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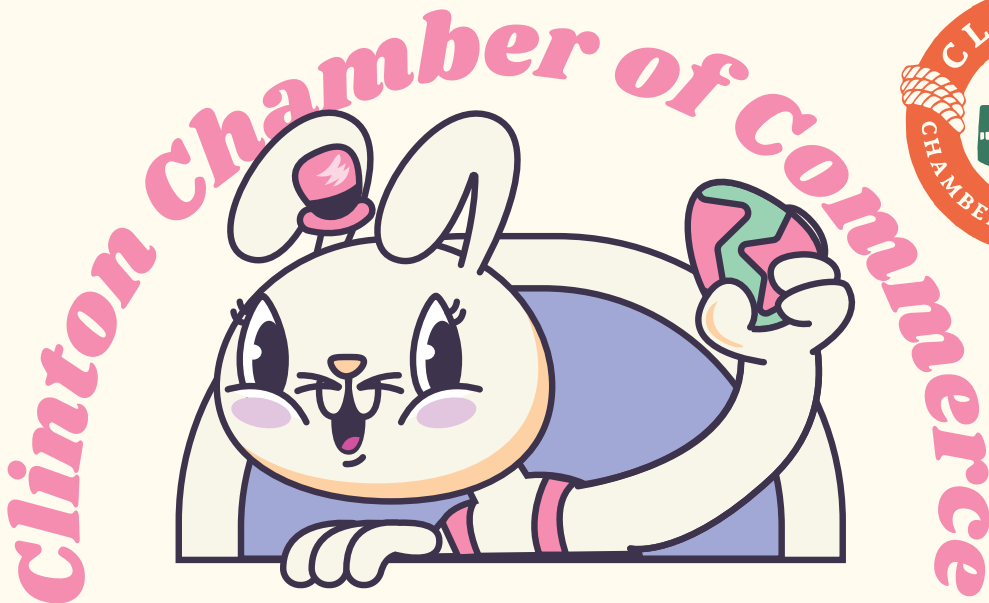
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It'd Be a Tragedy to Miss This Comedy at the Whidbey Playhouse



Theater Review and Photography by Jim Sovanski

I have the perfect concept for a play. Imagine this: A female actor landing the most famous male role of all time. In New York, on Broadway, no less. Then imagine her trying to decide if she can or even wants to do this role. After all, what could be more interesting to watch than a play about an actor trying to decide what to do about playing a character famous for trying to decide what to do? What's not to love about that? What's that you say? Said show already exists?

So it does. "Women Playing Hamlet," now playing at the Whidbey Playhouse is that show. Written by William Missouri Downs, the show is billed as, "A comedy about a tragedy." On the face of it, that's a pretty absurd concept, isn't it? But if you're going to do a comedy about a tragedy, it's best to pick a tragedy ripe with comedic possibilities, say Shakespeare's "Hamlet." After all, it's only four hours long, there are plot holes everywhere, the main character is a famously indecisive neurotic and nearly everyone dies in the end! Hilarious!

Our story begins with Jessica, intrepidly played by Trinity Slowick, a young actress in New York City. She has landed the role of a lifetime, playing Shakespeare's Hamlet on Broadway. There is only one problem. She is nearly paralyzed by doubt and insecurity at taking on such an iconic role. Fueling her self-doubt, it seems her fate is to be constantly reminded of her inadequacies. Everyone she meets has a BFA from a more prestigious school than she has; they also remind her she's too young for the role: and to top it off, somehow she's managed to tick-off the great Shakespearean actor, Sir Patrick Stewart. Even her acting coach continually questions her ability, commitment and readiness to play Hamlet. To play or not to play? That is her question.

Director Kevin Wm Meyer says, "this show is not just a funny story about a young woman who's not sure if she's ready to play Hamlet or not. It's about the moment we all face in making choices in our lives. Seizing those opportunities that come along. Having faith in ourselves. Not letting other people tell us what we can or can't do because of our gender, ethnicity, religion, height, weight and a million other degrees of judgement the world is ready to throw at us."

On playing the indecisive heroine, Jessica, Slowick shared her thoughts,



"I have always loved Shakespeare, so of course, seeing a title with Hamlet in the name caught my attention. Once I read the script itself, I knew I had to audition. I was blown away by how funny it was. I remember when I first read it, I laughed to myself the entire way through. I also love the parallelism between both 'Women Playing Hamlet' and 'Hamlet.' Many of the scenes in our show take place in a similar fashion to the ones in Hamlet. Of course, the key difference being our show is a comedy, while Hamlet tragically is not."

She continues, "Jessica is the first character I've played that I truly connected with. She's an actor who feels lost in the grand scheme of life, constantly taking on whatever role comes her way until she begins to lose sight of who she really is. This play is unique in the fact that not only do I talk with the audience, but I get to do improvisation with them as well. I have



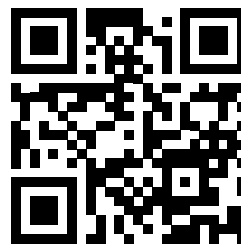
never been in a show like this before. No two shows will be the same because the audience's reaction will change each time."

Kim Dolan, as Jessica's acting coach Gwen, brings a different perspective. Gwen "is a much larger part than I had anticipated or that I have ever played before. As I looked more at the script, I came to like the role more and more. It gives me a chance to be more flamboyant than my usual life and yet be able to impart wisdom."

For an actor, one of the fun components of this show is the need to play multiple characters. As Actor #1 playing four very different parts, Katie Jones observed, "I liked the idea of playing multiple characters in one play. As much as I feel like it's a bit torturous I like pushing myself to become different people. I identify with the Minnesota mom the most, as I too embarrass my own children often by my actions."

Every show has a supporting character that, in the right hands, can steal the show. The bartender and gravedigger parts are those characters. Both, played by Julianna Boszik, truly come to life in her hands. Her accents and comic timing are a joy to behold.

To see the show or not see the show? That is your question. My answer...see the show!



"Women Playing Hamlet" at the Whidbey Playhouse opens Friday, April 10th at 7:30 PM and runs weekends through May 3rd. Tickets are \$25. Evening shows are at 7:30 PM and matinee performances are at 2:30 PM. The Whidbey Playhouse is located at 730 SE Midway Blvd. in Oak Harbor. Ticket sales and further information at www.whidbeyplayhouse.com or call the box office at 360 679-2237. Box office hours are Tuesday-Friday 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

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Oak Harbor Police are Seeking Public Assistance in Locating Armed and Dangerous Subject

Law Enforcement activity on Libby road:

On March 31, 2026, deputies from the Island County Sheriff's Office, along with officers from the Oak Harbor Police Department, responded to a residence on Libby Road after receiving a tip that a wanted person, James Mathis, was hiding at the location.



Out of an abundance of caution, the Oak Harbor Police Department's armored vehicle was used to conduct the search. Mathis was not located.

To protect the integrity of the scene and avoid providing an opportunity for anyone to warn Mathis of the law enforcement activity, no public announcement was made until the operation was completed.

If you have any information regarding the location of Mathis, please contact the Oak Harbor Police Department.

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Oak Harbor Police are Seeking Public Assistance in Locating Armed and Dangerous Subject

Animal Cruelty investigation and arrest

On February 19, 2026, the Oak Harbor Police Department was dispatched to Best Friends Veterinary Clinic in Oak Harbor for a report of two deceased 10-month-old cats that had died under suspicious circumstances.

25-year-old Oak Harbor resident Kristian ROKITA had brought the cats in after he reportedly found them injured and unresponsive. The cats belong to ROKITA's live in girlfriend. ROKITA provided an initial statement to the Oak Harbor Police Department stating that after his girlfriend left for work in the morning, he heard a crash and the sound of the cats, "squealing, gagging and struggling". ROKITA got up and located the cats deceased in the living room. During the initial investigation, the Oak Harbor Police Department determined that the couple's Larkspur Drive residence is in Island County Sheriff's Office jurisdiction.

The Island County Sheriff's Office animal control officer responded and assumed the investigation. An initial examination of the cats showed that they both had rolled pieces of a foil cat toy lodged in their throats. The examining Veterinarian noted that it was highly unusual for two healthy cats to choke on the same toy at the same time and she suspected foul play. A necropsy was scheduled for the following day.

On February 20, 2026, a necropsy was conducted. The veterinarian conducting the examination noted blood in the cat's abdominal cavity, as well as fractures and lacerations to the liver, hemorrhages on the hearts, spleens, kidneys, lungs and brains, all indicators of blunt force trauma. There were also signs of asphyxiation. The doctor described that the injuries liver would have had to been done by high velocity or high force and directed at the abdomen causing significant and severe damage.

On March 17, 2026, a copy of the completed necropsy was received, and it determined that the cause of death for both cats was "blunt force trauma and asphyxiation".

On March 26, 2026, with the assistance of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, ROKITA was taken into custody without incident and booked into the Island County Jail on two counts of Animal Cruelty in the first degree. His initial court appearance was on March 27, 2026.

This is an ongoing investigation, additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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Puget Sound Bird Observatory monitors bird activity

Whidbey Audubon Society welcomes all to its Thursday, April 9 general meeting and program. Ornithologist Scott Markowitz of the Puget Sound Bird Observatory (PSBO) presents MAPS program. MAPS stands for Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship. He will discuss other banding research and take us through the reasoning and methodology of the Institute for Bird Populations, <https://www.birdpop.org>, study for Monitoring of Avian Productivity and Survivorship. Markowitz will share the how the Puget Sound Bird Observatory's two stations operate, and how the data contributes so the scientific understanding of bird population health. PSBO operates MAPS bird-banding stations that are part of a continent-wide network of research stations monitoring the reproduction and survival of bird populations.



Scott Markowitz is the director of research at PSBO and is a faculty fellow at Pacific Lutheran University. He is also working on the mechanics of sexual selection in *Sialia mexicana* (Western Bluebird) with regards to coloration as an honest indicator of successful foragers and the connection with the rate of extra-pair copulations, of which he will also share.

This event is at the Coupeville Recreation Hall at 901 NW Alexander Street in Coupeville. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for socializing and treats. A brief meeting begins at 7:15 and the program begins at 7:30. It is free and open to the public.

Photo: Scott Markowitz

Experience an Inspired Adaptation of a Jane Austen Classic at WICA

Georgian England comes to the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts (WICA) April 10-25 with a fresh adaptation of *Sense and Sensibility*. By award-winning playwright Kate Hamill, the WICA production will be directed by Rose Woods, recently of WICA's *Justice* and *A Room in the Castle*. Full of humor and emotional depth, the production is an inspired take on Austen's treasured novel and will open on WICA's newly renovated Mainstage in a bright, bold, and theatrical way.

Set in the late 18th century, *Sense and Sensibility* centers on sisters Elinor and Marianne Dashwood, whose lives are turned upside down when their father dies suddenly, leaving them penniless and with reputations at stake. Together, the women must learn to mix sense with sensibility to find happiness in a society where love is ruled by money.

"This is more than just a romance. It is a story of two strong women who carve out their own identities," says WICA Executive Artistic Director Deana Duncan. "It's beautiful to see them navigate what 'sense' and 'sensibility' mean to them. Austen has been beloved for more than two centuries for the characters she brings to life in her novels, and we're thrilled to honor her work in our very own, modern production of this iconic story."

Hamill's adaptation has been praised by American Theatre for revitalizing Austen's work for modern audiences through a fast-paced, high-energy approach, emphasizing feminist agency and social critique. It breaks from traditional period drama with bold theatrical elements that reflect the pressures of society.

For Hamill, adapting this beloved work was also about creating more roles for women. "I decided that if there were going to be more classical roles for women, I would need to write them," she said in an interview with Folger Theatre.

The WICA production features local and regional talent, many of whom are familiar faces on the WICA stage.

CAST

- Andrew Fling** as Edward Ferrars
- April Jane Herrild** as Elinor Dashwood
- Grace Webb** as Lucy Steele / Lady Middleton / Charlotte / Gossip
- Jeff Natter** as Sir John / Doctor / Mr. Dashwood / Gossip
- Laura Berkley** as Mrs. Jennings / Gossip
- Levi Redmill** as Willoughby / Robert Ferrars / Thomas / Servant / Gossip
- Lucy Curling** as Marianne Dashwood
- Marta Mulholland** as Fanny Dashwood / Mrs. Dashwood / Gossip
- Miles Harrison** as Colonel Brandon / John Dashwood
- Rachael Spencer** as Margaret Dashwood / Anne Steele / Gossip

The production begins a three-week run on April 10 with an opening night party and a specialty cocktail. To learn more and purchase tickets, visit wicaonline.org/theatre.

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9 Gorgeous Reasons to Visit Meerkerk Gardens

Take a delightful day trip to Whidbey Island's most beautiful outdoor experience



Spring is in the air at Meerkerk Gardens. This public garden has a stunning variety of rhododendrons and northwest plants, woodlands with walking trails, and a specialty rhododendron nursery with exclusive species. The gardens are open daily and are beautiful year-round. Peak bloom season is now through June and you won't want to miss it! Plan a visit soon. The vibrant rhododendrons bloom in a stunning array of colors. It's a flower lover's paradise.

The gardens and woodlands are a respite from hectic life and a chance to unwind, listen to birds, and take in views of the Sound and the mountains. Just an hour and a half from Seattle, a visit to Whidbey Island's Meerkerk Gardens makes for a perfect day trip.



1. A Feast for the Senses

Wandering through the 10 acres of display gardens, you'll be serenaded by sounds of the seasons: buzzing of bumblebees, wings of an eagle, splashes of frogs into the ponds, or the music of songbirds. You'll discover that each turn of the trail is filled with floral fragrance and color. In spring, the eye is delighted by specialty rhododendrons, Mt. Fuji cherry blossoms, white daffodils, and azaleas. In summer, abundant colorful irises, daisies, and poppies appear, followed by magnificent foliage colors in autumn. It's even beautiful in the dark days of winter with touches of frost or a blanket of snow that conceal the spring buds to come.

2. Quiet the Noise

Spending time at Meerkerk Gardens is a gift. Leave your phone behind and take in the peace and serenity of these gardens and woodlands. Be fully present in nature and experience connecting to all that surrounds you. The noise of daily life recedes. Nature has a healing, relaxing effect that is essential for good mental and physical health.

3. Lush woodland Walks Offer a Lesson
Over two miles of trails lead you through 43 acres of wild coastal forests filled with majestic Douglas fir, hemlock, and cedars among a carpet of ferns.

An amazing world lies hidden beneath your feet in the forest. Each tree is connected underground through a web of fungal threads that form a communications network between nearly every tree. Extensive research now shows that trees and under-story plants support each other through a linked community. As we walk through the forests, it serves as a reminder to look beneath the surface

and see the web that connects us to nature and each other.

4. Wildlife Delights

While sitting on one of the memorial benches throughout the garden, focus on the wildlife. These gardens are a sustainable wildlife habitat. Downed trees in the forest are sanctuaries for forest creatures. Three ponds provide a rich home for a large population of newts, salamanders, toads, and frogs. Eagles fly overhead, birds nest in the plantings, squirrels leap wildly between trees, owls hoot from the forest, and families of deer walk silently together.

5. Variety Abounds

Meerkerk Gardens displays specialty gardens (Ramsey Rock Garden, Asian Hillside Garden, Secret Garden, Meditation Garden, Big Leaf Valley, and more). Discover exotic specimen trees, including a Monkey Puzzle, a Purple Leaf Indian Bean, ginkgo, and more. Plant enthusiasts will enjoy the Hybridizers Tribute Garden, which celebrates the efforts of local experts to create new rhododendron varieties.

6. A Specialty Nursery

Want to enhance your own garden? The Meerkerk Garden Nursery has a collection of unique species and hybrids, and helpful plant specialists to answer questions. The nursery is open Wednesday through Sunday through October. Come early. Come often. Special plants go fast.

7. Secrets and Scavenger Hunts for All Ages

Pick up a scavenger hunt page from the Welcome Center. Your quest will be to find specimen plants, whimsical statues, and other garden features. How many can you find hidden in the gardens?

8. Treat Mom to a Memorable Mother's Day

Mark your calendars! Meerkerk Gardens hosts a fantastic Mother's Day concert every year, featuring three well-known Whidbey Island bands performing with a backdrop of Puget Sound, famous Whidbey Pies and beverages, and access to the gardens all day to enjoy the peak of bloom season. Dogs on leash are always welcome at Meerkerk. Reserve tickets now for Sunday, May 10 at <https://www.meerkerkgardens.org/mothers-day-celebration>

9. Join a class or tour

Whether you are new to plants, or an expert, there are classes throughout the year on rhododendrons, mushrooming, pruning, and more. Scheduled spring and summer tours will take you through the gardens, so you are sure to see the hidden secrets of the garden.



Meerkerk Gardens is a nonprofit garden open daily, 9-5 (March - October) and 9-4 (November - February). Admission is \$10 for adults, no charge for children under 13. Memberships provide unlimited access plus special member-only events. Parking is free. The gazebo and lawn overlooking the Sound are also available to rent for weddings and celebrations of life.

Leave with your spirit refreshed. Meerkerk Gardens is a special place that will call to you to return again and again. www.meerkerkgardens.org 360-678-1912.

What's Going On!

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Langley United Methodist Church, Fireside Room (Third Street and Anthes Avenue), Langley
Friday, April 3, 5:30 p.m.

A casual gathering for people who are deaf or hard of hearing and for ASL learners. Participants practice sign language, enjoy conversation and share treats. Follow signs to the Fireside Room. For details, contact Susan at 360-221-0383 or email sisoleil973@yahoo.com

CLINTON EASTER EGG EVENT

Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m.–noon
Thirsty Crab Brewery, SR 525, Clinton

Celebrate spring at this annual Easter egg hunt hosted by the Clinton Chamber of Commerce. The hunt begins promptly at 10 a.m., with participants (ages 12 and under) grouped by age. Keep an eye out for the Golden Egg for a chance to win a grand prize. Enjoy a festive morning with coffee, breakfast, donuts, music, candy and family-friendly activities.

BIRD WALKS AT DECEPTION PASS

Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m.–noon
Rosario Beach, Deception Pass State Park, Rosario Beach Road

Explore shoreline and bluff habitats at Rosario Beach while learning to identify local and migrating birds. This guided outing, hosted in partnership with Whidbey Audubon Society, welcomes beginners and experienced birders alike. Bring binoculars if possible. No registration required. Discover Pass or day-use permit required per vehicle.

SOUNDERS GRAY WHALE YOUTH EVENT

Saturday, April 4, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Langley Whale Center, Anthes Avenue, Langley

Learn about gray whales and their migration through Puget Sound at this interactive youth program. Kids will explore whale behavior, diet and seasonal patterns, then create a whale-themed craft. Participants may also have the chance to spot whales from nearby Seawall Park.

MEERKERK GARDEN TOURS

Meerkerk Gardens, 3531 Meerkerk Lane, Greenbank
Saturday, April 4, 1–2:30 p.m.

Experience the gardens as spring gains momentum, with docent guidance on flowering plants, landscape features and seasonal changes. Tours begin at the Welcome Center and last about 1.5–2 hours. Advance registration requested. Cost: \$15; children under 13 free. Leashed dogs welcome.

LANGLEY: FIRST SATURDAY ART WALK

Saturday, April 4, 5–7 p.m.
Downtown Langley, First St. & Anthes Ave., Langley

Stroll through Langley's galleries during this monthly art walk featuring new exhibits, open studios and opportunities to meet local artists. Participating locations include Artworks Gallery, Museo Gallery, Rob Schouten Gallery, Whidbey Art Gallery and the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts.

THE FAREWELL – FREE FILM AND CONVERSATION

Monday, April 6, 1–4 p.m.
Oak Harbor Cinema, 1321 SW Barlow St., Oak Harbor

Island Senior Resources presents a free screening of the award-winning film *The Farewell*, a moving comedy-drama about family, truth and navigating life and loss. Following the film, WhidbeyHealth Hospice staff Andrea Denke and Nathalie Gauteron will lead a guided conversation. Free admission; seating is limited.

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Thursday, April 9, 2–3 p.m.
Coupeville Rec Hall, 901 NW Alexander St.

Join guest entomologist Don Ehlen for an up-close look at the world of insects and arthropods. Hear stories from collecting expeditions and explore a display of more than 2,000 preserved specimens, including butterflies, beetles and spiders from around the world. For ages 5 and up with caregivers.

INTRO TO ROBOTICS WITH EDISON ROBOTS

Friday, April 10, 1–2 p.m.
Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Dr., Oak Harbor

Explore the fundamentals of robotics in this hands-on workshop led by instructors from the Whidbey Island Language, Art & STEM Center. Participants will use Edison Robots to learn basic programming and engineering concepts in a fun, interactive setting. Designed for ages 11–17.

FIGHTING FRAUD: IDENTIFY, PREVENT, REPORT

Friday, April 10, 2–3 p.m.
Langley Library, 104 Second Street, Langley

Learn how to recognize and avoid common scams in this informational session with Nathan Spiecker of the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions. Topics include fraudulent calls, emails and social media schemes, as well as how scammers use gift cards, cryptocurrency and payment apps. Part of the End of Life program series.

WELCOME THE WHALES FESTIVAL AND PARADE

Saturday, April 11, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
Downtown Langley, First St. & Anthes Ave., Langley

Celebrate the return of gray whales to Puget Sound at this annual community festival hosted by Orca Network. The day includes costume-making activities, a family-friendly parade through Langley and a waterside ceremony at Seawall Park. The event honors the "Sounders," gray whales that migrate to local waters each year to feed. Free and open to all ages.

WINE, BITES & BREW

Saturday, April 11, 3–6 p.m.
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.

Sample local wines, ciders, brews, mead and whiskey alongside bites from area restaurants and bakeries at this annual fundraiser hosted by the Oak Harbor Main Street Association. The event supports Historic Downtown Oak Harbor and features a wide range of regional producers. Ages 21 and older only; valid ID required.

STEPS MAMMA MIA! SING-ALONG

Thursday, April 16, doors at 5:30 p.m., movie at 6 p.m.
The Clyde Theatre, 217 First St., Langley

Sing along to ABBA favorites during this interactive screening of *Mamma Mia! The Movie*. Lyrics appear on the big screen while lively hosts guide the audience through a fun, community-centered evening. Costumes and sparkle encouraged. Tickets \$30 or two for \$50. Proceeds benefit Steps, supporting families with infants and toddlers with disabilities and developmental delays.

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SUPER FLY



by Auston Reisman FATHER, FARMER, ARTIST,
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In nature, nothing is wasted. Closed-loop ecosystems benefit each other; excess from one organism becomes food for another. Through decomposition, microbes, fungi, and insects break down organic matter, recycling nutrients and transforming what we might call 'waste matter' into new life. This natural cycle ensures everything is repurposed and reused. Black soldier flies have been part of this natural cycle since the late 1800s and are now emerging as a sustainable solution for processing food scraps that would otherwise end up in the landfill. As landfill space becomes increasingly scarce, these sites present a two-fold crisis: mounting methane emissions and dwindling disposal capacity. The soldier fly's ability to rapidly process waste while providing valuable byproducts makes them an eco-friendly alternative to traditional waste-disposal methods.

Recently attending an Arizona worm conference, I enjoyed a workshop spotlighting Black Soldier Flies (BSF). Between the laughs, I gained a thorough education in BSF production, imbuing me with the magic of these little buzzing creatures. Teaching this class were the brilliant entomologist Tessa and the multitasking wizard Paulo. Paulo, an enthusiastic DIY, learn-as-you-go solution-finder, has been leading the BSF program at the Arizona Worm Farm since its inception. Tessa originally connected with the farm while writing her thesis and stayed around. They are the yin and yang of BSF production, expanding my own awareness through their complementary knowledge, experience, and skills.

I had the pleasure of interviewing Tessa, who has been interested in insects since childhood. She described her young self as "curious and serious". She was conducting video interviews about insects by age 10. This inspiration guided her path through many gateways, including forensic entomology and the analysis of insect colonization patterns to solve crimes. It is typically the white-glove agents who get credit for solving a murder case, but she was the one behind the scenes. Her excitement and joy steered her passion into a career. Tessa is a firm believer that with proper instruction and enthusiasm, anybody can

raise BSF successfully and create positive impacts for our environment. Her primary focus now is on helping stimulate small community-scale operations. These collaborations allow everyone to get their hands involved, appreciate these insects, and see what they can accomplish. Implementing this type of progressive thinking, we can partner with tiny creatures to make big changes.

What minuscule marvels they are! The entire 40-day life cycle of this teeny creature, a soldier fly, is devoted to selfless service, focused on helping their community. Larvae have voracious appetites, consuming roughly twice their body mass daily. They can reduce waste volume by 50% to 95%, eating everything but the kitchen sink, creating a solution for those hard-to-compost items like meats, dairy, and fats. On the flip side of the cycle, these larvae, loaded with protein and fat, becomes a valuable feed source for livestock, poultry, and aquaculture. Replacing resource-intensive feed ingredients like fishmeal or soy may help reduce deforestation, overfishing, and water consumption. Adult flies are unique because they lack functional mouthparts and do not eat, thereby minimizing the spread of pathogens to humans. Further, the byproduct of their digestion, known as frass, is a nutrient-rich organic fertilizer that enhances soil health, improves soil structure, and supports beneficial microbes. These 'super flies' offer a sustainable and efficient waste management solution with multiple environmental benefits. From reducing landfill waste and greenhouse gas emissions, to producing animal feed and organic fertilizer, all while contributing to a circular and sustainable food system, these are indeed marvelous, if tiny, creatures!

A Tasty Agnostic Easter

by Charles LaFond ISLAND FUNDRAISER, POTTER, AUTHOR, AND ESSAYIST

For many of us, this is a special week and Sunday, a special day, being Easter and all. For most of us, however, this is a special week because the land is bursting forth with the colors and optimism of springtime and a willingness to feed us.

One need not look too hard at history to see religious groups carving out territory, establishing dogmas, inventing rituals, and murdering people whose opinions about death and eternal life differ from theirs. All the smoky burnings at the stake, torture on the rack, and fingernail removal somewhat clouds the glory of it all for me, pun intended.

I never really took to the long liturgies and sermons so vehemently sure about mysteries. Nor did I find the chocolate bunnies and jelly beans terribly attractive, being a diabetic. However, I would crawl over broken glass for a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup, which inspires a flicker of consideration of a benevolent Creator. And yet that same flicker of consideration for a benevolent Creator somewhat dims when considering things like childhood leukemia, tapeworms, lionfish, and war.

As an Anglican myself, for 63 years, I have thought a lot about religion and have come to the conclusion that—were it not for death and our fear of it, religions would lose their attractiveness (and clergy their incomes). Our human egos and gene-survival skills are so strong, and relatedly, our aversion to death so profound, that humans have, for millennia, created more than 2,600 gods, complete with temples, churches, foods, stories and clergy, to construct a series of cohorts – gangs, if you will – that gather, assure each other, circle the wagons against other god-followers and even develop rather tasty foods including Mennonite sugar pies, Greek Orthodox Rose Jellies, Lutheran gruel, Jewish noodle kugel, various flat breads, wine – well the delicious list is endless really.

Humans have survived by forming tribes and using their power to keep some safe if they follow the rules, and stone or expel others if they do not. And village expelling meant certain death, so the stakes were high, if not always burning.

I left the church because I saw the sausage being made and wanted neither to eat it nor sell it anymore, so I came to Whidbey rather than to Iona. Sure, it's a bit hippy here on Geezer Island, but it suits me as I dismantle the scaffolding built for me by my tribe (family, culture, parents, church).



Kai with Charles Back in the Day

It is now time, in my third act, to begin the very important work of building my own scaffolding – my own house. At first, it felt like I was forging ahead into a road less traveled. But after seven years here, making pots and raising money, the road is really quite full of the most wonderful people. Yes, I will still eat roasted lamb and pea risotto with mint on Sunday, but now, it will be because I want to – followed by some wine and a Reese's Cup or six.

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TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, someone may rely on your steady nature for guidance. Offering support strengthens an important relationship. By the weekend, a pleasant surprise lifts your mood.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, your curiosity opens unexpected doors. A conversation or chance encounter could lead to a promising idea. Stay flexible and ready to adapt.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you may find yourself reflecting on recent choices. Trust that you're learning valuable lessons. A small victory toward the end of the week restores confidence.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, your natural leadership stands out now. Others notice your enthusiasm and may look to you for direction. Use this influence wisely and progress will follow.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, attention to detail pays off this week. Completing a lingering task or organizing an overdue project brings a satisfying sense of accomplishment.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, balance returns where things once felt uncertain. A calm discussion helps smooth over differences and reminds you how valuable patience can be.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, a new perspective helps you move past a recent frustration. Once you release the need to control every outcome, things begin to fall into place.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, your adventurous spirit is strong this week. Even a small change of scenery or routine could spark inspiration and renewed enthusiasm.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, persistence continues to work in your favor. Someone may finally recognize the effort you've been putting in behind the scenes.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, your originality shines. Sharing an unconventional idea may lead to unexpected support. Trust your instincts when expressing yourself.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, emotions run a little deeper this week. Taking time for self-care or quiet reflection helps restore your sense of calm and clarity.

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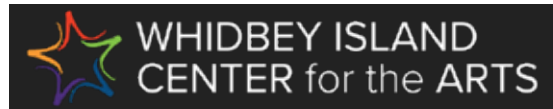
Georgian England comes to the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts (WICA) April 10-25 with a fresh adaptation of Sense and Sensibility by Kate Hamill, directed by Rose Woods.

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- April Jane Herrild** as Elinor Dashwood
- Grace Webb** as Lucy Steele / Lady Middleton / Charlotte / Gossip
- Jeff Natter** as Sir John / Doctor / Mr. Dashwood / Gossip
- Laura Berkley** as Mrs. Jennings / Gossip
- Levi Redmill** as Willoughby / Robert Ferrars / Thomas / Servant / Gossip
- Lucy Curling** as Marianne Dashwood
- Marta Mulholland** as Fanny Dashwood / Mrs. Dashwood / Gossip
- Miles Harrison** as Colonel Brandon / John Dashwood
- Rachael Spencer** as Margaret Dashwood / Anne Steele / Gossip



The production runs three weeks beginning April 10. Tickets and information: wicaonline.org/theatre.



Letter to the Editor

This community was again so very supportive of the recent 20th Annual Coupeville Lions Club Scholarship Dinner and Auction. It was a big success earning approximately \$32,000 from the live auctions, dessert dash and donations, some online. And we were so thankful that the majority of costs were offset by generous sponsor donations from Prairie Center, Whidbey Island Bank, Peoples Bank, Windermere Whidbey, Edward Jones Coupeville, Front Street Realty, The Coupeville Inn and Kingfisher Bookstore. These sponsor donations allowed all of the earnings to be distributed this spring to deserving graduating seniors in the Coupeville School District. Many thanks to the sponsors, the support from the Coupeville School District and the hard-working Lions who planned and worked diligently to help allow these financial opportunities for the kids.



Deanna Rogers, Coupeville Lions Club

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Astrology for April 3-9 2026 Venus Square Pluto, Mars Enters Aries

On **April 3**, Mercury in Pisces trines Jupiter in Cancer at 15°. This is the third and final trine of the series since Mercury stationed retrograde on February 26. That Mercury retrograde was one for the books, no? We have had much to review in the realms of dreams, nostalgia, emotions, and old timelines. We have been encouraged to face grief, release the past, and practice a whole lot of surrender to make way for better aligned and updated ventures. February 16, March 9, and today, April 3 all string together points of a story, symbolic moments that allude to spiritual and emotional growth. If you have been waiting on information or next steps in a drawn out process, today shows signs of progress. There is a lot of flow around the exchange of ideas and communications. Today invites expression of true emotions once withheld and the willingness to forge ahead with optimism.

Also on **April 3**, Venus in Taurus squares Pluto in Aquarius at 5°. Power struggles and tensions stir, especially in material matters, finances, and relationships. With Mercury trine Jupiter we may have a lot to say, but is every detail necessary in this moment? When Venus/Pluto meet in a hard aspect in fixed signs it can be difficult to want to face critical changes, but here they come. Venus in Taurus wants to slow down, focus on simple pleasures, enjoy utilizing the physical senses, etc. and Pluto is rapidly transforming the way that we do that. The power dynamics between different styles, tempos, and desires can create intense confrontations within the self or within relationships. Where are you digging in your heels? What is the true nature of your resistance? Pluto will be sure to reveal it and make important changes.

On **April 5**, the Sun in Aries squares Jupiter in Cancer at 15°. This transit will test the balance between ambition and integrity. Why do you want what you want? What are you willing to do to get it? There is a lot of enthusiasm and confidence in the air today and it can be channeled in our favor. Take care not to promise more than you can deliver. Discipline in action is advised, especially if we are leaning more heavily on ego and performance to achieve a goal. Exciting progress is possible if we exercise energetic temperance today. Stay open to unexpected breakthroughs after being met with challenges. It might be tempting to utilize shortcuts or avoid the truth, but not the best day to do so.

On **April 6**, Venus in Taurus sextiles the North Node in Pisces at 8°. This transit is lush, helpful, and abundant, but with a sextile, we have to take some sort of action to activate it. Venus is strong in her home sign of Taurus. Where do you have Taurus in your chart? That area of life will be blessed by a fated bout of sweetness today. This is about having the materials you need when you need them. The North Node is involved, so there is a yes vibe if you tap in. Pay attention to where that yes is pointing...

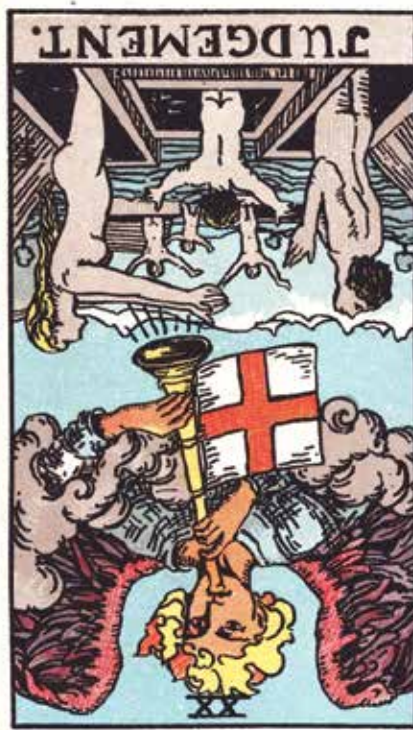
On **April 8**, Mars in Pisces sextiles Uranus in Taurus at 29°. Today's transit is spiritually inspired and we can be motivated unexpectedly to try a new way. Both Mars and Uranus enjoy testing the limits, and in this favorable aspect we are likely to choose activities that help us feel free. 29° is known as the anaretic degree, the degree that pushes the envelope through the characteristics of the signs and planets involved. We are so much more available to change now than in previous weeks. We are finding openings, we can feel they are close and they are exciting. Choose a direction.

On **April 9**, Mars enters Aries until May 18. The real action starts now. For most of March and the first week of April, Mars has been coasting through the foggy realms of Pisces - that ends today. In Aries, the sign of its rulership, Mars is extremely strong and ready to go. Projects that felt halted or stalled through the first quarter of the year either fall off completely or hit the ground running. The pace picks up. All planets are direct now until May 6. Momentum, ambition, life-force itself - it's like we get our mojo back in an instant. Its time to do the thing and go after what you want. How are you going to channel it? There are five planets in Aries now - that's a lot of fire! Continue to monitor impulsive decisions and temper actions to avoid burn out. Spend your energy dollars wisely, because if channeled into true passions, they can take you far.

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April 3rd - April 9th : Judgement Reversed.

Your world, on review, feels turned upside down. Much of how your life used to appear is now unrecognizable. There is purpose to this because looking backward to how things have always been done is no longer an option, no longer of tangible aid to you. Circumstances now require looking to the future, letting it look different, and composing something new; knowing a sense of calm, knowing you are looked after and guided in this uncertain time of creation. It is your interpretive dance but the stage has been set.

With so much upheaval in the world, it's understandable you may want to cocoon yourself and look away from the strife, yet there's a feeling of guilt and privilege if you're not keeping informed. Instead of pin-balling between these extremes, aim for a sense of balance by first and always

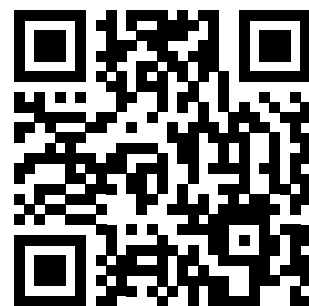
prioritizing care for yourself, then only once you have capacity, update yourself strategically and help how, where, you can, in a way compatible with regulating your nervous system. It's also important, as difficult as it may seem, to focus on exuding love at this time, rather than marinating in fear or grief or rage. Not that these or any emotions should be shunned or shamed, but rather counterbalanced after listening to the messages these emotions wish to impart.

Within this fresh chapter being written, it's especially poignant this week to be attentive to the stories and labels you have been wrapped in, both by choice and by inheritance. Your sovereignty in choosing your story or the story you desire to step into and be read for is not only richly empowering but also defines the unfolding of the coming days, weeks, months, and potentially years. Think of this process as spring cleaning. Observe and address each article, title, encounter, attachment that comes to mind and breathe into what feels authentic to you or who you're aspiring to be; not to who you've been told you are or should be. Keep what fits, and release old versions, particularly those written by someone else entirely.

You get to be the author and main character of your life. ~Xo, Tiffany

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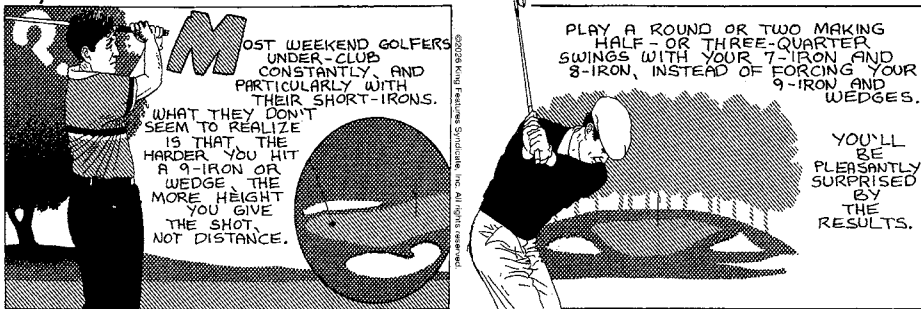
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OUR Community

Joyful Saying of the Week

The doorway to joy is simplicity. -Maxime Lagace

An Upbeat Question of the week
By Helen Mosbrook

With the economy being the way it is- higher gas prices, higher food prices, as a food bank, what is your biggest need right now?



Jean Wieman,
Manager, Help House,
Oak Harbor

Either cash or food brought in - doesn't matter. What I tell people is if you are shopping and see a good deal, buy it and bring it in - it will go into our inventory immediately. Monetary donations are used when we order food that we need.

Our biggest need, as a food bank, is for people not to forget we are here. Many remember us during the holidays but sometimes don't remember that hunger is around 365 days of the year. The food we received during the holidays has already been gone through. With all of the things going on and everything continuing to get more expensive, we are seeing more "working poor" who were barely making it before but are now fighting to stay "afloat". In the first two months of this year, we have already provided 68 more food baskets that have fed 302 more people. We so appreciate those in our community who continue to support our mission of feeding those in need. Thank you, thank you, thank you.



Mayor Molly Hughes,
Gifts from the heart food bank,
Coupeville

Gifts from the Heart food bank in Coupeville continues to receive generous support from our community, however, there has been a decrease in food donations at our community drop off locations and during food drives. We attribute this to the high cost of food for everyone. It costs more for us to buy staples too.

If you used to buy four cans of chili or soup for us but can't afford that, buy two instead. Every little bit helps! When tuna is on sale if you buy four cans, keep three for yourself and donate one to us. No donation is too small. One box of cereal, one can of fruit, one jar of peanut butter, one jar of jam, one box of hamburger helper, one box of muffin mix..... no donation is too small. Every single item of food is used by our clients and appreciated by your volunteers at the food bank! Local donation boxes are at Prairie Center, the Coupeville Post Office, Coupeville Whidbey Island Bank and Coupeville United Methodist Church. Thank you for decades of support, thanks to you, this year we celebrate 24 years of "respectfully providing food to those in need."



Jonathan Kline,
Executive Director, Good Cheer Food Pantry
Langley

With the cost of living going up we're definitely seeing more families coming through our doors at Good Cheer. Right now, we really need the basics that families rely on every day, especially for kids. Things like cereal and other breakfast items, along with easy grab-and-go snacks that kids can take to school or their activities.

We're also seeing a big need for dairy products like yogurt, cheese and butter. These prices have gone up quite a bit, and a lot of folks count on our food pantry to help cover these staples when they can't stretch their budget any further.

Another area people don't always think about is personal care items, things like toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, and soap. These items matter a lot for people's health and sense of dignity.

And honestly, while food donations are always appreciated, financial support goes a long way for us. It gives us the flexibility to buy fresh foods and fill in the gaps where donations are a little thinner.

At the end of the day, anything that helps us show up for our community, especially making sure kids have what they need to start their day, is a huge help.

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(360) 320-4316
Cut, Split, Delivered
and Ready to Burn

Your ad here.
\$12
For any sales
or business
listings.

SEASON OPENING SALE

In the Big Red Barn
at Salmagundi Farms
19162 SR 20 3 miles South of the
Coupeville overpass on Hwy 20
Sale this week April 4 & 5
9am to 4pm consists of retail
closeouts and liquidated
overstocks of local businesses,
vintage and Antique furniture,
camping boating and fishing
items and tools. New in the
box women's boots, Teva
sandals clothing, hats, clothes,
tools.
Something for everyone.
360-678-5888

LABRADOR PUPS

Labrador Pups.
Call for details.
First shots, wellness,
reasonable.
Trades considered.
360-321-4224

PUPPIES FOR SALE

3 AKC Belgian
Tervuren Puppies
1 male, 2 female
4 months old.
Parents OFA tested hips,
elbows, thyroid.
Mom International
Champion.
in South Whidbey.
\$900 each
Call: Denise @
360-341-2511

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.
readiness@learn.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.

IN SEARCH OF

Art, Antiques & Collectibles.
Cash paid for quality items.
Call or text 360-661-7298

Was your Dad or Gramps
in Japan or Germany? I
collect old 35 mm cameras
and lenses. Oak Harbor.
Call 970-823-0002

RESOURCES

**Basic Food Benefits Community
Services Office:** 275 Pioneer Way
#201, Oak Harbor 877-501-2233

Food Banks:
Gifts From the Heart
108 SW Terry Road
Monetary donations, they should
be sent to:
PO Box 155, Coupeville 98239
Distribution on 2nd and 4th
Wednesdays, 2-5 p.m.

Good Cheer:
2812 Grimm Rd., Langley 360-
221-4868
Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

North Whidbey Help House:
1091 SE Hathaway St.
Oak Harbor 360-675-0681
Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
(5 p.m. on Tues)

Closed 12-1 p.m. for lunch
Island Church of Whidbey

Soup Kitchen: 503 Cascade Ave.,
Langley 360-221-0969
Tues & Thurs 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

SPIN Café: 1241 SW Barlow St.,
Oak Harbor
Daily, 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

St. Hubert's Catholic Church
Wednesday Soup Kitchen
All are Welcome!
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
804 3rd St, Langley
360-221-5303

Ask about our Thursday Dinner

HUB After School: 301 Anthes
Ave., Langley 360-221-0969
Food and activities for middle and
high school youth. Mon, Tues,
Thurs, Friday 2-6 p.m., Wed 1-6
p.m.

Ryans House for Youth:
Food, fun, support, 19777 SR
20, Coupeville 360-331-4575
Drop-in center for adults ages 18-
24; Daily 6 a.m.- 8:30 p.m., 35 SE
Ely St, Oak Harbor 360-682-5098
Drop-in center for youth ages 12-
21; Mon-Fri 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

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

CRISIS LINES

9-1-1: Call for threats to life,
fire, accident or crime
-Non-emergency lines:
Oak Harbor Police
Department-360-279-4600
-Island Communications
Dispatch (ICOM) - 360-679-
9567

9-8-8: Suicide and crisis
lifeline, free & confidential
- 741-741: 24/7 Crisis Text Line
-800-584-3578:

24/7 Northwest Washington
Crisis Services
- 360-678-7880: Island County
Behavioral Health

866-488-7386 Trevor Project:
24/7 support for LGBTQIA2S+

SHELTERS/HOUSING

CADA Emergency Shelter
- Confidential crisis shelter
for women and children
fleeing domestic violence/
sexual assault/stalking. This
is NOT a homeless shelter.
Office: 360-675-7057 Crisis
Line: 360-675-2232 Toll Free:
800-215-5669

**Island County Housing
Support** - 105 NW 1st St.,
Coupeville 360-678-8284
For homeless or at risk of
losing housing. Mon-Thurs, 9
a.m.-3 p.m.

Ryan's House for Youth
- 19777 SR 20, Coupeville
360-331-4575
For at-risk adults ages 18-24

Whidbey Homeless Coalition
- Serving Island County 360-
900-3077

The Haven Overnight Shelter
is a night-to-night shelter for
up to 30 individuals. Must fol-
low 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 se-
vere risk of homelessness; to
apply, contact the Housing
Support Center or call the
number above.

Oxford Houses - Recovery
housing oxfordhouse.org
-Men:360-246-4101
- Women & Children: 360-
682-5773

MONTHLY MEETING

**Monthly Meeting
for Mental Health
Hosted by NAMI** for All Adult
Individuals who have a family or
friend suffering from depression,
anxiety, bi-polar disorder, or
other mental health conditions.
Trinity Lutheran Church in
Freeland, Lower Building
Closest to the Highway
18341 WA-525, Freeland
3rd Wednesday of the Month
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Email for more information:
karens@nami-sno-isle.org

WEEKLY MEETINGS

MEMORY CAFÉ Every 1st and
3rd Tues of the Month 12:30 - 2:00
p.m. at the First United Methodist
Church 1050 SE Ireland Street
Oak Harbor, WA. Join our bi-
monthly gathering for people with
memory loss and their family to
enjoy a time of fun, conversation,
music and laughing (and snacks).
This is a dementia friendly setting.
For information: 360-720-4535

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

Have a problem with drinking? It
doesn't cost anything to attend
A.A. meetings. Local Meet-
ings are in Coupeville, Freeland,
Langley, Clinton, and Oak Harbor.
There are no age or education re-
quirements to participate. Mem-
bership is open to anyone who
wants to do something about
their drinking problem. A.A.'s pri-
mary 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 Meth-
odist 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 Ver-
non Any questions, call Washing-
ton State Gamblers Anonymous
hotline at 855-222-5542, or visit
<https://gawashington.org/>

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS
Tuesdays 7 PM to 8 PM
Langley United Method-
ist 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 Meth-
odist Church - 301 Anthes Ave,
Langley - Fireside room. Contact:
acawhidbey@gmail.com

How'd you do?

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No Cheating!

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Telephone 360-682-8283

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