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AT
THE WHIDBEY PLAYHOUSE



Theater review and photography by Jim Sovanski

It's hard to believe it's been 40 odd years since Audrey II has devoured her first human on the stage. "Little Shop of Horrors" has been a theatrical mainstay for that whole time, garnering multiple revivals on Broadway and inspiring the 1986 movie of the same name and countless school and community productions. The original 1982 off-broadway musical was actually inspired by the 1960 low-budget horror comedy directed by Roger Corman and featuring a very young Jack Nicholson in the cast.

"At its core," Google's AI Overview says "Little Shop of Horrors is a dark, satirical fable warning about the destructive nature of unchecked ambition, consumerism, and the moral compromises we make to achieve the "American Dream". It suggests that the pursuit of fame and wealth requires selling one's soul." I honestly think that's overthinking it. I'll put it simply, it's a dark, comedic, campy musical with fantastic 1960s-style rock and roll, doo-wop and early Motown tunes you'll be humming for days.

The story follows Seymour Krelborn, a budding botanist who finds a really strange and unique plant in some very weird circumstances. He names it Audrey II after his secret flower shop oo-worker crush Audrey. Chaos, comedy and horror ensue as Seymour eventually discovers Audrey II's evil intent. If you've only ever seen the movie, you should know the stage musical ends a little differently. You've been warned.

The production marks the second Whidbey Playhouse mounting of Little Shop. "I felt like the show was due for a revival since the last time that the Playhouse did it was over 20 years ago," said Director Eric George. "I also knew that this show would excite people who love and are fans of the movie/Broadway show,

and draw in people who might be curious and going in blind."

"Like the crew that helps build the world of Little Shop," he continued, "My cast are some of the most talented actors that I have had the chance to work with. This show has so many elements to it, from the challenging music, adding in puppet work, and being able to walk the line between heart, horror, and humor at the drop of a hat, and every single one of them rose to the challenge I gave them and brought my vision to life."



Assistant director, Alex Montoya added, "My thoughts on the relevance of this show in today's world are that while this is a campy comedy the themes of domestic violence and manipulation, that our main heroine encounters, are still a very scary and prevalent



topic in many households. Many people will see the catharsis in seeing not only the sadistic dentist but the manipulative shop owner get their comeuppance."

Playing Seymour, Ethan Johnson spoke to his connection to the show. "I have seen clips of some of the popular songs of the show like "Grow For Me" and "Suddenly Seymour" and watching other actors perform those songs was always a fun watch so when I found out the Whidbey Playhouse was doing this show, I knew that I wanted to be a part of it."

"Seymour is a very awkward and nervous character to which I can relate to. It's easy to see myself in some parts of Seymour but it's been so much fun working with the parts that I'm not so familiar with, like needing to chop people up."

In an unusual casting choice, Jade Raubacher is playing the part of Audrey II. "I think it's a great opportunity to give someone who may have been overlooked before, since typically the role is played by someone either African-American or male. It's not typically a woman's role per se and it's really nice to be included. My rockabilly tone I think is what Eric was looking for. I've got a nice smoky voice. Audrey II has a bit of a sultry kind of seductive spirit to her and I think letting a woman play that, you get a little bit more of that from the script itself cuz it's written to be kind of seductive."

As the 'other' Audrey in the cast, Katelyn Duvall offers her take on her character. "Audrey is just so special to me. Her mannerisms, her songs, her hopes, her dreams. As well as her pain and doubt in herself. She doesn't believe she deserves anything good. In a world where almost everything around her is bad, she somehow thinks she is the worst. I love her for those reasons. The most basic things in life are like heaven to her."

Most theatergoers have a favorite character. My all-time favorite, hand's down, is the dentist Orin Scrivello, DDS in Little Shop. As played with demented verve by Cris Matochi, he steals

the show. Given the fantastic performances of the rest of the cast, that's no mean feat.

"Since I've played Orin before," Matochi commented, "One thing that's been really special this time around is challenging myself not to simply repeat what I did in the past. I've been working hard to rediscover the character from the ground up. What I love about Orin is that he's so over-the-top that you can really lean into the theatricality, but the role still requires control and intention underneath all the chaos. Finding new layers and new ways to make audiences react has honestly been one of the most rewarding parts of this process for me."

Director George has assembled a stellar cast and sadly, I don't have the space to compliment everyone, but suffice it to say, since Audrey II is hungry, let's hope they all survive the ordeal to perform again another day!

Little Shop of Horrors at the Whidbey Playhouse opens Friday, June 5th at 7:30 PM and runs weekends through June 28th. 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.

Why Whidbey Weekly Operates as a Washington State Social Purpose Corporation

When people hear that Whidbey Weekly is now owned by Whidbey Camano SPC, they typically respond blankly.

To us, it's a big deal that's still very much in the making.

What is a Social Purpose Corporation?

A Social Purpose Corporation (SPC) is a business structure established under Washington law that is framed so that a company can pursue financial sustainability with a defined public benefit.

Unlike traditional corporations, which are generally expected to focus solely on maximizing shareholder value, an SPC recognizes that some organizations exist to create lasting benefits for the communities they serve.

For Whidbey Weekly and Whidbey Camano SPC, that focus is honoring our community's voice and further adding to our hyper local historical community archive.

Washington became one of the first states in the nation to authorize Social Purpose Corporations in 2012, providing a framework for businesses that seek to balance profitability with broader social, environmental, educational, cultural, or community goals. That is us! We did not waste time setting up this business license and we've operated Whidbey Weekly as an SPC since taking over the this newspaper in January of 2024.

We recognize that community newspapers occupy a unique place in American life. They are businesses, but they also serve a public purpose. They tell the stories of local communities, promote local events, support local businesses, preserve local history, celebrate achievements, and help neighbors remain connected to one another.

Those functions create value that extends far beyond the pages of a newspaper. Whidbey Weekly was organized under the Social Purpose Corporation model because we believe a community newspaper can be both a sustainable business and a public-serving institution. Revenue matters because sustainability matters. There are a few ads that you'll see, or even covers which are our financial contribution to community too. We don't want to stop offering that. We're working to find a balance that works for everyone. Yes, we must pay printers, fuel delivery vehicles, maintain equipment, compensate some contributors, and continue producing a newspaper every week. But profit alone is not the mission.

We believe local news is more than a product; it is community infrastructure.

As Whidbey Camano SPC continues to develop, our vision extends beyond publishing a weekly newspaper. We believe communities benefit when their stories, photographs, records, and collective memory are preserved and made accessible for future generations.

Newspapers have historically served as one of the most important community archives, documenting everyday life alongside significant moments in local history. Whidbey Weekly remains committed to that tradition. Through Whidbey Camano SPC, we are exploring ways to strengthen and expand that role while continuing to publish a free community newspaper each week.

This work is still in its early stages, but it is being built with a simple principle in mind: local stories matter, local history matters, and communities should have a voice in preserving both.

On Page 9 of this week's issue we've included a list of individuals and organizations who have financially contributed to Whidbey Weekly and Whidbey Camano SPC. We consider each of these contributors shareholders in this newspaper's future, and potential future publications for our beloved Island.

To each of them, we offer our sincere thanks and eternal gratitude.

-Whidbey Weekly

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PROFESSIONALISM SERVICE ACCOUNTABILITY

Arrest of Dustin Bartlett

On May 29, 2026, Deputies from the Island County Sheriff's Office Camano Island Precinct responded to a report of Dustin Bartlett being at his residence on Panoramic Drive in violation of both his pre-trial release conditions for his arrest for Possession of depictions of minor in sexually explicit conduct (he posted bail and was released) and a Domestic Violence No Contact Order (DVNCO) barring him from contact with the witness. Bartlett was located hiding inside the residence and taken into custody.

On May 30, 2026, Bartlett made his first court appearance (telephonically) and was held on \$50,000 bail for the violation of the DVNCO. Bartlett's bail was revoked (he will be held without bail) for the previous Possession of depictions of minor in sexually explicit conduct charges.

The Whidbey Homeless Coalition Summer Soirée

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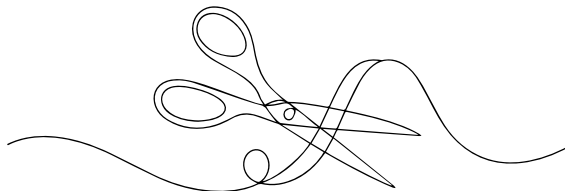


The Whidbey Homeless Coalition invites the community to a lively Summer Soirée on June 13, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the Clinton Community Hall. The event features live music by the Kristi O'Donnell Trio, hot dogs and brats, and a silent auction with items donated by local supporters and 50/50 raffle.

All proceeds help the Coalition continue its mission of supporting individuals and families as they move out of homelessness and into stability. Community participation makes a real difference, and everyone is welcome to attend this fun, meaningful afternoon.

For more information: WWW.WHIDBEYHOMELESS.ORG

Our Hearts Together Senior Day Center to Celebrate Grand Opening with Ribbon Cutting



Our Hearts Together Senior Day Center will celebrate its grand opening with a ribbon cutting at 1 p.m. Monday, June 8, at 390 NE Midway Blvd., B203, in Oak Harbor.

The new senior day center provides a safe, engaging daytime environment for older adults needing supervision or companionship, individuals with

Alzheimer's or other dementias, adults experiencing social isolation, and caregivers in need of respite support.

Our Hearts Together offers social engagement, meaningful activities and a gentle, structured daily rhythm in a dementia-capable, person-centered setting. The center's care team includes licensed, background-checked caregivers with training comparable to home care aides and a dignity-centered approach.

The center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and is now accepting membership registrations. Tours and meet-and-greets with the team are available for families interested in learning whether the program is the right fit for a loved one.

Our Hearts Together will also host a weekly Thursday evening support group at 5:30 p.m.

Community members are invited to stop by for the ribbon cutting, ask questions and celebrate the opening of a new local resource for seniors, families and caregivers.

Our Hearts Together Senior Day Center is located at 390 NE Midway Blvd., B203, in Oak Harbor. Visitors can follow the elevator behind the Bagel Factory.

For more information, call Kathie at 360-474-4905.



SNO-ISLE LIBRARIES

Third Graders Read Together: Sparking a Love of Learning

The Sno-Isle Libraries Third Graders Read Together program makes reading fun, prepares students to thrive in school, and sparks a lifelong love of learning. The program features book nominees from the Washington Library Association's OTTER Award, known for their motto, "books kids like, not books adults think kids should like."

"Reading takes me places I've never been before," said a third-grade student from Riverview Elementary School.

Since its start in 2013, the Third Graders Read Together program has grown from 29 to 87 participating schools, with an estimated 7,205 students engaged during the 2025-26 school year. The Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation helps support the program each year by providing OTTER books to schools and classrooms throughout Snohomish and Island counties, including 4,122 books this year.

A teacher from Olivia Park Elementary School said, "I am so grateful for this opportunity! Many of our kids do not have books at home, and this program allows us to offer more copies of the ever-so-popular OTTER Award nominee books."

Third grade is considered a pivotal point in a child's education because it marks a transition from 'learning to read' to 'reading to learn.' Voting for their favorite book was one of many exciting activities for participating third graders. The winning OTTER book for 2026 is "Welcome to Scare School" by Jarrett Lerner.

In 2026, Sno-Isle Libraries also hosted two online author and illustrator events for an estimated 3,260 students. Liz Garton Scanlon, author of the Bibsy Cross series, was one of the featured speakers. The other was Jarrett Lerner, author and illustrator of the Scare School Diaries series.

"I had so many students go out and buy journals so they could write their own graphic novels!" said a teacher from Fairmount Elementary.

Sno-Isle Libraries celebrates the accomplishments of this year's third graders and looks forward to sparking that same lifelong love of reading in next year's third graders. Children can continue to build upon their momentum with the Summer Reading program, which encourages them to keep reading to maintain reading skills over the summer.

About Sno-Isle Libraries

sno-isle.org

Sno-Isle Libraries serves over 800,000 residents in Snohomish and Island counties through 23 community libraries, online services, and the Bookmobile. Our Vision: Everyone in our community is connected to their library. Our Mission: We engage and inspire our communities through equitable access to knowledge and resources.

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HEALTH CORNER

By Dr. Darlene Castle
Chiropractor

SHOULD I USE ICE?

Dr. Castle: why don't you recommend using ice?

Of all the pain remedies prescribed by health care providers, ice is the least damaging. However an attempt is still being made to thwart the body's natural processes. The person administering the ice is declaring that they know best what the body needs.



Your body has its own HAZMAT team!

White blood cells are included in those fluids and begin to hunt down and destroy harmful bacteria so you don't get an infection.

Your body has its own garbage detail!

Those fluids carry all the damaged cells away from the area.

The reason ice is recommended is to make the patient feel better. It counters inflammation.

Inflammation occurs when there is an injury and has four components: pain, heat, redness and swelling.

It's a natural body response that deserves understanding.

According to Britannica: "The inflammatory response is a defense mechanism that evolved in higher organisms to protect them from infection and injury.

"Its purpose is to localize and eliminate the injurious agent and to remove damaged tissue components so that the body can begin to heal.

"The response consists of changes in blood flow, an increase in permeability of blood vessels, and the migration of fluid, proteins, and white blood cells (leukocytes) from the circulation to the site of tissue damage."

Let's look at a common use of ice: a sprained ankle.

Your body has a built-in Ace Bandage!

The body immediately sends fluids to the area. Those fluids act to splint the area to prevent further injury.

That is what you are stopping when you use ice. You stop blood flow. You stop the movement of those cells to the area of injury and you stop the movement of those cells from the area. You stop the body from functioning the way it was designed to function.

Ice reduces swelling.

Ice reduces blood flow.

Ice reduces redness.

Ice reduces pain.

Your brain controls this function. It knows what is needed and sends orders through your spine directing every single aspect of this operation. As long as your spine is free from interference, those orders travel freely and your body functions well and is healthy.

Chiropractic care focuses on maintaining that communication line through gentle, effective spinal adjustments.

This body of ours, this "higher organism" is designed to work properly. It needs no help, just no interference.

Contact Dr. Castle at 425-238-8704 for questions and appointments: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-5 p.m., at the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce Building, 32630 State Route 20.

ABOUT: Dr. Darlene Castle attended Palmer College of Chiropractic and graduated with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree in 1972.

"I knew I wanted to become a Chiropractor while still in high school. I made the right choice - 50 plus years in practice and I'm still helping people with Chiropractic care."

New Showing!

Fri. June 5 - Sun. June 7:
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What's Going On!

LEARN WAYS TO REDUCE MEDICARE COSTS

Friday, June 5, 1 p.m.

The Center in Oak Harbor, 51 SE Jerome St., Oak Harbor

Join a free educational class focused on practical ways to reduce Medicare-related expenses, including premiums, prescription costs and out-of-pocket healthcare expenses. Participants will learn about assistance programs that may help lower costs and will have the opportunity to ask questions of trained SHIBA volunteers. Registration is encouraged at tinyurl.com/shiba26signup. For more information, contact reception@senior-resources.org or call 360-321-1600.

WHIDBEY PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS "LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS"

Friday, June 5– Sunday, June 28

Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m.

Whidbey Playhouse, 730 SE Midway Blvd., Oak Harbor

Whidbey Playhouse presents the cult classic musical "Little Shop of Horrors," a dark comedy filled with catchy rock-and-roll tunes, outrageous humor and campy horror. The story follows Seymour, a shy floral assistant whose mysterious plant brings unexpected fame and dangerous consequences. Reserved seating tickets are \$25. For tickets and information, visit whidbeyplayhouse.com or call the box office at 360-679-2237.

BUSKERS ON THE CORNER FEATURING SAGE HAZE

Friday, June 5, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Pop-Up Plaza, Pioneer Way and Dock Street, Oak Harbor

Kick off the summer Buskers on the Corner series with a live performance by Sage Haze. Presented by the Oak Harbor Main Street Association, Oak Harbor Music Festival and Whidbey Weekly, this free outdoor concert series brings live music to Historic Downtown Oak Harbor every Friday evening throughout the summer.

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

Saturday, June 6, 9 a.m.–noon

Home Depot, 31800 SR 20, Oak Harbor

Children ages 5–12 are invited to build this month's featured project, a "Goalie Game," during Home Depot's free monthly Kids Workshop. The hands-on workshop encourages creativity and basic building skills, with all children required to attend alongside an adult companion. Supplies are limited and early arrival is recommended. The workshops are held the first Saturday of each month and feature a new themed project each session. For more information, visit homedepot.com/c/kids.

OHFD FIRE STATION 82 GRAND OPENING

Saturday, June 6, 9 a.m.–noon

Oak Harbor Fire Station 81, 855 E. Whidbey Ave., Oak Harbor

Oak Harbor Fire Department invites the community to celebrate the opening of Fire Station 82 with a free family-friendly event featuring a pancake breakfast, station tours, live demonstrations and activities for all ages. Guests may explore both Fire Station 81 and the newly completed Fire Station 82 using complimentary shuttle service between locations. The event also includes touch-a-truck displays, firefighter meet-and-greets, community information booths and interactive games and activities. Attendees are encouraged to park at Fire Station 81, where the main event will be held. For more information, visit the Oak Harbor Fire Department Facebook page.

MOTHER MENTORS NORTH FREE PARENT PANTRY

Saturday, June 6, 9 a.m.–noon

Whidbey Presbyterian Church, 1148 SE 8th Ave., Oak Harbor

Mother Mentors will host its free North Parent Pantry offering clothing, diapers, formula, wipes, books, shoes, baby essentials and other gently used children's items for local families. Designed as a welcoming, bou-

tique-style community resource, the pantry serves families with young children without forms or eligibility requirements. The North Parent Pantry is open the first and third Saturday of each month at Whidbey Presbyterian Church. For more information, visit mothermentors.org/parent-pantry.

SALISH SEA DAY 2026

Deception Pass State Park

Free – no registration required. Discover Pass Free day.

June 6, 2026, 12 - 4pm

Come and join us to celebrate the annual Salish Sea Day with the Samish and Swinomish tribes at Bowman Bay in Deception Pass State Park. We will have tribal canoe culture, canoe journey, weaving, salmon and other food preparation to share with you all.

Accessibility statement:

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DISCOVER PASS FREE DAY AT WASHINGTON STATE PARKS

Saturday, June 6

Washington State Parks statewide, including Whidbey Island parks

Visitors may enjoy Washington State Parks without a Discover Pass during this statewide free day in celebration of Free Fishing Weekend. Whidbey Island is home to five state parks, with additional parks located nearby throughout the region. Free days apply to daytime parking access only and do not include overnight stays or facility rentals. Additional free Discover Pass days throughout 2026 include June 7, June 19, Aug. 9, Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and Nov. 11. For more information, visit discoverpass.wa.gov.

(DE) COMPOSITIONS EXHIBIT RECEPTION

Saturday, June 6, 6–9 p.m.

Koneksi Gallery, 4777 Commercial St., Clinton

Koneksi Gallery will host the opening reception for "(De) Compositions," a multimedia exhibit by artist and Death Midwife Venessa Greenheron. Accompanied by the Whidbey Bedside Singers, the evening invites guests into an interactive exploration of death, grief and remembrance through visual, textile and three-dimensional artwork. The exhibit examines themes of decay, beauty and the concept of "Memento Mori" through immersive sensory experiences and vibrant artistic contrasts. The exhibit will remain on display through June 30. For more information, contact Koneksi Gallery at 360-323-9531 or koneksigallery@gmail.com.

BABY RESOURCE EXPO

Sunday, June 7, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

WhidbeyHealth Medical Center – The Robert & June Sebo Health Education Center, 101 N. Main St., Coupeville

WhidbeyHealth will host its fourth annual Baby Resource Expo for new and expectant parents featuring local family-focused businesses, community organizations and parenting resources from across Whidbey Island. Guests can meet WhidbeyHealth OB providers and nursing staff, ask questions and tour the WhidbeyHealth Family Birthplace. Admission is free. For more information, contact Tabitha Sierra at 360-678-7656 ext. 6262.

STEAM SUNDAY: PLANKTON

Sunday, June 7, 2–3 p.m.

Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave., Freeland

Children ages 5–13 are invited to explore the fascinating world of plankton during this month's STEAM Sunday program at the Freeland Library. Rachel Mayer, marine educator for Whidbey Watershed Stewards, will lead hands-on activities focused on these tiny marine organisms and their role in ocean ecosystems. The monthly STEAM Sunday series features interactive projects and educational activities centered on science, technology, engineering, art and math. Supported by the Friends of the Freeland Library.

2026 SALISH SEA EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sunday, June 7, 7:30 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 20103 SR 525, Freeland

The Salish Sea Early Music Festival continues its 15th season with "Johann Sebastian Bach," featuring internationally acclaimed harpsichordist Irene Roldán of Basel, Switzerland, and baroque flutist Jeffrey Cohan. The festival presents period-instrument performances of Renaissance, Baroque and Classical chamber music by world-renowned musicians from Europe, Canada and the United States. Admission is by suggested donation of \$20–\$30; attendees 18 and younger are admitted free. For more information and the complete festival schedule, visit salishseafestival.org/whidbey.

END OF YEAR PICNIC AT CRANBERRY LAKE

Tuesday, June 9, 9 a.m.–noon

Cranberry Lake, Deception Pass State Park

Celebrate the start of summer during this annual potluck picnic gathering at Cranberry Lake. The event will include food, community fellowship and a presentation by the Arts Commission of Oak Harbor. Additional information is available at oakharborgardenclub.org.

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING WITH WHIDBEYHEALTH

Wednesday, June 10, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Coupeville Library Meeting Room, 788 NW Alexander St., Coupeville

A multidisciplinary team from Whidbey-Health will present an informational session on Advance Care Planning and options for expressing goals of care throughout the healthcare continuum. The program includes a presentation, question-and-answer session, and opportunities for one-on-one conversations with a social worker, healthcare provider or registered nurse. No medical care will be provided. This event is part of the End of Life program series presented in partnership with Sno-Isle Libraries.

MUSEUM PORCH TALKS: THE SEA OTTER TRADE IN THE 1700S

Wednesday, June 10, 2–3 p.m.

Island County Museum, 908 NW Alexander St., Coupeville

Historian Dick Eigenraam will explore the history and impact of the sea otter trade during the 1700s as part of the Island County Museum's summer Porch Talks series. The free program invites community members to learn about the region's past in an informal outdoor setting.

COUPEVILLE WATERFRONT WEDNESDAYS FEATURING ETHAN TANG & TRAVELING PUBLIC

Wednesday, June 10, 4–6 p.m.

Coupeville Wharf, Coupeville

Enjoy a free all-ages evening of waterfront music featuring Ethan Tang from 4–5 p.m., followed by Traveling Public from 5–6 p.m. Bring a chair and enjoy live local music overlooking Penn Cove.

BAILEY'S SUMMER LIVE MUSIC: ALICE SANDAHL, WINDOW GOYA & BEKAH BEE

Wednesday, June 10, 6 p.m.

Bailey's Corner Store, Clinton

Enjoy performances by Alice Sandahl, former vocalist of La Luz, along with Window Goya and Bekah Bee.

BUSKERS ON THE CORNER FEATURING LAUREN FLYNN

Friday, June 12, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Pop-Up Plaza, Pioneer Way and Dock Street, Oak Harbor

Enjoy a free outdoor performance by Lauren Flynn as part of the Buskers on the Corner summer concert series. Bring a chair, stroll downtown and wrap up the work week with live local music in Historic Downtown Oak Harbor.

OAK HARBOR MAIN STREET PRESENTS

Buskers on the Corner

Fridays, June 5–August 28, 2026
5:30–6:30PM at Pioneer & Dock
DOWNTOWN OAK HARBOR

JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
6/5 Sage Haze	7/3 Rene Abadesco	8/7 Erik Christensen Band
6/12 Lauren Flynn	7/10 Selena Mac	8/14 Ronnie Nix
6/19 ShiDaa	7/17 Shannon Patino	8/21 Steve Johnson
6/26 Danika Kloewer & Ethan Tang	7/24 Ribbons & Bows	8/28 Bobby Silver & The FatDaddys
	7/31 Keith Howard	

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Island Angler

THE LORE OF SPORTFISHING

By Tracy Loescher

ISLAND ANGLER OPTIONS FOR JUNE

June is the time of year when the weather begins to break away from colder rainy days and brings more warmer sunny days, June is the month that pushes anglers outside until the end of November in search of every species of fish from crappie to halibut. Here are some of the primary freshwater lake and river and Puget Sound saltwater targets Island Angler fishermen will be getting up early and staying late on the water for:

- **Yellow Perch**, are in many of our nearby lakes, like Cranberry, Campbell, Lone, and a short drive to the north is Lake Samish. Yellow perch are closely related to the Walleye, both which are known for their white flakey fillets for battering and deep-fried with waffle fries or used to make a batch of savory fish tacos. Perch are easy to catch once you locate them in the lake, a simple bobber with a worm suspended under the float will get the job done. Perch are a great way to get young anglers excited about fishing!



Yumm! fish tacos

- **Rainbow Trout**, are a staple of summer fishing fun, all of the lakes on the Island have a small population of Rainbow's in them, and the state increases our chances of fresh grilled trout by stocking our lakes at random times with an average size of 1-to-2-pound fish. The state fish and wildlife web-site posts when and where they will be stocking nearby lakes under the "catchable trout plants" section. The stocker trout and yearly holdovers (trout that escaped the hook the year before) are another way to get our young anglers into fishing.



Great fighting fish!

- **Spring Chinook Salmon**, many of the in-land "S" rivers (rivers that start with the letter S) will have catchable numbers of spring kings in them in June, the Skagit River is popular with river fishermen, all five species of Pacific Salmon return to this river, and large 12-to-20-pound chinook will be traveling up-river making their way back to the hatchery. Springers can be difficult to locate and catch but stay tough and consistent and good things will happen. Cured roe, or a "corky-n-yarn" drifted under a float in walking speed water (their travel lanes) is a proven method to attract a springer bite, wiggling style plugs and spinning rigs are also effective stretched



What dreams are made of!

out 15-to-20 feet behind an anchored boat is popular with guide fishermen. Spring chinooks are heavy with fat and flavor and are at the top of river fisherman's list of table fare and the things dreams are made of!

- **Lingcod**, June 15th is the end of this year's inner Puget Sound ling season, so far this year has been on par with past years, averaging 1 to 3 keeper fish per boat. Find the rocky underwater structure and you will catch a lingcod using a herring on a hook or rubber swim-tail on a lead-head jig, remember under 26" and over 36" must go back into the depths. The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the State of Washington has completely crippled the once wonderful inner Puget Sound recreational rock fishing, their logic of shutting down all rockfish retention to protect one species (Golden Eye rock fish) for the past 18 years is Ludacris in my opinion. Thank the Good Lord for lingcod season!



Toothy and aggressive!



Moving to get a better look!

- **Halibut**, Thanks to the state of California and the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) our recreational halibut fishing opportunity is almost back to what it once was, no more chopped up days of the week, no more "only day open we got to go" risky boating trips into the rough Puget Sound and finally the end to a ridicules overall short season because someone thought it sounded good on their annual report..... Slam-dunk halibut catching in the Puget Sound is not like catching halibut in Alaska. Bottom topography, currents, shallower water, and bottom dwelling multi-hook long-lines sets are some of the reasons that make hooking halibut challenging, but at least if you do get the chance to go out, at least the season will still be open. Inner Puget Sound halibut will close the end of June, close for the month of July for catch-quota assessment, then reopen August through September if quota numbers allow it. Drifting along or anchoring on the sandy, muddy, broken shell bottoms of the underwater offshore banks is our best chance at finding a lurking halibut. Spreader bars with herring or rubber artificials drizzled with herring gel oil will trigger the halibut to bite. Most of the halibut caught will likely fall into the "chicken category" 18-25 pounds, however, the 40-140 pounders are out there, be ready! You will never forget it!

June has plenty of options to choose from, there is still time to land a lingcod, and hunt for halibut. Perch seasons are typically open all year as long as the lake is open, seasonal rainbow trout lakes will be open through Labor Day. Spring chinook salmon are in the rivers right now and will reach their hatcheries in a flash so get after them now to increase your chances of catching one. Be sure to take the young anglers whenever possible, be safe! And GOOD LUCK OUT THERE!

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, home and family matters may require extra attention this week. Patience goes a long way when emotions run high. A positive development near the weekend brings welcome reassurance.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, conversations prove especially valuable. Whether you're negotiating, planning, or reconnecting with someone, clear communication helps you make meaningful progress.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, confidence continues to grow as the Sun shines in your sign. New opportunities may appear through networking or social activities. Stay curious and engaged.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, luck seems to be on your side. Venus and Jupiter favor personal growth, relationships, and self-confidence. Trust yourself and don't be afraid to step into the spotlight.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, a quieter approach may serve you best. Taking time to reflect before acting helps you avoid unnecessary stress. Listen closely to your intuition.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, teamwork and friendships bring unexpected rewards. Someone in your circle may offer support, advice, or an opportunity worth exploring.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, career goals move into focus. Your efforts are being noticed, even if recognition arrives gradually. Stay steady and trust the process.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, a fresh perspective helps you break out of a rut. Learning something new or exploring a different viewpoint brings renewed motivation.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, financial or emotional matters may require honest assessment. Taking a practical approach now helps you avoid complications later.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, relationships benefit from patience and understanding. A thoughtful conversation could clear up a misunderstanding and strengthen a connection.

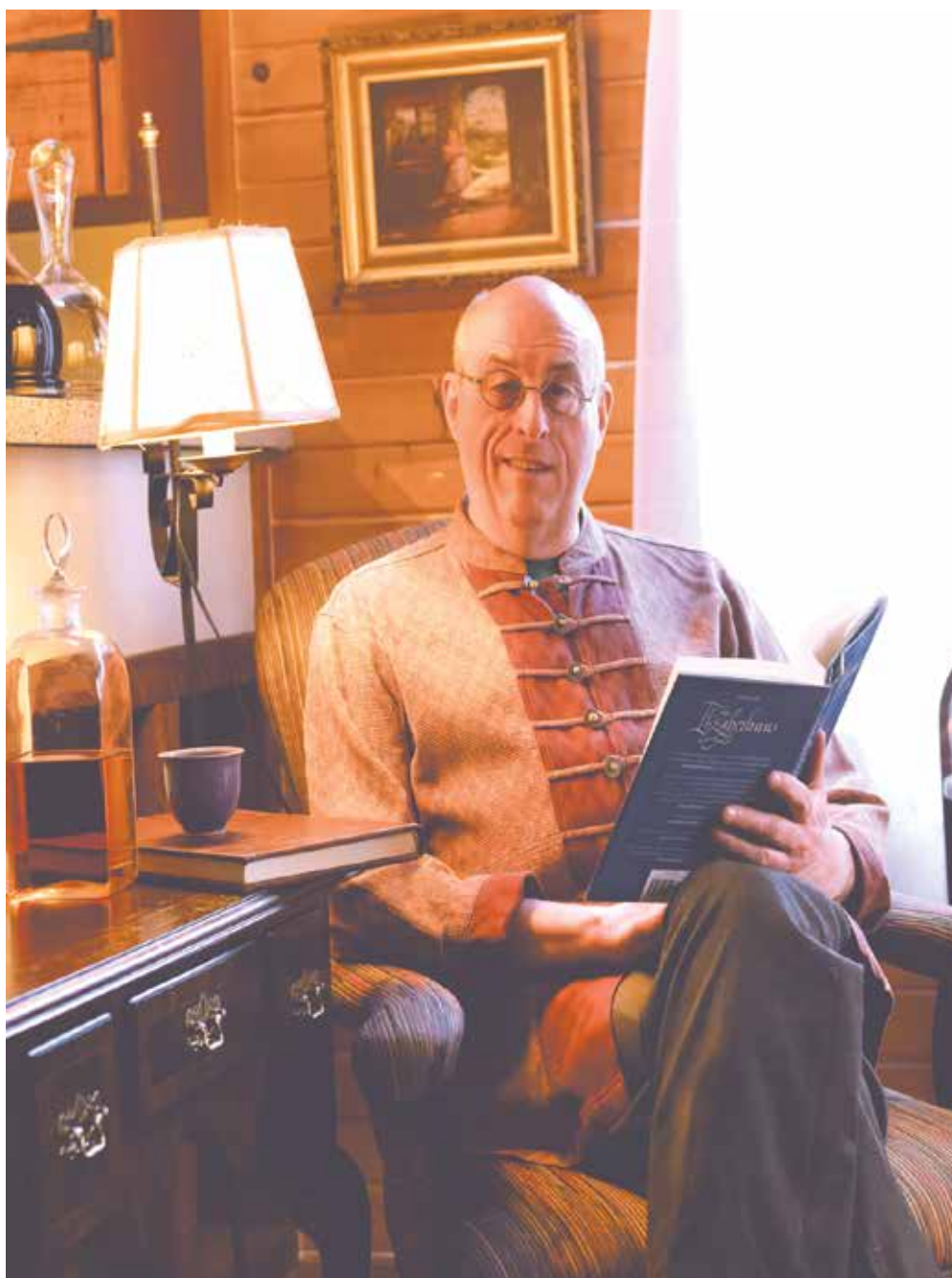
AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, productivity improves when you simplify your schedule. Focus on what truly matters and let go of distractions. Progress comes through consistency.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, creativity and joy are highlighted this week. Whether through a hobby, romance, or personal project, making time for what inspires you boosts your spirits.

On Artificial Intelligence



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

I have friends with a small child, about two years old. He is a fun kid, but "the terrible two's" can feel real, even though they are just that time of life when a child begins to develop the ability to say yes or no to people. I don't think it's "the terrible two's" at all. I think children are just becoming human agents at that point, and parents don't like the sass. His mother turned to me the other day and said, "You know, I remember when he was a baby and growing up and out of his crib. As a tiny baby, he was so cute, perfect, cuddly and soft. And now he is running around causing havoc, though I still love him to death."

It feels to me like that's what's happening with artificial intelligence. It feels like it was a cute little interesting thing a few years

ago, and everybody was vaguely aware that it was there, except for the nerds who were using it to make things new and interesting and the lazy ones who used it to increase their "work output" such that others had to fix the hallucinations. That was back in the day when we didn't realize how much energy it would take to run the AI farms and how much damage that energy drain would do to our climate. It was back when AI was cute and adorable, not yet dangerous.

But now I'm beginning to wonder. It seems that there is nothing I can do to stop AI and all of the good and possible evil that can come from it. Perhaps even simultaneously.

On the one hand, I'm excited about the way Artificial Intelligence might transform health care and pharmaceuticals. And on the other hand, I am terrified of AI being

responsible for warfare and its choices.

The question of Artificial Intelligence, with regard to future humanity, is not whether AI has intelligence, but whether it has morality and compassion. The great human gift of people coming together and cooperating in community to succeed together is what has made humans good, creative, and prosperous, given that we are only two chromosomes away from being chimpanzees. A.I. would only work well for the planet if it were being used by a planet of people who are not mired in greed and ego. Such is not the case. Not by a long shot.

At this point, Artificial Intelligence is like a child who has become more intelligent than its parent. They just become terribly annoying. However, if AI's intelligence becomes emotional, then the parent is no longer the parent because the intelligent child becomes the parent.

I don't think artificial intelligence will turn against humans, but I do believe that humans who use it can turn it against the world. If all of humanity cooperated with each other without greed or competition, AI could help humans create a utopia on earth in which:

There is enough food for everyone

Medicine is made for everyone

Healthcare rises to a level of innovation that could eradicate illness

But as AI grows exponentially smarter and faster, I just don't believe that humans will cooperate without ego and without avarice. A fundamental flaw of humanity is greed and inflated ego, and so the only possible way for Artificial Intelligence to be safe for the planet would be to impose ethical benchmarks and regulations. Ethical use is the only way forward.

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The "Horned" Seabird of Our Shores: Keep an eye out for the Rhinoceros Auklet in our coastal waters. These fascinating little seabirds have a unique seasonal transformation: every spring, they grow a fleshy "horn" on their beak that acts as a display during breeding season. Then, like clockwork, they shed the horn entirely in the autumn! It's a bit like a seasonal fashion statement that serves a biological purpose.

The Hidden Architects of Our Coastline: We often think of the beach as just sand and stone, but it's actually a thriving, high-stakes ecosystem. Our local Harbor Porpoises are the "marathon eaters" of the Salish Sea. They are so busy fueling their high metabolism that they've been recorded eating up to 500 small fish in a single hour. That's roughly 3,000 fish a day per porpoise!

Our Soil is a "Glacial Scrapbook": Most of the soil on Whidbey isn't just "dirt"—it's a record of the last Ice Age! Thousands of years ago, glaciers over 4,000 feet thick moved through our region, grinding down rock and depositing layers of sand, gravel, and clay. When you're digging in your garden, you're often working with a blend of "glacial till"—a chaotic, unsorted mixture of everything from fine silt to large cobbles left behind when those massive ice sheets finally retreated.

We Live on "The Whidbey Series": Believe it or not, there is an official soil classification named after our home! The "Whidbey Series" consists of gravelly loams found on our hillsides. These soils are part of what keeps our island landscape so diverse—they are well-drained and have a complex "pedon" (a representative soil profile) that tells the story of how our island shifted and settled over millennia.

Whidbey's "Ancient Cathedral": If you want to step back in time, a visit to South Whidbey State Park is essentially a time-travel experience. The park is home to an old-growth forest where some Western red cedars are over 500 years old. These "ancient" trees were already massive saplings before the United States even existed as a country! They are survivors that have weathered centuries of storms and shifts in our island's landscape.

The Fight for the Forest: Our local forests haven't always been safe. In the 1970s and 80s, a piece of land near South Whidbey State Park known as the "Classic U" was slated for logging. Local residents launched a major effort to stop it, including lawsuits and even civil disobedience (people literally laid down in front of bulldozers!). Thanks to that community stand, that old-growth forest was eventually protected and added to the state park, ensuring that future generations—including our own kids—can still walk among those giants.



A 500-year-old western red cedar in South Whidbey State Park

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by Terry Stickels

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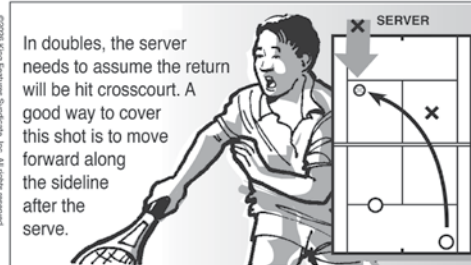
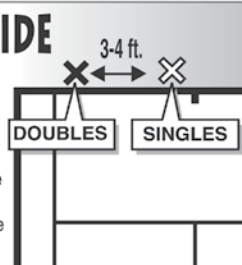
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STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

STAND OUT WIDE FOR DOUBLES

In singles, a player needs to cover the whole court, so he should stand near the center when serving. In doubles, the server should stand about 4 feet farther toward the sideline than he would in singles.



The Garden Bug

Found throughout North America, this plant has had many uses in native American culture. Parts of it have been used as a food source, to make medicine for skin ailments and insect bites, and to make face-paint for ceremonies.

The vigor of these plants in an area was seen as an indicator of whether the area sustained enough rainfall and could support crops.

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Astrology for June 5-11 2026

Gorgeous, Venus Meets Jupiter in Cancer 25°

On **June 9**, Venus and Jupiter, the two benefics, meet for a conjunction in the sign of Cancer at 25°. This is notorious for good times, and in the sign of Cancer, even more so. Cancer is the sign of family, roots, and emotional connection. Venus rules relationships and finances, and Jupiter rules expansion and higher learning. Throw all of these themes in a blender and we have a tremendous opportunity for a wide range of benevolent developments. If you need to do something important and desire a positive outcome - schedule it for today. From romantic gestures to business contracts, this is one of the best aspects possible. This conjunction only happens about once a year so make the most of it. What connection do you want to deepen? What bond do you want to grow? How can you reach out and connect with those that mean the most to you? The Moon enters Aries and meets up with Neptune at 4° earlier in the day, creating an even dreamier landscape for romance, frolicking and creativity. By the evening the Moon meets Saturn in Aries at 12° and we may be surprised to find a layer of sincerity and emotional commitment beneath the day's whimsy. This is truly a gem of a day. How will you engage with joy, pleasure, connection, and overall blessings? Let yourself.

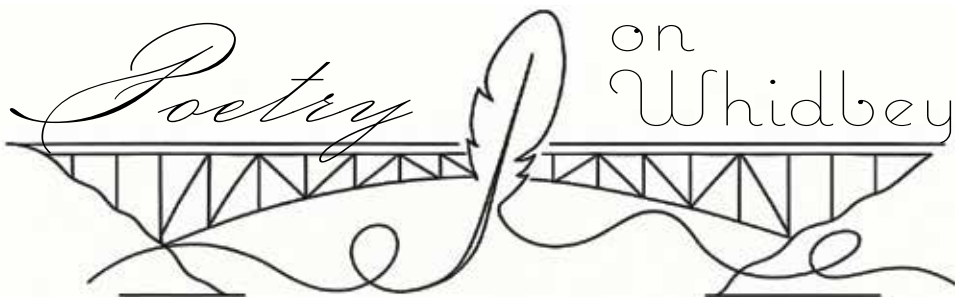
On **June 10**, Mercury in Cancer squares Saturn in Aries at 12°. Because of the magnitude of yesterday's Venus/Jupiter conjunction, the intensity of this transit's potential negative effects are softened. Mercury rules communication, speech, words, thoughts, contracts etc. and Saturn rules limits, boundaries and the lessons we must face in order to mature. In Cancer, Mercury brings the collective mind to a nostalgic place. We are more apt to communicate emotionally or about our feelings. Feelings are on our mind and logic becomes less important as a first-string consultant in decision making. Although this placement has its strengths, such as being more intuitively aware or emotionally expressive, Saturn in Aries wants to make sure that we do not abandon our personal needs and desires along the way. This aspect brings a reality check of some kind when it comes to verbal agreements, information exchange, or within conversations. We could replay something someone close to us said during the fun times in a negative light. What did they really mean by that? Questions come up that may be bookmarked for a later date. If those questions are pursued under this aspect, information of a serious nature can be unearthed, or the opposite, people may be withholding certain information until it feels right. Feelings are still a prominent and influential force here. Feel into personal circumstances and ask, "Am I able to handle definitive and consequential information while in my feelings?" A lot of beautiful energies are floating through the week, this is the aspect that highlights the necessity of practicality. Not a great time for rushing to a conclusion. Take your time with information that surfaces. Saturn is encouraging us all to both check ourselves and check our work. Do you mean what you say? Others may challenge us or we may challenge others with important questions.



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DAISY TIME ON THE ISLAND



The pasture grass is getting tall,
It's time for the friendly daisy
To grow in the fields in the countryside,
They spring up white, it's crazy -



How they are everywhere
Dancing in the breeze,
Bringing life and color
But, don't pick them, please -



They have a special stink
(You don't want them in a vase).
One whiff of pretty daisy
And you'll wrinkle up your face.



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June 5th – June 11th : the Two of Cups Reversed

The Two of Cups is often viewed as the Lovers card in a down-to-earth and day-to-day reality context by divination circles, further lending to defining the reversal as possible upheaval or dissolutions of relations, however, readers are already aware your favorite columnist divines the cards through channeled intuition more so than traditional documented meaning-making.

This week's card can feel like a dip in chemistry or affections IF you've learned to quantify successful relationships in direct correlation to unending high-octane passion. Where some will perceive a lull or diminished returns with concern toward a failing union, others will exhale in recognition of a sense of peace settling into rhythm with a relationship, friendship, partnership, or all of the above. This week feels like relational harmony and balance in your closest circles, with hope this calming baseline will ripple effect outward globally.

And speaking of spreading the love, along with uncompromising inclusive support, Happy Pride! My third eye explicitly perceives how this card blatantly displays appreciating that of boldly accessorizing prideful attires within community: goblets wrapped with pleasure beads, a prideful lion

with outstretched wings taking up all the space they deserve, the crowns and shoes and gowns, oh my! Love is love; be the ally you wish to know in the world. When in doubt, ask, and with kind curiosity.

It's prudent to know not all will be jovial. And while we cannot, nor is it our responsibility, to control others, we do have the free will to set and uphold boundaries, including choosing not to engage with hateful discussions as we move through the week; or, should it feel aligned with the potential to bear effectiveness, standing indomitably resolute yet uncombative in the face of hate to educate against ignorance. What matters is your choice, your freewill, not their NPC bark set. Don't let anyone dim your shine.

The opinions woven through this column are this friend-of-Dorothy's own, and not necessarily representative of other associations of this marvelous paper. May my view of, and heart for, the world encourage you to more intentionally fashion your own assessments of our little cosmic marble.

~Xo, Tiffany

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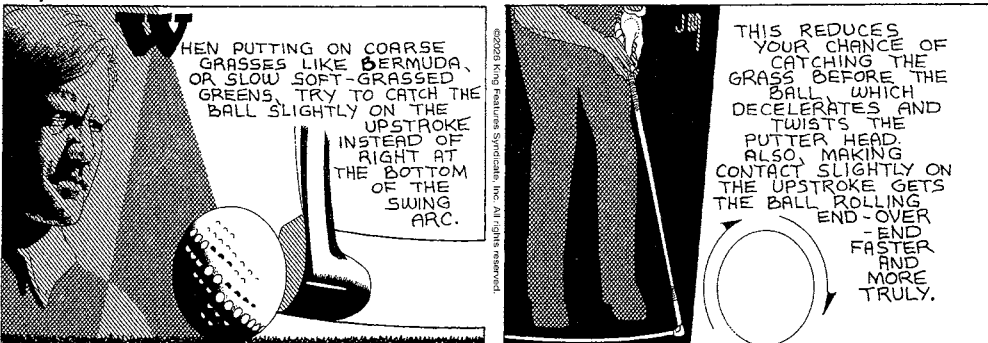
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- 28 Convent head
- 29 "Today" rival, briefly
- 31 Pint-sized
- 34 Flavors
- 35 K thru 12
- 36 Tom Collins liquor
- 37 Website invader
- 39 Green sauce
- 40 Urban haze
- 41 Apportion
- 42 Shortly
- 43 L-Q bridge
- 44 Designer Spade
- 45 Literary Jane
- 46 Must have
- 48 British singer Rita

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Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

	Fri, June 5	Sat, June 6	Sun, June 7	Mon, June 8	Tues, June 9	Wed, June 10	Thurs, June 11
North Isle	H-57° L-48° 45%	H-57° L-49° 25%	H-64° L-51° 20%	H-61° L-52° 35%	H-62° L-52° 40%	H-63° L-53° 25%	H-65° L-55° 20%
South Isle	H-58° L-50° 25%	H-55° L-49° 40%	H-63° L-51° 20%	H-61° L-52° 35%	H-61° L-52° 40%	H-63° L-53° 35%	H-65° L-55° 10%



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What is the best advice you have ever been given?



Don Brewer,
Oak Harbor

The best piece of advice I have been given comes from my Dad. He told me "Son, you either gotta be smart or get tough." I got pretty tough before I started getting a little smart.



Hector Powell,
Oak Harbor

I remember my mother's friend Ethyl Dale describing herself as a "vaudeville hooper," a style of professional dancing that was popular in the 1930's. Mrs. Dale, an elegant and sophisticated friend and mentor spoke to me gently about resentment. I had been bitterly reliving my father's harsh punishment for causing my mother grief. Mrs. Dale used a simile to help me to understand how my bitterness toward my father was hurting me.

She asked me to picture a hike in the mountains, proposing that my companions, as a joke, had added rocks to my pack, making the trek more difficult. She asked me what I could have done to remedy the situation. I responded that the most beneficial thing would have been to remove the rocks and move on. She explained that resentment is a poison that hurts only me and will continue to poison me until I let go of the hurt and forgive the wrong. She told me that it takes a conscious act on my part to stop reliving the experience and to picture my father with respect ...and love.



Sheriff Rick Felici,
Oak Harbor

My grandfather once told me "If everyone you meet is a jerk, (he used another word), you might want to take a long look in the mirror. The jerk could be you!"



Jana B.,
Langley

The best advice I have ever been given came from my mom- no surprise there. She carries a quiet strength, deep wisdom, and a sense of honor that guides everything she does. Her advice was simple: You do not owe anyone an explanation. When faced with decisions, invitations, or pressure from others, you do not have to justify yourself. You can simply state your basic plan or give a polite response like "no thank you" or "I can't do that right now" and that is enough. As long as you act with humble integrity, not everyone needs to understand your reasons- and that's okay. Hold your head up, shoulders back, and stand with quiet confidence. This confidence means trusting your own judgement without needing validation from others. This advice- what a gift!

Joyful Saying of the Week

A joyful spirit is evident of a grateful heart.

-Maya Angelou

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STUDENTS PART TIME

WEEKEND WORK
Gardening and Odd Chores for Elderly Couple. Paid in cash at the end of each day. Call: 360-730-1526

FREE FILL DIRT

Located in Coupeville Bring your own Bucket Many Cubic Feet Available 349 Marine Dr., Coupeville Call for Questions: Robert S.: 360-292-9451

ISR EVENTS

Apply Now for Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program Cards Fresh food. Local farms. Healthier seniors. The Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program is a win-win! Low-income seniors get fresh, organic fruits & veggies while local farmers sell produce. Apply now for an \$80 2026 season debit card. Cards valid 6/1-10/31 at participating ls. County markets. Learn more & apply: senior-resources.org/sfmpn

FREE MARTIAL ARTS CLASS

Beginner or experienced fighter or maybe your starting your fitness journey and are looking for a better way we are here to help. We are currently running a free month special. Muay Thai kickboxing boxing and mma. We got you covered. For Questions or more details call: 360-899-7711

INTERESTED IN ZUMBA?

First Class is FREE! Latin dance inspired fitness combining all elements - cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, and boosted energy. High energy, medium-high intensity, zero judgement, and good vibes! For Questions or More Details Call: 360-720-6496

NEED HELP?

Need a Hand?

I'm Happy to Help. Got a project you've been meaning to finish? Cleaning out a room, organizing a space, or hauling a load to the dump? I offer friendly, reliable help with clean-outs, detailed cleaning, organizing, and junk removal.
No job too small!
Call or text Jacob: 360-499-9157

How'd you do?

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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, 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

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Memory Support and Connection Group
Join us for our Support Group Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 PM at 390 NE Midway Blvd B203 Oak Harbor, WA. Caregivers, family members, and loved ones are all welcome. We also offer a separate space for your loved one to be cared for and engaged during the group.

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

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. readinesstolearn.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
whidbeyvrc.org

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

MORE 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

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+

Last week's answer Go Figure!

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