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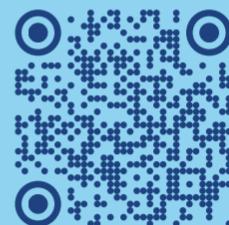
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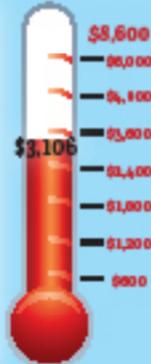
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On Ink, Pen & Paper.

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

After Christmas, my father, a writer and editor, would make sure I wrote a handwritten letter or note to every single person who gave me a gift. In fact, the first gift on Christmas Eve was always a box of stationery or note cards for that very purpose. In time, I loved the task — the cotton laid ivory paper, the cobalt blue ink, the pen — so heavy in my hand — like a magic wand leaving a trail of words.

Have you ever received a handwritten letter or note in blue ink? It feels different than an email or text. It feels different from a Christmas form-letter in a wall of mind-numbing black type. It feels like a gift. It feels like someone thought just of me while they wrote it, regardless of penmanship or grammar. Writing a letter or note by hand was a cultural act for centuries, until only recently. It was how men and women courted. It was how people shared recipes. It was how people separated by distance or travel kept in touch. It was how countries went to war and made peace.

My grandmother's stationery always smelled of lavender, and her ink was always Aquamarine.

My eighth grade teacher, Mrs. Uittenbosch was a tall, stately Dutch woman who survived the Nazi occupation of Holland. She taught me penmanship, emphasizing that the care one took with a pen was a gift of art to another person. To this very day, the "C", "L" and "F" capital letters of my signature are letters she taught me to write — a line up to the top of the "C" with a curl, and an "L" and "F" with elegant, circular flourishes.

Once I was a young man, on my 18th birthday, my father gave me a big box with gold paper and a blue satin bow. Inside was another smaller blue box with a gold bow; inside that was a white box, and inside that was a small bottle of ink.

I was amazed at the presentation, but was unsure what to say. I asked, "What do I do with this?" because I knew my grandmother had filled her fountain pen with ink, but I had no such pen.

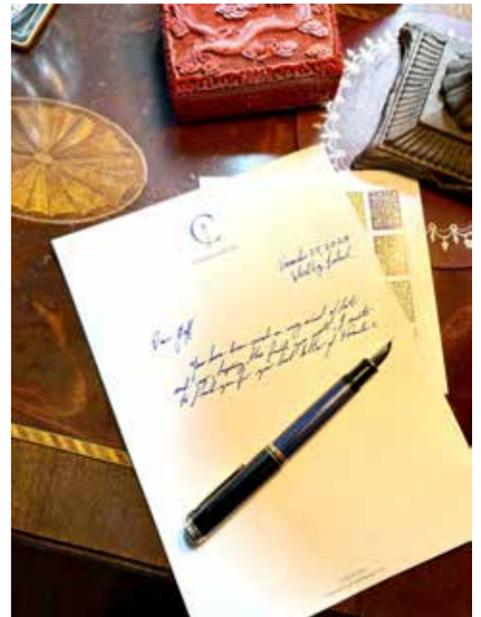
He smiled and said, "The pen is just a tool. I put one on your desk. But this, THIS small bottle of blue liquid, THIS liquid is my gift to you.

Then he asked me to open my hand and hold it out towards him. He took his fountain pen and dipped it into the bottle of ink, and drew an ounce up into the pen with the pen's ink-plunger as I had seen him do countless times. He then hovered the pen's nib over my open palm and squeezed the plunger so that one large drop of ink dangled from the nib, quivering four inches above my hand, and with a slight move, he squeezed the plunger a bit more, and the fat ink-drop splashed gently down onto my palm. Confused, I looked at the ink and then at his face.

He then said, "My boy, for the rest of your life, I need you to know that a tiny drop of this blue liquid from your pen can do tremendous good for humanity, or it can do terrible harm, depending on the words you write. It can bless others or hurt others. And only you can decide how you use this amazing blue liquid."

I decided to use ink to write books and to raise \$200,000,000 to heal humans in need. I hope he would be proud of the letters I have written with the pen he gave me that day — and with the hundreds of bottles of ink I have used since, to write thousands of letters by hand.

Please write your thank-you notes this week. When people receive them, it quickens their hearts, warms their souls, and reminds them that they are not alone.



"...They continue their dreams,
 But shall wake soon and hope for letters,
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From Night Mail by W. H. Auden

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JIGSAW PUZZLE EXCHANGE

Sunday, Dec. 28, 1-5 p.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave

Swap jigsaw puzzles with fellow puzzle fans during this casual, drop-in exchange. Bring complete puzzles in good condition and take home something new to you. A community puzzle will also be available to work on throughout the afternoon. Exchanges operate on the honor system.

AMAZING MAGIC SHOW WITH JEFF EVANS

Monday, Dec. 29, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave.,

Turn winter blahs into oohs and aahs with magician Jeff Evans. His love of magic began with a library book, and this lively, family-friendly show blends wonder, humor and storytelling into an hour of fun and amazement for all ages. If you can't make it to Freeland, join from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Oak Harbor Library at 1000 SE Regatta Drive.

NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY - COUPEVILLE

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St.

Ring in the New Year early at the library with puzzles, games, music and crafts. A festive countdown to noon will take place just before 12:00 p.m. Drop in anytime during the event. All ages welcome.

NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY - FREELAND

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave.

Can't make it to midnight? Ring in the New Year early at the library with games, music and crafts. Families are invited to enjoy a festive countdown just before noon.

NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH THE DEAD GUISE

Dec. 31, 7-10 p.m.
Greenbank Farm, 765 Wonn Road.

Ring in the New Year with Whidbey Island's own Grateful Dead tribute band, The Dead Guise, performing a holiday concert in the Greenbank Farm barn. Enjoy a celebratory toast timed with the 9 p.m. East Coast ball drop. Ticket includes a complimentary glass of sparkling wine or nonalcoholic beverage. All ages welcome; kids 16 and under are free with a paying adult.

STATE PARK FREE DAYS

Thursday, Jan. 1, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Washington State Parks (Whidbey & Camano Islands)

Enjoy free day-use entry and parking at Washington state parks on designated Free Days—no Discover Pass required. Whidbey and Camano islands offer exceptional opportunities for hiking, beachcombing, wildlife viewing, and fresh air, including access to Deception Pass State Park.

2026 Free Days Schedule

Jan. 1 — First Day Hikes, New Year's Day
Jan. 19 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day
March 9 — Billy Frank Jr.'s Birthday
March 19 — State Parks' Birthday
April 22 — Earth Day
June 6 — Free Fishing Weekend
June 7 — Free Fishing Weekend
June 19 — Juneteenth
Aug. 9 — Smokey Bear's Birthday
Sept. 26 — National Public Lands Day
Oct. 10 — World Mental Health Day
Nov. 11 — Veterans Day

Free days apply to day-use parking only; other fees and activities may still apply.

STATE PARK FIRST DAY HIKES

Thursday, Jan. 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Various Washington State Parks (Whidbey & Camano Islands)

Free day — no Discover Pass required

Kick off the New Year outdoors with guided First Day Hikes and special stewardship activities at local state parks. Options range from beginner-friendly walks to a hands-on tree-planting project.

Hike & Activity Option

Cama Beach State Park | 9-10:30 a.m.

Cranberry Lake. Meet at the Cama Beach drop-off shelter. Leashed dogs welcome. No registration required.

South Whidbey State Park | 10-11:30 a.m.

Meet at the amphitheater. Leashed dogs welcome. Registration required by email.

Camano Island State Park | 1-2:30 p.m.

Howard Adams Trail. Meet near restrooms by the group campground. Beginner-friendly. Leashed dogs welcome. No registration required.

Deception Pass State Park | Begins 8:30 a.m.

Tree-planting event at Pass Lake instead of a traditional hike. Two planting sessions (morning and afternoon). Registration required; parking limited. Sturdy footwear and gloves recommended.

A great way to welcome 2026 with fresh air, movement, and community connection.

WINTER WALKS AT MEERKERK GARDENS

Thursday, Jan. 1, 1-2:30 p.m.
3531 Meerkerk Lane, Greenbank

Enjoy the quiet wonders of early winter with a guided walk through the curated gardens and legacy forest at Meerkerk Gardens. Docents highlight evergreen foliage, wildlife, winter berries, and occasional rhododendrons in bloom during this reflective season. Walks begin at the Welcome Center at the Gatehouse and last approximately 1.5 hours. Dress for the weather in warm layers and water-resistant shoes; hats and gloves recommended. Dogs are welcome on leash. Walks may be canceled due to high winds. Cost is \$15 per person; children under 13 are free.

NEW YEAR'S EVE IMPROV PARTY @ OUTCAST THEATER

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2-7 p.m.
Outcast Theater, 103 Anthes Ave., Langley

Kick off the New Year with Whidbey Improv at a relaxed, come-and-go improv party. Enjoy snacks, party games, and plenty of laughs, with opportunities to watch or jump in and play—no experience required. This free, all-ages event welcomes anyone curious about improv or simply looking for a fun, low-pressure way to celebrate together.

IN THE LIGHT OF A NEW DAWN

Thursday, Jan. 1, 3-5 p.m.
Langley United Methodist Church, 301 Anthes Ave., Langley

Welcome the New Year with a musical meditation and sacred sound bath featuring Trio Improviso: Andre Feriante (guitar), Linda Vogt (violin), and Sheila Weidendorf (piano). This reflective afternoon invites deep listening and rest; yoga mats, pillows, and blankets are welcome for comfort. Suggested donation is \$30 at the door.

COZY CRAFTERNOON

Friday, Jan. 2, 2-4 p.m.
Langley Library, 104 Second St.

All ages are invited to slow down and enjoy a cozy afternoon of creativity. Craft supplies, games, puzzles and warm beverages will be provided, and participants are welcome to bring a project or game to share. Supplies provided by the Friends of the Langley Library.

RESHAPED: A WEEKEND OF JAZZ-ROCK ALCHEMY

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 2-3

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565 Camano Ave., Langley

Two nights of blues and rock classics reimagined through jazz, groove, and

fusion. Guitarists Troy Chapman and Honza Kourimsky lead an all-star lineup celebrating the music of J.J. Cale and Eric Clapton with bold improvisation and soulful energy.

Friday: TC Ryder & The Groovetones explore the laid-back, irresistible grooves of J.J. Cale.

Saturday: Honza Kourimsky's Riding With the King delivers fresh, jazz-infused takes on Eric Clapton favorites.

A guitar workshop focused on developing personal style and improvisation is also part of the weekend. Weekend passes available.

LANGLEY FIRST SATURDAY ART WALK

Saturday, Jan. 3 | 5-7 p.m.
Downtown Langley

Stroll through downtown Langley and enjoy an evening of art, conversation, and community. Galleries stay open late with new exhibitions, artist meet-and-greets, and a festive atmosphere perfect for a winter evening walk.

STEAM SUNDAY: CODE IT

Sunday, Jan. 4, 2-3 p.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave.

Kids ages 5-13 are invited to explore coding concepts through hands-on play with Botley the Coding Robot, Code-a-Pillar and Ozobots. This monthly STEAM program encourages curiosity, problem-solving and creativity through interactive activities. Supported by the Friends of the Freeland Library.

TODDLER STORYTIME WITH REBECCA

Monday, Jan. 5, 10-11 a.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave.,

Toddlers and caregivers are invited to jump, bounce and explore stories, music and movement designed to nurture early literacy. A playtime follows the storytime.

Additional dates:

Mondays, 10-11 a.m.: Jan. 12 and 26; Feb. 2, 9 and 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

READING WITH ROVER

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 4-5 p.m.
Langley Library, 104 Second St.

Children build reading skills and confidence by reading aloud to a certified therapy dog. This program is for elementary students ages 5-12, accompanied by an adult. Reading with Rover is a community-based literacy program offered in partnership with libraries and schools.

Additional dates:

Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m.: Feb. 3; March 3; April 7; May 5; June 2.

LEGO® BLOCK PARTY

Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2:45-4 p.m.
Coupeville Library, Meeting Room
788 NW Alexander St., Coupeville

Create with LEGO® at the library. Build independently or with others using materials provided. This is a drop-in program for ages 5 and up.

Additional date:

Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2:45-4 p.m.

FAMILY STORYTIME

Thursday, Jan. 8, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Coupeville Library, Meeting Room
788 NW Alexander St., Coupeville

Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and creative activities together as a family to support early literacy. A playtime or art activity may follow.

Additional dates:

Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Jan. 15, 22, 29
Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26
March 5, 12, 19

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Friday, Jan. 9, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Langley United Methodist Church at Fireside Room, Third St & Anthes Ave.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

ARIES (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

You're ready to hit the ground running. As 2025 closes, Mars fuels your drive for new goals, but take time to rest before leaping ahead. The New Year brings clarity on what truly motivates you.

TAURUS (Apr 21 – May 21)

Expansion is your theme. Venus boosts optimism, and travel or study plans may take shape. As 2026 begins, your heart opens to new experiences—embrace change with calm confidence.

GEMINI (May 22 – Jun 21)

Reflection brings transformation. A financial or emotional reset helps you start the year lighter and stronger. End 2025 by letting go of old fears—your next chapter glows with renewal.

CANCER (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Partnerships highlight growth. Whether it's love or business, balance gives stability. A meaningful conversation around New Year's strengthens trust and reminds you of your shared vision.

LEO (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Organization now pays off later. The year ends on a productive note, and your confidence returns as routines settle. The first days of 2026 reward discipline—your effort sets the tone for success.

VIRGO (Aug 24 – Sept 22)

Your spark is back! Creativity, romance, and joy fill your week. Celebrate life's simple pleasures and step into the new year with optimism. A heartfelt connection grows stronger.

LIBRA (Sept 23 – Oct 23)

Home and family take the spotlight. Cozy gatherings and heartfelt conversations bring comfort. By New Year's Day, you'll feel recharged and ready to restore balance in 2026.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 – Nov 22)

Your intuition is razor-sharp. Trust your instincts in both conversations and decisions. A new idea surfaces near New Year's—nurture it; it may define your early 2026 direction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 – Dec 21)

You're closing the year with gratitude. Finances stabilize, and your optimism returns. New Year's energy inspires bold plans—set intentions, not resolutions, for meaningful progress.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 – Jan 20)

It's your season, Capricorn! The Sun in your sign powers confidence and renewal. This is your time to define what success means to you—your steady effort brings big results in 2026.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 – Feb 18)

Rest, reflection, and quiet joy ease your transition into the new year. Don't rush clarity; inspiration comes in still moments. Trust that your next big idea is already forming.

PISCES (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

Friendships and community bring warmth as the year closes. Surround yourself with those who uplift you. 2026 opens with optimism and new creative possibilities—follow your heart.



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Astrology for December 26 2025 - January 1 2026

Mercury Squares Saturn/Neptune in Pisces, Then Enters Capricorn

On **December 27**, Mercury in Sagittarius trines Chiron in Aries at 22°. Chiron is slowing down to go retrograde in a few days on January 2 and is very strong as a result. The Moon is also moving through Aries today and tomorrow **December 28**, further emphasizing the strength of Chiron in Aries themes, such as self-respect and the confidence to assert our desires. Our desires can be louder today, and thanks to Mercury, very much on our mind. Mercury can see us able and even eager to discuss some of those desires with others. We can find some clarity around old wounds. Healing information surfaces. Feelings can be guiding our insights like a torch in the dark, and we are able to articulate our findings. A beautiful day to have hard conversations and gather important information.

On **December 29**, Mars in Capricorn sextiles the North Node in Pisces and trines the South Node in Virgo at 11°. This aspect encourages motivation and ambition. We are inspired to remember our personal mission, our goals for the future, and can take important action toward achieving them. Even if it is a small or incremental action, Mars in Capricorn understands that dreams are built brick by brick. Take action or make a plan.

On **December 30**, Mercury in Sagittarius squares Saturn in Pisces at 26°. Mercury in Sagittarius has us focused on big picture visions and may run into a reality check from Saturn in Pisces today. What details have been overlooked? Communications can be challenged, leading to potential arguments. We can feel blocked or restricted when trying to get our point across. Handling daily tasks can have delays. Saturn is attempting to measure our practicality and followthrough. Are we/others walking the walk or just talking the talk?

On **January 1**, Mercury in Sagittarius squares Neptune in Pisces and then enters Capricorn until January 20. Communication continues to be challenging today, as Neptune in Pisces adds some fog and confusion to exchanges. It can be difficult to see clearly, from the depth of meaning in conversations or the terms of contracts. Wait until tomorrow to respond if possible. As Mercury moves onward into Capricorn, we become more concerned with stability. We are looking for reliable options, integral solutions. Our logical minds sharpen. What offers show practical signs of something to build on? Ignore potential. Where's the proof?

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December 26th 2025 - January 1st 2026 : Strength.

Chomping at the bit for the gate to swing open so you can race forward like sleeping in your first day of school outfit because you're so very excited to get started. This week's card lovingly encourages your fiery hunger, yet gently reminds you to chew your food thoroughly before swallowing, and to savor the moment before sprinting to the next. Clawing up the rug in your breakneck pace to do all the things could leave a bitter taste accompanying any goal you seek. You're invited to rationalize a strategic approach to accomplish the ideas you yearn for, without neglecting what and who are foundational pillars in your life. Speed need not be sacrificed in this rare window of an opportunity to strengthen your mind to adapt and consider on the fly. Just imagine a massive Great Dane

puppy quickly realizing the power they wield and learning to be gentle for the sake of a new born without the grace of a learning curve that time can grant.

This week's card also prompts you to acknowledge the varied parts of yourself, and cautions against shutting out or silencing versions you may have deemed unworthy to be seen or embodied. You can be both the divine and the animalistic, the creative and the responsible, the bloom and the desert. You need only grant yourself the authority and permission to set aside the accumulation of shame. You have the strength to face all of your shadow selves, and you don't even have to do so alone. Like demanding toddlers, they're only overwhelmingly loud and aggressive when they feel ignored. Sit with the loudest thoughts in your head from a place of love, patience, and curiosity, detached from judgement, and the peace you come to feel from the interaction just might surprise you, even heal you. Resolve to walk into the new year in a better relationship with yourself.

2025 strengthened you in ways you may not have thought to credit yourself. Mapping out how we want to hit the ground running in 2026 is important, of course. And all too often we look back at what we didn't achieve, what's still undone, where we failed or lost. But turn the wheel. Challenge yourself to list what you learned, what you gained, where you improved, and how well you loved. Step forward from that perspective and you'll see the calendar shift in a whole new light. ~Xo, Tiffany

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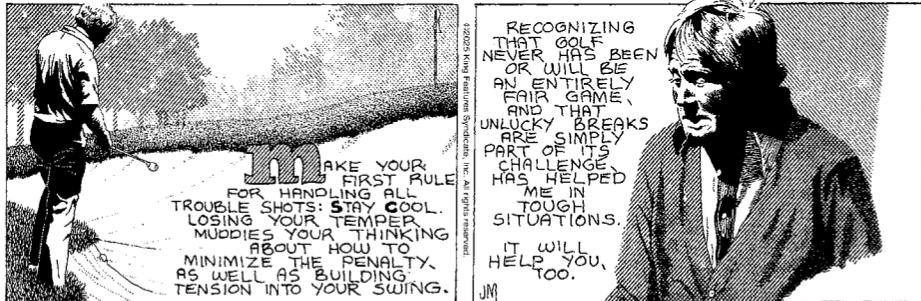
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Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Fri, Dec 26 North Isle H-45°/L-36°	Sat, Dec 27 North Isle H-42°/L-37°	Sun, Dec 28 North Isle H-44°/L-38°	Mon, Dec 29 North Isle H-45°/L-40°	Tues, Dec 30 North Isle H-46°/L-40°	Wed, Dec 31 North Isle H-46°/L-41°	Thurs, Jan 1 North Isle H-47°/L-42°
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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week
By Helen Mosbrooker

What is the best gift you have ever received?



Korbin L.,
Oak Harbor

The best gift I ever received was an iPhone 14 for my birthday. I have played on phones since I was seven years old. I love playing, and at my birthday, I asked my friend, "Which gift did you get for me?" and he said the phone was a gift from him! The second best gift I ever received is a PS5 that I got for my birthday. My grandma gave it to me, and I was so happy! Now I play on it all the time. You can play with more than one player, and we have lots of games. It made me really happy to get it. I called my grandma and asked her how she bought it, and she told me that she saved up for it.



Connor K.,
Oak Harbor

The best gift I have ever received was my race car. A few years ago my parents started taking me to watch my cousin race quarter-midget cars at the racetrack. I really wanted to race, too. I spent every Saturday that whole summer begging to race. On my birthday that year, my mom sent me out to the car to grab her drink. My car was on the lawn! My parents talked to my cousins sponsor and he added me to the team! I have raced 2 seasons and 9 first place wins! I have learned a lot about racing and race cars. I am very grateful for my sponsor and my family's hard work so I can keep racing.

BEST GIFT EVER



Diane Trepanier,
Oak Harbor

The best gift that I have ever received is my dog Bruno. He is a Labrador Retriever and is adorable. I wish he was still a puppy, but now he is all grown up. I like to play fetch with him, and when I hold a treat he runs after me. Even though he likes to chew things up, I still love him very much.



Anakin L.,
Oak Harbor

Hi, my name is Anakin and the best gifts I have ever gotten over the years are my mom and dad, my two brothers, and one little sister. My sister's name is Bentley, and my brothers' names are Korbin and Nick. I also have wonderful dogs, a wonderful cat, wonderful friends, and teachers and people outside of school who have helped me learn things I didn't know. Now I do know them, and I have gotten a lot of loved ones in my life. A lot of friends I have gotten over the years have changed my life and my future forever and in my lifetime.

Joyful Saying of the Week

The joy of giving is the greatest joy of life
-Rhonda Byrne

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆ Moderate ◆◆◆ Challenging
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MINISTRY

A Self-Sustaining Ministry (SSM) named Restorative Life Ministry is being established in Island County. For inquiries, please contact restorativelife@proton.me

NEW BUSINESS HOURS

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. 5331 S Crawford Rd, Langley

RESOURCES

Family Resource Center
723 Camano Ave, Langley. 360-221-6808 ext 4321
School supplies, coats, warm clothing, resource connections. Mon-Wed 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thurs 9 a.m. - 12 noon, or by appt. readinessstolearn.org

Mother Mentors
360-321-1484
info@whidbeymothermentors.org
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

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

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

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+

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

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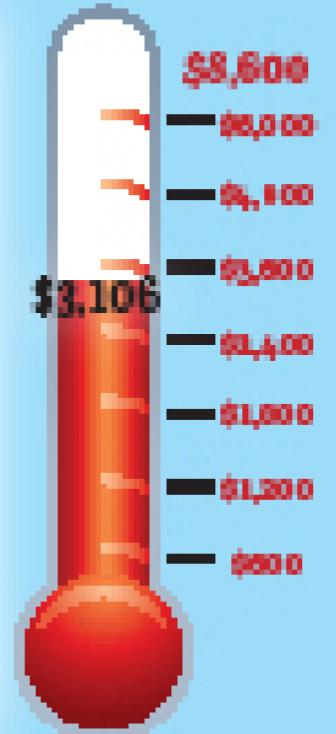


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