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Children's Day 2026

It's back!



After five years away, Children's Day is coming home to Whidbey!

Dance, play games, discover science & magic, get your face painted, meet adorable animals, and enjoy hands-on activities from local community members. All Free & All Welcome!

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SATURDAY, 08/01/26

- 08:20:09, RIEPMA AVE.**
Caller reports an animal is stuck in the woods behind the residence. It sounds like a puppy or a coyote.
- 10:29:05 DUGUALLA RD.**
Caller is calling on behalf of a homeowner who is in jail and requests information about what to do about squatters on the property.
- 12:01:17 SHAWN AVE.**
Caller wants to know how to determine whether he has any warrants.
- 12:06:12, RIEPMA AVE.**
Caller reports an abandoned gold Ford Focus that has been at the location for several months.
- 16:09:05, ZYLSTRA RD. & BRIDECK LN.**
Caller reports her mother was walking in the Del Fairfax Preserve and heard what sounded like gunfire. Caller says it does not appear the activity could be conducted safely due to the size of the lot.
- 20:55:16, KOONTZ RD.**
Caller, an elected official in the community, reports being threatened by a board member through text messages.
- 01:08:58, STATE ROUTE 20, DECEPTION PASS BRIDGE**
Caller reports a shuttle had just passed the Deception Pass Bridge and someone was sitting with their back toward the railing.
- 16:39:37 MOBIUS LOOP**
Caller wants to speak with a deputy about the Hells Angels.
- 22:35:36, HELLER RD.**
Caller reports an explosion occurred across the street approximately 10 minutes earlier and says they witnessed the explosion.
- MONDAY, 08/03/26**
02:11:41, POWELL RD. & MORAN BEACH LN.
Caller reports a vehicle off the road and
- in the bushes. It is unknown whether anyone is inside.
- 03:35:38, SE NEIL ST.**
Caller reports seeing two people looking into cars and says the two people are still there.
- 06:23:34, MOBIUS LOOP**
Caller says, "You snitched on me," but does not want to provide any information.
- 10:40:27, NOEL GREENE DR.**
Caller reports a yard work company added money to a check without permission. The caller had given the company a check that was subsequently filled out with additional funds.
- 11:05:20, DEVRIES RD.**
Caller found a chocolate Labrador retriever at the location and has the dog contained.
- 13:29:41, STATE ROUTE 20 & BANTA RD.**
Caller reports a man pulled her hair and slapped her while they were in a vehicle.
- 14:29:57, MOBIUS LOOP**
Caller tells the call taker to "keep her mouth shut and just listen." Caller discusses having nine different case numbers and referrals from the state Attorney General's Office to the King County Oversight Office.
- 15:09:11, MILLER RD. & BALDA RD.**
Caller reports loose cows on the side of the road. Another caller reports the cows have moved closer to State Route 20 but remain on Miller Road.
- 15:25:54, E. GREEN VALLEY RD.**
Caller reports seeing a loose, large black-and-white dog at the location on security cameras.
- 18:10:15, MOBIUS LOOP**
Caller requests a call regarding the Hells Angels. The caller later says she is from Canada and has questions about the Hells Angels.
- 19:28:58, E. FAKKEMA RD. & HUNT RD.**
Caller reports hearing an explosion in the area. It is unknown what exploded.

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BITS & PIECES

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; 10AM - 5PM; September 6th & September 7th Noon – 5PM.
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 wood-working 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.

Thank you,
Gary A. Leake, Guild Secretary
360-678-1347

Rob Schouten Gallery presents

Susan R. Lytle - new paintings
September 2 - 28
Opening Reception: Saturday, September 5 from 5 to 7 pm
During Langley’s First Saturday Art Walk

For this exhibition Susan R. Lytle has painted fifteen small works that offers us a close up look at the colors, patterns, and textures of our flower relatives, revealing the incredible variety of ways in which plants appeal to our senses. Lytle’s floral paintings lead us on a journey into the inner sanctum of nature’s most beloved seducers. New also are four still life paintings of small objects found around the house that are a favorite subject of the artist.

Her close friend, poet and writer Tess Gallagher describes Susan’s work:

“I love very much the kind of space and time in Susan Lytle’s paintings. There is the unstoppable time of the storybook, of the child collector, of the imagination allowed to forage and store up treasures for a special alcove where what one cannot live without is sheltered, saved, caressed and, inside the painting, can be sustained beyond this short lifetime of breaths.”

Asked about her most recent exhibition Lytle responded:

“Inspired by a reverence for nature and a strong connection to place, I have painted the natural world around me all my life. Whether it is my awe for a dark mysterious morning sky, a nostalgic homage to our dog, Zorra, or the surprise(and delight!) I feel when I look closely at a flower, it is my emotional response to a subject that compels me to paint it. Nature is such an incredible artist! In my paintings I aim to convey this mystery and magic that inspires me to take a closer look. This is what I saw and how I felt about it.”

View the Exhibition online at:
<https://www.robschoutengallery.com/susan-r-lytle>



Yellow Guitar - oil on canvas by Susan R. Lytle 12" x 16"



Knowing Where Sweetness Is - oil on canvas by Susan R. Lytle 14" x 11"

WOODPALOOZA 2026

Labor Day Weekend September 5-7



Zech Hall, WICA 565 Camano Ave., Langley
Saturday, 10am-5pm Sunday & Monday 12-5pm

Free Admission

www.woodpalooza.com



Children’s Day Celebration 2026 Children’s Day is back after a six-year hiatus!

The wait is over! After a six-year pause, we are excited to announce the return of Children’s Day! This year’s event will take place on Saturday, September 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at South Whidbey Community Park at 5495 Maxwellton Rd., Langley, WA 98260.

Children’s Day, the free, fun-filled outdoor family celebration, is back for our Whidbey families! We love our Whidbey families—and we’re celebrating YOU! Join us for this FREE, outdoor community celebration filled with laughter, play, and connection. It’s a joyful day dedicated to childhood, creativity, and the amazing network of support that makes our island a special place for families.

Pack a picnic, stroll along our activity trail, and jump into fun and silly games for all ages. Enjoy live music, delightful entertainment, and plenty of surprises along the way! While you’re here, explore the many local resources available to support your family and discover new ways to stay connected in our vibrant community. Come play, explore, and celebrate—everything is free, and it’s all for YOU!

Children’s Day is an event that brings together children and their families with Island County organizations and businesses in a fun and enjoyable day at no cost to the families. The event will feature 30+ interactive booths/activities provided by local agencies, organizations and businesses that support children and their families. The day will also include live entertainment from magicians, jugglers and storytellers, a dance party and free face painting!

Children’s Day is organized in partnership with: Partners for Young Children Island County, Sno-Isle Libraries, Island County Public Health, Mother Mentors, The Collective in Oak Harbor, Steps, South Whidbey C.A.R.E.S. Coalition, Opportunity Council, Child Care Aware and South Whidbey Parks & Recreation.

The Children’s Day planning committee would like to extend a special thank you for the generous sponsorships from Molina Healthcare, Puget Sound Energy and Whidbey Community Foundation. Your support has made this community-rich celebration possible!

Come on out and join us for a day of smiles and laughter! Please leave dogs at home as many children are afraid of even the gentlest pups. We are excited to provide your children with a safe and fun opportunity to spend a relaxing day on our beautiful island.

We are also excited to partner with South Whidbey Family Circle to provide sensory-friendly tent space for those needing a comfy space.

Please contact Katie at Partners for Young Children Island County with questions or if you would like to get involved, either as a vendor or a sponsor, at (360) 245-4531 or katiaw@whidbeyfoundation.org.

www.partnersforyoungchildren.org/childrens-day



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HEALTH CORNER

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.

Contact Dr. Castle at 425-238-8704 for questions. Walk-ins welcome 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."

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BRING OUT THE BEST

* It was sixty years ago today. *

The Whidbey Wordsmith / JoAnn Hellmann, JOC (USNR, ret.)

It was sixty years ago today
When this world-famous band came to play
Never ever have they gone out of style
And with me they still raise a smile
So may I introduce to you
The act I've known for all these years
John, Paul, George and Ringo, the Fab Four!

As I begin to write this, it is hard to believe it was sixty years to the day I saw the Beatles at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia. And yes, I know the song I paraphrased wasn't released until the following year, but it seemed fitting.

As summer and my sophomore year ended, a classmate and fellow Beatlemaniac asked if I'd like to join her at the concert, an hour's drive from where we lived. What seemed just a lovely dream for the previous two years was about to actually come true. For the grand price of five dollars. I should note I saw Paul fifty-six years later in 2022 in Seattle, and I joked it cost me sixty times that to see just one of them. Though his show was five times as long. But I digress.

Back to 1966. I counted the next fifty-nine days with a feverish anticipation only a 16-year-old in the thrall of these Fab Four could know. But then the day arrived. The stadium held 102,000 seats, but only 60,000 were available to allow everyone to be able to see the performers. However, only about 20,000 tickets were sold, as this was just weeks after John Lennon's misunderstood "bigger than Jesus" comment.

The opening acts were impressive: Bobby Hebb ("Sunny"), followed by The Cyrkle ("Red Rubber Ball"). About then, even the weather was getting excited as storm clouds appeared and then, like magic, The Beatles did...it turned out they were hidden in a room underneath the stage.

Thunder and lightning seemed to augment the dramatic effect of their music as they burst into their first song, Chuck Berry's "Rock and Roll Music," and closed with Little Richard's "Long Tall Sally," repaying their debt to rock and roll's forefathers. In between, even with almost non-stop screaming, we heard "She's a Woman," "Day Tripper," "Baby's in Black," "I Feel Fine," "Nowhere Man" and "Paperback Writer," with George stepping up to the mic for "If I Needed Someone," and Ringo belting out "I Wanna Be Your Man."

Being there was such a surreal, emotional experience. The noise and energy felt as if the arena was vibrating. And at times almost deafening, except when Paul began to sing "Yesterday"... and the screaming turned to hushed silence. I was momentarily gobsmacked, to borrow a British phrase.

Flashes of memories: George's '60s faux pas of white socks (he was my favorite), Paul laughing and joking, Ringo's hair flopping side to side and John hopping about, wisecracking about getting hit by lightning. Fortunately, the rain held off until just moments after they left the stage. I didn't know then I'd never get another chance to see them.

Thirteen days later, The Beatles did their last concert at Shea Stadium, citing a mixture of press scrutiny, poor technical equipment and an inability to hear their own voices over the rapturous screams of the audience as the main reasons.

They upheld this decision until the very end of the band's existence, playing one final concert on the rooftop of Savile Row in London.

All these years later, I can look back at that day and say, "I'm in love with them and I feel fine."

Any Beatles fans out there who saw them in concert? I'd love to hear about it at joanna2026@yahoo.com.



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By Tracy Loescher

“AROUND THE HORN”

In baseball, around the horn generally means to touch all the bases, I wanted to touch on a lot of things going on in the fishing realm right now. Summer hatchery Chinook season has come and gone for most of the Marine Areas, there are reports of good numbers of coho salmon staged at the mouth of the Puget Sound and should be pushing our way as the month rolls on (end of August through September is the peak for us Island Anglers to target them in our surrounding waters). The 2026 forecasted Baker River sockeye return was set at approximately 75,000 fish, however, only approximately 22,000 fish actually returned, makes a person think “how can they be over 50.000 fish off?” Personally, I think commercial and co-managed gill netting had a huge part in dissecting their estimate.



<Ocean, Bay, and River gill-netting take a heavy toll on sockeye and other runs of Pacific salmon.>

Our local Salmon Recovery and Enhancement Program coho are returning, now is the time to stop and carefully focus our attention on the Oak Harbor Marina, Penn Cove, and Crescent Harbor areas. Many of these program fish will visit their 4-month temporary watery home at the Oak Harbor Marina before moving on to spawn in the Skagit River. Target them at their early arrival, catch history shows that the longer they stay in our local waters the more tight-lipped they become.

Saltwater coho fishing should be very productive in all of the surrounding Marine Areas until early October then we will need to shift gears and chase them in the rivers. Coho bodies hold up well in the freshwater for about 30 to 45 days after leaving the salt, after that they will be in their full spawn colors of dark black and bright red (fire trucks) and turning soft. I release all the firetruck fish that I catch back into the river. Summer Crab season will be winding down after Labor Day weekend, followed by a month break then winter crabbing will begin usually October 1st, with the winter season open to crabbers seven days a week. Most of the big hard-shell males have moved into deeper water by now so target the 60 -to-90-foot areas to find them.



<This fire truck coho is beautiful but beyond good table fare.

Late halibut season is open so there is still a chance at finding a tasty flatfish in the Sound, keep in mind that the shallow water spawning time (April thru May) has come and gone and the majority of the larger halibut have

moved into deeper water. This year is the trial for the on-line fishing licenses and catch cards, there are many mixed good, bad, and ugly comments on this endeavor. Time will tell whether or not it is truly a money saving strategy, a homework nightmare for law enforcement.

Depending on how long you have lived and fished the surrounding waters will determine how frustrated you are with all of the creative stupidity and Ludacris thinking that we deal with year after year from the Washington department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), the Tribal Co-Managers, and one-sided organizations like the “wild Fish Conservancy group in Duvall Washington” who file lawsuits against the state to get their agendas pushed through without what seems to be any push-back from the WDFW. There are so many changes and regulations that affect our recreational fishing it’s hard to keep it all straight at times. Most of us are working full-time and do not have time to attend the WDFW commissioner meetings in Olympia or attend the North of Falcon decision making groups to raise red flags and call out the unbelievable reasoning of some of these appointed folks.

This organization needs to spend its energy and money on fish enhancement, not suing the State of Washington.>

The only way I know to stay plugged in on current events is through fishing clubs like the Puget Sound Anglers (PSA), Pod-Casts like the “badger fishing show” hard-core passionate everyday individual fishermen, and a good dose of daily unravelling of the “emergency rule change” section on the WDFW web-site. WE CAN’T let preservationists and anti-heritage activists put Washington down the path that Oregon is on with a 2026 initiative to ban all hunting and fishing in that state (Oregon Initiative Petition 28 (IP28), also known as the PEACE Act). If we don’t resist these types of ideas, the only fishing will be from the ice-bed displays in your local grocery store at \$40 dollars a pound.



<Old soup spoons can be more than just for eating.

With the ridiculous price of fishing gear, start watching for off season sales, good used gear, or create your own lures and gear. You might be surprised at what you can affordably make. I hope you hit a home run with the coho in the Puget Sound, and coho and chum in the rivers! Keep your hooks sharp and GOOD LUCK out there!!

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Base Skipper

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FAMILY & BASIC NEEDS

Help Me Grow Island County - Resources: Free navigation connecting families with child development, health care, food, housing, transportation, child care, preschool and other support. Connect: 1-800-322-2588. Eligibility: Expectant parents and families with young children; navigation is free.

Island County Human Services - Resources: Behavioral health, housing support, veterans assistance and other human-service programs. Connect: 360-678-5111. Eligibility: Island County residents; varies by service.

Island Transit - Resources: Fare-free bus and shuttle transportation throughout Whidbey and Camano islands, including access to appointments, food banks and community services. Connect: Island Transit for routes, schedules and trip planning. Eligibility: Public transit is available to everyone; specialized transportation programs may have additional requirements.

Opportunity Council - Island County - Resources: Food, housing and rental assistance, energy assistance, weatherization, financial wellness, veterans services and other basic-needs support. Connect: 360-679-6577 • 800-317-5427 • oppco.org • 231 SE Barrington Ave., Suite 100, Oak Harbor. Eligibility: Island County individuals and families; requirements vary by program.

Readiness To Learn - South Whidbey - Resources: Family resource navigation, school-related assistance, academic support and connections to food, housing, child care and other community resources. Connect: 360-221-0663 • 723 Camano Ave., Langley. Eligibility: Primarily South Whidbey children, students and families; varies by program.

FOOD & NUTRITION

Gifts From the Heart Food Bank - Coupeville - Resources: Food assistance for the Central Whidbey/Coupeville community. Connect: 360-672-5502 • 108 SW Terry Rd., Coupeville. Eligibility: Individuals and families needing food assistance in the Coupeville area.

Good Cheer Food Bank - South Whidbey - Resources: Food assistance and groceries for South Whidbey households. Connect: 360-221-6454 • 2812 Grimm Rd., Langley. Eligibility: South Whidbey households seeking food assistance.

North Whidbey Help House - Resources: Food and basic-needs assistance. Connect: 360-675-0681 • 1091 SE Hathaway St., Oak Harbor. Eligibility: North Whidbey individuals and families needing assistance.

WIC - Women, Infants & Children - Resources: Healthy food benefits, nutrition support, breastfeeding support and connections to health and community resources. Connect: Oak Harbor: 360-240-5554 • Text 360-544-2239 • 785 SE Bayshore Dr. South Whidbey: Call/Text 360-544-2238 • 5475 Maxwellton Rd., Langley. Eligibility: Pregnant and postpartum parents, infants and children under 5 who meet WIC guidelines.

HEALTH, DENTAL & FAMILY SUPPORT

Access to Baby & Child Dentistry (ABCD) - Resources: Helps families find dental care and access preventive services, transportation and interpreter assistance for young children. Connect: Daysi Mayer, ABCD Community Health Worker • 360-682-7942 • Island County Public Health. Eligibility: Island County children age 5 and younger enrolled in Apple Health/Medicaid or with a ProviderOne service card.

Friends of Friends Medical Support Fund - South Whidbey - Resources: Help with uncovered medical, dental, mental-health and vision expenses, medications, medical equipment and medically necessary travel. Connect: 360-221-4535 • info@fomedicalsupportfund.org • fomedicalsupportfund.org. Eligibility: Full-time South Whidbey residents in ZIP codes 98236, 98249, 98253 and 98260; assistance limits apply.

Island County Early Childhood & Parent Support - Resources: Free resources and one-on-one coaching supporting children's social and emotional development. Connect: 360-678-2346 • Island County Human Services, 105 NW 1st St., Coupeville. Eligibility: Island County parents and caregivers with children birth to age 5; services are free.

Partners for Young Children - Resources: Early-childhood advocacy, family-resource coordination and the local Help Me Grow network. Connect: partnersforyoungchildren.org • PO Box 1135, Coupeville. Eligibility: Island County families with young children and organizations serving them.

Washington Apple Health - Resources: Free or low-cost health coverage through Washington Medicaid, including medical and dental coverage for eligible children and adults. Connect: Apply through Washington Healthplanfinder; Apple Health information: 360-725-9512. Eligibility: Washington residents meeting Apple Health requirements.

HOUSING, SAFETY & CRISIS SUPPORT

CADA - Citizens Against Domestic & Sexual Abuse - Resources: Free, confidential support for domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, including crisis assistance and connections to services. Connect: 24-hour Help Line: 360-675-7168. Eligibility: Island County residents seeking support related to domestic or sexual violence or stalking.

Ryan's House for Youth - Resources: Shelter, transitional housing, drop-in support, meals, showers, laundry, clothing, hygiene supplies, case management and education/employment support. Connect: 360-682-2748 • hello@ryanshouseforyouth.org • 19777 State Route 20, Coupeville. Eligibility: Youth and young adults ages 13-24 experiencing homelessness, housing instability or family conflict; services vary by age.

SPiN Cafe - Oak Harbor - Resources: Free daily lunch, day shelter, Wi-Fi, limited showers and laundry assistance, plus connections to housing, shelter, counseling and other resources. Connect: 360-682-5949 • spincafeoh@gmail.com • 1241 SW Barlow St., Oak Harbor. Eligibility: No qualification required.

Whidbey Homeless Coalition - Resources: Emergency overnight shelter through The Haven, transitional housing through House of Hope and connections to employment, mental health and other services. Connect: Housing Support Center: 360-708-4533 • General: 360-900-3077 • info@whidbeyhomeless.org • whidbeyhomeless.org. Eligibility: Individuals and families experiencing homelessness on Whidbey Island; program requirements vary.

LEARNING, ACTIVITIES & ENRICHMENT

Boys & Girls Club of Oak Harbor - Resources: Before- and after-school care, homework support, STEM, arts, recreation, leadership, teen programming and summer camps. Connect: 360-240-9273 • oakharbor@bgsc.org • 30 SE Ely St., Oak Harbor. Financial Assistance: Scholarships available for qualifying families; Washington DCYF child-care assistance accepted for eligible programs.

Girl Scouts - Whidbey Island - Resources: STEM, outdoor adventure, entrepreneurship, life skills, service and leadership through troops, events and camps. Connect: girlscoutswa.org/join. Who: Pre-K through Grade 12. Financial Assistance: Available for qualifying families and may help with membership, troop dues, uniforms, events and camp.

Healthy Youth Initiative - Island County - Resources: Scholarships helping children and youth afford organized sports and physical activities, including registration and equipment expenses. Connect: Island County Public Health • 360-678-7888 • t.till@islandcountywa.gov. Eligibility: Island County youth needing financial assistance; contact the program for current criteria.

Imagination Cove Children's Museum - Oak Harbor - Resources: Hands-on learning, STEAM activities, creative and sensory play and interactive indoor exhibits. Connect: 360-246-4676 • info@imaginationcovecm.org • imaginationcovecm.org • 230 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor. Who: Children and families of all ages and abilities. Access: Free community-access days are offered.

Island County 4-H - Resources: Hands-on clubs and projects covering STEM, robotics, animals, gardening, cooking, arts, environmental science, leadership and career readiness. Connect: 360-639-6064 • island.4h@wsu.edu • WSU Extension, 406 N. Main St., Coupeville. Who: Youth ages 5-19; programs vary by age and interest.

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WHEN THE STUDENT IS AT THE TABLE

Compiled by Samantha Goodman, Whidbey Weekly

After 27 years in public education, Bob Hagin has seen both what traditional schools can accomplish and where their size and structure can make change difficult. But his interest in alternative education is rooted in something more personal, too: his own experience as a student.

Hagin describes himself as someone who never particularly liked school, but who has always loved learning — an experience that helped him recognize the potential in students who may struggle within a conventional classroom.

In 2008, that perspective led him to launch his first alternative program in Bothell. Nearly two decades later, it has brought him to South Whidbey, where he is building a tuition-free high school option around a simple idea: instead of asking students to fit the school, what happens when the school is flexible enough to grow around its students?

For Hagin, the answer begins by keeping things small enough to respond. Three students are currently enrolled for 2026, with enrollment capped at 10 students per teacher. They meet twice a week for four-hour sessions that blend online coursework with academic support, discussion and independent study. The structure could expand as enrollment grows, but Hagin is deliberately leaving room for the students themselves to influence what comes next.

"I'll know more when the student is at the table," Hagin said.

That means meeting students where they are without lowering expectations for where they can go. A student struggling with algebra, for example, may actually be missing a foundation in fractions or number relationships. Hagin will go back, identify the gap and approach it through hands-on or visual learning before moving forward. A student with dyslexia might use audiobooks or a different process for writing. Other students may need more structure, while some are ready for greater independence.

"We know school is hard," Hagin said.

His goal is not to make it easy. It is to help students understand how they learn and develop the confidence and strategies to work through what is difficult.

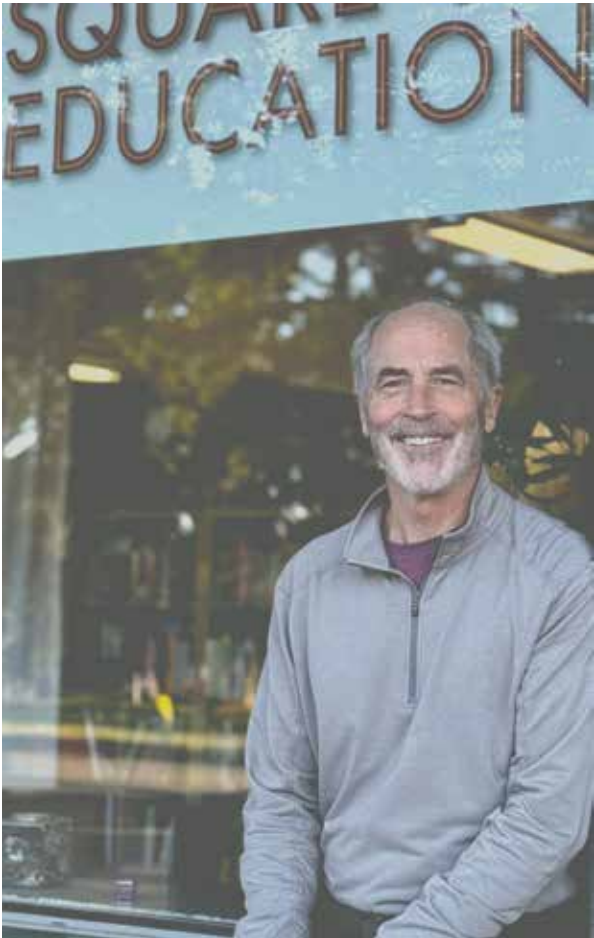
Academic progress is measured through student work and nationally normed MAP assessments, but Hagin also looks for something less easily quantified. A student asking questions, challenging an idea or becoming genuinely curious about the material can be its own sign of progress.

When difficult days begin forming a pattern, he looks beyond the coursework, too, recognizing that sometimes the student needs attention before the academics do.

That flexibility extends across grade levels. Students in grades 9 through 12 can explore the same themes while working at different levels of complexity and independence. Learning can also move outside the classroom through nearby parks, art studios and, eventually, deeper connections with the community.

Hagin calls it a "ragamuffin approach to education," structured enough to move students toward a diploma or other goal, but small enough to change as the students in front of him change.

As the program grows, Hagin will need educators who can carry that flexibility forward. Beyond credentials, he looks for teachers who enjoy young people, respect who they are and can create a classroom



where students feel comfortable while still being challenged.

"Our job is to help that young human be confident and grow," Hagin said.

That flexibility does not mean losing sight of what comes next. Hagin said each student's work should prepare them for their individual path, whether that is Running Start, graduation, credit recovery or a return to another school setting. Transcripts are reviewed during enrollment to identify gaps and determine what a student still needs.

"We'll never assume that we'll have the student next year," Hagin said.

Access is another part of that philosophy. Students enroll through a choice transfer to Curlew School District, which contracts with Market Square as an Alternative Learning Experience provider. State education funding allows students to participate without tuition, removing any financial barrier.

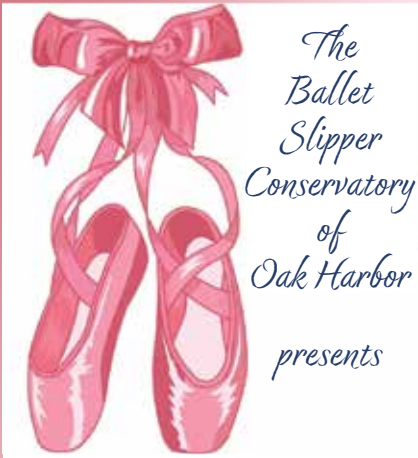
For all the attention paid to curriculum, technology and new educational models, Hagin believes students need something decidedly less complicated: conversation. He worries that increasingly narrow interactions with phones and technology leave less room for young people to explore an idea deeply, question it and hear another perspective.

Preparing students for a future shaped by artificial intelligence, he said, will require more than teaching them how to use it. They will need curiosity, creativity, analytical thinking and the ability to work with other people.

In that respect, Hagin believes South Whidbey already offers young people something valuable. He sees students here spending time outdoors, talking with older generations, looking adults in the eye and asking questions. Rather than replacing those qualities with another educational system, he wants the school to give them more room to develop.

Hagin does not pretend to know exactly what education will need to look like five or 10 years from now. That uncertainty is part of the point.

His hope is that students leave knowing they can encounter something they do not understand, work through the barrier and remain curious enough to keep going. The school may still be taking shape, but for Hagin, its measure will ultimately be the young people who help shape it.



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BACK TO SCHOOL RESOURCE GUIDE FOR WHIDBEY FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

Women Helping Women, Generation to Generation



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For more than 40 years, Soroptimist International of South Whidbey Island has brought local women together around a straightforward mission: creating more opportunities for women and girls. Education is a significant part of that work. Each spring, the South Whidbey club awards three scholarships to graduating students, with recent awards increasing from \$500 to about \$1,000 each. Applications are considered in May, making Soroptimist worth remembering as families begin looking ahead to life after high school. College is not the only path members hope to support. Students pursuing technical

education and the trades are encouraged to apply, and recipients have 18 months to use their awards. Members consider financial need and academic performance, but a perfect transcript is not the deciding factor. They are also looking for what member Nancy Rowan described as "authenticity and originality," including students who may not have their futures mapped out but have a genuine desire to learn and discover what comes next. That support continues into adulthood. Soroptimist's Live Your Dream program provides education and training awards

to women who are the primary financial support for their families. Rowan remembers a recipient from Kenya who was raising 15-year-old triplets while completing her education to become a nurse. Another recipient, a mother continuing her education at Skagit Valley College, later returned to help the club with social media.

The South Whidbey club also supports each local school, local nonprofit Readiness to Learn, and collects clothing for Your Sister's Closet in Oak Harbor. Through an arrangement with the store, women in need can receive help finding clothing for circumstances ranging from maternity and job interviews to professional attire and prom.

Fundraisers such as Shred-It events and the annual Whidbey Women + Art event help keep scholarship dollars flowing while supporting other women in the community. The work is part of a larger Soroptimist presence on Whidbey. Clubs in South Whidbey, Coupeville and Oak Harbor operate locally while sharing a broader mission centered on opportunities for women and girls.

Programs such as Live Your Dream and Dream It, Be It extend that mission from girls beginning to consider their futures to women pursuing education and greater economic independence. Keeping that work going requires another generation of members.

South Whidbey members meet once a month for about an hour to 90 minutes, with additional monthly meetings for board members. The club is particularly interested in younger members who can bring new skills, including comfort with social media and technology, but Rowan said enthusiasm and a desire to give back matter most. More members could also allow the club to bring more Dream It, Be It programming into local schools. Membership is social too. Members gather for coffee, wine socials and meals after meetings, building relationships alongside the work. When fundraising events arrive, Rowan said, it becomes "all hands on deck."

For the women already involved, recruiting the next generation is about more than keeping an organization alive. More hands can mean more scholarships, stronger partnerships with organizations such as Readiness to Learn and Mother Mentors, and more opportunities for women who need a door opened. The invitation is ultimately the same one Soroptimist extends to the women and girls it serves: There is room for what you can bring next.

Interested in joining the next generation of Soroptimists?

Learn more about membership, local programs and ways to support women and girls in your community at soroptimistsouthwhidbey.org for South Whidbey, coupevillesoroptimist.org for Coupeville or sioakharbor.org for Oak Harbor.



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Langley Whale Center - Orca Network - Resources: Hands-on marine education featuring Salish Sea whales, specimens, whale-sighting information, a marine lending library and interactive children's area. Connect: 360-221-7505 • orcanetwork.org/langley-whale-center • 105 Anthes Ave., Langley. Cost: Free admission; guided tours are optional.

Oak Harbor Parks & Recreation - Resources: Recreation programs and activities for local youth. Connect: 360-279-4500 • City of Oak Harbor Parks & Recreation. Financial Assistance: Youth scholarships can cover 25%, 50% or 75% of program fees for qualifying families; awards are first-come, first-served while funding is available.

Scouting America - Whidbey Island - Resources: Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA programs featuring outdoor adventure, camping, service, leadership and hands-on skills. Connect: BeAScout.org; enter your ZIP code to find a Whidbey unit. Who: Kindergarten through high school, depending on program. Financial Assistance: Assistance may be available through local units and Mount Baker Council, including limited camp assistance.

Sno-Isle Libraries - Resources: Free books and digital materials, computers and internet access, educational resources, classes, events and children's and teen programming. Connect: Visit your local Sno-Isle library or snoisle.org. Who: Open to the community; a library account is required for borrowing.

The Backyard Whidbey - South Whidbey - Resources: Indoor play and movement programs, Homeschool PE, open play and classes focused on coordination, confidence, teamwork and physical skills. Connect: 360-401-8891, text preferred • thebackyardwhidbey@gmail.com • thebackyardwhidbey.org. Who: Children, teens and adults; programs vary by age. Financial Assistance: Contact The Backyard for current options.

The HUB Youth Central - Langley - Resources: Free after-school drop-in program with hot meals, homework help, art, music, games, workshops, activities and supportive adult mentors. Connect: 360-221-0969 • thehubyouthcentral@whidbey.com • 301 Anthes Ave., Langley. Who: Middle and high school youth. Cost: Free.

WILASC - Whidbey Island Language Art and STEM — Resources: After-school classes, camps and enrichment in STEM, art, languages and music for youth ages 4–16. Connect: 360-672-5882 • hello@wilasc.com • wilasc.com • 723 Camano Ave., Langley. Financial Assistance: Scholarships and payment plans available

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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.

**MILITARY APPRECIATION COMMUNITY
PICNIC**
Saturday, Aug. 29, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Windjammer Park, 1600 SW Beeksm Drive,
Oak Harbor

Celebrate and honor active-duty service members, veterans and their families at the annual Military Appreciation Community Picnic. Hosted by the Greater Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce, the free community event features family-friendly activities, informational booths, interactive displays, giveaways and opportunities to connect with local organizations. All are welcome. For more information, visit oakharborchamber.com or call (360) 675-3755.

**SOUND & FURY: AN IMPROVISED SHAKE-
SPEARIENCE**
Saturday, Aug. 29 and Sept. 5, 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. Performances are outdoors in full daylight, so sun protection and water are recommended. Admission is pay what you will. For tickets and information, visit islandshakespearefest.org.

**SILENT AUCTION TO BENEFIT FRIENDS OF
FRIENDS MEDICAL SUPPORT FUND**
Sunday, Aug. 30, 3-5 p.m.
The Island Church of Whidbey, Fellowship Hall,
503 Cascade Ave., Langley

Support Friends of Friends Medical Support Fund at a silent auction benefiting South Whidbey residents in need of medical assistance. The fundraiser is part of Steve Franks' campaign for Mr. South Whidbey 2026 and features local art, gift certificates, dining and wine experiences, vintage treasures and more. Drop in between 3 and 5 p.m.; bidding closes at 4:45 p.m. Cash and checks only. All are welcome, including children.

LINE DANCE FOR DEMOCRACY
Sunday, Aug. 30, 6-8 p.m.
Bayview Corner Parking Lot, Langley

Join SOS Whidbey and Indivisible Whidbey for a free, family-friendly evening of community and line dancing with Gigi. Food will be available for purchase from Caravan Catering. Donations will be accepted for the N2N Whidbey Immigrant

**LEARNING SO WE CAN ADVOCATE FOR
AFFORDABLE, CLEAN ENERGY**
Thursday, Sept. 3, 5:45-8 p.m.
St. Hubert's Community Room,
804 Third St., Langley

Whidbey Climate ACTION and the Whidbey Island Democratic Club present a discussion on rising electric rates, Washington's clean energy goals and how residents can advocate for affordable, clean energy. Charlee Thompson, senior policy associate with the NW Energy Coalition,

will discuss factors behind utility rate increases and the state's transition toward clean electricity. Snacks and socializing begin at 5:45 p.m., followed by the program from 6-8 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, visit whidbey-climate.org.

OAK HARBOR MUSIC FESTIVAL
Friday, Sept. 4-Sunday, Sept. 6
Downtown Oak Harbor

Celebrate Labor Day weekend with three days of free live music and entertainment on four stages throughout downtown Oak Harbor. The festival also features more than 30 arts and crafts vendors, local businesses and organizations, a beer garden and a wide variety of food vendors. Admission is free. For schedules and more information, visit oakharborfestival.com.

**FLYING FINGERS DEAF/HARD-OF-HEARING
SOCIAL: 250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**
Friday, Sept. 4, 5:30 p.m.
Langley United Methodist Church, Fireside Room, 301 Anthes Ave., Langley

Join Flying Fingers for a beginner-friendly ASL social celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary. Learn to sign names, numbers, introductions and the birthday song while practicing with a welcoming group of learners. The gathering will also celebrate September birthdays with shared food and a surprise. Free parking is available across the street. For more information, contact Susan at (831) 334-6257.

STEPS ROCK 'N' ROLL STROLL
Saturday, Sept. 5, 9 a.m.-noon
Windjammer Park, Oak Harbor

Kick off Oak Harbor Music Festival weekend with the third annual Steps Rock 'n' Roll Stroll, a family-friendly 5K benefiting families caring for infants and toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays. Participants are encouraged to dress as their favorite rock stars and walk, run or dance along the waterfront course. A new free Baby Steps half-mile route welcomes young children, families and strollers. For registration and more information, visit runsignup.com/Race/WA/OakHarbor/StepsROCKnROLLSTROLL.

22ND ANNUAL WOODPALOOZA
Saturday, Sept. 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 7, noon-5 p.m.
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts,
565 Camano Ave., Langley

The Whidbey Island Woodworkers Guild presents its 22nd annual Woodpalooza exhibition, showcasing fine woodworking by local craftspeople. Meet the makers, learn about their creative processes and explore handcrafted works up close throughout the three-day exhibition. For more information, visit wicaonline.org or call (360) 221-8268.

WHIDBEY WOMEN + ART
Saturday, Sept. 5, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Dancing Fish Vineyards,
1953 Newman Road, Freeland

Shop art created by local women artists while supporting educational opportunities for women and girls. Presented by Soroptimist International of South Whidbey Island, the event features a variety of artwork available for purchase, with proceeds supporting the organization's mission.

**HOW TO REPURPOSE REAL ESTATE TO
CREATE COMMUNITY AND FUN HANGOUT SPOTS**
Thursday, Sept. 10, 6 p.m.
The Langley Building, 630 Second St., Langley

Hear from the founders of Salad and The Machine Shop about transforming underused real estate into community gathering spaces. Andy Cook will share his vision for Salad, a new "third place" featuring a tiki bar, coffee shop, record and audiophile store, video games and events, while artist Tim Leonard will discuss the return of The Machine Shop pinball arcade. The free talk will also explore opportunities for future uses and collaborations within the Langley Building. Open to everyone. RSVP by calling or texting (206) 931-7524.

CHILDREN'S DAY 2026
Saturday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
South Whidbey Community Park,
5495 Maxwellton Road, Langley

Children's Day returns to Whidbey after a five-year absence with a day of free family fun. Enjoy dancing, games, science, magic, face painting, animals and hands-on activities presented by local community organizations. Free and open to all.

LANGLEY SOUP BOX DERBY
Saturday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m.-noon
First Street Hill, Langley

The Langley Soup Box Derby returns for another round of this free community tradition dating back to 1972. Racers ages 7 and older take to the hill in homemade racecars while spectators of all ages line the course to cheer them on. Racer registration begins at 8:30 a.m., safety inspections at 9 a.m. and the first heats at 10 a.m. Presented by the Langley Community Club and Langley Main Street Association. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 13. For racer rules, applications and more information, visit languagemainstreet.org.

SHRED-IT FUNDRAISER
Saturday, Sept. 12, 9 a.m.-noon
Whidbey Island Bank, 450 SW Bayshore Drive,
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Protect yourself against fraud and identity theft by securely disposing of sensitive paperwork at Soroptimist Oak Harbor's Shred-It Fundraiser. A licensed and bonded shredding company will accept paper documents, including items with staples. All proceeds support local and global programs helping women and girls live their dreams.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF ISLAND COUNTY'S ANNUAL UP CYCLE-IT! AUCTION
Saturday, Sept. 12, 4-7 p.m.
Holmes Harbor Rod & Gun Club
3334 Brooks Hill Road, Langley

Support Habitat for Humanity of Island County at its annual Up Cycle-it! Auction, featuring creatively transformed furniture and housewares donated by local artists and community members. Enjoy local wine and beer, hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auctions, and opportunities to bid on local experiences and packages. Proceeds support Habitat's work building safe and sustainable homes. Early-bird tickets through Aug. 31 are \$50 general admission and \$100 VIP. For tickets and information, visit upcycleit2026.auctria.events.

HARVEST MOON DINNER & AUCTION
Saturday, Sept. 19, 5-9 p.m.
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge,
155 NE Ernst St., Oak Harbor

Support the Oak Harbor Boys & Girls Club at the 2026 Harvest Moon Dinner & Auction. Funds raised will support enriching programs, healthy meals and snacks, and scholarships that help more local youth participate in Boys & Girls Club programs. Tickets are \$125. For more information and tickets, visit bgcsc.org/oak-harbor-auction or call (360) 240-9273.

SARATOGA ORCHESTRA'S BRASS & PERCUSSION BONANZA
Sunday, Sept. 20, 2-4 p.m.
Coupeville Town Park, Coupeville

Celebrate the sounds of brass and percussion with Saratoga Orchestra, award-winning youth ensemble Penn Cove Brass and Whidbey Island's Mutiny Bay Brass Band. The program spans Renaissance and Baroque music, Sousa marches, festive fanfares and selections celebrating Oktoberfest. Presented as part of the Coupeville Creative District's Summer Concert Series. Admission is free. Bring a chair or blanket. For more information, visit sowhidbey.com or call (360) 929-3045.

BUNCO FUNDRAISER
Friday Sept. 26, 5pm
Useless Bay Country Club
5725 S. Country Club Dr. Langley

Support Providence General Children's Association (PGCA) at a Sock Hop-themed fundraiser hosted by Whidbey Island Guild #21. Shake, Rattle and Roll for a great cause while enjoying appetizers, a costume contest, prizes and a silent auction. Proceeds help meet the healthcare needs of children on Whidbey Island. Past PGCA recipients include Mother Mentors, Readiness to Learn and Whidbey Norishes (WIN).

Tickets are \$35 in advance. For tickets and information, call Pat at (360) 305-2529 or Penny at (360) 320-5767. Tickets are also available during business hours at the Porter Insurance front desk or from Naomi at Insurance Whidbey.

Life Tributes

John R. Bolte

November 19, 1929 – August 13, 2026

John R. Bolte of Coupeville, Washington, lived a life defined by curiosity, integrity, service, and a deep commitment to his family and community. From his childhood on a farm in Iowa to a distinguished career in higher education and, ultimately, a fulfilling retirement on Whidbey Island, John's life was marked by hard work, intellectual curiosity, and a genuine desire to help others.

John grew up on a farm in Iowa, where he learned the enduring lessons of rural life: hard work, self-reliance, responsibility, and patience. Those qualities remained central to who he was throughout his life. His natural curiosity and determination would eventually lead him far beyond the farm and into a long and accomplished career in education.

John married his wife Marian in 1948. Their marriage lasted 72 years, until Marian's passing in 2020. One of the family's favorite stories reflects both John's adventurous spirit and his ingenuity. At age 16, because he was too young to have a driver's license, John obtained a pilot's license and a small airplane. He would fly to Marian's parents' farm, using their driveway as a runway to pick her up for dates and later return her home.

John devoted his professional life to higher education. After earning his Ph.D. in Physics Education from Iowa State University in 1963, he began his academic career at San Diego State University. He later became a founding faculty member of Florida Technological University, now the University of Central Florida, joining the Physics Department as a professor in 1981.

Over the course of his career at UCF, John took on increasingly important leadership responsibilities, ultimately serving as Vice President for Administration and Finance. During his years there, he played an important role in the growth and administration of the young and rapidly developing university. He was respected by students and colleagues alike and received numerous awards and honors for his contributions.

Perhaps more meaningful to John than the formal recognition were the many letters he received from former students expressing their appreciation and describing how he had inspired their own careers in science and engineering. He was admired not only for his leadership, integrity and intellect, but also for his genuine interest in the lives and success of the faculty, staff, and students with whom he worked.

After retiring in 1996 and making his home in Coupeville, John continued to pursue his curiosity and his commitment to service. He became active in amateur radio, a hobby that combined his technical interests with his love of communication. He held an amateur radio license and participated in the Island County Amateur Radio Club.

John also became deeply involved in his adopted community. He served on the Coupeville Library Building Committee, participated in Whidbey emergency services planning and community land-preservation efforts, and was an active member of Rotary. For many years, he volunteered as an AARP Tax Aide to help seniors prepare their taxes.

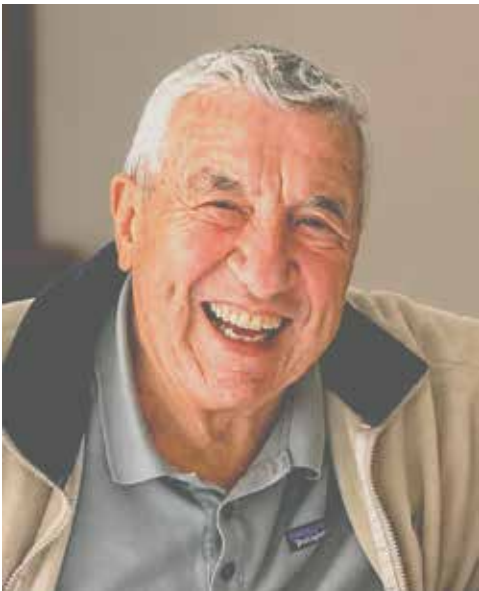
John loved the natural beauty of Whidbey Island and the relaxed pace of island life. His retirement years gave him the opportunity to enjoy the community he had come to call home while continuing to learn, contribute, and maintain the many friendships he had formed.

In many ways, John's life was a remarkable journey—from a childhood on an Iowa farm to a distinguished career in higher education and a life of service in his community. Yet his greatest legacy was not his professional accomplishments. It was the example he set for those around him: his strong work ethic, deep integrity, friendly and positive outlook, intellectual curiosity, devotion to family, and willingness to help anyone in need.

John passed away peacefully on August 13 at the age of 96, with his children at his side. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Marian, his parents and siblings, and grandson. He is survived by his three children Becky, Michael, and John, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, and his long-time friend and caregiver Julie. John was a terrific father, grandfather, and husband.

A memorial is being planned for John and Marian later this year.

John will be deeply missed by his family, friends, former students and colleagues, and by all who had the privilege of knowing him.



Letter to the Editor

Why in the world would you want to live in Mexico?! Part 4

I've been traveling in Mexico since I was a little girl. My father was raised in south Texas, just north of the Rio Grande, and in spite of the fact he has lived in Washington since he was a teen, he thinks Texas is home. We would go "home" at least every other year to visit our very extensive family. Much of the time was right on the river – Laredo, Carrizo Springs, and Del Rio. Crossing into Mexico involved crossing a bridge and getting a smile and a nod from the border agents. Certainly nothing like it is today! We'd go "otro lado" (other side) to buy fruits and vegetables, visit shops, have a meal, go dancing, visit friends and, of course, buy tequila.

When I was about 7 years old, I figured out I could go down the street to find women frying tortillas. There would be four or five women standing (gossiping) by a big stove consisting of a very large cast iron sheet sitting on stacked up cement blocks with a good fire underneath. They'd make a ball of corn flour, water, and oil, slap it between their hands to make it round and flat, and then drop it on the hot metal. They'd turn it over with their bare fingers – really amazing us. Then they'd give us the tortillas. They called us "blanca" because the three of us sisters were towheads. This is where we started to learn Spanish. It was also where we learned the Mexican people were generous, friendly, and will come to your aid when needed.

We live in a Mexican neighborhood on the eastern edge of Old Town Puerto Vallarta. We have been here over ten years and we love it. It's like a large family. When we walk out the door, someone will holler a greeting or a joke. Most people have been here forever. Across the street, Abraham and Rosie, have a very long plot of land that has been in their family forever. They have a beautiful multi-storey house, with a lovely stained-glass window I covet. Abraham's sister (named "Sister") and her son live in a smaller house between Abraham's house and the street. About a year ago, one of the sons started to build a house on top of Sister's house. The families live on the original land and no one ever sells anything. It is saved for the family.

We have a wonderful man who lives alone in a room off the street and he spends almost all of his time outside. He always knows what's going on and we consider him the mayor of our barrio. We call him El Jefe but his name is Jose. There is always a gathering around him, just gabbing or playing cards or dominos. Various people have made a good awning for him to keep the rain and sun off. He's an older fellow, but I have no idea how old. He fixes things, he makes things, and he sells things. When he needs a siesta, he sits backwards on a chair, folds his arms on the chairback, lays down his head and sleeps. He is a man you might think has nothing, but really, he has everything. We love him dearly.

I hope you will see in my stories that the Mexican people are really wonderful people. Of course, there are bad guys everywhere, but the majority are ready to care for you, entertain you, and give you what you need. We've been watching all the fires in Washington and worrying. Then we heard that over 300 Mexican firefighters (bomberos) came to help fight our fires. We have people in our government who want to grab these people and incarcerate them for doing nothing. So many of them are Mexicans and I'm afraid for them. But they came anyway because they were needed. They are our friends. We can't forget it.



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CHARLES' VERSION OF GRAPE GAZPACHO

- A CHILLED SUMMER SOUP



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

The fruit and vegetables:

- Green grapes:** 5 ½ cups (2 pounds) seedless green grapes halved, plus extra for garnish
- Cucumber:** 1 small English cucumber, peeled and chopped

The chilled soup base:

- Cream cheese:** 3 ounces, softened in a microwave
- Yogurt:** ½ cup plain yogurt
- Buttermilk:** ¼ cup (adds a slight tang)
- Note:** if you are missing any of these three white ingredients (cream cheese, yogurt and buttermilk) just substitute some or all with heavy whipping cream.
- Olive oil:** 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Vinegar:** ¼ cup rice vinegar or sherry vinegar

Optional garnish:

- Almonds:** ¼ cup toasted almonds, chopped (for garnish)
- Grape Halves:** cut and laid skin side down.
- Seasoning:** ½ teaspoon kosher salt, ¼ teaspoon white pepper, and a pinch of cayenne pepper

Prep: Blend in a blender or with a soup wand until smooth and creamy. Chill and serve this summer soup.

At a fine-dinning experience in downtown Seattle with a friend, we sat together marveling at the "soup of the day" which was, one day in August, Grape Gaspacho.

As a reasonably good cook and host, I have been around the block a few times and consider myself good at entertaining and cooking, hosting conversation, and putting guests at ease. But when I saw the pale green of this cup of soup, and when it hit my mouth with its creamy, tangy, velvety, sweet, grassy flavor, I had to put my fork down and just think for a minute. My hostess did the same. We just looked at each other with wide eyes. So good. So refreshing. So clean and bright and simple.

This is a manifesto for soups.

When I was a monk at The Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE) way back when I was a member of a religion, I was what monasticism has, for 1,000 years, called "the cellarer." The name came from the location of his office, in the cellar. IN the past few centuries, food was kept cool in a cellar. So where the food was kept was usually where one could find the cook – in the cellar. IN fact the door to most ancient monasteries had a hole in it the size of a dinner plate so that monks needing an off-schedule meal could get one by shouting down the cellar stairs and asking for a plate of bread, cheese, and a tomato when they did not hear the bell for the main, mid-day meal.

Every day, I woke at 4:00 and began a day punctuated by eight choral religious services and three meals, and was charged with making the three meals for 5,000 guests a year and 23 monks. Breakfast was bread and cheese. Lunch was a cooked meal. Dinner was a soup and bread. And often the soup was made from leftovers that needed eating.

I wish I had had this recipe when I was a monk back then. Easy. Simple. Nutritious. Beautiful.

So this weekend, my birthday weekend, friends will fly in to Whidbey for the celebrations. I have made this soup so that I need not spend my time in the kitchen, but rather, with my beloved friends. And so I write this manifesto for soup. It is an easy, good meal, especially at night. Join me in simplifying dinner to a bowl and a spoon. If you do, you will lose no glamour, and you will gain the time you need to feast on your friendships rather than just your food.

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To hit topspin, use a low-to-high swing when stroking the ball. By brushing up on the ball when making contact, you will give it a forward rotation.

This forward rotation on the ball is called "topspin." Using topspin on the ball allows you to hit the ball higher over the net and still have it land in, since the forward spin helps to bring the ball down into the court.



Out on a Limb

ISN'T IT IRONIC, DON'T YOU THINK?

SNIFF, SNIFF, SNIFF

OW!

A GUY GETS A DULL PAIN IN HIS HEAD FROM SNIFFING A SHARPIE

by Gary Kopervas





I meet with a group of men who have been traumatized over local and world events. These events have dominated our discussions and state of mind over the last few years.

There seemed to be an element of anger that would silently slip in and take control of the direction of our discussions. I found myself being pulled into this anger-based environment and at times found relief in expounding on the negative, angry direction of our thinking.

The problem was that my heart would hurt afterwards. I felt a little disconnected. It seemed my spiritual guide was sitting this one out.

I asked for guidance and strength and the word beatitude, floated through my mind.

Happy are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Happy are they who weep, for they shall receive the spirit of rejoicing. Do we believe this? Do we have faith in the Master's guidance? The question becomes how can we turn our anger into sorrow and rejoice?

As I read through the beatitudes I was blown away by the power of their simple message. How could I have not noticed the simplistic clarity of such powerful spiritual directions. The faith and the love of these beatitudes strengthen moral character and create happiness. Fear and anger weaken character and destroy happiness.

We all tend to get angry from time to time. It is that decision that ends up separating us from God. But how can we control the anger that is sparked by fear?

Mild, arguably, justifiable anger seems easier to manage. A walk in the park, meditation, counseling, talking it out with a friend, talking it out with God, the possibility of forgiveness for us or others.

But what about deep anger. Anger towards something or someone that is bound up so tight in us that we choose not to forgive. A self-righteous anger that justifies our conscious or unconscious separation from God. A memory or condition that validates our anger no matter how horrible it feels or the negative effects it has on our lives and the lives of those around us. How can we root out such anger.

Anger fills a hole where God should be, always. Anger can be a temporary state of mind that we can dispense with in time, or a crippling separation from the Source of Love within us that we choose to hold onto using a variety of justifications.

We can select sorrow over anger if we choose. Instead of looking at and rationalizing our deep anger, take a moment and pull away from this destructive thinking and ask for, and open ourselves up to guidance. This is our spiritual lifeline. We have within us the Spirit of Truth, the great Comforter, waiting for us to ask for help in healing and growing our ability to love and to share life with God.

If we pull back from our own anger, pain and suffering and look at the anger and pain and suffering in the world around us from a higher perspective, we find that we have a choice to either add to the anger, pain and suffering in the world, or we can help heal it. We can make a choice to either promote the love of God or defy it. Will we choose to be an advocate for God's love, or an angry individual who justifies their growing separation from God. Each of us can make this choice daily in how we respond to the world around us.

Move back a little further from your perspective and see how truly small our world is. We are infants, all of us. We are lost in our quarrels, our anger, our fear, our lack of control, our helplessness. We are less than a pre-school lacking the teachers and knowledge we need to promote a sane world. When looking at these surroundings, do we think that adding anger into this environment will help in any way?

And yet, we can be harsh judges of our world and each other and freely add our anger to a growing atmosphere of fear, which weakens and destroys that which is true and beautiful and good.

Whether in our personal lives, or in the lives around us - if God's children knew better, they would not harm one another. Insanity runs amok. Weep for what we have lost. Grow in sorrow instead of anger. Apply compassion instead of judgement. Allow the Spirit of Truth to grow and nurture us in promoting the love of God in all things. God doesn't seem to work well with anger.

So-called common sense or the best of logic would never suggest that happiness could be derived from mourning. Jesus alluded to an emotional attitude of tenderheartedness. Being sensitive and responsive to human need creates genuine and lasting happiness, while such attitudes safeguard us from the destructive influences of anger, hate, and suspicion.

We need tenderness in all things. Tenderness for ourselves and others, God's tenderness as a healing balm applied to the world around us.

When we learn to mourn and show sorrow, instead of anger and hate we grow in the awareness and presence of the great Comforter. We rejoice in the flow of joy that all of God's children are gifted with when they truly follow the way of God. The Spirit of Truth empowers and guides us. This is what the world needs from us during these dark and confusing days.

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Astrology for August 28-September 3
Mars in Cancer Square Saturn retrograde in Aries 13°

On **August 28**, Mercury in Virgo squares Uranus in Gemini at 5°. We are still under the influence of yesterday's full Moon lunar eclipse in Pisces, where the veil between worlds has become very thin and long awaited endings have arrived with unexpected twists. Today's Mercury/Uranus square will emphasize the element of surprise by way of information. Both Mercury and Uranus are in signs ruled by Mercury (Virgo and Gemini), the planet of information. This is very nerdy territory, great for unexpected findings in research, investigations, or niche problem solving, not great for calm and chill. The energy of this transit is erratic and unpredictable and it can be difficult to ground or slow the pace. Deep breaths are necessary. Our nervous systems can be fried. Squares incite action through a challenge or problem, so an issue may arise due to lack of information or the surprising arrival of pertinent details. Exchanges with others may be tense under this sky, as sensitivities are still running high with the Moon in Pisces. This lunar position may aid in the ability to receive information from other sources, especially through dreams. There is a push pull between just hitting send and checking the details. Would be wise to heavily consider the former over the latter this week, and certainly today.

On **August 31**, Jupiter in Leo trines Saturn retrograde in Aries at 13°. Things are happening! Progress is visible! A fire sign trine makes things go! Leo is the sign of self-expression and generosity, while Aries is the sign of personal will and desires. Jupiter, the planet of expansion and higher learning in a positive aspect with Saturn, the planet of structure and long-game goals is wonderful after many moody and uncertain days. Use this day to move forward in the 'yes' direction that has been revealed after the full Moon. What has ended? What remains? From what remains, what is worth building on? What is worth putting energy toward now? There can be some clarity on where to direct our ambitions today. Due to Saturn's retrograde motion, this incredibly helpful transit will happen twice more over the year ahead. What you put energy towards now will grow - and sustain.

On **September 1**, Mars in Cancer squares Saturn retrograde in Aries at 13°. Also on September 1, Mercury in Virgo sextiles Mars in Cancer at 13°. A Mars/Saturn square is frustrating situation. A conflict between stop and go. Its like jumping on the highway to get to your destination faster, only to find the exit you needed was blocked, and now you'll be late. Mars in Cancer has us feeling deeply sensitive about our desires, ambitions, and goals and is having a rough go at executing all that it wants to accomplish, as Mars is said to be in 'fall' in the sign of Cancer. Fortunately, today Mars will receive some support from Mercury, the planet of communication. So, while an emotionally impulsive action initiated by Mars may be blocked or restricted by Saturn, Mercury's ability to help see other perspectives will soften the blow. Mercury in Virgo brings a very welcome practical logic to balance some of the emotional intensity of the moment. Unfortunately, Saturn does tend to win this battle, and there will be consequences for emotionally impulsive, immature, or inappropriate action taken. Patience is key today. Don't get caught slippin'. Find an appropriate outlet to channel emotional energy - a swim, sweat, or long shower. Feel better? Saturn in Aries wants to mature our impulses, to make sure we spend our precious primal energy in ways that are sustainable. If something is blocked today, consider it a blessing despite frustrations.

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August 28th – September 3rd :
Seven of Cups.

If your wildest dreams came through, if all the pathways opened before you, would you recoil in terror, doubt? Would you think it all a mirage, or fear it might be snatched away before you can truly lay claim?

Many blessings finally land this week, undeniable, unshakable. And for some, a sampling of those seemingly impossible dreams tease your horizons, not to dangle a carrot or cruelly hold your desires just out of reach, but offers an opportunity to sit with what it would feel like for your yearnings already to be yours. This feeling of already owning the outcome, not in ego but in assurance, is the strongest magnetism to make it so.

This week may induce analysis paralysis from having too many pleasing choices before you,

like a dessert tray at your fingertips, wanting to indulge all, but where to start, and how to convince yourself the stomach ache would be worth it. However, some offerings seemingly alleviate former cravings, yet are no longer what you're currently salivating for, and this is the key to where to dive in. Old familiarities and comforts may have a go at your attentions but do not lead you forward. When presented with many options, which speak to older versions you no longer walk in? And which resonate with who you've been working to grow into? What sparks joy and makes your heart brighten, as opposed to filling a void or checking a box?

And should multiple verified prospects remain on your plate, then ingest your feast according to your holiday meal preference: one bite at a time, protein first, dessert before the bird, nibbling while carving, or any approach excepting only arriving for the left overs.

The most important message of this week's card is to pay earnest attention to your emotional inclinations, especially when long held imaginings appear to be manifesting. How you feel about even the most miniscule of happenings at this time is incalculably valuable information.

If you want it, how do you truly feel about letting yourself have it? ~Xo, Tiffany

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
You've got unfinished business hanging over you. Take care of it instead of pushing it into next week. Clearing the slate will give you room to focus on something new.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
A money matter deserves a second look. Check the details before spending or committing. A little caution now could prevent an annoying surprise later.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Someone may misunderstand what you mean, so don't assume they'll read between the lines. Say what you mean and ask questions when you're unsure. Straightforward is best.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Your attention is being pulled in too many directions. Pick one priority and finish it before moving on. You'll feel considerably better once you regain some control.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
You've had your moment in the spotlight; now make something of it. Follow through on a promise or idea you've been talking about. Results will speak louder than attention.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
You're entering a productive stretch. Use it to tackle the job you've been avoiding rather than filling your time with smaller tasks. One big accomplishment beats ten distractions.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
An old disagreement may come back around. Don't automatically take responsibility just to keep things peaceful. Be fair, but be honest about your side of the story.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
You may discover that you've outgrown a situation you once wanted badly. Don't force yourself to stay simply because you invested time in it. Moving on can be progress.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Your schedule could get crowded quickly. Before saying yes to another commitment, look at what you're already juggling. Protect some free time for yourself.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
A practical problem has a practical solution. Stop worrying about every possible outcome and deal with the issue in front of you. You'll make more progress than expected.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Someone may challenge an idea you've been confident about. Don't take it personally. Consider the criticism, keep what is useful, and improve the plan.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
You've been waiting for a sign that it's time to move forward. You may not get one. Sometimes you have to decide for yourself that you're ready and take the chance.

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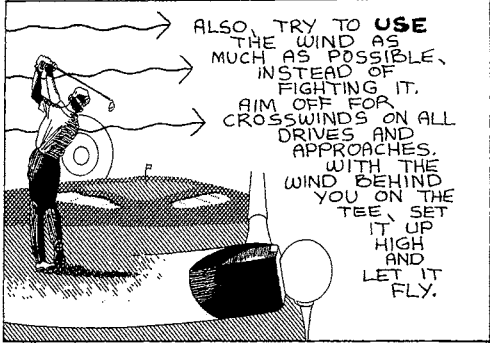
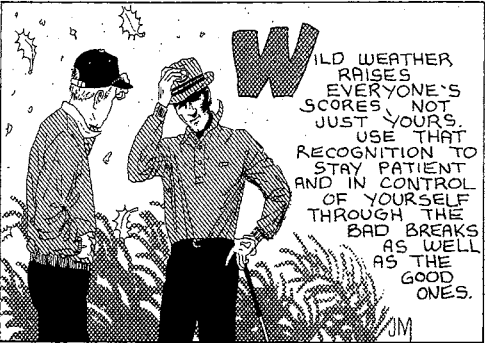
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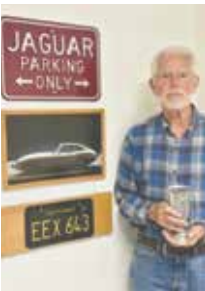


OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

Where is your happy place?



Jerry Schopf,
Oak Harbor

I'm a car guy and from the earliest days of the Jaguar E-type model I was smitten with its artistic lines. While stationed with the Air Force in California in 1975 I found my Jag, a 1963 model. My Jag has been with me through multiple moves to Ohio, and Texas and of course, it came along when I moved to Whidbey Island. The trophy I'm holding was awarded for Best of Show in Dallas TX in 1990. Working on it, washing it, polishing it all puts me in a happy place!



Bryan Stucky,
Oak Harbor

My happy place is anywhere I can interact with people and help make their journey through life a little easier or a little happier. Sometimes, that means working with residents to help make their streets safer assisting a charity raise money for a worthy cause. Other times, it means helping families through one of the worst days of their lives—the loss of a loved one.



Kimberly Durnford,
Oak Harbor

My "Happy Place" is anywhere on the beach in the Salish Sea. I grew up canoeing around the San Juan Islands with my family, and we would camp on any little deserted beach that we would come across. This was in the 1960's and 1970's. There were more orcas at that time, and they would often come up to investigate our canoes. My dad, brother, and I loved it, but I remember my mom being terrified! After a busy career

and living in the city, my husband and I retired on Whidbey Island where I get to share my love of the ocean and beaches with my grandchildren. Total happiness!



Nolan Mailliard,
Oak Harbor

My happy place is wherever my boat is in the water, with my water dog, River! Lately, I have really enjoyed spending time on the Skagit River, fishing for some of Washington's most prized salmon. Even when the fish aren't interested in making my day, the blue/green hue of the glacier-fed water, countless views of mountains and forests, and all the animals we capture along the way who call the river home make it my (and my dog's)

happy place. There is something incredibly peaceful about drifting down the river on a foggy, brisk morning, when most people are still asleep in their beds. Catching my dinner is just a bonus!

Joyful Saying of the Week

It is not JOY that makes us grateful, it's
GRATITUDE that makes us JOYFUL.
-Anonymous

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Need a Hand?

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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 and more!

Call or text Jacob: 360-499-9157

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Retired Police Officer whose hobby is Collecting Old American Money

360-320-8544

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

CryptoQuip

answer

When a particular coniferous tree felt a freaky prickly sensation, that was pine-tingling.

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 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

WEEKLY MEETINGS

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.

No Cheating!

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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

Last week's answer

Go Figure!

answers

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