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By Freddy Groves

### The VA year in review

Veterans who have a relative who gets medical care under CHAMPVA (Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs) will be happy to know that the massive backlog of applications has been eliminated.

CHAMPVA covers the 900,000 veterans' dependents, survivors, caregivers and spouses who need care. Until recently there were over 70,000 applications that were stuck in a backlog, some taking 150 days to process.

That backlog no longer exists, even though 4,000 new applications are coming in per week. As of now, the process has been automated, which speeds things up. Appeals have seen similar success with a recent 20,000 appeals being reduced to 1,000.

Other things have been happening at the same time, per a VA news release:

The VA has set over a million appointments in the early morning, during evenings and on weekends to make it easier to get an appointment.

They're spending \$800 million to improve facilities.

This year they broke a previous record and processed 3,000,000 disability claims.

The VA hooked up with Medicare and Medicaid to pinpoint \$106 million in duplicate billing.

Permanent housing was found for over 51,000 homeless veterans.

The VA canceled the plan to install \$77 million worth of electric charging stations.

And in big dollar amounts, the VA has stepped up to deal with a potential \$272 million in medical bills that were caused when the previous administration halted the processing of co-payment claims for community care. The problem at the time was the PIT, the Program Integrity Tool, which was supposed to identify waste and fraud in community care billing. Instead, it was creating duplicate claims, overwriting claims and more. (The VA Office of Inspector General identified 18 defects in the program, which they estimated consisted of 40 million community care claims.)

As of last month, PIT is processing claims again.

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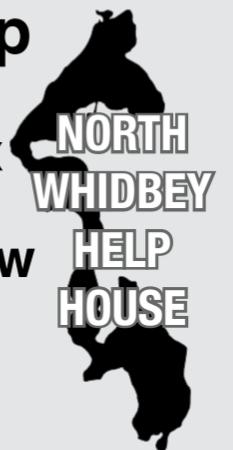
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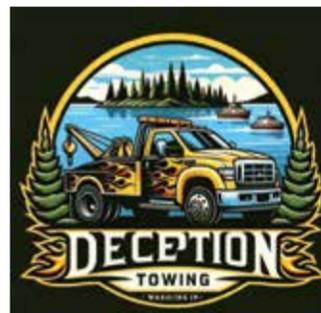
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**Sunday, December 28th**

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# BITS & PIECES

## Saratoga Orchestra Presents "A Very Merry Whidbey Concert" on December 13



Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra invites families and music enthusiasts of all ages to enjoy an afternoon of music, learning, and holiday cheer at "A Very Merry Whidbey Concert" on Saturday, December 13, at Coupeville High School.

Festivities begin at 1 p.m. with the orchestra's popular Instrument Petting Zoo, an engaging, hands-on opportunity for attendees to see, hear, and try a variety of orchestral instruments. Saratoga Orchestra musicians will be on site to demonstrate

instruments and guide participants of all ages through this interactive experience.

At 2:30 p.m., the orchestra will perform Sergei Prokofiev's beloved classic "Peter and the Wolf." The concert will be conducted by Music Director Anna Edwards and will feature guest narrator Seth Tompkins of Classical KING (98.1 FM). Seasonal holiday selections and a few surprises will complete the festive program.

Admission is free for youth 17 and under. A \$30 suggested donation is encouraged for adults, with a "Pay What You Wish" option available.



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## HED: Skagit Valley College students meet with 10th District legislators in Dec. 2 forum

Students at Skagit Valley College's Whidbey Island campus hosted a forum with their state lawmakers on Dec. 2, raising questions about the issues shaping their education, wellbeing, and future careers.

The forum was organized by the Associated Students of Skagit Valley College (ASSVC) and brought together legislators from Washington's 10th Legislative District.



Senator Ron Muzzall, Representative Dave Paul, and Representative Clyde Shavers participated in the session, responding to a series of pre-screened questions submitted by students from across SVC's campuses.

"Our students are eager to understand how decisions in Olympia impact their daily lives and their futures," said Celeste Gallamore, San Juan Center Representative for the ASSVC, who facilitated the event. "Providing a space where they can speak directly with their legislators helps them see how their voices contribute to the policymaking process."

Moderated by Dr. Brittany Knutson, SVC communication studies instructor, the conversation centered on student-generated questions about college affordability and transfer pathways, access to mental health resources, housing challenges in rural and island communities, the economic and environmental impacts of emerging AI technologies, and rising cost-of-living pressures affecting working students, as well as how lawmakers balance these competing priorities amid limited state revenue.

Before the student Q&A, each legislator provided a brief overview of their background, current work, and key legislative efforts affecting the 10th District.

The event concluded with guidance on how students can stay engaged with the legislative process throughout the year, including accessing session updates, contacting their representatives, and exploring internship opportunities.

(left to right) Senator Ron Muzzall, Representative Dave Paul, Student Government Representative Sachiel Mayoral, Celeste Gallamore, Mars Landingin, Representative Clyde Shavers, and SVC instructor. Dr. Brittany Knutson



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## EXTRAVAGANZA: THE PLAYHOUSE CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Friday, December 5–Sunday, December 21  
Whidbey Playhouse, 730 SE Midway Blvd., Oak Harbor

This holiday revue features festive Christmas music, laughter and heartwarming moments for all ages, with performances at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5, 13, 19, 20 and 2:30 p.m. Dec. 6, 7, 21; \$15.

## THE NUTCRACKER

December 11–21, various times  
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley  
Celebrate the holidays with Whidbey Island Dance Theatre's full-length production of The Nutcracker, featuring Tchaikovsky's classic score, lavish costumes, and a cast of local dancers in a family-friendly island tradition. Tickets: adults \$38, seniors and military \$28, youth \$28.

## WHIDBEY COMMUNITY CHORUS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday, December 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 14, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.  
First Reformed Church, 250 SW 3rd Ave, Oak Harbor  
Directed by Darren McCoy, the concert features holiday favorites including Personent Hodie, Bring a Torch, Hark, The Herald Angel Sings, and the Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah. Rehearsals are Sundays 5-7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. Dues are \$50 per season. New members audition by singing America, The Beautiful or Silent Night.

## WHIDBEY ISLAND ORCHESTRA: "SURE ON THIS SHINING NIGHT"

Friday, December 12, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Island Church of Whidbey, Cascade Avenue, Langley

Enjoy a festive holiday program featuring music from "The Sound of Music," "The Wizard of Oz," and "A Charlie Brown Christmas," plus seasonal favorites by Strauss, Mozart, Leroy Anderson, and John Lennon, with donations welcomed to support this community orchestra.

## KIDS DAY

Saturday, Dec. 13  
11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.  
Coupeville Museum, 908 NW Alexander St,

Bring the family to the Coupeville Museum for old-fashioned holiday fun, including historic games, crafts, storytelling, and a dress-up box for photos. Children can make a Christmas angel ornament, enjoy treats, and visit with Santa. A 10% discount will be offered in the gift shop for holiday shopping. Suggested donation: \$5 per child or \$10 per family.

## KIDS' HOLIDAY CRAFT & DISCO

Saturday, Dec. 13, 12:00–4:00 p.m.  
The Front Room, 5603 Bayview Rd, Langley

Enjoy an afternoon of holiday fun upstairs at the Bayview Cash Store, featuring stories, crafts, music, and dancing for children and their families. Hourly activities include a dramatic reading of "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," a holiday sing-along with Barbara Dunn, winter crafts, coloring, face painting, and a kids' disco dance party. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Entry is pay-what-you-will at the door.

## A VERY MERRY WHIDBEY CHRISTMAS WITH SARATOGA ORCHESTRA

Saturday, December 13, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Coupeville High School Commons, 501 S. Main Street

Enjoy an afternoon of family-friendly fun with Whidbey's professional orchestra. From 1 to 2 p.m., try out instruments at the Instrument Petting Zoo for all ages. The concert from 2:30 to 4 p.m. features the story of Peter and the Wolf followed by festive Christmas tunes. Admission is free for students 17 and under, \$30 suggested donation with a pay-what-you-wish option.

## 3RD ANNUAL HANUKKAH MENORAH LIGHTING CELEBRATION

Monday, December 15, 4:30–6:30 p.m.,  
South Whidbey Community Center Plaza,  
723 Camano Ave., Langley

The community is invited to celebrate the Festival of Lights with a gala menorah

lighting. Hanukkah treats and socializing will follow inside the community center. Presented by the Chabad Jewish Community of Skagit and Island Counties.

## LITTLE BIG FEST WINTER SOUL-STICE

Saturday, December 20, 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Clinton Hall, Central Avenue, Clinton

Celebrate the Winter Solstice with live music, woodfired pizza and DJs, including a classical guitar set by Zach Van Lue, a full band set by Seattle's Panda Conspiracy and a closing vinyl DJ set, with tickets available in advance.

## WINTER SOLSTICE WALK AT MEERKERK GARDENS

Sunday, December 21  
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
3531 Meerkerk Lane, Greenbank

Experience the beauty of nature at the darkest time of year on this guided walk through the curated gardens and legacy forest, highlighting evergreens, wildlife, colorful berries and rhododendrons in bloom. Reservations required; \$15 adults, free for children under 13. Dress for weather in warm layers, water-resistant shoes, hats and gloves. Walks may be cancelled due to high winds.

## BIO-GLOW AND SEA LAB WITH SOUND WATER STEWARDS

Monday, December 22, 2 to 4 p.m.  
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St, Coupeville

Learn about bioluminescence in the world's oceans and the Salish Sea, use microscopes to view plankton, and explore a special bioluminescent tent in this drop-in program for all ages; children 11 and younger must be accompanied by a caregiver. Free.

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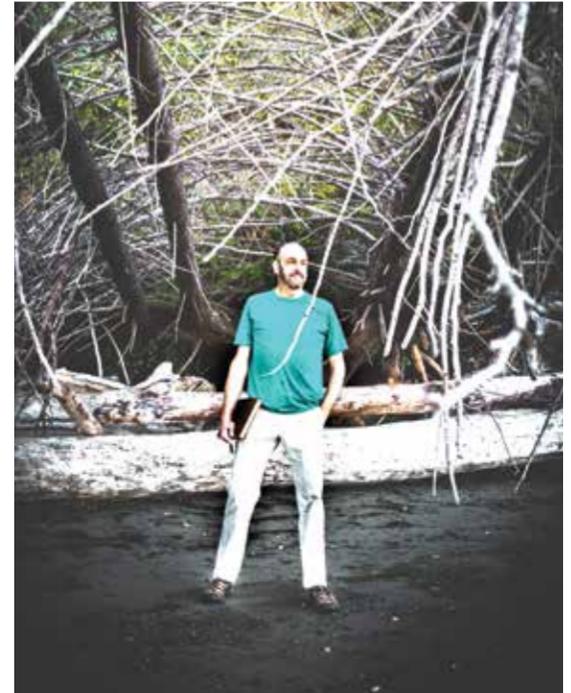
## On Challenging Conversations

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

PHOTO BY DENNIS BROWNE

One of the hardest life lessons I have learned (usually the hard way) is that one must always choose between being right and being in a relationship.

The truth is that I have never really recovered from the realization that I am not the center of the universe. What a disappointment. It's not that I no longer believe in God; instead, it's that I'm pissed off at NOT BEING God. Sure, it's possible there was a celestial clerical error, and the paperwork stating that I am "The God of the Universe" is simply stuck in red tape. But the reality is much more likely: I am just a somewhat insecure man trying to find his place in the world... still... after 62 years.



I mean, yes, I was wrong once in the 70s, but what about all the brilliant things I said last week? Don't I get credit for that? Well no. In fact, while I have been trying to tell everyone how misunderstood I am, everyone else is busy thinking about THEMSELVES, what THEY said last week, and why THEY are so misunderstood.

And in the holidays, the stakes are even higher. Am I the only one who sees drivers driving faster in December, rolling stop signs in December, grabbing things off store shelves as if the world is about to end, and filling schedules to the point of despair and exhaustion?

In December, I want to hide in a forest, a cave, until February. People are short-tempered. And by "people" I mean me, of course. But also perhaps you. And in times like these, with so much pressure to get the holidays right – the perfect meals, the perfect gifts, the perfect sex, the perfect parties – in times like these, conversations go bad fast.

**Conversation** – the word combines the Latin for "with" ("con" or "com") and the Latin for "to turn about with" ("vertere".) So to be "in conversation" is like a square dance – we are "with" while "turning about with another." When I was a boy, Christmas always included Scottish dancing, the Eightsome Reel. It is a Scottish version of the Virginia Reel, which we also danced because they share the same historical roots – cousins in the folk-dance family tree.

In such a dance, there is give and take. The timing is exact, as are the steps, direction circles, and arm swings. One wrong move, and there could be a human pile-up, knocking over trays and wasting good scotch.

So, as you navigate complicated conversations at home with family or friends over this next fortnight, here are the things I try to remember when dancing with others in speech:

1. When your ego is online, your ears are offline.
2. When you are convinced that you are right, you are not curious about others' thoughts and perspectives.
3. When someone insults or lies to you, put a spotlight on it and keep it there. "Can you please explain why you said...?" Make them see their actions and words.
4. Go high when they go low. Get quiet or simply leave the room.
5. You may not have power, but you always have influence - influence comes from one's willingness to be vulnerable, which always wins the day.
6. Remember that trust and loyalty are consistently earned, never demanded.
7. Never interrupt and never allow others to interrupt you.
8. Never tell others, "I understand you." You don't. You can't. Being "with" and dancing a "reel" together means focusing on your moves, not theirs.
9. If you feel nervous, hold a smooth Whidbey Island beach pebble. I always keep one in my pocket for difficult conversations and rub it in one hidden hand, under the table. The stone, oiled from many uses, reminds me to remain calm when my neurology slips into FFFF (Flight, Fight, Flee, Fawn) mode. These stress responses toss you on the proverbial floor during a conversation. And...
10. Never, ever, ever lie.




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# THE ONE WE DIDN'T REACH

by JoAnn Hellmann

The "we" I am referring to are the Impaired Driving Impact Panel (IDIPIIC) volunteers -- victims, their family members, police, EMTs and others -- who spoke about how DUI impacted their lives. In this case, to a squadron at NAS Whidbey Island about fifteen years ago. DUI crashes significantly increase during the holidays due to more social gatherings with alcohol, increased travel, and a culture of celebration, so it seems a good time to look back at one person's comment card and my reply.

These are two hours of my time I will not get back. While the information is valid and the speaker's experiences very real, I cared very little about them. The world is full of terrible and horrible things. Everyone will die at some point doing something. The world is not a safe place to live and people need to accept this. / Signed: An E-6

"We're sorry you felt your time was a waste. It concerns us that one who leads others has this negative view of a pervasive societal problem that both the military and civilian worlds share. The overwhelming feedback of your shipmates was that it was a time well spent.

Your fatalistic view does not take into account that people have the power to prevent DUI crashes. While the goal of no DU deaths may never be reached, the number of those fatalities are lessening through the years. We've no doubt lives spared, perhaps even your own, are due to the education and awareness programs like IDIPIIC's. By the late 70s, nearly 30,000 people were killed annually due to impaired driving in America. In two years more than all those killed in Vietnam.

And then on a sunny day in May in 1980, a mother in some town in Texas lost one of her twin 13-year-old daughters to a man driving impaired. Through her pain and suffering the emotion that kept her going was her anger over those people who "accepted" DUI. Especially those who accepted it to the point they repeatedly offended like the man who killed her daughter. So Candy Lightner and her friends formed a little neighborhood group to help prevent such needless deaths in her part of the world.

That group is now over 30 years old (today it's 45 years), has gone international with millions of members, and helped to bring DUI deaths down to under 10,000 nationally in 2011. The group? Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and it all began with one person, a mother, who got really MADD with complacent attitudes about DUI. (Unfortunately, DUI deaths increased to 12,429 for 2023).

You may have felt you lost a couple of hours of your life, but through our efforts, and MADD's and others like us, you may never know if the people we do reach has saved YOUR life or yet will. Our hope is that your own "acceptance" does not extend to YOU driving under the influence. And that should you see others who DUI or attempt to, you will take appropriate measures to stop it."

Holidays like Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Eve see spikes in alcohol-related crashes and arrests, making it crucial for the public to take precautions such as planning for a sober ride, designating a driver, or using rideshare services. Police also increase their efforts to catch impaired drivers during these times with heightened patrols, like WSP's recent emphasis "No Tippy Turkeys."



**A DUI can be a financially devastating event. But not as devastating to your loved ones as becoming a DUI memory. Or causing one.**

JoAnn Hellmann was the idea behind IDIPIIC and directed it from 2000 until she retired in 2016. IDIPIIC closed its doors in 2020 due to covid and other factors. During its 20 years over 33,000 people attended panels in Oak Harbor, Freeland and NAS Whidbey Island: DUI offenders, military personnel at safety stand downs, driver's ed. students and their parents and others. IDIPIIC also reached thousands of students in schools throughout Whidbey.



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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

### ARIES (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

Fresh motivation propels you forward. Mars fires up your determination, but slow down enough to strategize—your patience will double your results. Weekend plans bring laughter and relief.

### TAURUS (Apr 21 – May 21)

You're in reflection mode, craving peace and deeper meaning. Venus softens emotions, helping you forgive and let go. A quiet weekend conversation heals what words once strained.

### GEMINI (May 22 – Jun 21)

Friendships and teamwork sparkle. Ideas gain traction through collaboration. Stay curious—an unexpected connection could evolve into a promising opportunity by week's end.

### CANCER (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Career momentum builds as your leadership shines. Recognition may arrive subtly at first but grows stronger each day. Balance ambition with self-care to maintain your rhythm.

### LEO (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Adventure calls, Leo! The Sagittarius Sun lights your spirit of discovery—travel, study, or creative exploration expand your horizons. Inspiration returns through learning and laughter.

### VIRGO (Aug 24 – Sept 22)

Finances or shared resources take focus. Plan carefully, avoid impulsive decisions, and keep communication clear. By weekend, emotional honesty strengthens an important bond.

### LIBRA (Sept 23 – Oct 23)

Partnership themes dominate your week. Whether romantic or professional, balance and compromise work wonders. A kind gesture mid-week mends misunderstandings beautifully.

### SCORPIO (Oct 24 – Nov 22)

It's time to streamline. Prioritize wellness and organization—small, steady actions lead to long-term success. By the weekend, an intuitive nudge points you toward your next step.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 – Dec 21)

Your season continues to energize you! Confidence and charisma rise—share your ideas boldly. A romantic or creative spark mid-week reignites your enthusiasm for life.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22 – Jan 20)

Home and inner peace take priority. Create calm wherever you can—your emotional clarity fuels future plans. Weekend family time brings a sense of belonging and renewal.

### AQUARIUS (Jan 21 – Feb 18)

Conversations bring opportunity. A new idea, message, or contact could inspire a shift in direction. Write, teach, or share—your words have influence and reach this week.

### PISCES (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

Focus turns to value—financial, emotional, and personal. Venus reminds you to trust your worth and spend time where appreciation flows both ways. A small success boosts confidence.



# Readings by Noa

## Astrology for December 12-18 2025

### Mars Enters Capricorn, First Squares Neptune at 29°

On **December 13**, Mercury in Sagittarius sextiles Pluto in Aquarius at 2°. This transit deepens our thinking, our conversations, and social exchanges. Staying surface-level in our interactions is less appealing. Mercury in Sagittarius has us candid, frank, and curious. It's easier to make the joke or directly ask the question. Its a great day for discussing possibilities for the future, as we are likely to be optimistic and interested in identifying what next adventure is calling.

On **December 14**, Mars in Sagittarius squares Neptune in Pisces at 29°. On one hand, this can be fun and inspiring, but its more likely to be messy, fuzzy, and leaving details difficult to identify. Mars, the archer at the anaretic degree of Sagittarius, is confident in charging toward what it desires to explore. But Neptune can blur the lines, the position of the target, and create a high possibility of overshooting the mark. Imagination and creativity are heightened, amplifying our desires in creative projects or physical sensuality, but indulge these desires with caution. If we can't find an appropriate channel for this energy, escapist tendencies and falling back on addictions are likely. If you have deadlines or important work in process, stay focused. Today's distractions are tantalizing, but will probably leave you feeling guilty, inadequate, or unfulfilled should you choose avoidance and gluttony over important goals.

Also on **December 14**, the Sun in Sagittarius trines Chiron retrograde in Aries at 22°. This happens in the early morning, and as it becomes exact, the Moon in Libra joins the configuration with an opposition to Chiron and a sextile to the Sun. This is a harmonious aspect that connects the energy of our self-expression with our sense of self-confidence and the (long ass) journey we have been on to strengthen those areas since Chiron entered Aries in 2019. We have a wind in our sails here. We can take some bold action that shows how we have progressed in going after what we desire or speaking up for our needs. Reflect on how far you've come in building up an authentic confidence since 2019. Do you feel you stand taller in your boots? Ahem.. Cough cough.. This is also gasoline on that imaginative/escapist fantasy fire of Mars/Neptune we just discussed. Same day. It's critical to use this Sun/Chiron trine wisely. What is the highest direction for your authentic confidence? Point your arrow that way.

On **December 15**, Mars enters the sign of Capricorn until January 23. Actions find grounded practicality. Mars is in his sign of exaltation now, which is very helpful for getting shit done! As we both wrap up the end of the year and begin a new one, we are in a prominent position for handling business. Look to the house in your birth chart that holds Capricorn. This is the area of life that you will be getting it done!

On **December 16**, the Sun in Sagittarius squares Saturn in Pisces at 25°. Reality check moment. There is something that needs a second look, a better draft, a more detailed pitch. Saturn will likely block or restrict our efforts to explore or call on options once thought to be available. Personal power and agency clashes with authority figures, rules, or laws. Saturn will block those purely ego-serving motives. Whatever circumstance we feel stuck in, Saturn is actually just preparing us for the reality that we wish to enter. A rejection could be protection. A "no" may just mean "not yet."

On **December 18**, Venus in Sagittarius trines Chiron retrograde in Aries at 22°. Venus offers sweetness in the direction of our healing journey. Anything that we have been working to confront or overcome is blessed by Venus today, offering empathy for self and others. This can be a healing moment in a connection, a loving gesture from a partner, or some much needed self-care. Venus invites us to explore ways we can offer ourselves compassion. She may highlight the ways in which we have made progress on healing a relationship wound. We are encouraged to lean into what is flowing with ease in our connections.

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# Tarot from Camano

with Tiffany FitzPatrick



### December 12th – December 18th : Two of Pentacles Reversed

No more waffling. Whatever the juggler catches or drops, so it is.

You've previously been encouraged to make some decisions, perhaps not realizing that suggestion was on a timer, and the sands have now settled. That which you intentionally chose or decided upon, clap yourself on the back. It wasn't about what you chose so much as it was about you doing the choosing.

That which your indecision left undecided will either be taken out of your hands and decided upon for you, or will be shelved for an indetermined amount of time. Let it collect dust. Fighting this will only bring

you frustration. You will know when the time eventually swings back around to re-examine whatever has been tucked away this week.

Your task now is to roll with the waves, giving yourself permission to move through the emotions as they surface. And to notice what makes you feel a sense of balance. Those judging how much you can juggle are of no importance. But your body's work of enduring the strain of imbalancing too much on plates you hold, begs your attention this week. Ignoring this plea while lead to a demand, likely at a more inopportune time.

This card embodies intern energy. You may not have selected your lab partner but that doesn't mean Fate didn't step in on your behalf, directing you toward what you needed, even if it may not be what you wanted. Approach everything as if you have something new to learn, no matter the interaction, be it work, parenting, relationship, cruising the grocery aisles, fueling your car etc. Try to see life this week as new experiences, new ways of seeing the world, new things to learn around every corner you've pivoted a thousand times.

Sticking rigidly and stubbornly to your connoisseur ego, rather than making room for discovering, will lead to frustration. And you'll be able to witness in others who has clung to control. It is not easy to choose the unknown, so aim to lean into compassion when you see frustration, in others and in yourself. And then try again to breathe into what may be novel.

~Xo, Tiffany

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- 22 Top card
- 23 Army bigwigs
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- 31 Cooking fuel
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- 26 Automobile
- 27 "As I see it," in a text
- 28 Fish-fowl insert
- 29 Tom Collins liquor
- 31 "My word!"
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- 36 Part of TNT
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# OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

As a volunteer at the Pacific Northwest Naval Museum, what do you think would surprise a first time visitor?



**Gregg Nebel,**  
Anacortes

"I think that the first-time visitor to the Museum would be surprised to see the unique artifacts that we exhibit like the EA-6B Prowler trainer with its exposed engine and hydraulics compartments. Or the stories of local folks, Navy and Marine airmen who went in harm's way to protect our country. However, the most surprising thing may be a fact that most people don't know or see - the artifacts on display in the Museum are just a tiny percentage of the artifacts held in the Museum's Collections. There are dozens of artifacts in our Exhibitions but in our Collections Department, we maintain and preserve thousands of artifacts, archival documents, and books related to Naval Aviation history and heritage on Whidbey Island, the Pacific Northwest and the Pacific region. These artifacts date from the 1900 through the present time. This depth of our Collections allows for the ongoing curation of our exhibition space so that there will always be a new surprise for our visitors to see and learn."



**Delaney Armstrong,**  
Oak Harbor

First-time visitors to the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum may be surprised to learn how profoundly Oak Harbor grew and changed after the establishment of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. Current exhibits trace the Navy's arrival and the transformative years that followed - from the near-overnight shifts in the region's physical and economic landscape to the first PBV squadrons operating out of NAS Whidbey Island, the evolving aircraft based there, and the missions they carried out.

Visitors may also be surprised by the breadth of history the museum holds. With plans for expanded exhibit sections, new artifact acquisitions, and fresh stories from Oak Harbor's naval past and present, the museum aims to offer something new to discover with every visit.



**Steppe Williford,**  
Oak Harbor

Visitors to the all-new PNW Naval Air Museum will be pleasantly surprised by the new exhibits and the extent of thought that has gone into our new displays. The museum has chosen to weave together the history of Whidbey Island, artifacts from our collections, and personal connections to our heritage. The majority of displays feature either family members or local veterans who served with Navy flying units from NAS Whidbey or who flew on our aircraft over the years.

Two of our members have fathers who flew as crew on PBVs during WW2. A number of exhibits feature local Oak Harbor individuals who flew A-6 Intruders and P-3 Orions. One exhibit highlights the events surrounding the April 1, 2001, emergency landing of one of our EP-3E Ariels aircraft on Hainan Island after being damaged by a Chinese interceptor.

Visitors will find an intriguing tapestry of naval aviation history as experienced and revealed by local veterans or their family members.

What a joyful experience to volunteer at this very special museum. For more information on how you can volunteer, please call Kelly Davidson at 360-682-8613.

**Joyful Saying of the Week** After the rain, the sun will reappear. There is life. After the pain, the joy will still be here. -Walt Disney

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Coffee At Dawn New Hours  
Hi All, beginning Friday November 14th our new hours will be: Friday thru Monday 7:30am to 3pm. The kitchen will be open until 2:30 but the coffee bar with pastries will serve until 3:00pm.  
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**Family Resource Center**  
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**Mother Mentors**  
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**Pamoja Place** [pamojaplace.org](http://pamojaplace.org)  
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Drop-in center for adults ages 18-24; Daily 6 a.m.- 8:30 p.m., 35 SE Ely St., Oak Harbor 360-682-5098  
Drop-in center for youth ages 12-21; Mon-Fri 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

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

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**Island County Housing Support** - 105 NW 1st St., Coupeville 360-678-8284  
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**Ryan's House for Youth**  
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For at-risk adults ages 18-24

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**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.

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- Women & Children: 360-682-5773

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**SOUTH WHIDBEY NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUP** meets every Wednesday at 6pm at the Langley Methodist Church, 301 Anthes in Langley. We meet in the Fireside Room, rear of church. Karol:360 914 7695.

Have a problem with drinking? It doesn't cost anything to attend **A.A. meetings**. Local Meetings are in Coupeville, Freeland, Langley, Clinton, and Oak Harbor. There are no age or education requirements to participate. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about their drinking problem. A.A.'s primary purpose is to help alcoholics to achieve sobriety. We're here to help. For local meetings search [aa.org](http://aa.org) or call 888-360-1564

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

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

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

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** Tuesdays 7 PM to 8 PM Langley United Methodist Church 301 Anthes Ave. Room 224 Langley, Washington 98260 For local meeting information and support call: Kevin 206-395-9622

Adult Children of Alcoholic and Dysfunctional Families meeting, Tuesdays 2-3 pm, Langley Methodist Church - 301 Anthes Ave, Langley - Fireside room. Contact: [acawhidbey@gmail.com](mailto:acawhidbey@gmail.com)

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

## 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.  
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## How'd you do?

2	5	8	6	7	4	9	3	1
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9	6	4	1	2	5	7	8	3
8	7	1	9	5	6	4	2	3
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