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Winter Jewelry Collection
2025

The central collage features a variety of jewelry pieces: necklaces with diamonds, pearls, and crosses; rings with diamonds, pearls, and rubies; earrings with pearls and diamonds; and bracelets with diamonds and pearls. The collage is decorated with Christmas ornaments in red, green, and teal, pine branches with red berries, gold stars, and a golden reindeer.



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Langley pop-up store makes it easy to shop local by engaging with local artists, products and ingredients

By Jon Bach
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Ritual Mischief Botanicals owner Serena Rundberg and Golden Ginkgo Studio owner Jane Fung in front of their new pop-up store in Langley. The store is open Fridays and weekends until Jan. 4.

To discover something special is sometimes a matter of knowing exactly where to look and when — else, you'll miss it.

From November 22 to January 4, a new pop-up store — Whidbey Makers Holiday Pop-up Shop — graces downtown Langley at 225 Anthes Ave. (the former location of Bandbox Beauty) and features local products and artwork. The owners are local, too, and they want you to be part of the experience they created.

The store is open on Fridays and weekends from November 22 to January 4 — a holiday partnership between Mariah and Serena Rundberg and local potter Jane Fung to provide a way for anyone to find unique gifts.

"A lot of people like to shop local and be able to have access to local makers," Fung said. "People might not be aware of all of the little markets happening on the weekends, so this store is an opportunity to get local holiday gifts without having to be in-the-know about all of the various hidden markets around the island."

The store sells a variety of botanicals that already may be known to locals who have found Ritual Mischief Botanicals products at Langley's Bayview Garden nursery and Flying Bear Flower Shop, as well as Oaklawn Enchantments in Oak Harbor.

"Armed with clippers, clad in overalls, and respect and love for herbs, we craft small-batch body care goods using plants we grow, forage, and occasionally whisper to under the moonlight," according to Rundberg via Ritual Mischief Botanicals' website.

Fung is the owner of Whidbey Island's Golden Ginkgo Studio and is a longtime friend of Ritual Mischief's previous owner, Lori Kane. Kane introduced her to the Rundbergs. "Lori thought it would be nice for Serena to know me because we were both doing many of the same markets," Fung said.

Fung will have her ceramic functional ware (plates, bowls, pitchers, and mugs) featuring her popular "Wishing Stones" collection, inspired by stones she finds on local beaches. She will also feature various "luminaries" made from translucent porcelain, which she says is the most beautiful and difficult clay to work with.

The entire line of Ritual Mischief Botanicals will also be available, featuring lip balms, body butters, lotion bars, herbal salves, soaps and dog shampoo bars.

Also featured will be products and artwork from about a dozen other local makers. You can find locally made honey, chocolate, jewelry, natural-dyed fabrics, glasswork, and original artwork and prints.

"We want the community to know that we're involved and engaged with the artisan community and we're here for them," Serena Rundberg said.

During the weekend of December 20 and 21, you can even meet and watch many of these local artists applying their craftsmanship — just in time to be able to tell a specific, personal story about that special holiday gift you might decide to pick up.

There will also be an interactive area for children to do various craftwork.

"It's a positive community-building space, not just a few makers in mediums to come together," Fung said. "I've dreamed of having a little shop in Langley for so long, and I'm so excited that it's come true, even if it's a limited-time shop."

The pop-up store is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Ritual Mischief Botanicals products can also be found on Facebook and Instagram, as well as their website at ritualmischief.com. To find Golden Ginkgo Studio products, follow them on Instagram @goldenginkgostudio or sign up for product release announcements on their website at <https://goldenginkgo.studio/>






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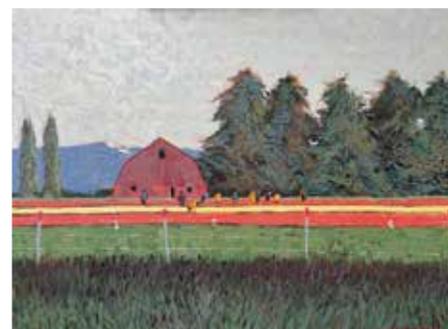
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RSG #1 - Flora, Fauna, and the Woman in Between - oil on canvas by Mason Andrews - 24" x 24"

RSG #2 - Low Boy - found, forged and fabricated steel by David Gignac - 14" x 13" x 4.4"

RSG #3 - Red Barn - oil on canvas by Alfred Currier - 30" h x 40" w - framed 32" x 42"

RSG #4 - Sepele (African Mahogany) Bowl - by Don Wodjenski - 4" h x 7" diameter

More room at the table: Washington State Ferries dishing out more sailings this Thanksgiving

300,000 holiday weekend riders expected over five-day period

This Thanksgiving, there's a lot to be thankful for at Washington State Ferries. After years of work to restore service, WSF is sailing into the holiday weekend with more than 10% additional daily departures than in recent years.

With the restoration of full domestic service earlier this year, there are now over 420 daily sailings for customers to choose from. That is good news for the roughly 300,000 people expected to board Wednesday, Nov. 26, through Sunday, Nov. 30. But with so many choosing to sail during this time, those boarding a ferry in a vehicle should still prepare for the possibility of long waits at terminals.

"We're thankful to be able to provide more service and reliability this Thanksgiving," said WSF Deputy Secretary Steve Nevey. "These improvements come from a lot of hard work across our organization, with support from the governor and Legislature. I'm especially grateful to our employees who will be working over the holiday weekend."

Plan before you go

People boarding a vessel in a vehicle should use the WSDOT mobile app or visit the WSF website before heading to the terminal. Both feature sailing schedules, live terminal conditions, rider alerts, a real-time map and vehicle reservations.

Busy travel times

The busiest sailings for vehicles will likely be westbound (or onto an island) Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 26-27, then eastbound (or departing an island) Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 29-30. Both directions are expected to be busy Friday, Nov. 28. To reduce or eliminate waiting, riders should consider taking an early-morning or late-night sailing or using transit to walk or bike onto the ferry if possible.

Holiday schedules

On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, there will be a few holiday adjustments to daily schedules on the Edmonds/Kingston and Point Defiance/Tahlequah routes. These changes are marked online on each schedule by route. The Seattle/Bainbridge Island and Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth runs will operate on holiday timetables.

People using state highways to get to the ferry terminal should plan for potential holiday travel backups and delays by checking real-time traffic information on the WSDOT mobile app or online using the WSDOT travel map feature.

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*1 ticket per \$20 purchase with a maximum of 50 tickets per individual transaction. Drawing will be held at Harborside Village at 2pm on Saturday, December 20. Must be 18 years older to participate. Do not need to be present to win. Receive one ticket at Oak Harbor Main Street Office, no purchase necessary.

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What's Going On!

DECK THE DOORS

November 28 – January 1
Downtown Langley

Escape the crowds and enjoy relaxed holiday shopping in the seaside village of Langley. Beginning the weekend after Thanksgiving, the town transforms into a festive holiday destination filled with creative displays.

Artists are invited to decorate downtown doors and windows with imaginative seasonal designs in this Langley Main Street Association tradition, now a highly anticipated annual event.

Past participants include South Whidbey Commons, Sweet Mona's, Star Store, Sprinklz, Ott & Murphy, Chocolate Flower Farm, Brackenwood Gallery, Braeburn, Prima Bistro, Langley Fine Fabrics, Fair Trade Outfitters and John L. Scott.

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

Friday, Nov. 28, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Opening Day)
Saturday–Sunday, Nov. 29–30, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday–Sunday, Dec. 5–7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Whidbey Island Fairgrounds, Langley

The Whidbey Island Fair's annual Country Christmas returns, filled with festive fun, local crafts, and holiday spirit. Shop unique handmade gifts, enjoy cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate, and let the kids create at the craft table. Don't miss Santa's special visits and prizes for the first 50 shoppers on opening day, Black Friday, Nov. 28.

Free admission and fun for the whole family.

WHIDBEY ART MARKET: HOLIDAY SHOWCASE AND SALE

Friday–Saturday, Nov. 28–29,
10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Freeland Hall, 1515 Shoreview Dr., Freeland

Celebrate the season at the Whidbey Art Market Holiday Showcase and Sale. Discover a beautiful array of locally made creations, from jewelry and ceramics to woodwork, textiles, basketry, and more — with gifts for every budget.

The festivities continue with a Holiday Artisan Market on Dec. 14, 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. at Dancing Fish Vineyards.

HOLIDAY MARKET AT PACIFIC RIM INSTITUTE

Friday, Nov. 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Pacific Rim Institute, 180 Parker Rd, Coupeville

Shop local and celebrate the season at the Pacific Rim Institute's Holiday Market, featuring handmade gifts, local vendors, and festive fun for the whole family. Enjoy lunch from a food truck, free activities, and complimentary hot cocoa, cider, and cookies. Santa will make a special appearance by fire truck on Saturday, Nov. 29, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Free admission.

PLAID FRIDAY, SHOP LOCAL

Friday, Nov. 28, 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Historic Downtown Oak Harbor, SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor

Skip the big-box rush and celebrate small businesses. Wear plaid and shop downtown—participating merchants offer specials and discounts for plaid-clad shoppers.

FREE HOME DEPOT KID'S WORKSHOP FOR AGES 5–12

Saturday, Nov. 29, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Home Depot, 31800 SR 20, Oak Harbor

Kids ages 5–12 can build, create, and take home a fun project at this free hands-on workshop. All tools and materials are provided, along with an apron and certificate of achievement. Parental supervision required.

A BLIZZARD OF TALES AND TUNES WITH ERIC ODE

Saturday, Nov. 29, 10:00–11:00 a.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave.

Enjoy a lively mix of winter stories and songs for young children and families with musician and storyteller Eric Ode. Hand motions, fingerplays, and the antics of Scratch the Barn Cat make this interactive program a delight for all ages.

BAYVIEW FARMERS MARKET: HOLIDAY MARKET

Saturday, Nov. 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bayview Farmers Market, 5624 Bayview Road, Langley

The Bayview Farmers Market Holiday Market is just around the corner, bringing festive cheer to the holiday season. Browse artisan crafts, local farm goods, gourmet treats, and handmade gifts — perfect for loved ones or for treating yourself. Enjoy live entertainment while shopping for one-of-a-kind creations from Whidbey's talented makers.

Additional Dates:
Saturday, Dec. 13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

THE LIGHTING OF LANGLEY

Saturday, Nov. 29, 3 to 5 p.m.
Langley Park

Join neighbors and friends to kick off the holiday season with The Lighting of Langley! Enjoy carol singing, hot cocoa, and a special visit from Santa. This festive gathering is fun for the whole family — stay after to shop and dine in Langley's beautifully lit downtown.

Free and open to the public.

SHOP SMALL SUNDAY

Sunday, Nov. 30
Downtown Oak Harbor

Support local businesses this holiday season! Spend the day exploring shops, restaurants, and boutiques in historic downtown Oak Harbor for Shop Small Sunday. Find unique gifts, enjoy festive cheer, and keep your holiday dollars in the community.

STAY AND PLAY

Monday, Dec. 1, 10:00–11:00 a.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave.

Children from birth to kindergarten and their caregivers are invited to drop in for free playtime with toys provided by the library. Enjoy a relaxed hour of play, learning, and social connection with other families.

Also offered Dec. 8 and Dec. 15.

STEM CONSTRUCTION ZONE

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2:45–4:00 p.m.
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St.

Get creative with LEGO® and other STEM-building activities! Each month features a new challenge—December's project uses the Architectur Constructor Set. All materials provided. Designed for ages 5 and up.

DROP-IN TECH HELP

Thursday, Dec. 4, 10:00–11:00 a.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave.

Need help with your device or accessing library eBooks, audiobooks, or streaming? Bring your device for one-on-one assistance during this drop-in session. No registration required.

Also offered Dec. 11 and Dec. 18.

FLYING FINGERS DEAF AND HOH SOCIAL

Fri Dec. 5, 5:30 pm - 6:30pm
Langley United Methodist Church Fireside Room (Third St and Anthes Ave)

We have a monthly gathering for deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals to learn sign language. It is a fun event with shared food which is always a pleasant surprise. We celebrate our birthdays. The Fireside room is behind the church, it is a wonderful room to learn signs.

Contact Susan at sisoilei973@yahoo.com.

FREELAND HOLIDAY PARADE & TREE LIGHTING

Saturday, Dec. 7, 4:00–8:00 p.m.
Main Street, Freeland

The most magical night of the year returns to downtown Freeland with the Holiday Parade of Lights and Tree Lighting celebration. The parade begins at 4:00 p.m. at the Frontier parking lot and ends at Whidbey Tel, where the community will gather for the tree lighting and festivities.

Enjoy live entertainment, caroling, warm drinks, local vendors, and visits with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and even Elsa and Olaf. Bring the family and experience the sparkle, spirit, and small-town joy of the holidays in Freeland.

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Nov. 15 – Dec. 20

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Home for the Holidays

Saturday, December 6, 2025

LIVE MUSIC inside Harborside Village Mall at 830 SE Pioneer Way
Down On The Corner 11am-12pm • John Roco on Piano 12-12:30pm
Danika Kloewer 1:30-2:30pm • Rain Davidson 3-4pm

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On making peace

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



In these next few weeks, I will avert my eyes from television and stare into the eyes of my friends while walking on this beautiful land.

We live on an island surrounded by an ocean. We enjoy access to dark forests full of old-growth forests. The ferns can grow so large that the movie *Jurassic Park* comes to mind. We live near beaches where waves gently pet the sand, and we can walk those beaches and forests whenever we make (make, not have) free time to do so. The beauty is stunning, and yet we spend so much time in front of televisions.

But that is the issue these days: between Thanksgiving and other winter holidays, we seem unable to discern between "making time" and "having time."

We don't "have friends" as much as we "make friends." Making a friendship takes work, scheduling, time, effort, forgiveness asked for and received, and sometimes cookies. Making a friend is a co-creative task. Each friend, whether in a marriage or a friendship, must pull its weight on equal footing – must do the work of daily co-creating.

We will spend the next few weeks hanging lights on trees, decorating living rooms, making the foods our friends and family love, and scheduling parties to host and attend. We will navigate purchasing things. And regardless of the spiritual or religious tradition from which one hails, we are, by January, exhausted, bulging in tighter clothes, and paying off credit cards.

I hope for something different this year, at least for myself.

My goals this holiday season have nothing to do with gifts (I'm making mugs and spiced walnuts.) My goals do not include parties – hosting or attending. And my financial goal for this December is to spend debt-free, giving what I have away to others who need it more than I do.

Pictured above is one of my own coffee mugs on a Whidbey beach (photo by Dennis Browne.) I make them on a potter's wheel with a combination of Italian orange clay wedged with some Whidbey Island clay, rich in iron and dipped in two blue cobalt glazes.

Why is this my icon for these upcoming holidays, and not a candy cane or snowman? What does a hand-made pottery mug have to do with this season?

My goals for the next few weeks are based on something I call "The Garden." I know, most people left their gardens behind before Halloween. When I say my goals are centered around "My Garden," I'm referring to a list on paper that I keep immediately in front of my face at my desk.

It's a piece of paper titled "My Garden." On it are a dozen or so names of the people I most love on this island – people whose friendship I need to keep watered, fertilized, tended to, in good soil for vigorous growth and occasional pruning, yielding a plentiful harvest of love and laughter.

Every day I look at this "Garden" – I look at each name. I let my eyes linger on them. I ask myself (the way one might ask about plants in a real garden), "What does this one need?" Do they need a letter on linen ivory stationery with cobalt ink? Do they need a call or a sudden delivery of cookies? Shall we have lunch or coffee? Do we need to meet and laugh about life, or share courage in hard times?

My goals for this holiday are to ask each friend out for a walk on Whidbey land, each of us holding a tall, blue mug of something rich, creamy, warm, and tasty with hints of nutmeg. We will walk and talk. There will be tears and laughter. We will do the "work" of making a friendship.

At the end of a year and a lifetime, we are, each one of us, only as rich, well, and beautiful as the friendships we have worked hard to co-create.

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- Parade: Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 4pm
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- Christmas Tree Lighting Following the Parade
- Carols and Holiday Music by The Shifty Sailors at Cooks Corner Park
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Life Tributes

Richard V. Ays December 21, 1937 - November 10, 2025

Richard Ays (Dick) died Monday November 10, 2025 in Oak Harbor from complications of a fall. Richard was born in Brooklyn, New York December 21, 1937. He spent most of his life in New Jersey before moving to Oak Harbor. He was a retired letter carrier for the Post Office. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Rita Ays and his youngest son, Daniel. He is survived by his wife Patricia, son Michael (Sue) and daughters Lori (John Cherry) and Mariea (Tim Maggiore), brother Francis (Denise), sister Diane Neal and 8 nieces and nephews. There will be no service at his request.

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Whidbey Skies:

Nov 28 – Dec 4, 2025

Moon Phase

- As of Nov 28, the moon is just past first quarter.
- On December 4, the moon reaches full at around 4:14 pm local time.
- That means early evenings are okay for stargazing, but by late night the moonlight will brighten the sky.

Solar & Aurora Activity

- There's no strong, well-publicized geomagnetic storm forecast for the week of Nov 28-Dec 4, so aurora chances are likely low to moderate. (Check NOAA's real-time aurora forecast for updates.)
- Even without a big geomagnetic storm, whiffs of aurora can still happen if conditions are just right — so it's always worth looking north on clear, dark nights.

Meteor Shower Watch

- The Leonid meteor shower is winding down by the end of November.
- The next major one, the Geminids, don't officially ramp up until Dec 4 and peak later in mid-December.
- So, for this week, don't expect a meteor "rain," but you might catch a few if you're patient and away from bright lights.

Night Sky Highlights

- Planets: In early evening, you may spot some of the brighter planets depending on cloud cover — a sky-watching app can help you track them.
- Constellations: Look for winter constellations rising in the northeast after dark. Orion will be more prominent soon, and familiar shapes like the Big Dipper are great to point out to younger stargazers.
- Moon Gazing: With the moon not quite full for most of the week, it's a good time to observe its surface. Even binoculars will help you pick out craters and "seas."

WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

ARIES (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

Energy rises again as Mars sparks action in your career zone. Use this burst wisely—hard work pays off mid-week. Avoid conflicts by staying focused on goals, not gossip.

TAURUS (Apr 21 – May 21)

Adventure calls! Venus inspires a desire for something new—travel, study, or a shift in routine. By the weekend, a friend's perspective could broaden your outlook beautifully.

GEMINI (May 22 – Jun 21)

A transformative week. Conversations reach deeper levels and reveal hidden truths. Don't shy away from vulnerability—it brings healing and renewed trust in key relationships.

CANCER (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Partnerships shine as the Moon highlights teamwork and compassion. It's a good time to reconnect or negotiate agreements. Balance giving with receiving to avoid emotional fatigue.

LEO (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Productivity peaks! Organize tasks, delegate, and fine-tune your schedule. A healthy rhythm sets you up for success. By the weekend, focus shifts toward fun and creativity.

VIRGO (Aug 24 – Sept 22)

Love and joy return as Venus lights up your romantic and creative sector. Express your heart freely—whether through art or affection. A heartfelt moment strengthens bonds.

LIBRA (Sept 23 – Oct 23)

Home and comfort become your sanctuary. Redecorate, cook, or simply rest. Mid-week clarity helps resolve a family concern—your calm presence restores harmony.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 – Nov 22)

You're magnetic and persuasive this week. Mercury sharpens your communication skills—ideal for pitches, writing, or heartfelt talks. A short trip may bring an exciting encounter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 – Dec 21)

Your season begins with optimism and drive! The Sun in your sign brings fresh confidence—set intentions for the coming year. Friday favors financial planning or small investments.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 – Jan 20)

Slow down and center yourself. Reflect before the new month begins. A quiet breakthrough about purpose or direction could shift how you view success.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 – Feb 18)

Your network expands as new people enter your orbit. Group projects and collaborations flourish. Stay open-minded—one connection could become a valuable ally.

PISCES (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

Career momentum grows. Trust your instincts at work; you're being noticed. By week's end, spiritual or creative reflection helps you realign with your deeper purpose.

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Readings by Noa

Astrology for November 28-December 4 2025

Full Moon in Gemini 13°, Mercury Direct in Scorpio 20°

On **November 29**, Mercury stations direct at 20° of Scorpio. Think back to what was happening around November 9, the day Mercury stationed retrograde. Take another moment to include the conversations and themes that have been present for you since October 21, when the shadow period began. As Mercury stations direct now, we will begin to have some clarity and find resolutions on these issues we have been stewing and reviewing. By December 16, Mercury will have progressed beyond the portion of the sky that it retrograded over, allowing for some well awaited forward motion in our personal lives and agreements. In the meantime, today is a day where hidden information can come to light. We can have an intuitive hit about a drawn out situation that has been running in the background of our daily bustle. A conversation is finally had within the self or with another.

Venus the planet of relationships, finances, and beauty is active today! On **November 30**, Venus in Scorpio trines Neptune retrograde in Pisces at 29°, opposes Uranus retrograde in Taurus at 29° and then enters Sagittarius. This transit brings unexpected ease and flow to a relationship or creative dynamic. The planets in water signs offer fertility, sweetness, depth of feeling, and Uranus retrograde in Taurus may offer unexpected support via the physical realm, be it physical touch and sensuality or material resources. Today offers an opening for tenderness and dreaming, but as the day progresses we feel we want to do something about it. The moon in fiery Mars-ruled Aries is aiding Venus's entry into Sagittarius. There is a sense of optimism in love, romance, and finances. An instinctual curiosity, an urge to explore a new way in these areas that will be with us until December 24. Careful! Are you only seeing through rose-colored glasses? Idealizing a version of a person or endeavor that is not rooted in reality is easy to do under this sky.

On **December 2**, Venus in Sagittarius sextiles Pluto in Aquarius at 1°. The exploration kicks off with a supportive aspect from Pluto. Pluto ignites passions from the depths, and in Aquarius those passions are likely to be socially conscious. Gone are the days where we could live in the un-aware. Frequencies have upgraded in how we spend our time. Who are our people? Who feels like tribe? We are more curious about social equity and inclusion and more open to magnetizing just that. Talk to people. Engage in deep conversations and keep following your highest excitement with discernment. In love, this is helpful for deepening a bond. In money, this is a stream of income proving its worth or a positive development.

December 4 brings the full Moon in Gemini at 13° and this is a powerhouse. This is a major checkpoint. Fated conversations. This full Moon is creating a grand mutable cross with the North Node in Pisces, the South Node in Virgo, and the Sun in Sagittarius. The mutable signs are known for their ability to move and change. However, under this sky, it's as if everyone has been put in a room and told, "don't come out until you've come to an agreement." The Moon is full, emotions are high, and in Gemini, many aspects of self are fighting for the mic. There is no no way to disassociate, no way to evade the conversation. This is a pivotal window for conversations that need to be had. This is "The Talk" that needs to happen. Everyone has something to say, a lot to say. Can we really listen? Can we really find some understanding and create new agreements? If so, we can successfully close a longstanding karmic loop now. We can find a sense of completion with an emotional phase, a project, a job, a relationship. Closure can be accessed from the old, and a new way can culminate. This is the opportunity on offer. Use the element of movement if you feel anxious, lost or overwhelmed. Gemini's best friend is a neighborhood walk. Get moving and the right words will be revealed.



Tarot from Camano with Tiffany FitzPatrick



November 28th – December 4th : The Chariot.

Look up to the stars, if you manage to catch a glimpse through the ever-present cloud cover. Take a deep breath and bask in how enormous the night sky truly is, how vast the cosmos are. Within the intensity of our days, scurrying from one task to the next errand, called upon to solve yet another challenge, our individual worlds can feel almost claustrophobic and standstill. Claiming just a few seconds to stare at the stars in wonder can help your perspective shift just enough so your priorities find a better suited alignment.

There is movement, balance, coordination, communication, and a faith in our own health we did not have last week. As Mercury stations direct, messages that befuddled you like a cuneiform cypher most of November will suddenly provide much needed and actionable clarity. Health stresses will either resolve or move forward with clear trusted

treatment plans. Although this week's card has momentum and authority, it also feels hermit-like in the sense that you may perceive you are alone in the chariot, with a certain busy-ness that provides a temporary blindness to the world around you.

This week, focus is directed towards wrapping up tasks, projects, to-do lists that have been occupying too much brain space or felt road-blocked until now. Steadfastly removing irons from the fire for a near fresh start provides well deserved peace of mind, allowing for enough rejuvenation before holiday demands and end-of-year requirements pile on.

There continues a pervasive sense of two houses, not even demanding your choice, but volleying you back and forth like a shuttlecock. They're complacent, already feeling like they've won what is just a game to them. They're calm in their divisive power, which makes them sloppy and susceptible. The sphinxes pulling the chariot are indeed powerful, but always remember you hold the reins. You own more power and authority than the drudgery of the day-to-day lets you recognize, so the sky calls you to look up, aiming to help you see the matter from a different vantage point. Your dollar has power. Lay it down effectively. Assist your neighbor, aid your community, shop local, shop intentionally. Learn to trust your command of the reins again. ~Xo, Tiffany

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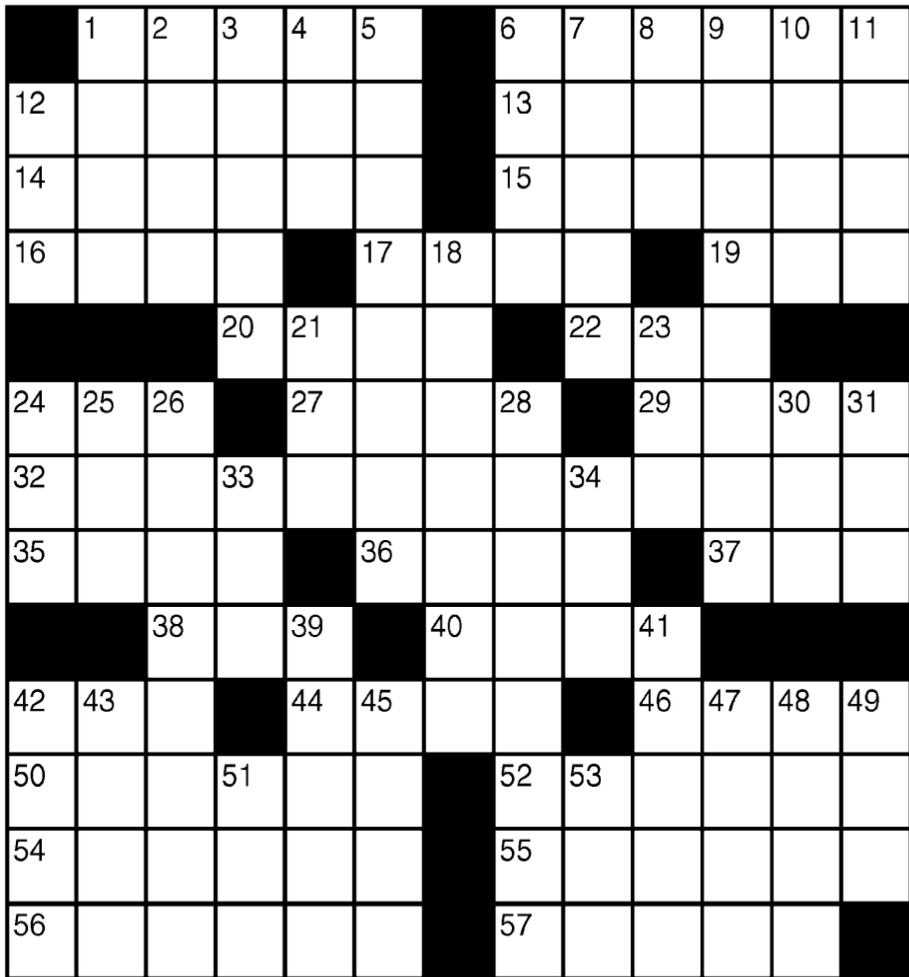
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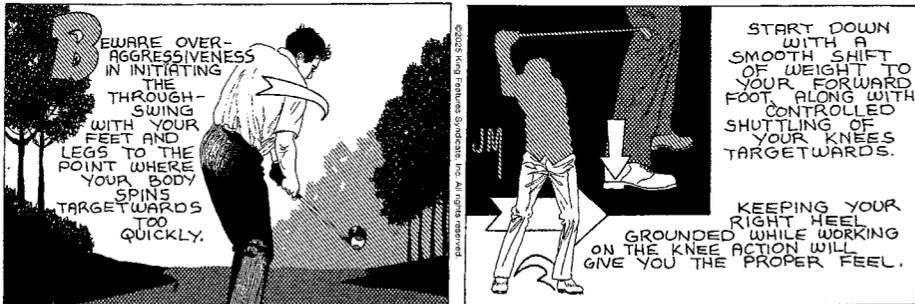
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Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

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North Isle H-47°/L-39°	North Isle H-46°/L-38°	North Isle H-45°/L-39°	North Isle H-46°/L-40°	North Isle H-47°/L-40°	North Isle H-45°/L-40°	North Isle H-46°/L-40°
South Isle H-47°/L-41°	South Isle H-46°/L-40°	South Isle H-45°/L-40°	South Isle H-47°/L-41°	South Isle H-47°/L-41°	South Isle H-46°/L-41°	South Isle H-45°/L-41°



What are you most grateful for this Thanksgiving?



Keanu M.,
Oak Harbor

This Thanksgiving I am grateful for my Dog Penny because she brings me joy, and when I'm bored I can get off my screen and play with her she's so funny and I'm so grateful to have a good dog like her.



Tressie S.,
Oak Harbor

I am most thankful for my family, because they are always there for me. My mom for always buying stuff that i need and want. Cheering me up when im sad and helping with my homework when i need too. Also, for letting me play soccer this fall season and meeting new friends and teammates.



Jason W.,
Oak Harbor

I am grateful for my mom and dad because they help me and will love me a lot. I am grateful for a house because I can sleep in it and do not have to be cold. I am grateful for food because it helps us survive. I am grateful for people because you can talk to them so you will not go crazy.

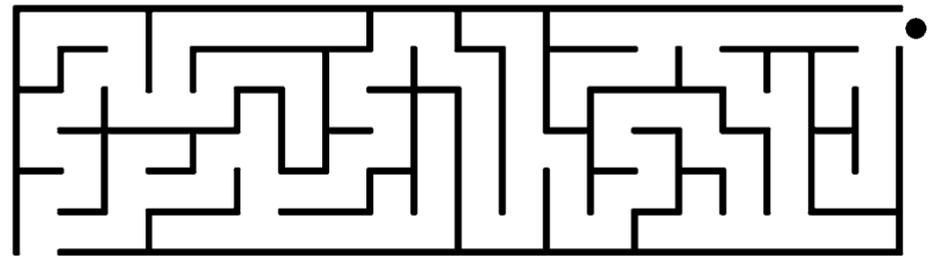


Malahni H.,
Oak Harbor

I am most thankful for my family. Without my family I would not be here so, I am happy to have my mom, dad, and 3 sisters who always support me. I'm also happy thankful for my mom teaching me to cook like my grandma.

Joyful Saying of the Week The joy of giving is the greatest joy of life. - Rhonda Byrne

Kids' Maze



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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MONTHLY MEETING

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Email for more information: karens@nami-sno-isle.org

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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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