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FRIDAY, 07/10/26

09:13:44, AULT FIELD RD. & STATE ROUTE 20

Caller reports a yellow van and a Crown Victoria were "ramming each other." The incident had just occurred.

13:36:48, GREENWOOD ST.

Reporting party advises two dogs came to the location and attacked chickens in a coop. The dogs were reportedly down the road.

14:37:56, TOMREN LN.

Caller reports an injured wild peacock that was found in her backyard the previous week is still there and is now injured.

15:24:17, SPAHR RD.

Reporting party advises someone has been logging and dumping logs behind his property. The person responsible is unknown.

16:20:41, SHAWN AVE.

Reporting party advises a neighbor's dog bit his son at approximately 3:20 a.m. No medical attention was needed.

16:24:28, MICHAEL WAY

Caller reports his wife was just bitten by a dog and is seriously injured.

17:37:14, MAIN ST., PAYLESS FOODS

Caller says it has been two years and something needs to be done about a man who lives on a bench.

18:55:04, MONROE LANDING RD., BLUE FOX DRIVE-IN

Caller reports a woman attempted to use counterfeit dollar bills and believes it may be the second attempt.

21:55:47, ROBINSON RD.

Caller reports neighbors behind the residence, possibly off Woodard Road, are setting off fireworks. The activity was ongoing.

23:26:56, WEST BEACH RD.

Caller reports dogs barking in the street and along the road farther up the street.

SATURDAY, 07/11/26

03:01:56, 6TH ST.

Caller reports waking up to find a truck had hit an electrical box.

05:56:50, 101 N. MAIN ST., WHIDBEY HEALTH

Caller reports a man in the emergency room waiting area is refusing to leave. He had been checked in earlier and placed in a quiet room to sleep but is now refusing to leave.

09:07:11, LAYTON RD., FREELAND WAREHOUSING & STORAGE

Caller wants a transient man trespassed from the property because he is refusing to leave. The man reportedly has all of his belongings leaning against a storage building.

09:46:36, MORAN BEACH LN.

Reporting party states a group of approximately 10 people are trespassing on their private beach and digging on a neighbor's beach as well. The group was told to leave but is refusing.

14:51:12, HARBOR HILLS DR.

Caller reports someone drove through their fence and left the scene. The incident occurred at approximately 6 p.m. the previous day. The vehicle is no longer there.

16:10:31, BEACH VIEW LN. & BOAT RAMP RD.

Caller reports two people fishing and "smelting" at the location despite posted signs prohibiting the activity.

16:36:37, AULT FIELD RD. & SUMMIT BLVD.

Caller reports a 12-year-old boy and 5-year-old girl riding an electric scooter and repeatedly crossing the road in an unsafe manner.

17:31:45, HELLER RD.

Reporting party states his 18-year-old son was home alone for 20 days while the reporting party was out of town. The son reportedly had people over, and two pistols and a knife are now missing.

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OHMF 2026 Volunteer Drive Kicks Off with Volunteer Meet & Greet

The Oak Harbor Music Festival is turning up the volume on its 2026 volunteer drive, and the community is invited to join the team that helps make one of Whidbey Island's favorite Labor Day weekend traditions happen.

The OHMF Volunteer Meet & Greet will be held Monday, August 31, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. at the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge. New and returning volunteers are invited to stop by, meet the festival team, learn more about volunteer opportunities, and get ready for festival weekend.

Volunteers will also have the chance to pick up their 2026 OHMF volunteer T-shirts and get a sneak peek at this year's festival merchandise – offering up a “thank you” discount for the night!

“We couldn’t put on this festival without the amazing people in our community who volunteer their time and energy,” said Cynthia Mason, OHMF President. “Whether you’ve volunteered for years or this is your first time, we’d love to have you join us. Come meet the team, grab your T-shirt and get a first look at what’s new for 2026!”

Celebrating its 15th year, the Oak Harbor Music Festival returns to downtown Oak Harbor over Labor Day Weekend, September 4–6, bringing free live music, entertainment and community fun to the heart of Oak Harbor.

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities throughout festival weekend, with roles available for those who can give a few hours or those ready to jump in for a bigger commitment.

Can’t make the Meet & Greet? No problem! Volunteers can sign up online through the Oak Harbor Music Festival website. The festival’s volunteer message is simple: “Be Part of the Beat.”

Come be part of the team!

OHMF Volunteer Meet & Greet
Monday, August 31 | 5:00–7:00 p.m.
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge

Come say hello, pick up your volunteer T-shirt, check out the new merch and find out how you can help make OHMF 2026 another unforgettable weekend!

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September 2026 at Penn Cove Gallery

Francy Blumhagen has worked as a full time artist since completing her BFA in Painting at the University of Washington in 1983. She divides her time between watercolor, acrylic painting, collage, and printmaking. Her pieces incorporate elements of all four methods and are described as “mixed media”. Her printmaking, uses the same materials: inks, paint, and several varieties of rice paper. The image on the printing press may remain the same but her methods are more painterly and allow her total freedom to experiment with color, types of mark making tools, and collage. Come in and see her beautiful work.

Visit Penn Cove Gallery at 9 Front Street in Coupeville WA
Open daily 10:00am to 5:30pm and after Labor Day, 10:00 am-5:00 pm.
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Friday, Aug. 21, 5-7 p.m.
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565 Camano Ave., Langley

WICA's Summer Nights Series continues with the Local Vocal Jazz Showcase during Happy Hour Under the Tent. Enjoy live music, specialty cocktails and summer evening vibes during this community celebration of the arts.

NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND OPEN HOUSE & FLIGHT LINE 5K RUN
Saturday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
NAS Whidbey Island, Ault Field, 3730 N. Charles Porter Ave., Oak Harbor

The public is invited to NAS Whidbey Island's annual Open House featuring static aircraft displays, exhibits and the Flight Line 5K Run. The 5K begins at 8 a.m. following 7 a.m. registration, while the open house opens at 10 a.m. Visitors age 18 and older must present a REAL ID-compliant photo ID for entry. Security restrictions apply. For more information, call (360) 257-2286 or visit the NAS Whidbey Island Facebook page.

COUPEVILLE CLASSIC CAR SHOW
Saturday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Coupeville Farmers Market, Alexander Street and Eighth Street, Coupeville

Browse a collection of classic cars during the Coupeville Classic Car Show, presented by the Coupeville Creative District in partnership with the Coupeville Farmers Market. Stroll the show, celebrate award-winning vehicles, shop the market and explore local galleries, shops and restaurants throughout the Creative District. Admission is free. For more information, visit coupevillecreativedistrict.org.

THE HEALERS FESTIVAL
Saturday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Coupeville Recreation Hall, 901 NW Alexander St., Coupeville

Explore holistic health, wellness and personal growth at the third annual Healers Festival. Meet practitioners, wellness professionals, artists, creators and educators while enjoying free presentations and interactive workshops covering topics including holistic healing, chakras, somatic writing and spiritual wellness. Admission is free, but space is limited and registration is recommended. For more information and registration, visit healersfestival.com.

SOUND & FURY: AN IMPROVISED SHAKESPEARIENCE
Saturday, Aug. 22, 1 p.m.
Island Shakespeare Festival Outdoor Stage, 5476 Maxwellton Road, Langley

Whidbey Improv and OutCast Productions present a fully improvised Shakespearean play blending Elizabethan flair with contemporary comedy. Expect sword fights, "thee's and thou's" and plenty of glorious nonsense in this madcap tribute to the Bard. The outdoor matinee is presented in full daylight, so sun protection and water are recommended. Admission is pay what you will. Additional performances are Aug. 29 and Sept. 5.

WHIDBEY ISLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL: BRAHMS STRING SEXTETS
Saturday, Aug. 22, 3 p.m.
St. Augustine's in-the-Woods, Freeland
Sunday, Aug. 23, 3 p.m.
Nordic Lodge, Coupeville

Whidbey Island Music Festival presents Brahms' String Sextets performed on period instruments with gut strings, historical bows and historically informed techniques, offering a fresh perspective on these beloved chamber works. Tickets are \$35 general admission and free for students and volunteers. For tickets and information, visit whidbeyislandmusicfestival.org.

LANGLEY STREET DANCE
Saturday, Aug. 22, 6:30-10 p.m.
Second Street Plaza, 174 Second St., Langley

Dance under the stars at Langley's annual Street Dance featuring live performances by The Wax Lips and T.C. Ryder and the Groovetones. Enjoy an evening of classic rock, punk, blues, psychedelic rock and '70s dance favorites in the heart of downtown. The free, all-ages event is hosted by the Langley Main Street Association. Come early to dine and shop before the music begins. For more information, visit langleymainstreet.org.

FUNGI BASICS CRASH COURSE WITH NORTHWEST NATURA
Friday, Aug. 28, 1-4 p.m.
Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Dr.

Explore the fascinating world of mushrooms and fungi during an interactive workshop led by botanist, former wetland ecologist and Northwest Natura founder Jazmen Yoder. Learn where to find fungi, the basics of identification and how fungi interact with the Pacific Northwest environment. Free and open to the public.

A WRINKLE IN TIME: SUMMER YOUTH CONSERVATORY
Friday, Aug. 28, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 29, 5 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 30, 2 p.m.
Storyhouse Stage, Whidbey Institute 6449 Old Pietila Rd., Clinton

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts Summer Youth Conservatory, in partnership with the Whidbey Institute, presents A Wrinkle in Time. Following two weeks of theater camp exploring acting, lighting, sound, costuming and set design, young performers bring their work to the outdoor Storyhouse Stage for three performances. Tickets may be purchased in advance or admission is pay what you wish at the door. For tickets and information, visit wicaonline.org or call (360) 221-8268.

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ FOR KIDS K-5
Saturday, Aug. 29, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
VFW Post 7392, 3037 N. Goldie Rd, Oak Harbor

VFW Post 7392 Auxiliary hosts a Back to School BBQ for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. The first 100 children will receive a free backpack filled with school supplies. Hot dogs will be available for \$3.



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VETERANS
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by Freddy Groves

New clinical trials at the VA

The VA has started two important trials.

The first trial, titled “Psilocybin Intervention for Veterans Overcoming Treatment-Resistant Depression,” is to determine the effectiveness as well as the safety of a compound that’s used to treat depression and post-traumatic stress disorder: psilocybin.

Psilocybin is a mushroom, more commonly known as “magic mushrooms,” that converts to psilocin in the body, altering brain activity. Its use as a solution to mental health conditions that haven’t responded to previous treatment is hoped to bring relief to sufferers.

The trial will compare two different dosages and study how they affect depression levels, PTSD and side effects. They will be held at five different VA locations: Birmingham VA Health Care System, Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center, VA Portland (Oregon) Health Care System, Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center and VA Puget Sound Health Care System.

The other new trial will take a diabetes drug, semaglutide, a GLP-1 receptor agonist, and explore its use as treatment for alcohol use disorder. Semaglutide appears to affect the rewards part of the brain. Researchers took their clues from a prior study that concluded that GLP-1 helped with alcohol, cannabis, cocaine, nicotine and opioid use disorders, following study participants for up to three years.

There are over 400,000 veterans who’ve been diagnosed with alcohol use disorder, and GLP-1 has been shown to reduce the rate of emergency hospital visits, hospitalizations and other adverse outcomes. The goal of the trial is to determine whether it can reduce alcohol use disorder in veterans.

The study (“Cessation or Reduction of Alcohol Consumption in Veterans”) will be held at 18 VA medical centers starting with an initial enrollment of 600 veterans. Participants will either receive a placebo or semaglutide shot every week for 24 weeks while researchers track the outcomes.

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HEALTH
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By Dr. Darlene Castle
Chiropractor



TAKING YOUR FIRST STEP

Visiting a place for the first time can be a bit difficult, but any mystery and anxiety over going to a Chiropractor is really unnecessary. Unlike some other health care practices, you remain in control at all times. It’s you who decide that care moves forward—or not.

Since the Chiropractor will be adjusting bones in your back, he must know about any trauma your spine has received. You’ll be asked to recall dislocations, surgeries, broken bones, accidents and injuries which might have involved the spine in any way.

This information is used to determine a couple of things.

First, are you able to receive an adjustment? In other words, is your body in good enough shape to withstand the small amount of force necessary to correct spinal interferences?

Secondly, will x-rays be needed before proceeding with care? It will be up to your Chiropractor to determine whether x-rays are a requirement and he will explain his reasoning on the matter.

At some point your Chiropractor will take time to explain just what Chiropractic is and how you may benefit from care. This ensures both you and your doctor are on the same page of understanding.

Next, the Chiropractor will check your spine to locate subluxations. (Subluxations are spinal bones which have gone out of place and are pinching



nerves). Palpation, or “feeling” the spine, is usually done with the patient lying face down on an adjusting table.

After evaluating your spine, your Chiropractor will discuss the condition of your spine and advise you how an adjustment will be administered. This is an important step. Adjusting techniques differ from doctor to doctor and there should be no questions in your mind as to what will happen going forward with care.

A Chiropractor using a “manual adjustment” technique will place his hands on either side of a vertebra and introduce a sudden, small amount of force that will nudge the bone gently off the nerve. You could feel a click or hear a small “pop” similar to the noise made when popping a knuckle.

If you are agreeable, you will be given a Chiropractic Adjustment. Afterward, you will be advised about the condition of your spine and when to return. While it’s difficult to determine a program of care based upon one visit, there are certain criteria that can suggest a likely treatment plan.

It’s interesting, it’s easy, it’s even fun. But you’re the one who has to decide to take that first step.

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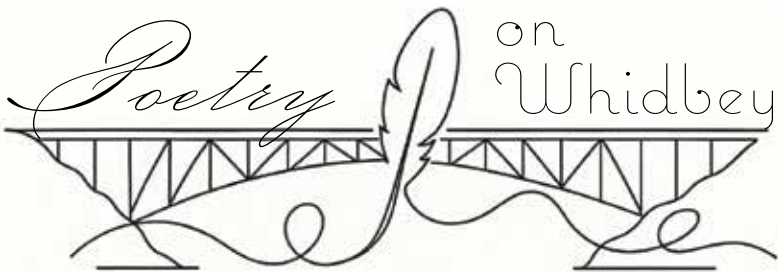
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POOL OF LIFE



by Auston Reisman FATHER, FARMER, ARTIST, BUILDER,
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When thinking of a backyard pond, the mind usually drifts to water lilies and lazy goldfish. However, these tranquil water features are far more than mere ornaments. Beneath the glassy surface lies a multi-functional ecosystem hub delivering environmental, psychological, and practical benefits. If you have ever considered adding a water feature to your yard, you are installing a personal sanctuary, a wildlife refuge, a climate regulator, and a water management system right outside your door.

First, a pond serves as a reliable escape from the chaos of modern life. The world is loud and exhausting, but the gentle sound of trickling water creates an instant sense of calm. Studies show that running water triggers a relaxation response in the human brain, lowering stress hormones. Think of it as daily therapy minus the awkward couch and hefty hourly bill. Ponds combine the stress-relieving powers of green spaces and moving water, giving you the perks of a beach trip without the travel expenses or sand in your shoes. Moving water also works like white noise. It effectively absorbs and deflects sound waves, drowning out urban noise pollution like traffic or a neighbor's lawnmower with nature's soundtrack. Even routine maintenance gets you outside moving your body, breathing fresh air, and clearing your mind.

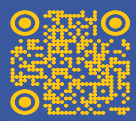
Beyond human health, building a pond opens a luxury resort for local wildlife, turning a sterile lawn into a bustling habitat. Amphibians like frogs and toads rely heavily on these quiet water bodies as safe breeding grounds, essentially turning your yard into a high-stakes ecosystem dating game. Your outdoor space quickly transforms into a birdwatching paradise, welcoming local songbirds for baths and giving migratory waterfowl a place to refuel. Beneath the surface, fish thrive safely among dense aquatic plants, which provide vital food sources and clever hiding spots when the neighbor's cat comes snooping. Without these water bodies, many local species would struggle to survive in urbanized areas.

In addition to supporting wildlife, a backyard pond serves as the ultimate rainwater vault, providing a brilliant solution for smart water storage and stormwater management. Think of it as a giant, beautiful rain barrel that does not look like an industrial eyesore. During heavy downpours, a pond catches and stores excess runoff, acting as a buffer zone that keeps your basement dry and prevents your lawn from turning into a muddy marsh. Instead of letting rainwater wash away into municipal storm drains, picking up street pollutants along the way, you are safely hoarding a free resource. Homeowners can pull water directly from the pond to irrigate the garden during dry spells, lowering water bills while keeping the landscape hydrated.

Once that water is stored, the pond acts as a localized climate controller. During hot summer days, surface evaporation releases moisture, lowering the temperature around the water. This creates a refreshing microclimate that keeps plants from wilting and prevents wildlife from overheating. It is essentially a free, Mother Nature-approved air conditioner for your deck. In winter, the magic flips; the water slowly releases stored daytime heat, subtly warming nearby soil to shield vegetation from frost damage. Aquatic plants also absorb excess nutrients to purify the environment. This healthy aquatic balance functions as an all-natural pest control system. By inviting dragonflies, frogs, and birds to your yard, you recruit a tiny army of natural predators that snack on mosquitoes, saving you from slathering yourself in bug spray.

Ultimately, next time you admire a backyard pond, it is vital to look past the surface beauty. It is a sanctuary for mental health, a lifeline for wildlife, a rainwater management system, and a climate stabilizer. By embracing a pond, you aren't just decorating your yard; you are becoming the steward of a thriving, interconnected ecosystem right outside your back door.

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ON OUR HOPES FOR OUR FUTURE SELVES



by Charles LaFond
Island Fundraiser, Potter, Author, and Essayist

As I look back over my 63-year lifetime as an earthling, I look back on many of my decisions and feel tremendous grief that I made them. And yet, on the other hand, I made the best choices I could with the information I had at hand at the time. I did not understand, in my 30s, what would happen to my body if I ate my feelings rather than processing them. I did not understand that I was groomed into my religion rather than making an independent choice for it. I did not fully appreciate how compounding interest worked over decades, or I would have spent less and saved more, investing my income so that my investments graph looked more like a hockey stick and less like a boat ramp.

But really, I just did not know what I did not know. I was not stupid. I was not ignorant or even careless. I just did not know what I did not know.

I wish I had recorded my grandmother's voice. I wish I had not pulled on my dog's leash when he was just busy smelling things. I wish I had known what to do when my best friend David moved – lock, stock and barrel – one day. I mean, I had dinner with them one night, and the next day, after school, I visited what was suddenly an absolutely empty house – like Cindy Lou Who's house in the Grinch movie – just carpet and a couple nails on walls. I wish I had been kinder to my mother when she was freaked out by moving into assisted living. I wish I had told my father he was a good father, even though he was not. I wish I had not treated a black book, written between 1,500 BC and 100 AD, as factual rather than sometimes true here and there.

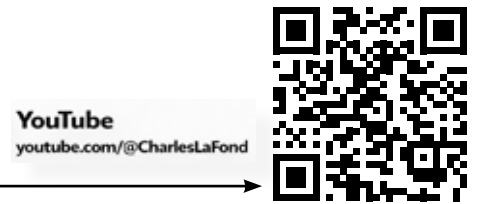
And yet, on the other hand, I am glad I stood up to Glen, the neighborhood bully, when I was nine. I am glad that I stood up to the fraternity of jocks who kept driving their truck through my pile of leaves at college (I piled the leaves, one final time, onto a fire hydrant...lol...that ended that!) And I am glad I stood up to many bully-bishops whose bullying caused tremendous harm to people just trying to make their way in life.

It is summer. These days, I often sit in my back garden in the forest where I live. There is nothing I can do about my failings, and now that I no longer go to church, I can't apologize to an invisible god on my knees. All I can do now is make decisions my future self will thank me for. That's all any of us can do.

So when I reach for English Butter Almond Toffee, I can change my mind and eat a salad. When I crave buttered noodles late at night, I can realize I am just lonely and so call a friend instead. When I want to honk at someone who suddenly turned onto Route 525 right in front of my car, I can wonder what is happening in their life that made them so careless – in such a reckless hurry. When I encounter a dear friend with vastly different points of view on, well, everything political, I can love them by simply listening. We humans can choose only one option between being in relationship and being right.

I'm 63 this month, and I am wondering what I can do today, this year, or soon that my 73-year-old self will be grateful I chose. My future diabetic self will be grateful I stopped eating white flour and sugar. My future spiritual self will be grateful that I was less sure of so much. My future financial self will be grateful I decided to live simply, give away my possessions, and live in a 400-square-foot home. But most of all, I think, my present self and my future self are, and will be, glad I loved my dogs with every single fiber of my being, because over and over again, they saved my life – a life I have struggled to love.

For YouTube videos, go to **Charles LaFond@CharlesDLaFond**, where these essays will soon become short films.



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Fun Fact

The Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean is over 1,500 miles long and almost 7 miles deep. Mankind has explored further and much more often into outer space than we have ever yet ventured into the Trench's very cold, very dark depths. Mount Everest would fit very comfortably down in it, and still have water above it.



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Answer in next week's edition!

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INFORMATION *corner*

The Comprehensive Plan & Land Use Reset
If you've been tracking local governance, the big news coming out of the Island County Commissioners' chambers is the formal adoption of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and Development Regulations.

After years of public meetings, planning sessions, and community feedback, the Board of Commissioners officially approved the sweeping updates and development code amendments. Crucially for local property owners and developers, this action formally repeals the development moratorium that had been in place for Mixed-Use Limited Areas of More Intensive Rural Development (LAMIRDs).

The 60-Day Window: The newly adopted plan and its associated development regulations operate under a strict 60-day appeal window running through August 31, 2026. Whether these changes go into full effect immediately or face review by the Growth Management Hearings Board depends entirely on actions taken during this critical window.

Balancing Growth and Rural Character: The Comprehensive Plan acts as the master blueprint for the island. It dictates everything from long-range housing and capital facilities to transportation and natural resource protection. For an island community that deeply values its rural identity, these updates attempt the delicate tightrope walk of accommodating mandated growth while protecting the local ecosystems and water resources we rely on.

What to Watch For Next:
As the appeal period winds down at the end of the month, local municipalities and planning departments will begin rolling out the practical implications for zoning permits and rural development. It's a foundational policy shift that will quietly shape the look and feel of Whidbey for years to come.

You can review the official documents, planning updates, and public notices directly through the Island County Comprehensive Plan Portal @ <https://www.islandcountywa.gov/209/Comprehensive-Plan>



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Sportsmen's group offers pistol safety class

The North Whidbey Sportsmen's Association (NWSA) is inviting the public to participate in a series of monthly firearm safety courses designed to promote the safe and responsible use of firearms.

The next course, NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting, will be held from 6-9 p.m. Friday Sep. 18 and continue from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Sep. 19 at the NWSA range at 886 Gun Club Road, off Oak Harbor Road.

This course is intended for beginning shooters and anyone interested in learning the fundamentals of pistol ownership and safe firearm handling. Students will receive classroom instruction covering firearm safety, operation, storage and shooting fundamentals before completing a live-fire session on NWSA's pistol range.

The class is designed to provide participants with the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary to safely own and use a pistol. It also serves as a foundation for those interested in taking additional National Rifle Association training courses.

Students may use their own handgun or request that the association provide one for the class. The registration fee is \$50.

To register, visit nrainstructors.org. For questions, email NWSA.Training@gmail.com. Additional information about the North Whidbey Sportsmen's Association and its training programs is available at northwhidbeysportsmen.org.

Woodworkers Guild Presents the 22nd Annual "Art + Wood = Woodpalooza" Exhibition on Beautiful Whidbey Island

The Whidbey Island Woodworkers Guild is pleased to announce the return of our "Art + Wood = Woodpalooza @ WICA" Exhibition – the 22nd Annual Show of Whidbey's Finest Woodwork at WICA (Whidbey Island Center for the Arts). This year's show promises exceptional work by thirteen of Whidbey's best!

September 5 - 7, 2026. Exhibition (free). Open September 5th; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; September 6th & September 7th Noon – 5 p.m.

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts (WICA), Zech Hall, 565 Camano Avenue, Langley, WA 98260 (360-221-8262 or www.WICAonline.com).

During the Exhibition, you are invited to spend quality time with woodworking artisans while you experience the beauty of their creations. You'll learn firsthand the inspiration and process that go into each artist's work, while enjoying many scenic island views as you discover Langley.

The Guild seeks to support professional woodworkers as well as inspire and educate the budding amateur and provide awareness to the general public of the skills available locally from its talented members. In 2001 the Whidbey Island Woodworkers Guild was formed to bring together the woodworking community of Whidbey. Now in its twenty-sixth year, the Guild includes makers of furniture, cabinetry, architectural woodwork, turners, sawyers, carvers, restorers, musical instrument makers, boat builders and refinishers. Please visit: www.woodpalooza.com for more information.

Walmart Unveils Newly Remodeled Oak Harbor Store

Walmart marked the re-opening of its newly remodeled Walmart Store at 1250 SW Erie Street with a community celebration, underscoring its continued investment in Oak Harbor and its commitment to becoming America's favorite place to shop — whether in-store, online, or through the Walmart app.

The transformation reflects Walmart's ongoing efforts to better serve customers whether they shop in-store, online, or

through the Walmart app. The renovation introduces refreshed departments, expanded assortments, and a more open layout, all showcased during a celebration with store leaders and associates. New highlights include:

Refreshed Look: Updated branding and modern signage give the store a brighter, more welcoming look inside and out.

Pharmacy Improvements: An updated Pharmacy with a private consultation area.

New Apparel Experience: A reimagined apparel section with engaging displays.

Reimagined Home Department: An updated home section.

Refrigerated Pet Food: A new refrigerated pet food section with fresh options for the family pet.

New Mother's Room: A dedicated, private Mother's Room offering a comfortable space for nursing and pumping families.

As Walmart looks ahead, the newly remodeled Oak Harbor Store reflects a continued commitment to provide affordable access to everyday essentials, supporting local organizations, and creating a store that truly is part of the community.



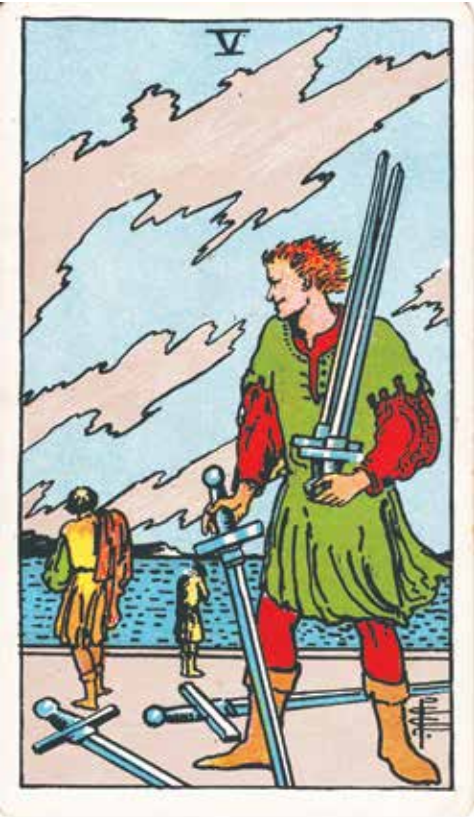
Astrology for August 21-27 2026
Full Moon Partial Lunar Eclipse in Pisces 4°

On **August 21**, Venus in Libra opposes Saturn retrograde in Aries at 14°. This often manifests as a reality check in the realm of finances, pleasure, and relationships. Venus in Libra is interested in balance, fairness, and cooperation. Saturn in Aries is focused on self-motivated desires and goals. Saturn will be dishing out some sort of block, restriction or sober realization that is critical before moving forward with creative projects, ways we make money, and partnerships. Delays are not denials. Rejection is very often a form of protection. But there is an important truth that must be faced under this sky that requires maturity and integrity. If projects and connections have established solid reliability or stability, it is more likely that they will meet the challenge and progress. Do you really enjoy the thing, or is it just familiar? Are you really willing to compromise your desires? What's the cost?

On **August 22**, the Sun conjuncts the South Node in Leo at 29° before entering Virgo until September 22. The Sun will bring to light something from the past for our personal and collective review. Patterns and habits that have expired or remained on auto-pilot will be very visible. As the Sun enters Virgo, it immediately trines Chiron retrograde in Taurus at 0° helping us to face whatever is revealed. This gentle support encourages healing, allowing us to recognize new positioning against old wounds related to abundance vs. lack mindstates. The medicine of Chiron in Taurus is about leaning in to the five physical senses (sight, touch, hearing, smell, and taste), trusting in the body as a vessel, and healing any doubts in self-acceptance or self-sustainability. Sun/Chiron combinations are very personal. In what ways do we self-identify that no longer apply? Where is confidence budding in a place once barren? A good time for a self-audit.

On **August 25**, Mercury conjuncts the South node in Leo at 29° and later enters the sign of Virgo until September 10. This is a moment where messages from the past come through. Whether in the form of text messages from people that used to be in your life, or important realizations about past situations, Mercury/South Node will reveal something important about the past. Important information. As Mercury changes signs, it gains strength in it's home sign of Virgo. Mercury in Virgo sharpens the mind. We are privy to the details. We are more diligent and tidy in our work. This is a great transit for study, research, project planning, and anything that requires organization. The mental pace picks up and we are focused on productivity. Errands run, bills paid, and deadlines met. The shadow of this placement points to perfectionism, harsh criticism, and nitpicking. Give yourself and others some grace, but it will be more difficult to accept less than the best. Notice the small things and utilize the information without getting lost in it. Tap into the potent channel of the mind/body connection. This is where a wealth of detailed information lives that is both practical and immediately useful as we draft our plans and work our schedules.

On **August 27**, Mercury conjuncts the Sun in Virgo at 4°. This conjunction is the apex of a configuration known as a yod or finger of God. A yod is where two planets, in this case, Neptune retrograde in Aries and Pluto retrograde in Aquarius, form a close sextile to each other, while simultaneously both forming an 150° angle to another planet or planets, in this case, the Mercury/Sun conjunction. The apex of a yod creates a pressure point, a major thematic focus. This planetary formation is potent, as it forms just before the full Moon Lunar Eclipse in Pisces at 4°. Full Moons are about culminations and completions, and in Pisces, the last sign of the zodiac representing release and surrender, these themes will be exaggerated. Something has come to its natural end and is making way for other elements of our lives to take root and begin. With the Mercury/Sun conjunction as the centerpiece, what routines are leaving your life? What subconscious belief systems are all played out? What habit, group, relationship, work environment just doesn't cut it anymore? During eclipses, the wheel of life turns. This eclipse is square Uranus in Gemini at 5° bringing unexpected happenings. Just when we think our luck has run out, lightning strikes and a new opportunity is on the table. It would be wise to stay open. Don't hold on too tight to any outcome. Release. Let go. Let life deliver surprising developments. Let what's meant to end die. It is not a great time to force your way. Fate is at work.



August 21st – August 27th:
Five of Swords

First thought, that's a petty-satisfaction grin if I've ever witnessed one. Second thought, those are the strangest clouds I've ever observed represented in art form.

As you can see, thoughts are waving about willy nilly this week, and with an unexpected propensity for damage as if from a double-edged blade, so mind your filter and your judgement lest you cut before taking the true measure of the consequences. People, places, things which exit your life this week are unlikely to return; sever accordingly.

The surrounding movement aims forward, finally catching some fair winds toward progress, yet you're looking back as if with the priority to ensure you're twisting in a few more well placed told-ya-sos, while check-

ing the stats on jealousy levels of doubters and haters. You're right in that your support system should be supportive. But if you're living to spite them, then you're not living in alignment with your healthiest form, and you just might find yourself laboring to drag those big ideas forward into implementation all by stubborn lonesome. Sure, you're likely capable; they're your concepts afterall. However, bitter successes tend not to be as far reaching or fulfilling as you had once believed. So ask yourself, are your dreams truly more important than the ego-driven smugness you may well deserve to feel from rubbing the noses of the aforementioned in your wins? Leave them to pick from the grapevine while you derive your vengeance from a life well lived forward.

Adjacently, you may have gleaned for yourself there's no going back, and this week's card affirms so outright. If this message found you, there's a strange comfort in knowing that which was pulled from your grasp was done so with purpose; let it lie. Which is the perfect lead in to encourage you to sit with the ideas, dreams, decisions, projects you've been pocketing for just the right time, and give yourself permission to set down those that no longer pull at your passion, making room to pursue that which does.

Random side note for entertainment purposes only: this very well could be an indicative week to try your luck at a scratch off ticket; play responsibly, and know your limit. ~Xo, Tiffany

Cards are drawn from the classic Rider Waite Smith tarot deck.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
You don't need another plan—you need to finish the one you already started. Stop adding new goals and give your attention to something that actually needs completing.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Someone may test your patience this week. Don't let a minor annoyance turn into a major argument. Choose your battles carefully and save your energy for what matters.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
An opportunity may look better than it actually is. Ask questions before committing, especially if money or responsibilities are involved. A little skepticism could save you trouble.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
You've been putting someone else's needs ahead of your own. It's time to make room for yourself. Saying no doesn't make you difficult—it makes your limits clear.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
The attention you've been getting is real, but now comes the important part: follow through. Turn recent enthusiasm into something tangible before the excitement fades.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
You may be tempted to correct everyone around you. Resist. Not every mistake is yours to fix, and sometimes letting someone learn for themselves is the better choice.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
A decision you've been avoiding won't disappear on its own. Pick a direction and accept that you can't make everyone happy. Clarity is worth more than keeping the peace.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Trust is earned through actions, not promises. Watch what people actually do this week rather than what they say they'll do. The difference may tell you everything.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
You're itching for a change, but don't blow up a good situation just because you're bored. Look for a constructive challenge before making a drastic move.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
You've been carrying a responsibility that may no longer belong to you. Hand it back where it belongs. Being dependable doesn't mean being available for everything.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Your unconventional approach could solve a stubborn problem, but don't get so attached to being right that you stop listening. The best solution may combine your idea with someone else's.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Your energy is valuable, so spend it wisely. If a situation leaves you drained every time, pay attention. You may need to change how much access it has to you.

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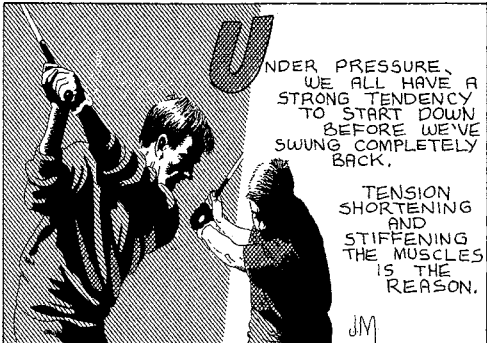
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Boston squad, for short

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Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



UNDER PRESSURE, WE ALL HAVE A STRONG TENDENCY TO START DOWN BEFORE WE'VE SWUNG COMPLETELY BACK.

TENSION SHORTENING AND STIFFENING THE MUSCLES IS THE REASON.

THAT'S WHY MY NUMBER ONE COMPETITIVE KEY SWING THOUGHT IS: "COMPLETE THE BACKSWING."

BY TELLING MYSELF THIS, I'M REMINDED TO TURN FULLY ENOUGH TO SET THE CLUB CORRECTLY AT THE TOP.

THE THOUGHT ALSO HELPS SMOOTH OUT MY TEMPO.

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST							
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South Isle	H-74° L-61° 20%	H-69° L-61° 75%	H-70° L-59° 10%	H-73° L-59° 5%	H-73° L-60° 30%	H-71° L-59° 10%	H-66° L-55° 10%



OUR

Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

Imagine you had a year to research someone's life to write their biography. Who would you choose?



Mary Corella,

Oak Harbor

If i could write anyone's biography, it would be Ajay Bhatt, the co-inventor of the USB port. Why? Because I need to know what kind of madman designs a plug that requires exactly three attempts to insert correctly. It is a statistical impossibility. Side A? Wrong. Side B? Also wrong. Back to Side A? It slides right in. How? Did he curse the plastic? Did he plan this? My biography, titled Fifty Shades of Right Side Up, would deeply investigate the psychological warfare of the flash drive. It's not just tech history; it's a global support group in book form for anyone who has ever wrestled with a computer port.



Charlotte Becker,

Oak Harbor

If I could choose anyone in history to research for a year, I would choose Jesus Christ. As a Christian, I believe Jesus is the Son of God, and I would love to learn more about His life.

I would be interested in historical evidence about Jesus, but I believe no one comes to God or Jesus without faith. I would enjoy researching faith and hearing about other people's walks of faith, which I find uplifting.

I think this research would be meaningful to me because Jesus is central to my faith and my life.



Jim Jolly,

Oak Harbor

Helen Mosbrooker is the person I would choose.

With so many ways for us to do research from home; search engines like Google & Bing; Wikipedia; social media sites; and now A.I., who would need a whole year to do a credible and comprehensive biography on anyone? More importantly, what famous person's biography has not already been done?

When Helen called me about this question, she shared with me a number of very interesting stories from her long and recent past during the half-hour conversation that indicates a remarkable life lived.

Born in the early 40s, married at 16, and now 85, she has great stories of how she lived her life, her travels, and how she's dealt with adversity, prosperity and the life lessons she's collected and applied along the way



Diahn Stetner,

Clinton

I would choose my father. He passed away years ago. He never talked about his life growing up or talked of his life before marriage and kids. Once in awhile he gave me a glimpse of his soul but mostly he came home from work and took care of us and our home. I would want to research and visit his childhood home and friends and find anything about him that I never knew about. Perhaps I'd get to know the whole person that was my dad.

Joyful Saying of the Week

The doorway to joy is simplicity.

-Maxime Lagace

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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 Monday at 6pm at the Langley Methodist Church, 301 Anthes in Langley. We meet in the Fireside Room, rear of church. Karol:360 914 7695.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Memory Support and Connection

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. whibeyvrc.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

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CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

US Postal Mail

Whidbey Weekly Classified Department

PO Box 1098

Oak Harbor, WA 98277

E-Mail classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com

Telephone 360-682-8283

PLEASE CALL WHEN YOUR ITEMS HAVE SOLD.

Please try to limit your classified to 30 words or less, (amounts and phone numbers are counted as words) we will help edit if necessary. We charge \$12/week for Vehicles, Boats, Motorcycles, RVs, Real Estate Rental/Sales, Business Classifieds and any items selling \$1,000 and above. We do charge \$25 to include a photo. The FREE classified space is not for business use. No classified is accepted without phone number. We reserve the right to not publish classifieds that are in bad taste or of questionable content. All free classifieds will be published twice consecutively. If you would like your ad to be published more often, you must resubmit it. Deadline for all submissions is one week prior to issue date.

No Cheating!

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