are a wonderful prize to catch. Steelhead have an incredible sense of smell, their ability to detect the naturally released trace chemicals of their home river water, rocks, and sediments (up to one to two parts per million) is what makes it possible for a steelhead to return to the exact location they were

hatched from. They can also detect when a dog has put its paw into the water or if a human has placed their hands into the water, we humans and dogs release different levels of a chemical called L-serine, (your fishing buddy maybe more than you, and this is why he can never get close to a steelhead) this is one of the reasons steelhead can be hard to catch.

Steelhead have been labeled "the fish of a thousand casts" so consider yourself lucky if you have hooked one in less, however that doesn't mean anglers never catch them, it just takes persistence and time on the water. It's been said that winter steelhead do not feed, due to their late season arrival, a quick transition from salt to freshwater, their quick spawn and go turn-around, and their bellies are swollen with either eggs or milt-sacks that reduce their ability to swallow and digest food. Summer steelhead enter the river systems way early and fat, they hold up a long time in the river before spawning and will continue to eat until spawning time grows near.

"Keep it small" is something to keep in mind, winter steelhead will still attempt to eat, there might not be enough room for a big meal, An adjustable/sliding float above a hook with an offering is probably the most widely used method to present a bait to a steelhead. Here are a few proven baits and lures used to catch steelhead:

- Night crawlers, are a great bait to start with and readily available, worms were one of the steelheads primary diet as a young trout so they remember the taste of a worm. Using a whole worm is not necessary, pinch off half for two chances at a strike.
- Rubber worms, 4 to 6 inch rubber worms have become a staple in the steelhead realms, pink is extremely popular or a combo of colors like a pink body with a chartreuse tail. Purple, black, and orange are also popular colors to entice a bite.
- Cured eggs (roe), eggs are the backbone of float fishermen, properly cured eggs can outfish any other offering, with the multi colored curing powders and liquids on the market today, they have made egg curing much easier for the average angler to always have some eggs available to fish with. The great thing about eggs, like worms, is that you can fish a little gobb or enough to choke a horse.
- Sand shrimp, are another natural bait for steelhead, hooked live in their natural state, or cured in your favorite brine color. Sand shrimp are a great bait.
- Tuna, juicy clumps of canned tuna that is held together with bait-mesh, or maline bags will catch steelhead, using tuna has become very popular over the past few years.

The term "metal head" doesn't just apply to the color of the fish's head, it also applies to the metal hardware that will trigger a powerful steelhead strike. Here are a few examples:

- Spoons, wobbling spoons like the little cleos or dick-nites have caught their fair share of steelhead, the fisherman that can master the twitch, jerk, and drop-back action into a spoon while its drifting down-current will be hard to beat. The erratic movement combined with the color and flash of the spoon can be irresistible to a steelhead.
- Spinners, The spinning blade and thumping vibrations it creates trigger an attack mode in steelhead, they are either after it as food or they are bent on taking it out of the gene pool. Spinners like Mepps, and Blue fox come in some great colors. Pink, chartreuse, red, and orange are my picks for steelhead.

There is another group of artificial baits that have outwitted winter steelhead, two have been around as long as spinners, the other has really made their mark over the last few years. Plugs and soft beads are always on the steelhead menu:

- Plugs, that are back trolled from a driftboat can be deadly for steelhead, Kwikfish, Tadpollys, and Hotshots are all proven plugs in many Puget Sound rivers. When these plugs are slowly digging their way into a steelhead holding area the fish can't stand the dancing vibrating signals they give off, if they don't suddenly attack the plug at first sight, then as the steelhead are pushed to the back edge of the holding area (tailout) they will feel trapped and often attack at that point. Catching a steelhead on a plug is explosive, unforgettable, and heart pounding.
- Fly's, hand tied flies are one of the original steelhead offerings, fly fishermen have floated colorful and "match the hatch" flies over top of, and used sinking flies to get in front of steelhead for years, for fly fishermen, flies are the only way to go.
- Soft beads, "gooby-bobs" have been around for a while, but the soft smooth beads available on the market now has taken their place in the drift fishemans book, these beads when rigged under a float can mimic a single floating egg or gobb of eggs, they come in a wide range of sizes and are tough and reliable. The hardest thing is deciding which ones to buy, the color selection is huge. My two color picks are pink or orange with the creamy swirl.

Steelhead fishing (especially winter steelhead) is in a class by itself, they can be difficult to catch and with their powerful tails and strong bodies can be difficult to keep on the hook. Catching a winter steelhead should be on every fisherman's bucket-list, they are simply a fantastic one-of-a-kind fish!

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) have extended winter steelhead opportunities in some of the surrounding rivers so check their web-site for details. Cold wet weather is here to stay, so go slow, stay safe and GOOD LUCK out there!!

WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

ARIES (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

You're in action mode again, Aries! Mars boosts ambition, but Saturn reminds you to plan before leaping. Focus on follow-through, not just fresh starts—steady progress brings recognition by week's end.

TAURUS (Apr 21 – May 21)

Relationships deepen under Venus's soothing glow. It's a great time to mend fences or recommit emotionally. A friend's advice mid-week could bring unexpected clarity about a love or money matter.

GEMINI (May 22 – Jun 21)

Small steps at work lead to big momentum. Mercury helps you analyze details, while the Virgo Moon on Wednesday refines your focus. Avoid multitasking—precision wins over speed.

CANCER (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Your playful side surfaces again! Creativity and romance brighten your days. A family or personal project may reach a turning point—trust your instincts about what truly brings you joy.

LEO (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Home and comfort take priority. Rearranging your space or reconnecting with loved ones recharges your emotional batteries. By the weekend, your energy returns with new confidence and warmth.

VIRGO (Aug 24 – Sept 22)

Communication breakthroughs are likely. Mercury and Jupiter expand your influence, making this ideal for writing, meetings, or sharing an idea publicly. Someone finally sees your perspective—stay gracious.

LIBRA (Sept 23 – Oct 23)

Money matters and self-worth align. Venus encourages smart budgeting while Neptune's touch makes you generous. Focus on long-term value, not just comfort—financial stability blossoms through patience.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 – Nov 22)

Your power rises, Scorpio! With the Sun in your sign, confidence and magnetism peak. Use this momentum to launch something bold or close an old chapter. People notice your authenticity now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 – Dec 21)

A week of quiet recalibration. Dreams feel vivid, intuition sharper. Let go of what no longer fits and prepare for a new personal cycle. The weekend restores your adventurous spark.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 – Jan 20)

Teamwork pays off. Connections through work or social circles can open new doors—especially mid-week. Your ability to lead with calm authority turns admiration into opportunity.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 – Feb 18)

Professional horizons expand. Saturn strengthens your discipline while Mars fuels ambition. Recognition is close, but avoid burnout—balance effort with rest for sustained success.

PISCES (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

Curiosity leads to magic. Explore new ideas, cultures, or creative projects. Neptune enhances imagination while Jupiter supports growth—what inspires you now could become your next passion.

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Astrology for November 7-13 2025

So Many Retrogrades! Mercury, Jupiter, Uranus!

On **November 7**, Uranus retrograde enters Taurus at 29°. We are revisiting themes that began in May 2018 and have since been ongoing. These themes will continue until Uranus finally moves into Gemini on April 25, 2026. How has your relationship to finances, resources, and the material realm been transformed since 2018? It's been a wild ride, hasn't it? This last lap of Uranus in Taurus will perpetuate the overarching theme of endings that have already been underway for quite some time via the outer planets, namely Saturn and Neptune in Pisces. Old ways of utilizing, acquiring, saving, moving, spending, hoarding, etc. of our physical resources have come to an end and we will be pushed to create new, flexible, and more detached patterns. Taurus is an earth sign, and these changes may be intrinsically linked to our physical bodies, health and diet choices. Where are you still unwilling to change? Clock is ticking.

On **November 9**, Mercury stations retrograde in Sagittarius at 6°. This is a messy period of time. Sagittarius is a notably difficult sign for Mercury to be in, let alone during its retrograde phase. Sagittarius is focused on the big picture, not great with the details. The period of time with Mercury retrograde in Sagittarius from November 9-18 is likely to be especially disorganized, albeit spontaneous. When Mercury continues on in Scorpio, things may function somewhat smoother in comparison, but all is not as it seems on the surface. As far as November 9 is concerned, today may be one of the most unpredictable and glitchy of them all. Miscommunications and missing details are likely to spring up left and right. Spontaneous messages. Unexpected information. Technological glitches. Random questions. Since Sagittarius is a sign ruling an element of travel, expect delays or rerouting. Check vehicles and other modes of transportation for safety before taking a long journey. Let yourself take inventory of and review your belief systems.

On **November 11**, Jupiter stations retrograde in Cancer at 25°. Double down on that inventory and review of belief systems, as Jupiter the planet that rules elements of our spirituality, religiosity, beliefs, and higher learning pedals backward until March 10 of 2026. Jupiter in Cancer will turn the higher learning goals and sense of expansion inward, with an emphasis on our connections to home, comfort, and emotional connection. Jupiter can help us during this period of time expand our emotional intelligence and aid us in listening to gut feelings, intuition, and spiritual guidance. As far as November 11 is concerned, Jupiter has a lot of pull, and it may be easier to indulge creature comforts for better or worse. There is a helpful twist if we can find the balance between taking the journey inward without escapism or avoidance, and that is due to Jupiter forming a trine with Saturn retrograde in the sign of Pisces virtually all month long. This is a very powerful time for intuition, for being in the right place at the right time, and to make progress in the direction of our higher goals, but only if we are able to go within and hear our inner guidance.

On **November 12**, Mercury retrograde conjuncts Mars in Sagittarius at 6°. These planets are meeting up in a fire sign, one that is mutable. This is where information can slip. Be careful with words today, they are likely to rapid fire with tact thrown to the win. We will very likely have to return to exchanges that ensue today at a later date. Potentially careless or fighting words. Enthusiastic communication. Overpromising and over-generalizing. Opinions professed that stir the pot. Things are in flux right now. Are you in a hurry? What are you trying to prove?



**November 7th – November 13th :
The Moon Reversed**



Emotions rise like the tide, and may have folks feeling quite snappish. With Mercury preparing to station retrograde in Sagittarius while the Sun continues through Scorpio, the cold hard truth surges from the depths to be seen. Rationale seems sidelined as the dogs are at each other's throats, too blinded by their rage and hatred and the chasm between them to see their kinship, to see their sameness beneath their hackles.

Powers greater than ourselves gaze upon us, desiring we feel a love deeply resonate, infusing us with enough strength to work through our differences. As a mother observing quarreling children, aching for them to choose peace, knowing the choice must be ours in the end, knowing we must choose who we want to be.

There is a venomous fiend, a third party, striking at our heels as we lunge at one another, spurring us on, benefiting from our rift. Even as it spreads its devastation, we do not feel the poison in our blood stream while the adrenaline surges through our veins. The adversary we refuse to see, we refuse to believe is lethal in its minuscule size, silently profits from our warring divide, salivating to squash any blossoms of peace.

Each blade of grass, each clover, stands beside their compatriots, unifying the lawn, but will they witness the same shade of green no matter the fencing? The might to carve a journey through the mountains; we can do hard things. But will we let the depth of the gorge stop us from erecting a magnificent bridge? How can we look inside ourselves and exhibit the love we wish we saw in others?

This week asks you not to shy away from the raw vulnerability of your honest emotions. Instead, let them speak to you of what you've been avoiding, what you've quietly been daring to hope. Let them guide you alongside your reasonable practicality; partners rather than opponents.

Xo, Tiffany

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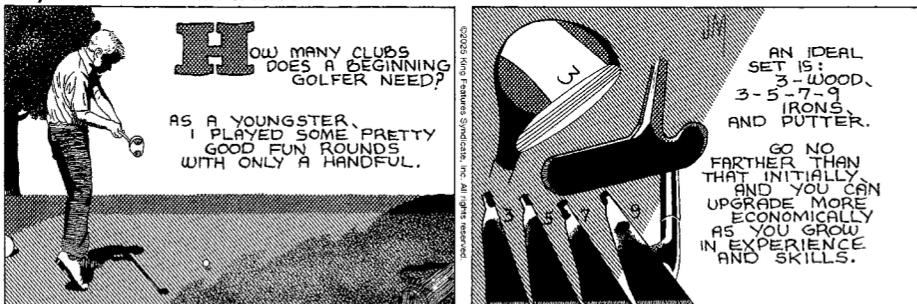
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OUR Community



An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What is your secret strength, or skill?



Brookelynn Langford,
 Oak Harbor

When ruminating the question "what is your secret strength or skill," I found myself in a strange state of panic, because my not-so-secret-skill is that I'm an artist, and that dominates most of my personality; but what is my secret strength or skill? As a person that works with sensitive information daily, I believe I have a wonderful hidden skill of being a calming presence, and creating an atmosphere that is safe for someone to exist in, whether it's over the phone, in person, or across the country—I will always give my full authentic self to every social interaction and ensure that the other person in the conversation is fully heard and understood 100% of the time.



Eric Mitten,
 Coupeville

My wife Aleshia and I have owned a Windermere Real Estate Franchise for over twenty-five years. We opened our Coupeville office in 2001 and expanded to Oak Harbor in 2005. In that time we've had the privilege of meeting countless incredible people whose contributions have shaped both our business and our lives. My secret strength is the ability to identify and attract great people to join our team. Over the years, we have been blessed to partner with amazing, energetic individuals who helped grow Windermere Real Estate, Windermere Property Management and Rocky Point Plumbing & Maintenance. Beyond business success, these team members have recognized the importance of giving back to our community. Through the Windermere Foundation, our real-estate brokers and staff have helped us contribute more than \$160,000 to local families in need. I am proud to be associated with such great people.



Veronica Cibrian,
 Oak Harbor

"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% of how you react to it" a quote by renowned Pastor Charles R. Swindoll. My perspective on life changed for the better after I heard this quote in my early twenties. It provided me my secret strength of perseverance. As people, we unable change life's hardships, changes, and hard decisions. Yet, life is a beautiful gift one can give and have. We have to make the most of it, but it comes at a cost. My opinion, is faith, good familial and friend network is a key. This attributes to keeping my perseverance consistent. Because, with those foundational things I realized I am not the only one. Problems never change, only the circumstances and person. Which is as old as time. Another, strategy I use to persevere is the use of "mindfulness". I need to be present as opposed to forwarding things and getting wrapped up in things that are not here nor there.

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

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 Carregiving mentoring and play support, mothermentors.org

I Support the Girls
 360-678-2090
isupportthegirls.org/affiliates/whidbey-island
 Essential health and hygiene items for women and girls.

Island Senior Resources
 360-321-1600
 14594 SR 525, Langley
 Multiple 50+ programs and services. Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. senior-resources.org

Pamoja Place pamojaplace.org
 721 Camano Ave, Langley
 Safe space for BIPOC people and allies to connect, collaborate, and celebrate.

Veterans Resource Center
 360-331-2496
 723 Camano Ave, Langley
 Events, Support, and Benefits help
 Monday 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 Tues - Thurs 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday by Appointment. whibeyvrc.org

Veterans Services
 360-632-2496
 105 NW 1st, Coupeville
 Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

RESOURCES

Basic Food Benefits Community Services Office: 275 Pioneer Way #201, Oak Harbor 877-501-2233
 Food Banks:
Gifts From the Heart:
 108 SW Terry Road
 Monetary donations, they should be sent to:
 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 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

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
 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

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