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spooktacular Langley

Come Trick or Treat
in Downtown Langley!

Saturday, October 31, 2026
2:30pm-5:00pm

- Treats from Langley Merchants
- Trunk or Treat at Langley United Methodist Church
- Cute kiddo costumes
- Pumpkins, ghosts & crows! Oh my!

Thank you Langley merchants!

21st annual whidbey weavers guild fiber arts sale

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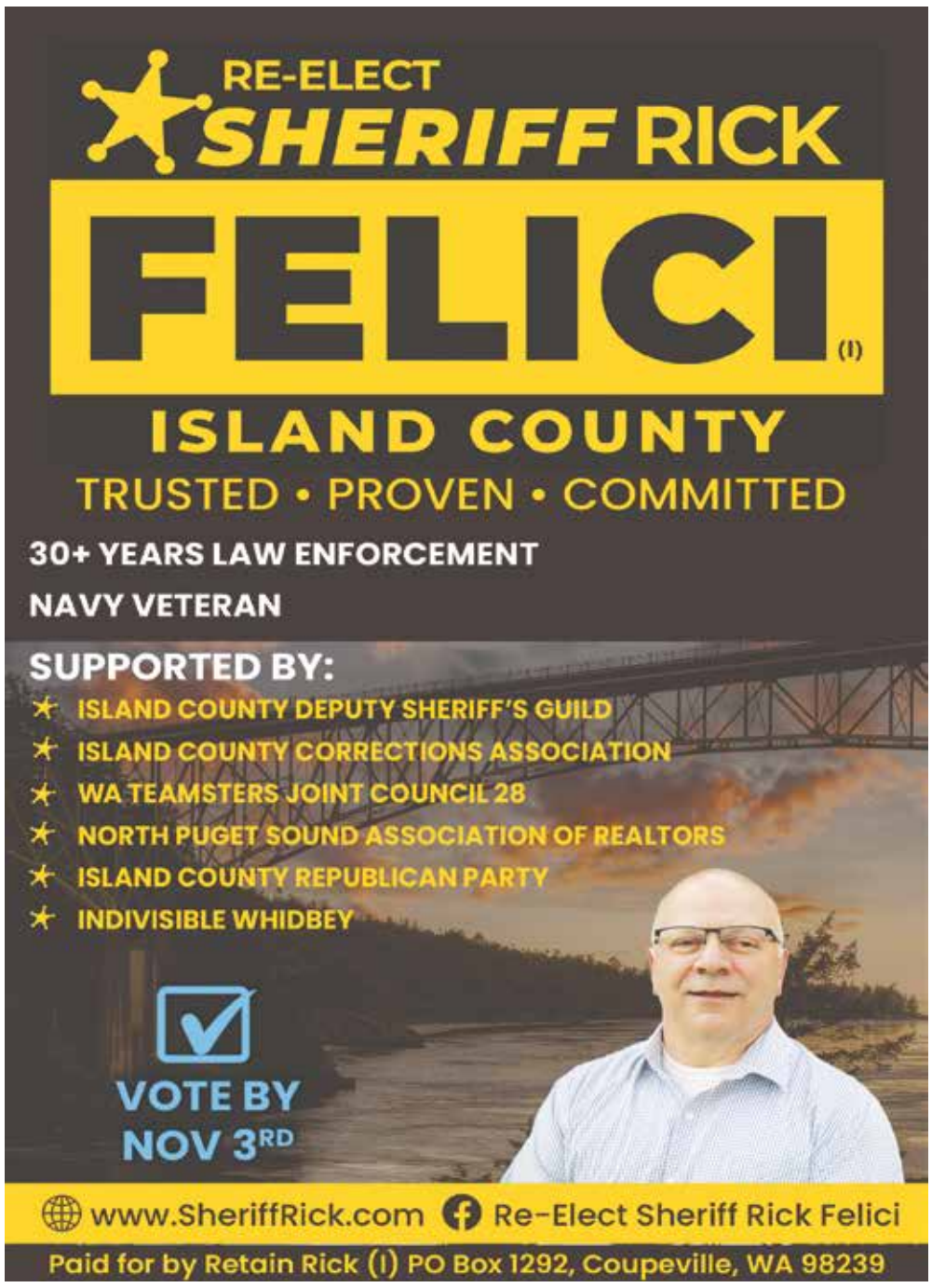





Tuesday, 09/15/26

08:22:07, East Harbor Rd.
Reporting party requests a call about a subject who showed up to work with blood on his arms.

09:36:23, Morgan Way
Reporting party advises that a neighbor's dog attacks the reporting party's parents' dog frequently. Requests a call about what to do.

10:37:22, Marine View Pl.
Reporting party advises she is locked out of her house again. Called back and advised she found the key.

10:46:47, Jones Rd.
Reporting party advises two men showed up at his door claiming to be from the FBI and looking for his wife.

11:59:58, S. East Camano Dr.
Reporting party advises that yesterday, a man drove up the reporting party's driveway, got out of the vehicle, then got back in and sped down the driveway, stating he was "calibrating his Jeep."

13:39:18, Wellswood Ln.
Reporting party advises his son left the location. His son is out on bond and is not supposed to leave the house.

14:05:43, SR20 & Arnold Rd.
Reporting party, a truck driver, advises the truck lost its load and believes it is in the road.

Wednesday, 09/16/26

08:39:42, Smugglers Cove Rd.
Deceased coyote in the center of the roadway. Poor connection.

09:07:59, Ocean View Dr.
Reporting party advises something was burning this morning at 7 a.m. when she left for work. Unknown what was being burned. Smelled like chemicals and plastic.

11:09:30, NE 6th St.
Reporting party woke up this morning to find a target sticker on the driver's side window of his truck.

12:06:15, Pilchuck Dr.
Reporting party advises a man in a purple Jeep Liberty has covered license plates on the front and back. Reporting party is a victim, and the man is not supposed to be north of King County under Department of Corrections terms.

12:17:37, Silver Lake Rd.
Reporting party states they found a stray dog in the area. The dog is now under the reporting party's vehicle and will not come out. Medium-sized white dog with no collar.

15:24:35, NW Krueger St.
Hound dog is loose, wearing a collar but no tags. Dog is friendly.

16:16:46, Oak Harbor Rd. & Schay Rd.
White man wearing a baseball cap, plaid shirt and blue jeans is on site trying to break the modem near the septic camp, close to the transfer station.

19:28:24, Parker Rd.
Reporting party states three pit bulls are running loose in the gardens. Reporting party is concerned because there is a chicken coop nearby.

21:24:18, Vista Dr.
Dog at the house across the street has been barking for several hours. Reporting party states, "It's a vacation rental/ party house." Reporting party thinks the dog has been abandoned because the house is dark.

Thursday, 09/17/26

09:42:36, NE Parker Rd.
Reporting party states a former partner showed up unannounced Tuesday morning at 08:15. No court order is in effect. Reporting party states they have not seen this person in over a year and had blocked all contact routes before their last interaction.

**The above incident reports are provided by the Island County Sheriff's Office.
The reports have not been altered or edited for content; names, street numbers, phone numbers, and other identifying information have been redacted for publication.
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BITS & PIECES

Fundraising Event Showcases When We Collaborate We All WIN

On November 21, 2026, Whidbey Island Center for the Arts (WICA) will host The Unknowns as a benefit for Whidbey Island Nourishes (WIN). The esteemed nonprofit partnership fundraiser provides a visual and auditory display of community impact and highlights the work WIN does to provide food for local youth in need. The event opens with appetizers and a social hour at 7:00 PM, followed by a concert from the award-winning contemporary band, whose music ranges from jazz to pop. Attendees are sure to be enticed by this all-female selection of performers hailing from Bellingham.

For 19 years, WIN has been working to ensure that South Whidbey youth have access to the healthy food they need to thrive. During 2026, WIN's client volume has skyrocketed—indicating the high need local youth and families are experiencing. WIN currently serves nearly 15-20% of the South Whidbey School District's youth on the weekends. This event will raise funds in support of this mission and will help close the hunger gap that exists in our community.

Partnering with WIN for this end-of-season fundraising concert is the perfect collaboration opportunity for WICA, according to WICA Executive Artistic Director Deana Duncan. "As a community hub, we are in a unique position to bring people together for these impactful, shared experiences in the arts. We firmly believe this is our role as an arts center, and we are thrilled to once again be partnering with WIN in support of their mission."

Tickets for this benefit concert are $65, and it includes appetizers from Freeland-based Biercuterie. To learn more and to purchase tickets, please visit WICAOnline.org.

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360-221-7787
PO Box 1642, Langley, WA 98260

About Whidbey Island Center for the Arts:
Established through a grassroots effort to bring arts programming to the Whidbey Island community, Whidbey Island Center for the Arts (WICA) opened its doors in 1996. As Island County's largest arts employer, WICA is a producing organization that brings local, national, and international experiences to its campus in Langley, Washington. WICA's mission is to enrich lives by creating powerful shared experiences in the arts and the organization centers its programming around five areas of concentration: music, theatre, visual art, dance, and humanities. WICA is also home to the Lasher Gallery, a community arts space that features professional and amateur artists throughout the year. To learn more about WICA, visit wicaonline.org.

Spin Cafe's Good News!

As always, Spin Cafe is busy each day with an average of 55 clients attending breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner. Many hands are at work preparing and serving meals, snacks, and beverages. We continue to be grateful for the many volunteers who bring in food, help out in person, and offer clients a supportive conversation. There is room for more volunteers to assist us with general daily tasks or to offer a special talent one may have that would benefit our clients.

We are pleased to share some very good news! Four of our hard-working clients did get jobs and one with good entrepreneurial skills received a business license to start his own company. Our staff works closely with the men and women who are progressing toward self-reliance and self-sufficiency. It's a long term process that requires patience, persistence and courage.

Our newly installed security cameras in and outside the building have made a huge difference and provide the area with protection 24/7, with monitoring between Spin Cafe and the Oak Harbor Police Department working together on a daily basis. We are committed to working with our business neighbors and the entire community to prioritize safety, preservation of properties and, at the same time, provide our clients with a safe environment and support.

We enjoy meeting many people at the Oak Harbor festivals and other outdoor activities throughout the year. .Our booth allows us to meet those from the community and get to know many, while informing the public of our mission and accomplishments at Spin Cafe. We welcome and encourage anyone to stop by. Also, Executive Director Michele Hines and Board Members attend many community meetings so we can continue to form strong bonds with organizations, churches, and businesses throughout Whidbey Island. These connections are vital to our success, sustain us and build important bridges throughout the island.

Our fundraising continues vigorously, to not only find sources of income, but also to seek out grants that would supplement our budget and goals. Currently, seventeen grants have been submitted, with four granted so far and many in process. There are varying schedules, so at times, the wait to receive decisions can vary depending on the grant. The grant amounts range from $500 to $250,000. We are competing with many others, so sometimes we aren't able to secure some of the grants for which we apply. Our Director and grant writer work diligently to seek out ways to increase our revenue; yet, we still rely on the generosity of our donors. Please consider checking out this website's section on how to donate. We appreciate any contributions you are able to provide.

As many know, we are reliant on monetary donations for food for our clients. We are currently preparing for our holiday meals offered to the community for Thanksgiving Day, November 26 and Christmas Day, December 25. We need volunteers and donations to help on those days. If you are able to do so, please email Michele Hines at spincafeoh@gmail.com. Your financial and food donations are so appreciated. With so many in our community supporting our mission, we count on your kind generosity each and every day!

HOT TIP! Look for our newly designed website COMING SOON! We invite you to check it out for all upcoming events and important information.

Announcing our Young Artists Concert on Saturday, November 7th

Back by popular demand - our Young Artists Concert! The fountain of youth is elusive, but contact with talented young people refreshes the spirits, builds a bridge to the future for our art form and gives hope and delight.

This annual recital celebrates the next generation of early music stars, offers paid professional opportunities for early career musicians, coaching and ongoing mentorship with Whidbey Island Music Festival artists.

This year's concert features 3 young artists in a program of music that takes a look at one of America's founding fathers, Ben Franklin, and his encounter with the glittering musical salons of Paris during his tenure as Ambassador in Paris. With works by Ben Franklin, Anne-Louise Boyvin d'Hardancourt Brillon de Jouy, Luigi Boccherini, Muzio Clementi, new works by Henry Lebedinsky and more. We'll also travel to the musical salon of Sara Itzig Levy in Berlin, Germany for works from the Bach circle.

Young Artists Concert
An American in Paris - a Tale of Two musical salons
Saturday, November 7 at 3pm
St. Augustine's in-the-woods
5215 S Honeymoon Bay Road, Freeland, WA
Tickets at whidbeyislandmusicfestival.org

Thank you for being a valued member of the Whidbey Island Music Festival community! We look forward to sharing the brilliant talent of these wonderful young artists.



Miao Liu is an accomplished performer on both modern and Baroque flutes and is also a passionate educator. She holds the tenured Third Flute/Piccolo position with the Billings Symphony Orchestra and has performed as guest principal flutist with the Olympia Symphony. She has appeared as a soloist with the Arizona Contemporary Music Ensemble, Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra, and University of Washington ensembles. A frequent competition winner, Ms. Liu was awarded First Prize at the 2025 Kentucky Flute Society Young Artist Competition and the 2024 National Flute Association Convention Performer Competition. Her accolades also include First Prizes at the 2019 Arizona Flute Society Collegiate Competition, the 2017 Seattle Philharmonic Don Bushell Concerto Competition, and the 2016 University of Washington Concerto Competition. In the field of early music performance, Ms. Liu has participated and performed in the Seattle Baroque Flute Summer Workshop and is a member of 'Flûtes en Bois', a unique Baroque flute ensemble that performs arrangements of music from diverse periods. She has also performed with the Seattle Bach Festival Orchestra. She studies with renowned Baroque flutist Janet See. As a passionate educator, Ms. Liu is the Artistic Director and Flute Instructor at Dolce Arts Studio and has been serving as a flute coach for the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra. She previously directed the Arizona State University Community Flute Choir, leading rehearsals and organizing performances at various venues.



Viol player **Tess Roberts** has been exploring historical instruments since childhood. A collaborator at heart, she enjoys sharing the playful nature of early musical styles with audiences and students. She has recently appeared with groups including the London Handel Festival and the Early Music Missouri. In addition to performing, she finds immense joy and meaning in creating spaces for social music making through viol consorts. Her postgraduate research at the Royal Academy of Music in London involved organizing viol playing sessions open to both students and the public. These sessions explored the value of creating social spaces where music students and amateur musicians can learn from one another in a non-performance atmosphere. While at home in Seattle, she regularly teaches with Seattle Historical Arts for Kids. Outside of music, Tess enjoys doting on her rescue horses and taking walks in the forest.

OUR MISSION
We celebrate the vibrant community sprit of Whidbey Island through the emotional power of baroque and classical music performances, forging lasting connections around shared musical discovery.



St. AUGUSTINE'S-IN-THE-WOODS
HOLIDAY MARKET
SATURDAY NOV. 14, 2026 9 AM TO 2PM
ONE-OF-A-KIND CRAFTS & GIFTS
All Proceeds Go To Local Charities
5217 S. HONEYMOON BAY RD FREELAND, WA



What's Going On?!

MARCELLUS ANDRONICUS: THE CURSE OF HOUSE ANDRONICI
Friday, Oct. 9-Sunday, Nov. 1
Whidbey Children's Theatre, Langley; Whidbey Playhouse, Oak Harbor

Island Shakespeare Festival presents Davion Tynarious Brown's "Marcellus Andronicus: The Curse of House Andronici," a new play exploring family legacy, identity and the struggle between nature and nurture. Performances take place in Langley and Oak Harbor throughout the Halloween season. Admission is pay what you will. Visit islandshakespearefest.org for performance dates, times and venues.

REGENCY HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT
Friday, Oct. 30, 3-5 p.m.
Regency Coupeville, 311 NE Third St.
Regency on Whidbey,
1040 SW Kimball Drive, Oak Harbor

Regency invites families to celebrate Halloween with trick-or-treating at its Coupeville and Oak Harbor locations. Bring the kids for treats and music by DJ Moose Moran. For more information, call (360) 279-0933.

TRUNK OR TREAT CAR MEET: WELCOME HOME SENIOR MEMORY CARE
Friday, Oct. 30, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Welcome Home Senior Memory Care, 235 SW Sixth Ave., Oak Harbor

Welcome Home Senior Memory Care invites families and community members of all ages to a Halloween trunk-or-treat celebration and car meet. Enjoy decorated vehicles, candy, costumes, refreshments and light snacks while connecting with neighbors and residents. Bring the family for an evening of festive cars, Halloween fun and community spirit.

4TH ANNUAL SWING THE GATES
Saturday, Oct. 31
East Cranberry Lake Picnic Shelter, 41229 State Route 20, Oak Harbor

Skagit Runners and the Deception Pass Park Foundation present the fourth annual Swing the Gates, featuring a 5K fun run and 10K team scavenger hunt at Deception Pass State Park. Participants are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes while enjoying outdoor recreation and community fun. Registration and event details are available at runsignup.com/Race/WA/OakHarbor/swingthegates.

SPOOKTACULAR LANGLEY
Saturday, Oct. 31, 2:30-5 p.m.
Downtown Langley

Celebrate Halloween with an afternoon of family-friendly trick-or-treating throughout downtown Langley. Local merchants will welcome costumed children and families with treats from 2:30-5 p.m. Visitors can also keep an eye out for the many whimsical crows displayed around town, created by local artists Scott Alexander and Mike McVay.

TRUNK OR TREAT AT THIRSTY CRAB BREWERY
Saturday, Oct. 31, 3-5 p.m.
Thirsty Crab Brewery, State Route 525, Clinton

Celebrate Halloween with a family-friendly trunk-or-treat hosted by the Clinton Chamber of Commerce. Enjoy decorated vehicles, candy, games, prizes and spooky music from DJ Noah. Festivities include a Best Trunk Award, a Mutt Strut at 4 p.m. and a dog costume contest. Build-A-Brät will serve food, including vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options. Visit discoverclintonwa.com for details and vehicle registration.

HALLOWEEN TRUNK & TREAT: FREELAND
Saturday, Oct. 31, 3-6 p.m.
Downtown Freeland, Harbor Avenue, Main Street and Scott Road, Freeland

Celebrate Halloween with the Freeland Chamber of Commerce's annual Trunk & Treat. Local businesses transform decorated vehicles into trick-or-treating stops, creating a safe, family-friendly afternoon for costumed kids and their families. Enjoy candy, entertainment for all ages and other Halloween surprises throughout downtown Freeland. For more information, visit freelandchamber.org.

NO TRICKS SAFE TREATS
Saturday, Oct. 31, 3:30-6:30 p.m.
Historic Downtown Oak Harbor, SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor

Celebrate Halloween with free, family-friendly trick-or-treating throughout historic downtown Oak Harbor. Downtown merchants and local businesses will hand out candy along Pioneer Way, with music, face painting, costume contests, dancing and more. Pioneer Way will be closed during the event to create a safe space for families to enjoy the festivities. For more information, visit oakharbormainstreet.org.

HALLOWEEN B MOVIES IN THE BARN: HALLOWEEN DOUBLE FEATURE
Saturday, Oct. 31, 6-10 p.m.
Greenbank Farm, Wonn Road, Greenbank

Celebrate Halloween with a double feature of classic horror films presented by the Port of Coupeville. The evening begins with George A. Romero's "Night of the Living Dead" (1968) at 6 p.m., followed by the silent vampire classic "Nosferatu" (1922) at 8 p.m. Both films screen inside Greenbank Farm's historic barn. Admission is by donation, and outside food is welcome. Visit portoc.org/events for details.

UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA
Tuesday, Nov. 3, 11 a.m.-noon
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St.

Jerri Wood, Washington state community outreach manager for the Alzheimer's Association, presents an informational session exploring the differences between Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Learn about stages, risk factors, current research, FDA-approved treatments and resources available through the Alzheimer's Association. Visit alz.org for additional information.

NAVIGATING THE HOLIDAYS
Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2-3:30 p.m.
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St.

Jerri Woods of the Alzheimer's Association shares strategies for managing holiday stress while navigating chronic illness, caregiving and family responsibilities. Participants can also join an optional workshop to begin creating personalized memory boxes that help connect with loved ones experiencing dementia. Designed for caregivers, families, friends and those living with chronic illness. Supplies, warm beverages and snacks provided.

LOCAL AUTHOR PANEL DISCUSSION: INSPIRATION, INSIGHTS, AND ADVICE
Thursday, Nov. 5, 5-7 p.m.
Langley Library, 104 Second St., Langley

Meet local authors Deb Lund, Rebecca Enzor, Ted Mulcahey, Teresa Di Biase and Vicki Robin for an evening of inspiration, insights and practical writing advice. Panelists will discuss their creative journeys, publishing experiences and tips for aspiring writers, with opportunities for questions and community connections. Part of the Whidbey Local Author 2026 Series, hosted by the Clinton, Langley and Freeland libraries. No registration required.

SIGNIFICANCE OF QWLHO7EL (CAMAS)
Friday, Nov. 6, 2-3 p.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave., Freeland

Explore the cultural significance of camas, known as Qwlho7el to the Samish people, with Sam Qol7ánten Barr, executive director of the Salish Youth Coalition. Learn about the history, cultivation and traditional importance of this native Northwest wildflower, prized for its blue-purple blooms and sweet, edible bulbs. The presentation highlights camas' role in Coast Salish culture and concludes with a question-and-answer session.

MAKE YOUR OWN ELECTRIC MOTOR
Saturday, Nov. 7, 10-11:30 a.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave., Freeland

Discover the science of magnetism and electricity in this hands-on workshop for curious kids, teens and adults. Dr. Dan Tomandl, professor emeritus of physics and astronomy at Northwest University, demonstrates how magnetic forces create motion. Participants will build a working electric motor using a magnet, wire, paper clips and a battery. A question-and-answer session follows.

GET HELP WITH YOUR MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT DECISIONS
Saturday, Nov. 7, 1-3 p.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave., Freeland

Trained SHIBA volunteers offer free, unbiased guidance on Medicare open enrollment, including changes for 2027, Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage plans, Part D prescription coverage and available plan changes. Medicare open enrollment runs Oct. 15-Dec. 7. Registration is currently full. For additional Medicare assistance, contact Island Senior Resources at (360) 321-1600.

LANGLEY FIRST SATURDAY ART WALK
Saturday, Nov. 7, 5-7 p.m.
Downtown Langley, First and Anthes streets, Langley

Explore Langley's vibrant arts community during the monthly First Saturday Art Walk. Local galleries stay open late, inviting visitors to discover new exhibitions, meet artists and enjoy an evening strolling through downtown. Participating galleries include Artworks Gallery, Lasher Gallery at WICA, Museo Gallery, Rob Schouten Gallery and Whidbey Art Gallery. The event takes place on the first Saturday of each month.

CYTHARA VIII: A MUSICAL JOURNEY ACROSS CONTINENTS AND CENTURIES
Saturday, Nov. 7, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts,
565 Camano Ave., Langley

Musicians Andre Feriante and Troy Chapman return to WICA for an exploration of more than 30 stringed instruments spanning five continents and 5,000 years of musical history. Through live performances, storytelling and demonstrations, the duo traces the evolution of the guitar and its musical ancestors, from ancient lyres and harps to modern instruments. Tickets are $30 or $45. Visit wicaonline.org or call (360) 221-8262.

STATE PARK FREE DAY: VETERANS DAY
Wednesday, Nov. 11, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Washington State Parks, including Whidbey and Camano islands

Celebrate Veterans Day with free day-use parking at Washington state parks. Visitors can explore local destinations such as Deception Pass, Fort Casey and Camano Island state parks without purchasing a Discover Pass. Enjoy hiking, wildlife watching, beachcombing and scenic views throughout the islands. The free day applies to Discover Pass requirements for day-use parking; other fees may still apply. Visit parks.wa.gov for more information.

OAK HARBOR VETERANS DAY PARADE
Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2-3 p.m.
SE Pioneer Way, Midway Boulevard to Ely Street, Oak Harbor

Honor veterans and the military community at Oak Harbor's annual Veterans Day Parade. Veterans, marching bands, community groups, floats and other participants will travel along Pioneer Way in a community tribute to those who have served. The parade begins at 2 p.m. and will take place rain or shine. For more information, visit oakharbormainstreet.org.







SURPRISE TICKET, *Serious Government*



A newspaper clipping titled "Running 'Em Ragged," pasted into Langley's council minute book beside the Jan. 6, 1920, proceedings. Original newspaper and artist unidentified.

***Credit:** Langley City Council minutes, Jan. 6, 1920, p. 147. Washington State Archives, Digital Archives.*

by Becca Sims

Langley elected women to run the town — eight months before the 19th Amendment became part of the Constitution.

In November 1919, Langley had a problem. People were dissatisfied with the town government. Getting anyone to choose its replacement was another matter. An Everett newspaper account, reprinted in the Bamberg Herald, said nobody showed up to choose candidates.

Town clerk Hugh McLeod arranged the ballots. He decided to put well-known women on one side of the ticket and well-known men on the other. The townspeople didn't find out who the candidates were until the day before the election.

On Dec. 2, 1919, Helen B. Coe won the mayor's office with 24 votes. Emma Monson, Lillian Wylie and Grace English won council seats. Monson received 24 votes; Wylie and English each received 22.

In January, Langley's government was in women's hands. Following the councilmen's departures, Margaret McLeod joined the council that month and Clara Brown in June.

The 19th Amendment would become part of the Constitution that August. Only 15 of the nation's 48 states allowed otherwise qualified women to vote in all elections. Washington was among them, though citizenship restrictions and other legal exclusions still kept many women from the ballot. Women here had gained the vote during territorial days, only to have it struck down twice. In 1910, they regained the right to vote and hold public office.

Not everyone welcomed the election result. According to the Everett newspaper account, one man considered it "a pleasant little joke which had now lost its humor." He took his complaint to the district attorney, whose only reassurance, the paper reported, was that another election was coming.

Others predicted Langley would go to the dogs — or somewhere worse. Some even threatened to move away.

The women told the Everett reporter that the outgoing council had voted away practically all the treasury money before they took charge. An anonymous longtime Langley resident likewise described empty coffers and unpaid bills in the Anacortes American in June 1920.

By then, the women were well into the work of running the town. On May 18, town minutes recorded Coe and councilwomen Grace English, Margaret McLeod and Lillian Wylie spending half a day hauling tin cans and rubbish.

The resident's June account described a government that was showing up: the previous council had gone four months without a quorum. The women, the resident reported, hadn't missed a meeting. On Tuesday nights, the library building was lit, with the mayor and council inside discussing what Langley needed.

Animals were another recurring concern, from cows and horses grazing on public streets and sidewalks to dogs whose owners owed license fees. According to the resident, the previous council had suspended dog-license collections, though many of its own members owned dogs. Under the women, everybody was expected to pay.

The resident also reported gambling being cleared out and pool halls and card tables closed on Sundays.

After four months under the women's management, the same Langley resident reported "nothing but efficiency and common sense." The critics were "mossbacks and lame ducks."

"But so far nothing serious has happened," the resident reported, "and our jail is still waiting for its first guest."

The Everett account also credited the women with nailing down sidewalk boards and voting money for the cemetery.

These women were already teaching, nursing, raising families and serving their community. Now they were running a town, too.

Coe, a former teacher, kept regular hours at Langley's public library while serving as mayor. Lillian Wylie delivered babies and cared for patients in her home. Emma Monson was a widowed mother of six, and Ethel Baker Manley, who joined the council in May 1921, taught music. On the council, Grace English handled finances and served as acting mayor. Clara Brown worked on cemetery improvements.

In her October 1921 profile for The Woman Citizen, Ruth E. Robinson recalled liking Coe from their first meeting. Coe's home deepened that impression. So did her bread and pies.

The Everett reporter also noted an absence of complaints about "socks unmended, bread baked black, food half-cooked, buttons off." Even with women running the town, housekeeping was still a measure of their success in 1920.

Contemporary accounts reported more than twice as many voters at the Dec. 7, 1920, election as the year before. The town's canvass recorded Coe's reelection with 67 votes. Monson received 65 for council; Margaret McLeod and Clara Brown each received 67.

Mary Kohlwes replaced Monson after her resignation that December.

In April 1921, the Everett Daily Herald reported the Fifth Street bridge completed for about $100. That month, council minutes recorded Wylie offering her barn for impounded cattle and the council designating the town jail as a dog pound.

For those who had predicted Langley would go to the dogs, the women had at least settled where to put them.

Over nearly two years, eight women served as Langley's mayor or council members: Helen B. Coe, Emma Monson, Lillian Wylie, Grace English, Margaret McLeod, Clara Brown, Mary Kohlwes and Ethel Baker Manley.

The all-woman council ended in January 1922, but women continued in office. Coe resigned that March, and Margaret McLeod became mayor.

In September 1922, McLeod sought better boat and ferry connections at a transportation congress in Everett. The Everett Daily Herald reported she was the only woman delegate registered.

"I have come to speak for Langley and for Whidby Island," she told the gathering.

The predicted ruin had failed to arrive. Instead, there were bridges to build, roads to maintain and bills to pay.

Being women hadn't prevented them from governing. It was what made governing a small island town, just over a hundred years ago, an extraordinary piece of history.



ESCAPE ROOMS ARE BACK FOR SPOOKY SEASON!!

A Special two weekend treat of Zombies and Mummies for our Community!

Come break-out of our TWO Escape Room pop-ups in Clinton!

Yes, "Escape Room Z" and the "The Lost Mummy" Challenges are BACK!

Entry is by donation!! We chose "pay what you can" donation Escape Rooms to fill a void in fun, interactive experiences on South Whidbey - perfect for adults, teens, families and organizations/ businesses. Yes, it's a FUN-draiser, but fun should be accessible to all!

Payment can be by cash, check, or debit/credit card when you arrive.

Reservations are required. Register your team of 2-6 people here>>

https://forms.gle/48RKxrFQRdSEZtos6

Escape rooms typically cost from $30-$50 per person; this fundraising event is "donate what you will" to support our programs and keep the lights on while giving back to our awesome community.

This fundraiser supports the non-profit Atlantis S.T.E.A.M. We offer award-winning Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics hands-on experiences for Whidbey Students.

For those of you unfamiliar with our program, our website: https://www.atlantissteam.org

And you can read a little about us here:

https://www.whidbeynewstimes.com/2024/08/20/youth-robot-club-plunges-into-cornet-bay/

Our vision and mission statement are: *We envision the next generation of students having the experience and confidence to pursue careers in S.T.E.A.M. and flourish as they respond to the challenges around them. Our mission is Making S.T.E.A.M. Education Accessible & Equitable through Engagement Opportunities, creating Curriculum, and Training.*

VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Pharmacy chain nailed for fraud

Now here's a real shocker. Typically when the VA's Office of Inspector General (VAOIG) and the DOJ have nailed criminals, it's either an individual or a handful of thieves. To learn of a major chain in the U.S. being pegged for crimes isn't something we expect.

But it has happened. A long-established pharmacy chain, with approximately 9,000 locations around the country, has been hit with a $315 million fine for fraud crimes they've committed for 13 years. They were reported by a whistleblower.

The crime: illegally filling prescriptions for opioids and other substances and then filing for payment from the VA, Medicare and other federal healthcare programs. Specifically, they were filling prescriptions that they knew "lacked a legitimate medical purpose, were not valid and/or were not issued in the usual course of professional practice." Additionally, prescriptions were filled from prescribers known to issue fraudulent prescriptions and were in dangerous combinations of other opioids.

Why did pharmacists willingly fill prescriptions they knew were suspect or dangerous or fake? Apparently it was because of corporate policy. Headquarters imposed "performance metrics" and -- in something that will send a chill down your spine -- created policies that "allegedly prevented pharmacists from warning one another about certain problematic prescribers."

Read that again: They kept pharmacists from telling their co-workers about problems with prescriptions.

From now on the chain will be required to do something they should have been doing all along. They're going to create a hotline for employees and the public to report suspected illegal dispensing of drugs, monitor patterns of prescribing opioids and watch the prescribers suspected of illegal prescribing.

So, I'm shocked, but thinking back, maybe I shouldn't be. For years I had my prescriptions filled at a location in this chain, by a great pharmacist. But I always sensed he was unhappy and under stress. One day he disappeared. Word was he went to work for a very small local pharmacy and that he was very happy there. Now I know why.

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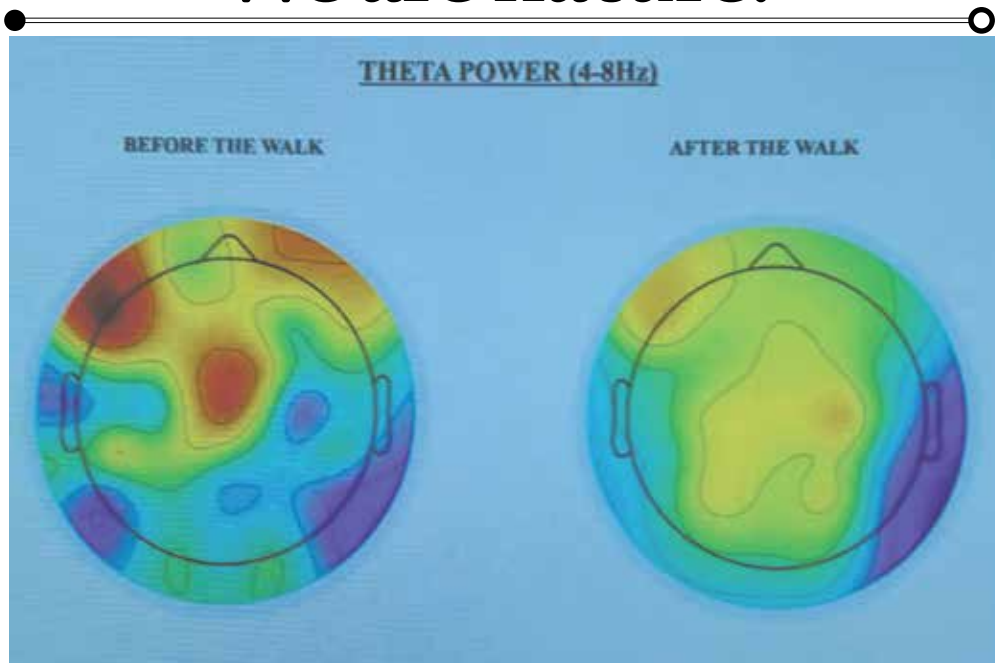


by Charles LaFond

Island Fundraiser, Potter, Author, and Essayist

The photograph above shows two different brain scans. The one on the left is the brain scan of someone who spent the day inside, and the one on the right is of someone who spent half an hour walking in a forest. The reds and oranges show stress, anxiety, and confusion.

So let's do a thought experiment. Imagine that you are living in a tent with comfortable bedding in the middle of a grocery store. People come and go, shopping and getting what they need. However, you are in your tent in aisle 4, and you have not eaten for a week. Someone might come up to you and say, "Why is it that you're living here in this grocery store with all of this food around you, and yet you are starving to death after a week without food?"

How would you answer that question? It would seem insane not to help yourself to a can of this and a bottle of that ,three or four times a day so that you stay alive. Why would you live day in and day out for a week in a grocery store and starve yourself of water and food? Why would you die of malnutrition with so much food all around you?

This is my question about Whidbey Island.

Why do so many people come here, making huge sacrifices of money and connection to be close to nature, only to spend 10 hours a day in front of lit computer and phone screens and just 30 minutes outside?

I debate lots of things, but science isn't one of them. I politely nod when someone tells me that the Earth is flat or that flu shots don't work. I politely nod when people talk about aliens and God, since I have no data on either. I care deeply about science and facts, especially in a world and culture where noise obscures the truth.

Science tells us that looking deeply into an animal's eyes can trigger oxytocin and calming effects in both the animal and the human. Science tells us that plants and trees emit chemicals into the air that wake us up, inspire creativity, and help us heal and re-regulate. Science tells us that touching and working in the soil can literally improve our bodies. And science tells us that the only thing better than walking in a forest or on a beach is walking there with someone.

I spend my days raising money to preserve space for people on Whidbey and Camano Islands to enjoy forests, pastures, farmland, and oceanside without costs. I do this because I believe strategically preserving some of these lands is a wise decision, especially when I remember that Manhattan gets its name from the native word for green hills. I also do this because stewarding the land keeps it healthy and accessible, while preserving it keeps it available to the public right here where we live.

I am confused when people call me a tree hugger. It's true that I was raised in cities. But we all have the chance to change our minds and our lives. I came to this island to breathe fresh air, walk through gorgeous lands, stroll along the ocean, and live in a small forest. But too often I am that guy on his phone and watching his tv and surfing the net on a computer rather than taking a walk in a forest or on a beach.

As a human being, one species of 300,000 years among many other older species on this planet, I'm aware every day that I'm a living organism that depends on other living organisms- is connected to them, is part of them, and they a part of me. Those living organisms and I need spaces to walk and think, and we must make time to do so.



FIREWORKS: A BANG-UP TRADITION OR MORE TROUBLE THAN ITS WORTH?



by Auston Reisman FATHER, FARMER, ARTIST, BUILDER, COMPOST CULTIVATOR

Fireworks are a big part of many celebrations. There's something exciting about watching the sky light up with colorful explosions, as long as you're not the one being chased by a runaway firework. From Whidbey Island to the Netherlands, fireworks have become a topic of debate. Concerns about health, safety, pollution, noise, and property damage have people wondering how much bing, bang, boom is too much.

On Whidbey Island, fireworks have become a growing concern. Since many counties in Washington ban consumer fireworks, some visitors come to the island to set them off. Residents are left dealing with the aftermath. Although fireworks are already restricted in some areas, enforcing these rules can be difficult with limited law enforcement. Often by the time anyone responds, the fireworks are over, and the people responsible are long gone.

Whidbey Island is not the only place wrestling with the fireworks debate. Across the ocean, the Netherlands has faced similar challenges, especially during its New Year's Eve celebrations. For decades, people celebrated with rockets, firecrackers, and other loud fireworks. The festivities began turning streets into smoky scenes that looked less like a holiday celebration and more like an action movie with a questionable special-effects budget. As concerns about injuries, property damage, and pollution grew, the country began reconsidering its approach. In 2026, the Netherlands adopted the Change of the Year Safety Act, marking a major shift in its approach to consumer fireworks. While the situations in the Netherlands and Whidbey Island differ, both highlight the challenge of balancing longstanding traditions with public safety and community well-being.

Wildfire risk is another serious concern. Dry conditions and strong winds can quickly turn a small fire into a major problem. Add fireworks to the mix, and a celebration could become an unplanned emergency. Whidbey Island's limited escape routes could also make evacuations difficult if a large wildfire breaks out. Expanding the fireworks ban across the island is one possible solution because it could clarify the rules. Other approaches could also balance public safety with personal freedom.

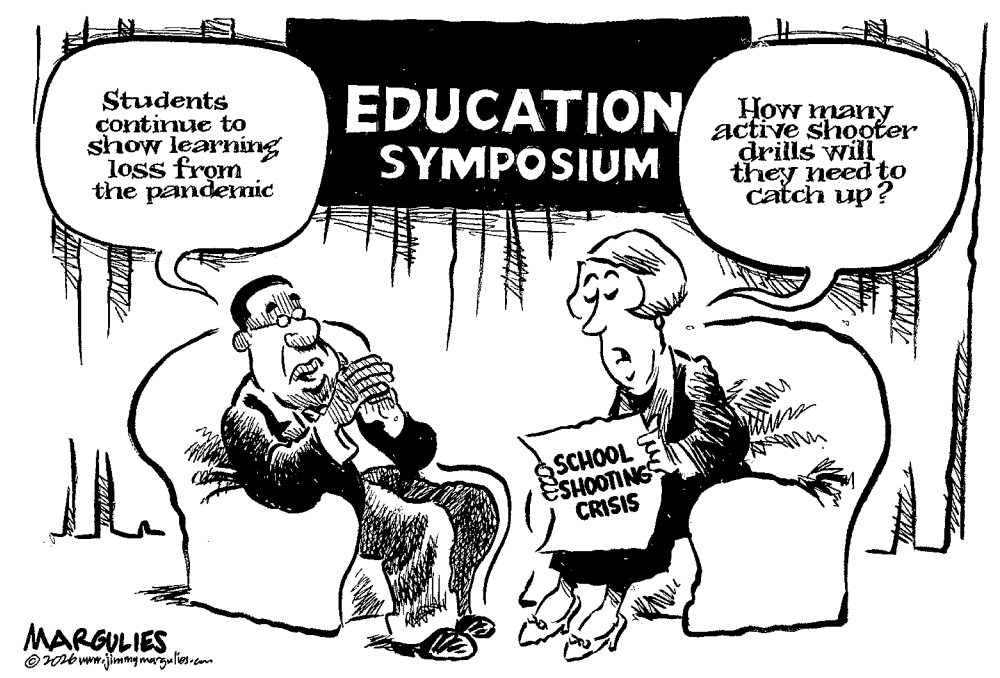
Environmental damage is another issue. Fireworks release smoke and fine particles into the air, while chemical residues and debris can end up in the soil and waterways. On Whidbey Island, where people enjoy beaches, swimming, fishing, and wildlife, keeping the environment clean matters. Nobody wants a beach visit to turn into a scavenger hunt for soggy firework wrappers. Climate change may add to these concerns, as warmer temperatures and changing weather patterns increase wildfire risk.

Noise also affects people and animals. For military veterans living with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or other trauma, sudden explosions can trigger anxiety, distress, or unwanted memories. What sounds like a celebration to one person may be frightening to someone else. Not every veteran reacts this way, but being considerate of those who do is important. Fireworks can also frighten pets, livestock, and wildlife. For some animals, the celebration is less "Happy New Year" and more "Why is the sky attacking us?"

There are financial concerns, too. Fires, injuries, and property damage can create expensive problems for homeowners and public services. Insurance costs and property values may also be affected by broader risks, although the impact varies. At the same time, fireworks remain an important tradition for many people, and restrictions can change how families and communities celebrate.

Ultimately, fireworks involve more than deciding whether people should be allowed to have fun. The discussion includes personal freedom, tradition, public safety, animal welfare, and environmental protection. Whidbey Island and the Netherlands show how communities are dealing with these competing concerns. Finding a balance means considering local conditions and the needs of residents and visitors alike. Whatever your opinion on fireworks restrictions, now is an opportunity to make your voice heard by voting. After all, a celebration should create good memories, not leave behind a smoky mess, frightened pets, or an unexpected visit from the fire department.





The Garden Bug

Watering in colder months

Receiving too little moisture during long periods in fall and winter can result in injury or death of any plants that have shallow root systems. Those affected may appear normal, and may even resume growth in the spring, but can still fail when temperatures rise. To combat this, water only when temps are above 40°F. Apply water during the midday hours, so that it will have time to soak in before any possible freezing occurs at night. – *Brenda Weaver*

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. **HISTORY:** In which year was the euro currency introduced?
2. **U.S. STATES:** Which state is the driest in the nation?
3. **ANATOMY:** A phalange refers to what in the human body?
4. **MOVIES:** Which 2012 movie has the tagline "The D is silent"?
5. **LANGUAGE:** What does it mean to anthropomorphize?
6. **TELEVISION:** What's the name of Bart's teacher on "The Simpsons"?
7. **MONEY:** Which president is pictured on the $50 U.S. bill?
8. **LITERATURE:** The characters Tweedledee and Tweedledum appear in which children's novel?
9. **MUSIC:** Who was the founder of Motown Records?
10. **GEOGRAPHY:** Where is East Timor located?

Answers

1. 1999.
2. Nevada.
3. Finger or toe.
4. "Django Unchained."
5. To give human traits to non-human things.
6. Edna Krabappel.
7. Ulysses S. Grant.
8. "Through the Looking-Glass, and What Alice Found There."
9. Berry Gordy Jr.
10. Southeast Asia, occupying half of the island of Timor.

Poetry on Whidbey

BRUISER (Left us October 6, 2026)

Bruiser you may have been a loser
where you lived on the other side.
So you looked to the west and swam your best
to Whidbey, maybe at low tide.

A young bull elk when you swam across,
you puzzled everyone,
because here - we only have deer;
we did not have elk, not one!

Those massive horns caused neighbors much trouble,
you even got tangled in clotheslines.
Then you trampled gardens and challenged some cars
and routinely destroyed some for sale signs.

A resident elk is what people said,
you became part of our life.
So a holiday now to bugle in tribute
with horns and instruments is right.

So let's all gather together next year
to bugle back to Bruiser.
On October 6 let's make our noise
us Whidbey Island tooters.

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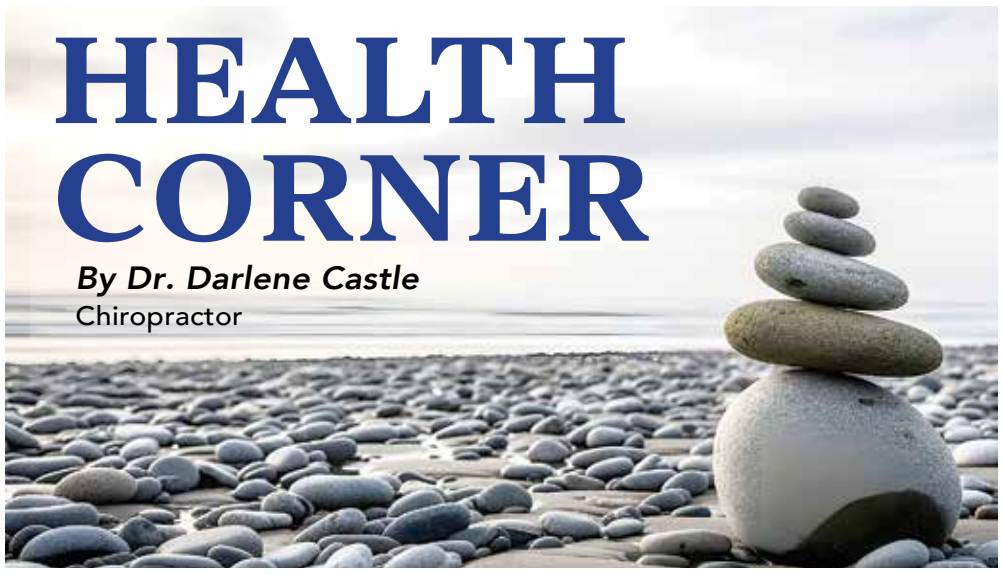

By Dr. Darlene Castle
Chiropractor

THE DEVELOPER OF CHIROPRACTIC



B.J. Palmer inherited his responsibility for Chiropractic at a very early age. Born in 1882, he was only 13 years old when his father, D.D. Palmer discovered Chiropractic in 1895. As stated in a previous article, B.J. strongly opposed his father's attempt to keep the health practice a family secret. His arguments were long and loud and ultimately led to D.D.'s opening The School of Chiropractic in 1897.

B.J. would have been 15 years old at the time. Opinionated young man, wasn't he?

That didn't change much over the years; by the time he was 25 years old he was president of the school, expanding it from a couple of small rooms to three large buildings on Brady Street in Davenport, Iowa.

There are many anecdotes surrounding this bigger-than-life personality. To illustrate his opinion that people shouldn't be forced to wear tight business suits to work in, he attended a very formal event at the upscale Blackhawk Hotel in Davenport, Iowa dressed in tuxedo, tie, top hat...and completely barefoot.

B.J. thought any advertising was good advertising and he lived that principle. His attitude was "I don't care what you call me, just call me."

Chiropractic was very fortunate to have such a warrior. In the early 1900s there were no accredited schools for Chiropractic students to attend. Upon graduating, these new doctors opened practices and were often jailed for "practicing medicine without a license."

Instead of backing away from those occurrences, B.J. funded their defense and placed endless articles in newspapers extolling the virtues of Chiropractic. By keeping Chiropractic in front of the public, he added to its credibility, enticing patients to his clinic and students to his school.

B.J. was excited about new technology and there was a lot being developed during that time. A mere 15 years after x-rays were discovered, he introduced the first x-ray machine into the curriculum in 1910. The spine could finally be seen not just felt.

In 1935 he developed the first electronic instrument to monitor brain waves conducted throughout the nerve system. He called it the electroencephaloneuromentipograph. The instrument was later modified to become the electroencephalogram, or EEG used today, to record the electrical activity of the brain.

B.J.'s pioneering didn't stop at health care. He purchased and operated his own radio broadcasting station in Davenport, Iowa in 1919. The station's call letters, WOC, stood for the Wonders of Chiropractic and the first broadcasts featured lectures about Chiropractic and educated listeners about how their bodies worked. In 1932 he purchased and operated a second radio station in Des Moines with call letters WHO, which stood for With Hands Only. A 21-year old Ronald Reagan was hired and worked at both radio stations.

Those early 1900s teemed with discoveries and innovations. Luckily Chiropractic was among them.

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.

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BRING OUT THE BEST

* Too old for Halloween? *

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

I remember when Halloween was just for kids. Back then the long-anticipated holiday meant homemade or plastic-mask costumes, walking the neighborhood in the dark with friends (parents and other adults were strictly treat-givers), heavy pillowcases or grocery bags full of candy (the only time it was OK to take candy from strangers) and school costume parades.



Over the years adults have largely transformed it into a mainstream, grown-up tradition. Perhaps it has to do with allowing adults to combine play, nostalgia, and a low-stress break from daily routines, with over 70% of adults now participating in the holiday. Beyond that, Halloween is a very social holiday. It gives kids of all ages a chance to get together, not only with family and friends but with strangers too, for fun and frolic. And it's one of the few times in life where you actually get something nice for free, just for asking. What's not to like?

I'll never be too old for Halloween; it's still my favorite holiday. Others rank it highly as well with a recent survey showing 53% of American adults reporting it's one of their favorite holidays, up from 47% last year.

While the days of trick-or-treating ended in my early teens I've been able to enjoy it through my children, grandchildren (still) and all the neighborhood kids. We lived by the Oak Harbor High School for 25 years and had a blast decorating and blasting spooky sounds; we even had trick-or-treaters doing the time warp in our driveway. All that ended when we moved to a quiet little loop just south of Oak Harbor a few years ago and have just a handful Halloween visitors. Still, being young-at-heart, I continue to do it up; matters not how many stop by. And those few get a mighty special bag of goodies!

So I was tickled when members of our water association gathered for the annual meeting late October last year and found a home full of some delightfully creepy and cute Halloween décor. At some point, we got a bit noisy and suddenly heard a howling dog. Turned out it was the large sound-activated skeleton dog behind me, LOL. The owner was kind enough to send me these pictures to share.



Fun has no age limit, and neither does Halloween; its fun and creative expression are open to everyone regardless of how many candles are on your birthday cake. You can costume at any age. Throw a Halloween party. Run a spooky movie marathon. Brew up some Hallo-wine tasting. Play "Name That Halloween Tune." Have a pumpkin-carving contest. Or just do it up inside and/or outside your home like my neighbor. I've seen friends turn their living space into a cozy autumn retreat while others have created a full-blown haunted manor using clever lighting, candles, and soundscapes.

Halloween arrives with crisp autumn air, glowing carved pumpkins, and an unmistakable urge to share in the mystery and mischief of the season. Therefore, to all you fellow Fright Night Enthusiasts, however you choose to celebrate: may your pumpkins be bright, your candy sweet and your cider tart…or sweet, if you prefer. Halloween is flexible like that.

What are your Halloween memories Dear Reader? And do you still celebrate it? Please share at joanna2026@yahoo.com

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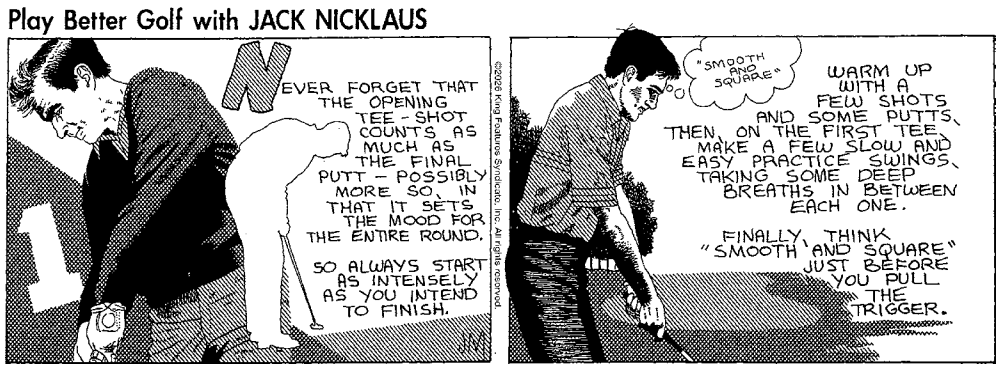

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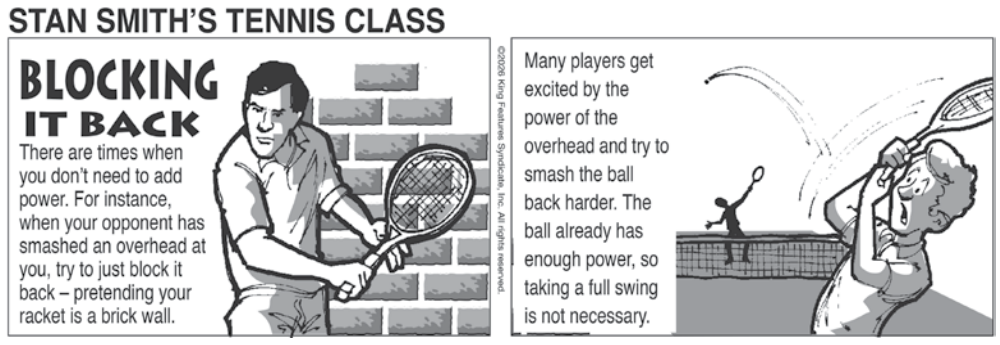

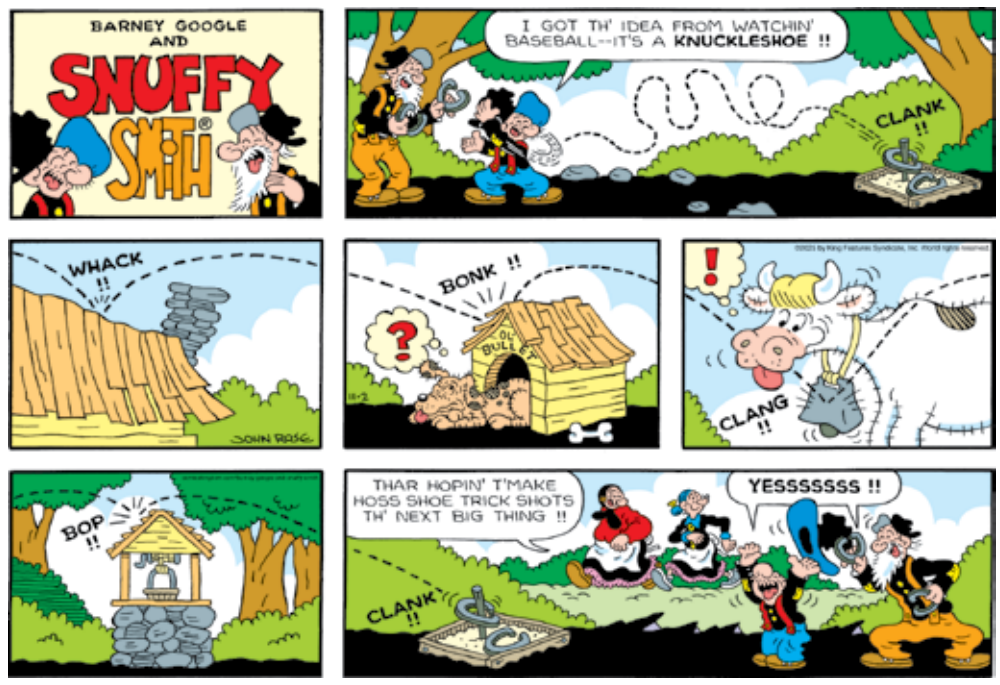



Astrology for October 30-November 5 2026

Mercury retrograde in Scorpio Square Mars in Leo 17°

On **October 30**, Venus retrograde in Libra trines the North Node in Aquarius at 27°. This is a supportive aspect and adds some ease to the ongoing review in relationship patterns, values, and finances. Although retrograde, Venus is back in its home sign of Libra where it can fair well with conversations and social graces. As it aspects the North Node, something opens. An opportunity, a new perspective, a game changing come up. The ease, the opening, the whisper is pointing toward the future, toward change and innovation. Venus is separating from its recent opposition to Chiron retrograde in Aries that was exact on October 28, pointing to next steps after recent standoffs in relationships and sense of self. (This opposition stays in affect through the entire month of November.) What brings balance? Who or what brings peace? Where do you go to exhale? Why? These outlets may be utilized today to keep us calm on the tightrope, as the next and same-day aspect will likely be confrontational.

On **October 30**, Mercury retrograde in Scorpio squares Mars in Leo at 17°. Challenging conversations can surprise the room and get the table flipped. This can manifest as impulsive thinking that leads to impulsive action. Words that can't be taken back. Tempers are easily ignited by emotional or long-repressed words. Mercury is retrograde, so it's safe to say that whatever is discussed is not a new topic and will likely continue to be hashed out in different forms until mid November. Pump the brakes. If important conversations are happening, consider if you or the other parties are even present enough to engage. If a confrontation erupts, how can you remove the illusory sense of urgency? Let people that want to cause a scene show their ass. If its you who has a bone to pick, just remember that Mercury retrograde transits will always favor the tortoise over the hare. We are accident prone and miscommunications are likely. Take a beat. Observe. Keep the receipt.

On **November 4**, Venus retrograde in Libra sextiles Jupiter in Leo at 24°. This is a lovely transit! The two benefic planets in a supportive aspect to each other creates connection, social opportunities and a vibe ripe for romantic exchanges. Things that feel good on their own feel really good under this sky. This would be the thing to watch - overindulgence, hedonism, gluttony, etc. Too much of a good thing can quickly become not a good thing, and it's very easy to do with a sky like this. If there is a night to go out this week, it would be this one, however Jupiter is applying a conjunction with the South Node (active now through most of November) and so of course, there is a caveat. Jupiter/South Node expands engagement with or the awareness of the past, the 'good-old-days'. It can highlight earlier versions of engaging with pleasure, indulgence, and social time - things that feel good because they are familiar. Venus, while in good standing in Libra, is still retrograde, further emphasizing a review of how we participate in fun and good times. A good time may be had, and memories made, but there will be something underneath it all that doesn't feel quite right. What party patterns from the past are needing to evolve? What old way of socializing is not longer fulfilling? What friend groups or social environments do spark excitement? What feels outdated or tired? What do you really crave? Venus retrograde homework! This is a great day for active field research to zero in on answers to these questions. AKA go to the function, do the things, take notes, and then take an Uber home.

Also on **November 4**, Mercury retrograde meets the Sun in Scorpio at 12°. The Sun shines its incredibly bright and potent spotlight on Mercury, the planet of communication, information and exchanges. Because Mercury is retrograde in the sign of Scorpio, something from the past is illuminated - a conversation, a memory, an old way of thinking, friends or emotional attachments from earlier timelines - something is highlighted today for reflection. How do you feel about that argument? A decision you made? A stance you took? The bridge you burned? As Scorpio is a fixed sign, where is there resistance to reflection? The areas of life that are difficult to access, the taboo, the private, the deep feels that are triple padlocked from the outside world? There is a spotlight on this stubborn hold. Today uncovers information from the past that prompts analysis of our psychological layers. Where do we hold a tight grip on a tender feeling yet present with apathy?

On **November 5**, Juno conjuncts Pluto in Aquarius at 3°. When Juno, the asteroid of marriage, partnership, contracts, agreements meets with Pluto the planet of evolution, death and rebirth, a transformation is underway in the realm of commitments. This meetup occurring during the Venus retrograde cycle further emphasizes the review of vows, values, and the ways we operate in relationships. In the sign of Aquarius, the sign of innovation, freedom and rebellion, and during a Mercury retrograde, contract terms are going to need to be tweaked. Renegotiation of agreements that allow for experimentation, unconventional options, and a lot more space are favored. Stronger bonds are possible and available to those that are able to flow with the changes. Those that fear loss and resort to manipulative tactics will only push partners away and self-fulfill their prophecy. Outside of formal committed partnerships, these energies apply to work contracts and any commitments within oneself that need to evolve. Hmm. Yet another transit encouraging that we reflect and release the past. What is something you truly desire to commit to? The next evolution begins very soon. Pack light.

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October 30th – November 5th : the Seven of Pentacles.

This week feels like a welcome, if unexpected, slowdown, offering an opportunity to breathe deeply and take stock of recent woes or upheavals with which you felt unable to avoid contending. There is a sense of peace here, but first you're most likely to lament, lick your wounds, and take a little time to decompress from the tense crisis mode of late, none of which are personal failings; just be sure not to linger too long over your sorrows.

Although you may not yet realize, the rocky terrain of tumultuous hills are behind you, and your growth, harvest, and abundance are evident at your feet. Your work, dedication, and even torturous patience are paying off. You can finally see the fruits of your efforts ripening on the vine. However, the bubbly perception of impending celebration has not yet landed within you, as you seem momentarily locked in wondering if this bounty is real or a cruel mirage; has it finally come to yield after so many false starts; was it worth all the energy expended upon the project? All valid questions, and yet, the crop you've born waits for only a little while.

And even if it were just a mirage, would potentially appearing foolish to reach for what you've worked for, what you've hoped for, what you've earned, what you're worth, be worse than letting the fruits of your labor wither on the vine?

Give it a soft nudge or reach hungrily for the produce, proving to yourself it's tangible this time, but wait no longer in ponderance for there's time yet for another sowing before the wheel turns again.

But the sky darkens swiftly, the mists gathering around you, making it way too easy to stick to doldrums as you've felt blue for time too long. Let not the ease of humbug capture you any longer, as though there is evidence of produce and time yet for another success, it is your doubt and self-pity that must be overcame to reach those higher branches of sweetness.

Fight for the joy, love. It's always worth the effort. ~Xo, Tiffany

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Something you've pushed aside may return to demand your attention. It might be an old promise, a lingering regret or a truth you've avoided. Face it now. Even ghosts eventually need to be dealt with.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Not everyone around you is showing their whole hand. Watch what people do, not just what they say. Your instincts may be picking up on something subtle, but let the facts reveal what's really there.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
A coincidence may feel unusually meaningful this week. Whether it's fate or simply your mind making connections, pause long enough to consider the message you're taking from it. Sometimes the mystery is what you discover about yourself.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Old family stories, familiar habits or memories may carry more weight than usual. Consider what you've inherited emotionally, not just materially. You can honor where you came from without repeating every pattern.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
The traits you dislike in yourself don't disappear just because you ignore them. Jealousy, pride or fear may be trying to tell you something. Look honestly into the shadows; what you understand has less power to control you.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Your everyday habits have more influence over your life than any dramatic revelation. Clear away what has become stale, create a little order and protect a quiet moment for yourself. Even the smallest ritual can mark a meaningful change.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
You may find yourself wondering what someone really thinks or what might have happened if you'd chosen differently. Don't get lost in imaginary versions of reality. The life in front of you still holds unanswered possibilities.

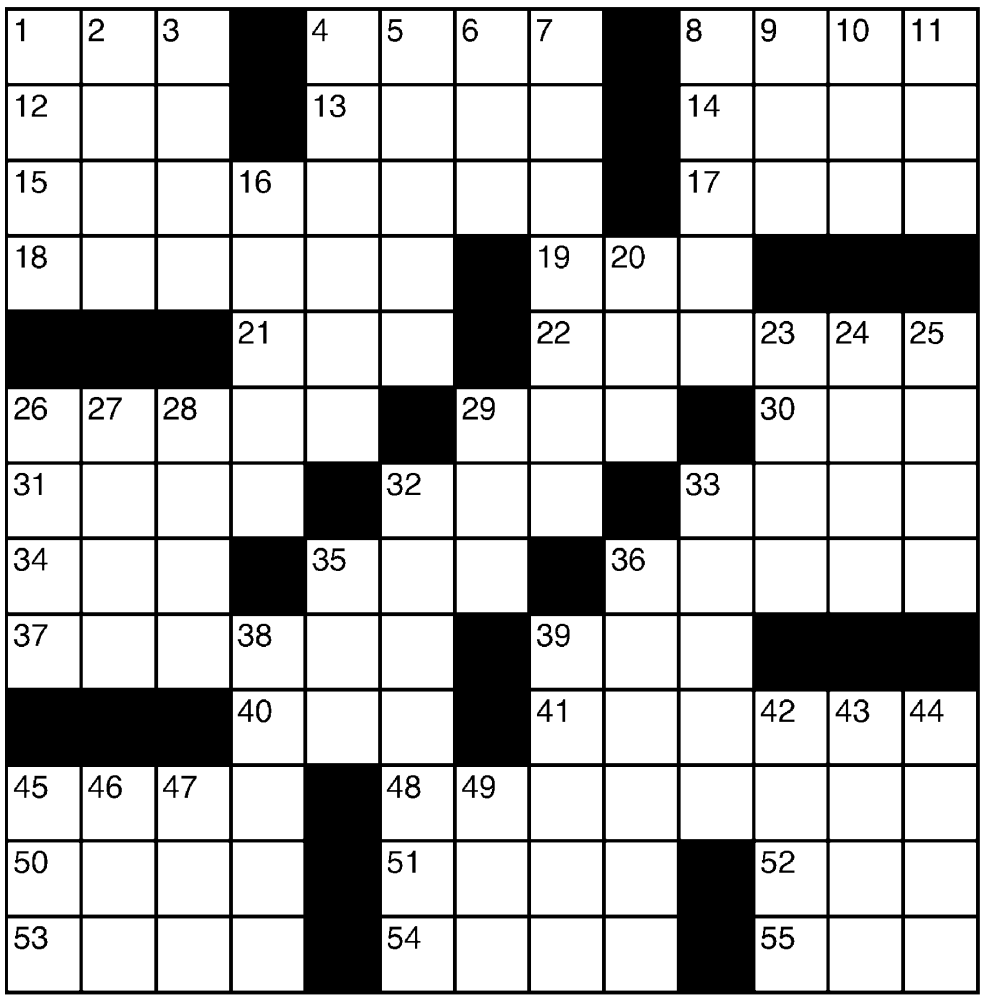
SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Curiosity could draw you toward a subject, secret or conversation you've avoided. Look closer, but know your limits. Not every locked door needs to be opened, and not every truth arrives without consequences.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
An unexpected detour may change your plans or introduce you to an intriguing idea. Don't assume every disruption is a warning. Sometimes the unfamiliar path is simply the one you needed to take.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
You can't plan away every uncertainty, no matter how carefully you prepare. Leave room for the unpredictable. The real trap isn't bad luck; it's letting the fear of it dictate every move you make.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
A dream, an old photograph or a forgotten conversation may stir an unexpected thought. You don't need to treat it as prophecy to find meaning in it. Pay attention to what rises to the surface.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
You're caught between what you know and what you feel, and the difference may be unsettling. Give your intuition a hearing, but don't mistake every fear for a premonition. Mystery is worth exploring; clarity is worth keeping.



CLUES ACROSS

1 Personal
4 Poi base
8 Fraud
12 Romance
13 -- incline (tilted)
14 Unruly groups
15 Message from an admirer
17 Border on
18 On an angle
19 Vinyl records
21 Before
22 "Darn it!"
26 Scrabble pieces
29 Movie format
30 "Little piggie"
31 Rd. crossers
32 Grant's foe
33 1982 sci-fi film
34 "The Newsroom" actor Patel
35 Farm grazer
36 Resided
37 "I, Robot" author
39 Lanka lead-in
40 Storm center
41 Sculpted trunks
45 Sagan or Sandburg
48 Romantic Ella Fitzgerald song
50 Squad
51 -- Stanley Gardner
52 PC linking system
53 Short cuts
54 Snitched
55 Vintage

CLUES DOWN

1 They give a hoot
2 Scarf material
3 De -- (from the start)
4 Printer refills
5 Battery part
6 Squealer
7 Bob Marley hit song
8 Big hit
9 Corn core
10 -- Dhabi
11 Rockies hrs.
16 Tools for duels
20 Third degree?
23 To be, in Tours
24 "Neato!"
25 Superman's alias
26 "There!"
27 Currier's partner
28 Jeans maker Strauss
29 Morning moisture
32 Mini-shutout at Wimbledon
33 Spin
35 Demure
36 Buzzed
38 Thaws
39 Unmoving
42 Aviator's milestone
43 Track shape
44 Email command
45 Young lion
46 Year in Spain
47 Chest bone
49 Granada gold

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

SMFXKQYKRR MR YNA G
FIPIQH UIA G YKJKRRMAH
NW ATK TILGY RBMQMA.
— KXSGQX GUUKH



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What has been your most interesting and fun Halloween?



Joey R.,
Oak Harbor

My favorite Halloween is definitely this year! I've already done so many fun and scary things. I went to haunted attractions in Anacortes, Fort Casey, a scary boat tour, and the Roller Barn. Some parts were really scary, but I had so much fun!

For Halloween, I'm dressing up as an inflatable potty popper! I think it's hilarious, and I can't wait to see everyone laugh when they see me. Hopefully, I don't fall over while walking!

I'm also excited because I finally have friends to go trick-or-treating with in my Fireside neighborhood. We are going to collect tons of candy, check out spooky decorations, and probably scare each other.

This is going to be my best Halloween ever because of all the fun adventures and memories with my family.



Charleigh C.,
Oak Harbor

My most memorable Halloween was a few years ago with a new found friend. We really wanted a duo costume, but we had too many ideas like traffic cones, M&Ms, pirates, vampires, and more. So we wrote every idea on paper and threw them in a bowl. Then we picked them out one by one and read off which ones we weren't going to be. It was so fun, felt like a game. Finally there was one paper left in the bowl. It said cowgirls. We were so happy with this one because we already had most of what we needed. It was nice how the night just blended together and came out so well. Nothing about it was stressful, it was all fun. It was a perfect bonus that we ended up with the easy costumes and lots of candy.



Victoria R.,
Oak Harbor

The most interesting and fun Halloween I've ever had in oak harbor would be last year Halloween when I was with my friend all night and we were trick or treating in my neighborhood until like around 1am and all the teenagers were out and there was this guy with a fake chainsaw and he started chasing us with it, and we were running away so fast and laughing at the same time it was so exhausting but so fun and than for the rest of the night we were scared someone was gonna come out of nowhere

"Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day."
-H. Nouwen

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

	Fri, Oct 30	Sat, Oct 31	Sun, Nov 1	Mon, Nov 2	Tues, Nov 3	Wed, Nov 4	Thurs, Nov 5
North Isle	H-51° L-39° 10%	H-53° L-39° 15%	H-53° L-41° 10%	H-53° L-43° 45%	H-56° L-44° 10%	H-55° L-44° 10%	H-54° L-48° 25%
South Isle	H-51° L-42° 10%	H-51° L-42° 15%	H-51° L-43° 10%	H-52° L-44° 45%	H-54° L-46° 10%	H-53° L-46° 10%	H-53° L-49° 15%

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PUBLIC BOARD

BARN SALE

Barn Sale This Weekend and every weekend at Salmagundi Farms

19162 SR 20 3 miles South of the Coupeville overpass on Hwy 20
9am to 4pm

Vintage fishing gear, boating and marine items, vintage paper ephemera, Artworks, Vintage furniture and decor.

Something for everyone. Welcome Friends!

WE BUY SELL &TRADE VINTAGE AND ANTIQUE ITEMS

360-678-5888

WORK FOR STUDENTS

Work available, ideal for students. Part-time casual laborer as landscapers and more. Paid daily. 8-hour workday. 1 hour lunch.
Immediate opening for two people. Must have a cell phone and transportation.
Any question or further information call
Jim at (360) 730-1526.

NEED HELP?

Need a Hand?

I'm Happy to Help.

Got a project you've been needing to finish?.
Yard work, house work, help with chores and **more**!
Call or text Jacob: 360-499-9157

IN SEARCH OF

Collecting Old American Money
Retired Police Officer whose hobby is Collecting Old American Money
360-320-8544

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

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

EVENTS

Meet Me @ The Museum – Join fellow caregivers and care receivers for lunch and time at the PNW Naval Air Museum on Nov. 12 at 11 a.m. Cost: $6. Bring lunch; coffee and water provided. RSVP: bit.ly/momentia-museum. Questions: momentia@oakharborfumc.org. Hosted by Whidbey Island Momentia and Island Senior Resources.

Gingerbread House Giveaway! – Nov. 28, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Pick up a free gingerbread house kit from Friends of Coupeville Library and browse books and holiday gifts available by donation. Return completed houses to the library by Dec. 18 to enter the contest. Funds support Coupeville Library.

Whidbey Golf Club Holiday Market Bazaar – Saturday, Nov. 7. Shop local vendors and find unique gifts. WGC members: 10–11 a.m. Public: 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Kick off the holiday shopping season with festive fun!

BURIAL PLOTS FOR SALE

Three adjoining burial plots for sale at Historic Sunnyside Cemetery in Coupeville. Please call Mike for more details at: 360-929-1509.

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

MONTHLY MEETING

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

RESOURCES

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

Mother Mentors
360-321-1484 · info@whidbeymothermentors.org
Carregiving mentoring and play support, mothermentors.org

I Support the Girls
360-678-2090 · isupportthegirls.org/affiliates/whidbey-island
Essential health and hygiene items for women and girls.

Island Senior Resources
360-321-1600
14594 SR 525, Langley
Multiple 50+ programs and services.
Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
senior-resources.org

Pamoja Place pamojaplace.org
721 Camano Ave, Langley
Safe space for BIPOC people and allies to connect, collaborate, and celebrate.

Veterans Resource Center
360-331-2496
723 Camano Ave, Langley
Events, Support, and Benefits help
Monday 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tues - Thurs 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday by Appointment.
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

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Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit.
— Edward Abbey

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+

No Cheating!

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