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Caption: The Whidby Island Turkey Growers Protective Association offered $1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of turkey thieves in 1945.

Credit: Island County Times, Nov. 15, 1945, p. 4, via Newspapers.com.

By Rebecca Sims-Howard

Looking for a Thanksgiving story, I got curious about how the fine folks on Whidbey had celebrated over the years. I found recipes, suggestions, and plenty of opinions spread across decades of old newspapers. Then I searched for "turkey," because, well, Thanksgiving.

That one search opened up a whole chapter of Whidbey history I hadn't known about. There was an entire turkey industry here. There was also Herman Wanamaker, whose Thanksgiving dinner came a little early in 1928.

As the paper told it, an owl had been getting into Herman's chickens, and he'd already spent a couple of nights waiting for it. On the third night, he spotted an unusually large bird in a tree overlooking the chicken yard. He took his shot. When he went to pick up the bird, there was his own Thanksgiving turkey. The Island County Times ran the story the day after Thanksgiving under the headline "Premature Celebration."

A Christmas story from 1941 reported that someone had stolen three of Albert Hoffman's turkeys. One had already been plucked and dressed. The paper figured the thief had waited for somebody else to do the work.

And then there was the $1,000 reward.

In November 1945, the Whidby Island Turkey Growers Protective Association offered $1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of turkey thieves. I'd expected to find recipes. Now I wanted to know just how many turkeys people were raising on Whidbey.

A notice from 1936 about a tour of four north-island turkey ranches came up next. That Thanksgiving season, the cooperative plant in Oak Harbor shipped more than 14,000 turkeys. More than 3,500 came through in one day.

Those numbers were easier to picture once I discovered an item in the Crescent Harbor news. In 1940, the Arthur Case household had 15 people picking feathers for the Christmas trade. Fifteen people, at one place. In 1944, the U.S. Employment Service recruited women in Anacortes to pick turkeys in Oak Harbor for the armed forces. There was a bus, and they'd get paid for the ride.

From there I followed the birds to the dock. In December 1941, a reporter found cooperative manager Lyle Muzzall at the end of it, among boxes of dressed turkeys. I was surprised to find that Whidbey turkeys were going to Alaska, Hawaii, Panama, New York and Philadelphia. He expected the plant to handle about 60,000 birds that business year, most of them raised on the island. About a third were for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's trade.

Keeping a flock healthy until shipping day was another matter. In 1943, Paul Fakkema reported losing 80 turkeys in what appeared to be a dog attack. What surprised me was what Fakkema said about the survivors. Even a small noise could send them flying, and the bruises they picked up brought down their price at market. I'd have thought you could count your losses once the dog was gone. Fakkema was still counting.

Wait. Oak Harbor had a Turkey Festival? I came across a program for Oak Harbor's first Turkey Festival, held July 2 and 3, 1948. The Chamber of Commerce got the planning started, and the festival shared the weekend with a Whidbey Island centennial marking Thomas Glasgow's 1848 settlement. There were three parades on the schedule, along with baseball, horse races and the finish of an outboard motorboat race from Seattle. I'd gone looking for Thanksgiving and somehow landed in the middle of the Fourth of July weekend.

The paper estimated that Saturday's grand parade stretched two miles. In Friday's children's parade, two kids dressed as pilgrims led a live turkey. Margaret Ann Hurt, 16, won the crown with 904 one-dollar tickets credited to her. Mayor George R. Heap handed her a gold key to the city. The band at her coronation was Chuck Thomas' Turkey Trotters. A photograph of Margaret Ann and her three princesses posing with live turkeys made the front page.

For lunch, there were cold turkey sandwiches.

How long did Oak Harbor keep it up? The second festival took place in August 1949, with Wanda LaCrosse as queen and spectators watching from sidewalks, windows and rooftops. The Anacortes Kiwanis float took first prize.

The festival association still had printing and entertainment bills to pay, and in March 1950 it gave a third festival the go-ahead. I was looking for what happened to that festival when I found the association in an actual courtroom in Coupeville. Over hats.

A seller wanted $500 for a shipment the association had refused. Festival chairman Carl Love testified that he'd asked about green hats and wanted more information about sizes and quantities. When he got no reply, he sent a cancellation. The hats shipped anyway. In July, Judge Charles R. Denney ruled for the association. The seller hadn't established there was a purchase contract. So I know who won the hat case. By August 1951, the Oak Harbor News was already writing about the Turkey Festival as something people missed. I'm still looking for what happened to that third festival.

That one search for "turkey" took me back to before there was a bridge at Deception Pass. Oak Harbor's cooperative plant hosted a turkey-dressing demonstration in 1934, the year before the bridge opened. Whidbey's growers kept at it through a world war, a disease outbreak, dogs in the flocks and turkey thieves. The Shermans near Coupeville sold their last flock in 1975.

A 1969 profile reported that the family was marketing about 100,000 birds a year. The Shermans put marbles in the water pans to catch the young birds' attention. Somebody had to check on them every hour so they wouldn't pile into corners or wander away from the heaters.

I went looking for Thanksgiving recipes and traditions. I stumbled across a whole industry that gave Oak Harbor a festival and kept going for more than 40 years.

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Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra invites families and music lovers of all ages to a delightful day of music, merriment and holiday spirit at "A Very Merry Whidbey Christmas" on Saturday, December 12 at Coupeville High School



Festivities begin at 1:00 p.m. with the orchestra's popular and engaging Instrument Petting Zoo, where attendees can see, hear, and try out a variety of orchestral instruments. Musicians from the Saratoga Orchestra will be on hand to demonstrate instruments and offer a fun, hands-on experience for both the young and the young-at-heart.

At 2:30 p.m., the orchestra will present a program of traditional Holiday Classics and Christmas songs from popular movies. Continuing its commitment to collaborate with local Whidbey artists, the popular indie-folk duo of Handsome & Gretyl will join the orchestra in arrangement of their original works plus seasonal treasurers.

Earlier in the day, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the orchestra will host a special sensory-friendly dress rehearsal designed to welcome neurodivergent individuals and provide a comfortable, inclusive musical experience.

Tickets for the 2:30pm concert is a $30 suggested donation with a "Pay What You Wish" option also available. Students 17 and under receive complimentary admission.

More information and online tickets at www.sowhidbey.com

The program is sponsored in part by Coupeville Festival Association and Front Street Realty with Whidbey Island Music Academy Collective sponsoring the Instrument Petting Zoo.

Knights of Columbus Council Delivers Coats and Matching Funds to Whidbey Island Women's Clinic



The Knights of Columbus John E. O'Brien Council #3361 recently delivered tangible support to local women and families through a focused donation of clothing and funds to the Whidbey Island Women's Clinic.

Council members presented one case of women's coats and two cases of children's coats to the clinic. The donation addresses an immediate need for warm clothing as colder weather settles over the island. In addition to the coats, the council contributed $500 through the Knights of Columbus ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program. The Supreme Council will match the local contribution, bringing the total financial support to $1,500.

ASAP is a national Knights of Columbus initiative that supports pregnancy resource centers and related organizations providing practical help to women facing pregnancy and parenting challenges. The matched funds can support a range of services, including food assistance, clothing, ultrasound services, STI testing, and other supports that help women of all ages make informed decisions and care for themselves and their children.

Local Knights emphasized that the effort reflects the organization's longstanding commitment to charity, one of the order's core principles. By combining practical items with flexible financial support, the council aims to meet both immediate physical needs and ongoing service gaps at the clinic.

The Whidbey Island Women's Clinic serves women across the island and surrounding communities, offering medical and supportive services in a setting focused on women's health and family well-being. Clinic officials noted that donations of seasonal clothing are especially welcome heading into winter, while unrestricted funds allow staff to respond quickly to client needs that vary month to month.

Council leaders said the project grew out of ongoing conversations with local service providers about practical ways the Knights could help. Members collected the coats through council efforts and coordinated the financial gift to maximize impact through the national matching program. The result is a straightforward, community-based response that puts resources directly into the hands of an organization serving local women and children.

The Knights of Columbus, founded in 1882, is a Catholic fraternal organization active in charitable work, community service, and family support. Local councils such as John E. O'Brien Council #3361 operate under the principle of serving their neighbors while strengthening parish and community life. On Whidbey Island, the council has supported a variety of parish, youth, and charitable initiatives over the years.

Clinic representatives expressed appreciation for the timely arrival of both the coats and the matched funds. They noted that such partnerships with community groups allow them to stretch limited resources further and maintain services that many clients rely upon.

For the Knights involved, the donation represents more than a one-time gift. It continues a pattern of identifying concrete needs in the local community and responding with both material goods and financial support that can be used immediately. The combination of warm clothing and flexible funding is expected to benefit women and children who turn to the clinic in the months ahead.

Residents interested in supporting similar efforts or learning more about Council #3361's work are encouraged to contact the local Knights of Columbus or the Whidbey Island Women's Clinic directly. The partnership shows how organized local service, paired with national matching programs, can deliver measurable help to families in need.

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October 1, 2026

14:17:50, South Camano Drive - A caller suspected a rental scam after seeing a home valued at half a million dollars advertised for rent for $1,200.

October 2, 2026

13:28:21, Shoreline Drive - A caller reported an abandoned Livingston boat that had apparently been there for five or six days.

13:58:34, Jones Road and Dike Road - A caller reported someone walking through the area and going through mailboxes.

October 3, 2026

07:51:42, Nature Lane - A caller reported that his dog had gotten loose. While tracking the dog, he noticed it appeared to be traveling in a vehicle.

10:09:26, Onamac Way - A caller reported that people had moved a boulder to gain access to the beach. A man had brought a trailer and bicycle through and started a fire in the fire pit.

October 4, 2026

12:08:12, East Fakkema Road and Taylor Road - A caller reported five sheep wandering along the side of the road.

October 5, 2026

15:20:32, NE Leach Street and NE 8th Street - A caller reported a deer with something stuck around its neck.

19:52:43, Bonaparte Lane - A caller reported that a friend had obtained a dog from someone who allegedly kept more than 40 puppies in an environment littered with trash and reused puppy pads.

October 6, 2026

09:54:19, Canterbury Lane - A resident complained that a neighbor's half-dozen cats were relieving themselves in the resident's yard and reproducing in the shed.

11:58:45, SR 525 and Double Bluff Road - A caller reported that someone had cut a recently installed campaign sign in half.

October 7, 2026

13:13:18, Childrens Avenue - A caller reported that someone had put up a sign claiming the clubhouse had E. coli.

15:49:01, Main Street - A caller reported that a dog had been inside a black Chevrolet truck near a bank parking lot since 7 a.m.

October 8, 2026

09:43:53, Holst Road - A caller asked whether regulations require slaughtered animals to be buried rather than thrown onto a compost pile.

09:50:30, Ocean View Drive - A property owner reported that someone had listed his rental property on Craigslist in an apparent attempt to scam others.

October 10, 2026

11:47:30, SR 525 - An employee at Whidbey Vintage Collective arrived at work to discover that pottery had been taken from the area and thrown into the driveway.

12:09:11, Blackberry Lane - A resident suspected someone had stolen his sawhorses after being unable to locate them anywhere on his property.

October 11, 2026

07:47:51, Myrtle Avenue - A caller reported that mailboxes had been knocked over, scattering mail throughout the area.

18:18:21, Beach Drive - A caller reported that a man was being scammed online by people impersonating celebrities.

October 12, 2026

14:47:20, North Sunset Drive - A resident reported that someone had stolen the keypad to his gate.

**The above incident reports are provided by the Island County Sheriff's Office.
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GREENBANK FARM HOLIDAY MARKETS
Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-29; Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 5-6 and 12-13, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Greenbank Farm, 765 Wonn Road, Greenbank

Celebrate the holiday season at Greenbank Farm's annual holiday markets, featuring local artisans and a variety of handcrafted gifts and seasonal goods. Browse unique creations inside the historic barn, explore the farm's shops and enjoy food while taking in the festive atmosphere. The markets are presented by the Port of Coupeville. For more information, visit portoc.org/events or call (360) 222-3151.

WINTER WALKS AT MEERKERK GARDENS
Friday, Nov. 27; Sunday, Dec. 20; Friday, Jan. 1; Sunday, Feb. 14, 1-2:30 p.m.
Meerkerk Gardens, 3531 Meerkerk Lane, Greenbank

Explore the seasonal beauty of Meerkerk Gardens during guided winter walks through its gardens and forest. Each 90-minute walk highlights evergreen foliage, wildlife, colorful berries and winter-blooming rhododendrons. The series includes the Turkey Trek, Solstice Stroll, First Day Foray and Healthy Hearts Hike. Dress warmly and wear water-resistant shoes. Leashed dogs are welcome. Admission is $15 per walk, free for children under 13, or $40 for all four walks. Preregister at meerkerkgardens.org.

A BENCH IN THE SHADE
Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 29, 4 p.m.
OutCast Productions Black Box Theater, 819 Camano Ave., Langley

OutCast Productions presents the final weekend of "A Bench in the Shade," a romantic comedy by Ron Clark, directed by Amanda Goodwin. Once engaged, Annie and Paul find themselves living at the same retirement community, where the arrival of Italian actor Roberto and news of the property's impending sale complicate their romance. Tickets are $20 for adults and $16 for students and seniors. Doors open 30 minutes before each performance. Reserve seats by emailing ocp@whidbey.com.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY GINGERBREAD CHALLENGE KIT PICKUP AND HOLIDAY BOOK SALE
Saturday, Nov. 28, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St., Coupeville

The Friends of the Coupeville Library invite community members to pick up gingerbread kits for their annual Gingerbread Challenge, available on a first-come, first-served basis. A holiday book sale will also offer used books for gift giving, with proceeds benefiting the library. Completed gingerbread creations may be submitted Nov. 29-Dec. 18 for display and judging. Winners will be announced Dec. 20 during the Red Ticket Drawing at the Island County Historical Museum. Entries must be collected by Dec. 30.

LOCAL AUTHOR BOOK FAIR
Saturday, Nov. 28, 1-4 p.m.
Clinton Community Hall, Clinton

Meet Whidbey Island authors at a free afternoon of books, conversation and holiday shopping. Browse works by local writers, learn about their creative processes and purchase signed copies while enjoying complimentary craft mocktails prepared by library gastronome Karen Achabal. Some book sales may be cash only. Part of the Whidbey Local Author 2026 Series, the event is presented by the Freeland, Clinton and Langley libraries. Visit sno-isle.org for more information.

LIGHT UP YOUR HOLIDAY AT ADMIRALTY HEAD LIGHTHOUSE
Saturday, Nov. 28, 4-6 p.m.
Admiralty Head Lighthouse, Fort Casey State Park, 1280 Engle Road, Coupeville

Celebrate the holiday season at Admiralty Head Lighthouse with live music from the All Island Band and CUKES Ukulele Group, a visit from Santa and children's activities. Admission is free, with donations welcomed. A Discover Pass or day-use parking fee is required. Park in the picnic area lot and follow the trail to the lighthouse; bring a flashlight. The event is weather dependent and may be canceled for heavy rain or high winds. No registration required.

COZY COMEDY PRESENTS: KERMET APIO
Saturday, Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m.
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565 Camano Ave., Langley

Enjoy an evening of stand-up comedy with award-winning comedian Kermet Apio, winner of the 2009 Great American Comedy Festival and the Seattle International Comedy Competition. Apio has performed in 47 states and three Canadian provinces, appeared on television and radio, and showcased his talent at comedy festivals in Aspen, Las Vegas and Vancouver. His other notable achievement? Dishwasher of the Month at the Sea-Tac Airport Denny's in 1988. Tickets are $35. Visit wicaonline.org or call (360) 221-8262.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ADVENT SEASON CELEBRATIONS
Sunday, Nov. 29-Thursday, Dec. 31
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 6309 S. Wilson Place, Clinton

Celebrate 125 years of holiday traditions at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Sunday Advent services on Nov. 29 and Dec. 6, 13 and 20 feature Advent wreath candle lighting, traditional hymns, Nativity readings, prayer stations and children's church, with coffee and lunch following the 10:30 a.m. service. Special celebrations include a Worshipful Christmas Party Dec. 12, 1:30-4:30 p.m.; Peace of Christmas Piano Concert Dec. 18, 6-7 p.m.; Nativity Pageant Dec. 20; Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; and Lectio Divina Holiday Feast Dec. 31. All are welcome. For information, email stpeterslutheranclinton@gmail.com.

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT INFORMATION SESSION
Sunday, Nov. 29, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St., Coupeville

Join trained Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) volunteers for an additional informational session during Medicare's open enrollment period. Learn about available coverage options and receive assistance identifying plans that meet your individual needs. SHIBA is a public service of the Washington Office of the Insurance Commissioner and Island Senior Resources, providing free, confidential and impartial Medicare education and assistance. For information, call Island Senior Resources at 360-321-1600.

MEET THE AUTHOR: SOPHIA KOUIDOU-GILES READS ARIADNE
Wednesday, Dec. 2, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Langley Library, 104 Second St., Langley

Join author Sophia Kouidou-Giles for a discussion of her newest novel, "Ariadne: A Greek Tale of Labyrinths and Legends." The novel reimagines the Greek myth of King Minos' daughter, exploring themes of transformation, resilience and healing. Kouidou-Giles writes poetry, fiction and nonfiction, with works published in literary journals and anthologies. She is also the author of the memoir "Sophia's Return: Uncovering My Mother's Past." For information, call 360-221-4383.

MEDICARE Q&A
Thursday, Dec. 3, 2-5 p.m.
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St., Coupeville

Meet with Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) volunteers to ask questions about Medicare, explore coverage options and receive assistance identifying plans that meet your individual needs. SHIBA is a public service of the Washington Office of the Insurance Commissioner and Island Senior Resources, offering free, confidential and impartial Medicare education and assistance. No appointment is necessary. For information, call Island Senior Resources at 360-321-1600.

SANTA'S SLEIGH AT BAYVIEW FIRE STATION
Thursday-Friday, Dec. 3-4, 5:30-8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 5, 4:30-8 p.m.
Bayview Fire Station, 5579 Bayview Road, Langley

Visit Santa Claus and enjoy a colorful holiday light display at the Bayview Fire Station. Families are invited to meet local firefighters and emergency medical personnel from South Whidbey Fire/EMS. Visitors are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to the Toys for Tots program, helping brighten the holidays for children in need.

THE DICKENS CAROLERS
Friday, Dec. 4, 2-3 p.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave., Freeland

Enjoy an afternoon of secular holiday favorites performed a cappella in four-part harmony by The Dickens Carolers, a Seattle holiday tradition since 1978. Dressed in Victorian-era costumes inspired by Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," the quartet brings traditional holiday music to life. Registration is required. Visit sno-isle.org, call 360-331-7323 or email askus@sno-isle.libanswers.com to register.

FLYING FINGER DEAF/HARD-OF-HEARING SOCIAL
Friday, Dec. 4, 5:30 p.m.
Langley United Methodist Church, Fireside Room, 301 Anthes Ave., Langley

Join a supportive group of deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals to practice fingerspelling and signing in a welcoming environment. This monthly gathering has been a South Whidbey tradition for 32 years, bringing people together to share food, celebrate holidays and birthdays, and build community. For information, contact Susan at 831-334-6257 or sisoleil973@yahoo.com.





Life Tributes

Janice (Jan) Elaine Hayes

December 20th, 1935 - November 13th, 2026



With deep love and peaceful remembrance, we share that Janice Elaine Hayes (Jan), passed away on November 13th, 2026 at the age of 90. Jan was born on December 20th, 1935 in La Grande, Oregon to Elmer and Lela Miller, being the fourth of four daughters. She was raised in La Grande where she graduated from high school and met her future husband, John D. Masten. Jan and John began their life in La Grande raising their two daughters Ruth Anne and Rose Marie.

Jan began her teaching career in La Grande where she first worked as a traveling elementary music teacher before becoming a third-grade teacher at Central Elementary. In 1969, Jan, her husband John, and daughters moved to Whidbey Island, Washington, to open Masten's Variety in Oak Harbor. Shortly after, Jan started teaching at the newly established Saratoga Heights Primary Center, a school located on the Seaplane Base that served all kindergarteners in Oak Harbor.

Her next role involved teaching special education at Olympic View Elementary, followed by the initiation of the district's first program designed to support children in reading and math. After earning her master's degree, Jan served as the principal of Saratoga Heights Primary Center and later became the principal of Broadview Elementary. She concluded her career in Oak Harbor as the district's Curriculum Director.

In 1989, Jan began her second career by opening Centennial Elementary in Mount Vernon, where she served as principal until she transitioned to her final position as Director of Migrant Education for the Mount Vernon School District. Jan's retirement followed.

Jan was a women of strong faith serving in the United Methodist church as a Stephen Minister, a Trustee, a Good Samaritan outreach helper, was part of the Mission outreach, UMW – women's society, and many church committees.

Upon the unexpected death of Jan's husband John, she later started a new chapter of her life when she married in 1996, Dr. H. Harlow Hayes, Cdr. USN, (RET.) CHC. Service within the Methodist Church continued and numerous pleasure travels were made until Harlow's death in 1998.

Jan's service expanded to The New leaf, Polly Harpo (Hospital Guild), and soroptimist International.

Jan spearheaded mission trips and projects to UMCOR Sager-Brown (United Methodist Committee on Relief) in Baldwin, Louisiana back in early 2000. Volunteers were sent to assemble supply relief kits (i.e. school, baby, and hygiene kits, etc.) Jan had it in her heart to give relief to the very poor community of Louisiana as well as to the needs of people devasted by natural disasters around the world or wherever humanitarian crisis needed response to alleviate human suffering. UMCOR volunteers were sent to help after hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and other communities in Louisiana in 2005. Jan did mission trips in different parts of Africa and was part of former present, Jimmy Carter's Habitat for Humanity projects in the Philippines. Jan mentored and encouraged many to step up to leadership. She put her trust and confidence into individuals whom she saw had potential to succeed. Her generosity and philanthropic efforts have helped so many and encouraged others to take the initiative to do the same. Jan epitomizes the very essence of a true Christian who loves humanity in the words of our Lord.

Jan found joy in being a violinist. She played in a college orchestra and also appeared at Whidbey Playhouse.

Jan is survived by her two daughters, one exchange daughter, and one step son: Ruth Galm (Jerry), of Washington, Rose Vance (Mark) of Washington, Carin Beumer from Holland, and Roger Hayes (Kathy) of Iowa. She also leaves behind six grandchildren: Kameron Galm, (Harley), Cruz Galm, Michael Galm, Kesha Galm, Carolyn Hayes, and Andrea Hayes. Jan has one great-granddaughter, Ayana.

In the new year, there will be a Celebration of Life for Jan on June 26th at 10am at the United Methodist Church in Oak Harbor. If you wish, memorial donations may be made to the Methodist Church, Spin Café, and Habitat for Humanity.









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This Holiday Season delight your loved ones with a unique, one-of-a-kind work of art chosen especially for them. Our annual Fine Art in the Season of Light holiday exhibition offers a fine selection of works from our gallery artists, ranging from fine paintings, sculptures, colorful glass, and elegant jewelry, to turned wood, unique ceramics, witty assemblages, and fiber arts.

Perhaps now is the time for that Georgia Gerber bronze you've always loved, or a colorful Teresa Saia painting, or a turned-wood Don Wodjenski bowl. We will be featuring all of our artists in a rotating display that changes as the show progresses. Purchased works may be taken immediately, no need to wait.

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Local Knights Complete Random Act of Kindness for Widow in Need



Members of the John E. O'Brien Council #3361 recently completed a Random Act of Kindness project that brought safety and peace of mind to a local widow whose home staircases had become dangerously unsafe.

Recognizing the growing hazard, council brothers obtained the necessary materials and did all the labor free of charge, with no expectation of repayment or obligation. The refurbished staircases now provide secure, reliable access throughout the home, removing a daily source of worry for the widow.

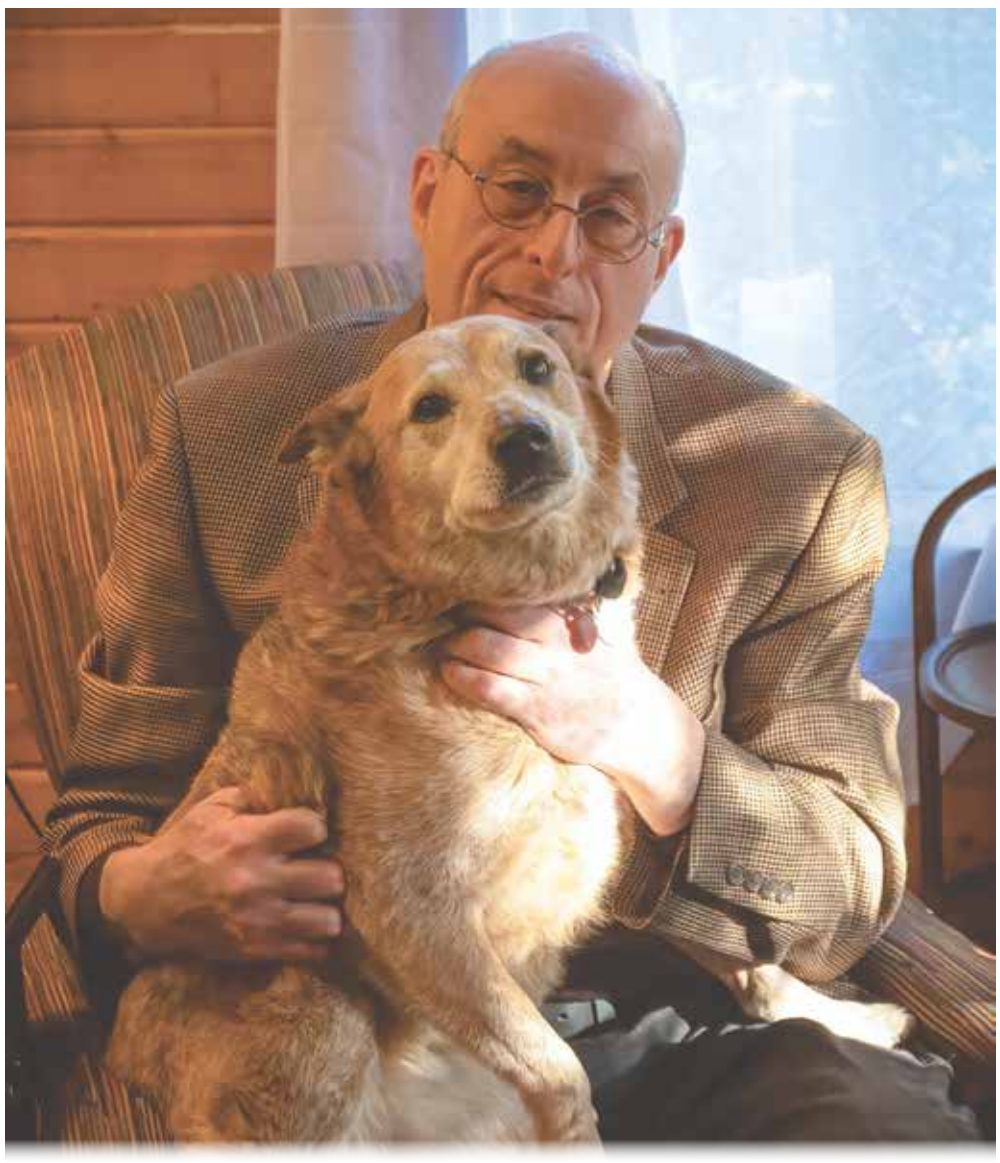
This project embodies the Knights of Columbus' foundational principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. It also reflects Jesus Christ' Gospel call to care for widows and orphans, a duty the Church has long held as essential to Christian discipleship. By stepping forward quietly and completely, the men of Council #3361 lived out their fraternal vows and faith through concrete service.

"Supporting those who have lost a spouse is not optional for us—it is central to who we are as Knights and as followers of Christ," said Deputy Grand-Knight Heath Garcia, involved in the work. "When we saw the need, the only question was how quickly we could help."

The completed project clearly reflects the council's commitment to its local community and the timeless call to protect the vulnerable. Through such acts, the John E. O'Brien Council continues to strengthen both families and the bonds of fraternity that define the Order.



Living Adventishly



By Charles LaFond

Island Fundraiser, Potter, Author, and Essayist

For 51 years, I was a Christian. I was groomed into it by parents who were groomed into it by grandparents who were groomed into it over 30 generations. Nobody did anything wrong. It's just that I made my own choice in my early 50s. I chose to leave religion, but not spirituality.

Many people ask me how I define spirituality now. My answer is two words: honesty and truth. Embedded within those words, of course, are many other words, such as beauty, awe, love, friendship, etc.

But here's the problem: I really miss Advent. Advent is a season in the Christian calendar, which begins right after Thanksgiving and goes until Christmas. It's a season of giving up, relinquishing, and begging for forgiveness in preparation for the coming of a savior. I personally don't believe in those things anymore, but I do think it's valuable to have rituals in our lives.

Human beings need ritual, not necessarily because they need religion, but because they need ways of giving shape, meaning, rhythm, and significance to being alive.

Rituals accomplish something that ordinary thinking cannot. Rituals help us to leave stages of life behind, acknowledging something has happened or is different. They also release emotional attachments to the past, prepare us psychologically for something new, and help us to experience ourselves as part of something larger than our own individual concerns. Rituals are intentional acts that give psychological significance to ordinary experiences. I'll give you an example of one of my rituals.

On Fridays, at the end of every work week, I wash all my bedclothes and remake my bed with tremendous, gentle precision and care. I tuck the sheets in. I fluff the pillows. I fluff the comforter, and I wipe away all the creases. I then fold the bed sheets back a bit, so that when it comes time for bed, it's beautifully open and ready, the way they "turn down the bed" in hotels. This ritual of cleaning and setting my bed is a physical manifestation of my intention to rest for the weekend. It's a physical act, a ceremonial act, a ritual act that creates a dividing line between the work week and the weekend.

If you're a churchgoer, your church will provide you with the rituals you need for Advent. But if you're not, or used to be and no longer attend a church, here are some possible rituals you and I could use in the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas to live Adventishly.

Name your fast. Pick two or three things to give up until Christmas Eve, such as sugar, alcohol, streaming, or impulse buying.

Shop once. Make one list, take one trip or buy handmade, then stop.

Eat simply. Have soup and bread on weeknights. Save the beef, Yorkshire pudding and trifle for December 25th.

Welcome the dark. Use candles instead of overhead lights and walk at dusk.

Light a secular wreath. Add one candle each Sunday so the light grows as the days shorten.

Change the soundtrack. Play quiet, minor-key music (choral works, Arvo Pärt, ambient) and hold the carols until Christmas Eve.

Thin the calendar. Turn down one obligation a week and stop over-functioning.

Sit with longing. Spend ten minutes a day asking what you're waiting for. No answer is required.

Give instead of get. Volunteer at a Whidbey food bank, deliver Christmas meals, or check on a neighbor living alone.

Delay the tree and plan the feast. Decorate on Christmas Eve, as people once did. Write the menu early so the anticipation builds, then celebrate all twelve days.

For thousands, and even hundreds of thousands, of years, humans created transitions around light, seasons, and nature. But in modern life, light is manufactured, and nature is dominated. With blue light on screens and bright lights in houses, it's hard to tell when day and night begin and end, and hard to keep track of when the sun rises and sets, which signals the changing seasons. So really, we just need to reinvent some of the rituals that help us with life's transitions: the big ones like funerals and marriages, but the small ones like starting a new day.

Chris Adams leaves a legacy in South Whidbey publishing and the arts

Longtime community publisher and Choochokam organizer helped connect island residents through newspapers, festivals and friendship.

For nearly four decades, Chris Adams was part of the fabric of South Whidbey life. A newspaper co-publisher, publication creator, arts festival organizer and familiar face in Langley's gathering places, Adams contributed to the community in ways that extended well beyond any single profession.

Adams was a co-publisher of the Island Independent and the creator of Whidbey Marketplace, publications that placed him within Whidbey Island's long tradition of independent community publishing.

His contributions also extended into the arts. For approximately a decade, Adams helped direct Langley's Choochokam Festival of the Arts, an annual celebration that brought artists, performers, merchants and residents together.

In July 2002, the South Whidbey Record identified Adams and Don Zontine as co-directors of the festival. That year's event featured approximately 150 arts-and-crafts booths, with offerings ranging from pottery and jewelry to garden art and handmade goods. Entertainment included music, poetry and skateboarding.

By 2006, Adams had decided to step away from producing Choochokam. His departure prompted a community transition effort involving city officials, local businesses and arts organizations. A new nonprofit structure was developed to carry the festival forward.

Adams was also known through his work in local hospitality. He managed the bar at Mo's and tended bar at Village Pizzeria and Edgecliff, becoming a familiar presence in places where neighbors gathered.

In August 2026, a community fundraiser organized by Joanna Cook described Adams as a cherished South Whidbey resident known for his humor, storytelling and nearly 40 years of involvement in island life. The fundraiser supported him during treatment for esophageal cancer.

Adams raised three sons on Whidbey Island: Connor, Duncan and Trey.

His passing marks the loss of a longtime participant in South Whidbey's publishing, arts and social communities.

For those who publish community newspapers, his history carries particular significance. Local publications do more than distribute information. They provide a record of the people, businesses, celebrations and everyday experiences that define a place.

Through his publications and his work with Choochokam, Adams contributed to that shared record.

His legacy remains part of the island's history and in the memories of the people who knew him.

**This record is based on research we've managed to compile on Chris. For those interested in helping contribute to our story and history – please reach out to samantha@whidbeyweekly.com with Chris Adams in the subject, or call 360-682-8283. We're also interested in physical copies of Whidbey Marketplace to add to our newspaper archive. Thank you for your continued support of Locally Owned and Operated Newsprint on Whidbey Island – Samantha Goodman, Publisher.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Legislation still sitting in Congress

A recent lawsuit was filed that brings to light a certain fact that many of us do not know. That is, when filing an initial claim with the VA, veterans are not allowed to pay for legal help.

The lawsuit seeks to ban the VA from enforcing the rules that require accreditation of anyone helping a veteran to file and that bar the payment of fees for that service.

The company bringing the suit says they don't actually represent the veteran; instead, they provide the tools for the veteran to do it himself. They charge a flat fee and have a money back guarantee if benefits don't actually increase, as well as a bonus of $500.

Veterans can, however, pay to hire someone to help with claims that have been denied or decisions that are being appealed, any step after the initial filing. Choices for help are a VA-accredited Veterans Service Organization (VSO), an attorney or a claims agent authorized by the VA.

There are strict rules about who can legally help. Among other rules:

*They must be accredited.

*The fee must be reasonable.

*Maximum fee allowed is 20% of any back pay that's to be awarded. If back pay isn't enough to cover the fees, the VA will pay the difference.

We like to believe the VA has the protection of veterans at the core of everything they do, hence their refusal to allow just anybody to take money from a veteran who's filing an initial claim. That is why they want to see the passing of the GUARD VA Benefits Act, which has been stuck in Congress in the Introduced stage since February 2025.

If passed, the Act would reinstate the criminal penalties on unaccredited people who take unauthorized claims fees from veterans. Those criminal penalties were deleted in 2006 when the rules were rewritten, leaving the VA with no recourse all these years except to send out sternly worded letters to the thieves who were stealing from veterans.



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HEALTH CORNER



By Dr. Darlene Castle
Chiropractor

THERE'S A NEW YOU COMING



Cells in your body are constantly dying. Your skin cells, for example, only last two to four weeks. Stomach and intestinal cells only stick around for about five days. Livers replace themselves in five to sixteen months.

Of course all the cells don't get rebuilt overnight. In a healthy person, single cells die off and new ones are born every second of every day.

Do you get a whole new body in seven years? Scientists can't agree on that one.

What they can agree upon is when body cells begin to get old or malfunction, the brain allows them to die. It sends scavenger cells to remove them and oversees the creation of new ones—to the tune of approximately 100 million new cells every minute.

How healthy are those new replacements?

For individual cells to function properly they need to be managed by a higher intelligence. That entity in the body is the brain. It governs every cell by sending messages down the spinal cord and out over spinal nerves. The result: when all cells are working harmoniously, the entire body functions properly. This is what health is.

When the brain is unable to control portions of the body, some cells don't work together with their neighboring cells. Malfunction occurs followed by disease. And when enough disease occurs, the entire body is affected.

One of the ways brain control can be interfered with is through pressure placed against those nerve pathways. That can occur when a spinal bone is jostled out of place.

In a healthy body, a cell has simply lived out its life and is replaced by another, equally healthy cell and the entire body continues its healthy path.

In a malfunctioning, diseased body, the incoming replacement can be less than perfect and the disease continues.

If new cells are created in quantity and are healthier than the outgoing ones, the disease passes from the picture.

What part of this picture can be affected by the owner of that body? How can we affect our insides from the outside?

The saying you are what you eat brings home the fact that your body is rebuilding itself out of the nutrients you give it. So are you giving it peanut butter sandwiches or broccoli? A slow-cooked stew or a microwaved macaroni and cheese dinner?

Another way is to ensure that the brain-to-body control is as close to perfect as we can get it.

Interference with those nerve pathways caused by pressure placed upon them, can be easily located and corrected at the spinal level through Chiropractic care.

It's an easy thing to do and should be done on a regular basis to ensure a healthy body that replaces itself with healthy parts!

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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Poetry on Whidbey

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Gathering of family
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When we come together
To eat and give thanks
It's one time of year
We close in the ranks.

The aunts and the uncles,
The cousins and friends,
Blessed with our cheerful hearts;
Love never ends.

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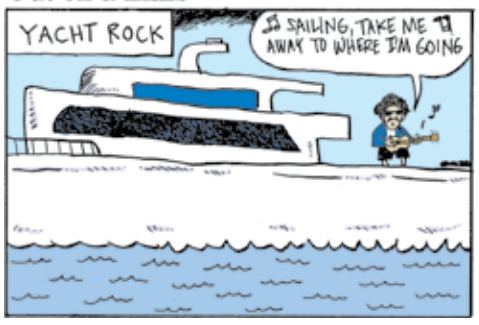
Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas







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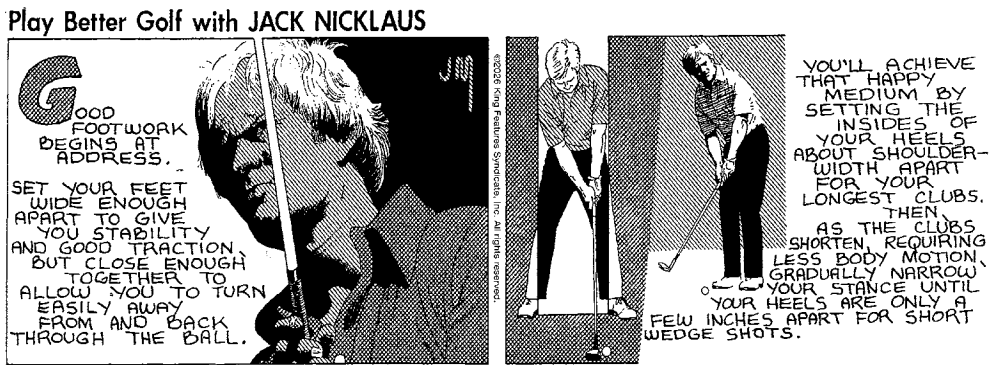

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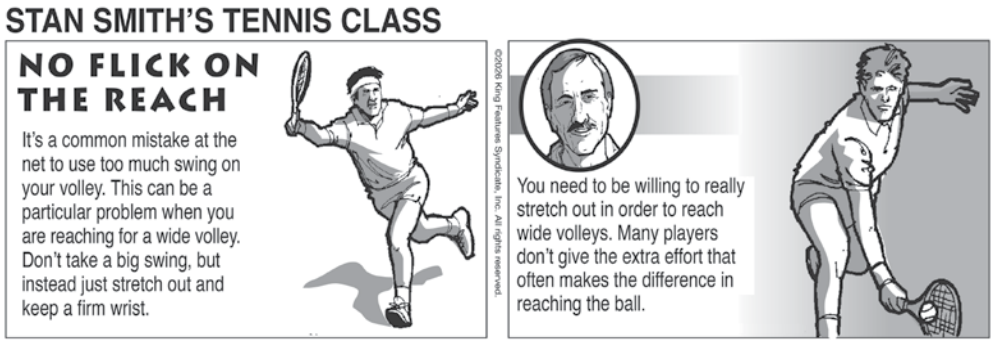





Astrology for November 27-December 3 2026

Final Exam in Self-Value and Relating, Venus in Libra Opposite Chiron in Aries

On **November 28**, Venus in Libra opposes Chiron retrograde in Aries at 26°. Check out the following dates for clues: On September 10, Venus in Scorpio opposed Chiron retrograde in Taurus at 0° and on October 28, Venus retrograde in Libra opposed Chiron retrograde in Aries at 28°. Today is the third and final opposition. What one-on-one interactions took center stage during those times? What have we learned? What relationship discussions have been hashed out? Where are you asserting your needs with more confidence in agreements and contracts? Venus has gained wisdom as a result of her retrograde journey from October 3-November 13. Self worth has been bolstered. You can also take a moment to reflect on these themes on a larger scale or higher vantage point. These oppositions between Venus and Chiron have been happening on and off since 2018. How have your values changed since then? Your ability to remain balanced in relationships? To choose partners or patterns aligned with your heart? To release co-dependency or any shadow tendencies around people pleasing or ignoring your needs? New patterns have been established around relating. Where are you seeing this play out today? Anything that has not been brought out into the open by now in relationship dynamics will likely make an appearance today. Old wounds can be triggered, but this is the moment we get to make a new choice and get off the karmic ferris wheel. How will you decide differently? Speak up for your desires, in both money and love. Approach negotiations with a strong knowing of your value. Be your best balanced and diplomatic advocate. Boundaries between you and another are more clear now. Matters of the heart are more clear now. Represent. Justice prevails.

On **November 29**, Uranus retrograde in Gemini trines Pluto in Aquarius at 3°. These are collective/generational planets. Their movements in the sky tend to be more visible on the mundane/world level than in our personal lives, with the exception of if it hits a planet or point directly in your birth chart. (Still haven't booked a reading? Hit the contact page at readingsbynoa.com/contact) Uranus in Gemini is transforming technology and elements of the travel industry (have you noticed all the shifts in air-traffic control?). Pluto is advancing the technological innovations rapidly and challenging the speed of evolution and its effects on humanity as a collective. These are the two most rebellious and revolutionary planets. When they meet in a positive aspect as they do today things move forward with a zing. Unexpected progress on projects, surprise announcements, and next steps. In our personal lives, we may find that we are more inclined to look for, desire, or choose activities, environments, or speech that creates a sense of freedom. It is easier to try something new, to take a chance. These planets are pushing us bit by bit away from traditions that have kept humanity stagnant, and reflections of this pattern may surface in our personal and social lives. What is outdated? With the Moon in Leo meeting up with the South Node, it may be very obvious and equally unattractive under this sky, providing just the right amount of ick for us to change course. The mind is open and ripe for discovering a new layer beyond the known. Notice what is not working, release and look to new solutions. They are available now.

Late in the evening of **November 29** (pacific time zone) and just after midnight on November 30 (central time zone), the Sun in Sagittarius trines Saturn retrograde in Aries at 8°. We love to see it! The Sun represents our vitality and identity, it is the mechanism within us that wants to express and engage with life. Saturn is the taskmaster, the teacher, the planet that tests us to grow and mature for our betterment. When these two planets make a positive aspect we are aligned to get things done, sent, accomplished and achieved. We are more responsible and reliable, more able to take on the hard work that on other days feel heavy or burdensome. In fire signs there is optimism and an adventurous spirit infused in the day. With the Moon entering Virgo and meeting up with Mars, there is even more emphasis on taking action and getting the job done, and with an eye for detail.

On **December 2**, Jupiter in Leo trines Chiron retrograde in Aries at 26°. This is a day filled with ease and flow around what we have been working on healing or releasing. It feels good to let go, to set down the weight, to see from a new vantage point, to be optimistic. We can feel there is a new path opening and the excitement around that realization. What you desire is not only possible, it wants to find you. The Moon enters Libra today putting emotional focus on relationships, connection, and the balance of friendship. Where do you go when you need to process feelings or recent events? Who has your back? Are you able to be there for yourself? This is a beautiful day to process, and a well starred day for there to be joy found in doing so. Call the homies. Get together. Talk about the real stuff. With trusted hearts we can share and release old hurts. You've carried them far enough.







November 27th – December 3rd : Justice.

If this week's card looks familiar, take a gander back at this column from just last week, as the Justice has now turned right side forward, demonstrating a rapid shift in the tarot messaging, initially and immediately suggesting that actions taken and decisions followed through in the last seven days, which may have seemed drastic and brutal at the time, have consequently and justifiably rebalanced many scales in your favor. If there are any lingering finalizations you've been dragging your feet to complete from the established task list of mid-November, it is essential you continue to persevere; and if there are any haunting doubts regarding whether your choices were exercised in sound judgment, allow yourself to feel reassured by the presence of this rotated card.

While you recalibrate into a new sense of equilibrium and equity, stowing the sharp swing of your sword for when the future might again call upon the blade, you are reminded and encouraged to maintain the embodiment of your authority and value, continuing to hold your boundaries. Do not confuse this sovereignty with inflated ego or control of empires; it is time you see that recognizing your worthiness of the throne does not equate being better than those whom would wash your feet. You are not stepping on others simply by honoring your greatness; those would be separate actions which need not be forever correlated.

Further, metals have varying conductivity strengths; which is to say that a crown placed upon your head can strengthen your intuition and your connectivity to your soul and your divinity. There is a time and place for groundedness and for having your head in the clouds. This week's card, and the balance of justice, reminds you that you are capable of both, simultaneously.

Stop underestimating yourself. You've cut the cords to make way for a fresh beginning, so trust in your choices and resist looking back, or risk anchoring into the past where there is nothing for your future self. Trust your deepening and elongating peace and you will witness more opportunity for it to grow.

~Xo, Tiffany

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
A burst of energy may inspire you to tackle something you've been putting off. Enjoy the momentum, but leave room for a little fun. An unplanned outing could be the highlight of your week.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
The changing season may inspire you to make your surroundings a little cozier. Enjoy familiar comforts while welcoming something new. A small change at home could make a surprisingly big difference in your mood.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Your social calendar may fill up faster than expected. Enjoy catching up with others, but don't feel obligated to attend everything. Sometimes the best conversations happen over a quiet cup of coffee.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
A favorite tradition may bring extra joy this week. Whether you're revisiting childhood memories or creating new ones, appreciate the little things that make this time of year special. Happiness doesn't require elaborate plans.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Your enthusiasm could be contagious this week. Bring some cheer to an ordinary gathering or encourage someone to try something new. A little laughter may be exactly what everyone needs.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Resist the temptation to organize every detail of the coming weeks. Leave some space for unexpected pleasures and last-minute invitations. A perfectly planned day isn't necessarily more enjoyable than a wonderfully improvised one.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
A creative project or festive activity could lift your spirits. Surround yourself with things that inspire you, whether it's music, decorations or good company. Let your appreciation for beauty brighten the everyday.

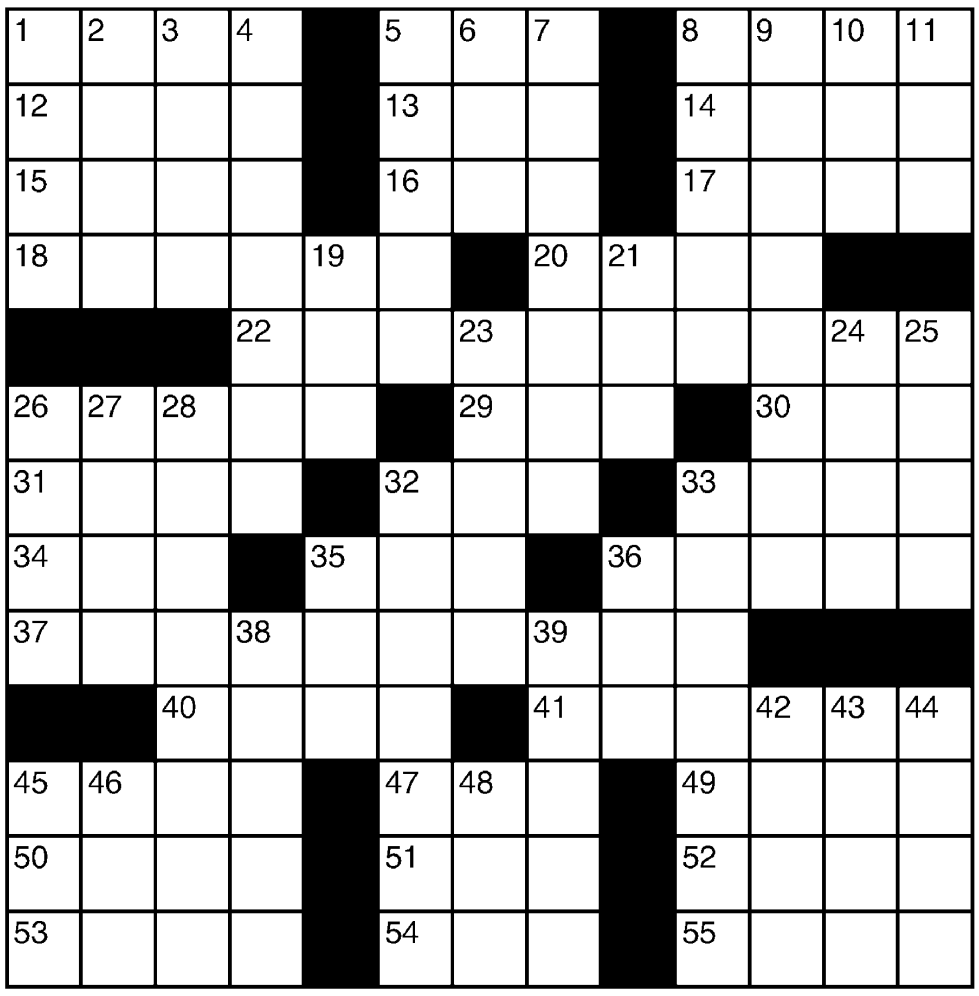
SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Someone may surprise you with a thoughtful gesture or an unexpected compliment. Accept it without searching for a deeper meaning. Sometimes people simply want to remind you how much they appreciate having you around.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Your adventurous spirit is in good company this week. Explore somewhere unfamiliar, sample a new dish or make plans with friends. Even a modest adventure could satisfy your appetite for something different.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
As December approaches, resist the urge to turn every occasion into a responsibility. You've earned a little leisure. Spend time doing something enjoyable simply because it makes you happy.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
An unconventional idea could add some excitement to your week. Put your own twist on a seasonal tradition or introduce friends to something different. Originality often makes for the most memorable experiences.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
The sights and sounds of the season may awaken your imagination. Make time for a creative hobby, a favorite holiday movie or a peaceful evening. A little daydreaming could lead to something delightful.



CLUES ACROSS

1 A deadly sin
5 "O Sole --"
8 Bar fight souvenir
12 Sandwich treat
13 "Bow-wow!"
14 Ginormous
15 Kvetch
16 Half- -- (latte option)
17 "Roots" author Haley
18 Largest U.S. state
20 Homer's son
22 Makeup applicator
26 Seine city
29 WWII service person
30 Seminary subj.
31 Serving customers
32 Volleyball barrier
33 Self-referential
34 U.K. fliers
35 Golf prop
36 Elizabeth of cosmetics
37 Game show contestant, often
40 On deck
41 Hockey needs
45 Afrikaner
47 Big Apple sch.
49 TV's "Warrior Princess"
50 Rotate
51 Suffix with hotel
52 Privy to
53 Sagacious
54 Lock opener
55 Body pics

CLUES DOWN

1 "Livin' La Vida --"
2 Russian river
3 Antitoxins
4 Tennis tactic
5 Showy parrot
6 Roth svgs. plan
7 Quirky
8 Pointy
9 Like some pearls
10 Candle count
11 Actor Harrison
19 Decks in the ring
21 Rainbow shape
23 Nerd
24 Lavish party
25 Spanish custard
26 Sweet wine
27 On -- with
28 Oil companies
32 Tidy type
33 Handy guy
35 StubHub buys, slangily
36 Astern
38 Nemo's creator
39 Loan shark's crime
42 Wrestler John
43 Shoelace snarl
44 Without
45 "Incidentally," to texters
46 "Yes" in 26-Across
48 "-- -haw!" (cowgirl cry)

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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What are you most grateful for this Thanksgiving?



Arley B.,
Oak Harbor

I am most grateful this Thanksgiving for spending time with my family and celebrating together! I always spend Thanksgiving at my grandma's house with my sister, parents, cousins, aunt, uncle, and, of course, my grandma. It is always really fun, hanging out, playing board games and sports, and talking with the family that I don't get to see most of the year. For Thanksgiving dinner my favorite food is homemade rolls. We usually bake three pies. My favorite pie is apple pie. After Thanksgiving, we check out the Christmas lights on Hastie Lake road, and have a great time driving around together. Sometimes my sister and I even get early Christmas gifts from my aunt. That is why I'm so grateful that I get to spend Thanksgiving with my family.



Callie B.,
Oak Harbor

This Thanksgiving I am most thankful for my cats. Their names are Kumquat, Oreo, and Booksie. I love when Oreo walks around me and rubs his body on me. Oreo is a Siamese and very sweet. Kumquat is a calico cat. I love it when we are playing a board game and she comes and rolls on the middle of the board and tries to steal our pieces. She is very cute, but sassy. Bookie is a grey tabby cat. I love when he plays with the mouse toy. He is much older than the other cats and only likes to play sometimes.

I am thankful for my friend Savannah because she loves cats just like me. When she comes over to play, we play a game called cat shelter, throw cat parties and make cat houses.



Zjeziah H.,
Oak Harbor

Grateful for my friends and family who I get to see this time of year. I really appreciate everybody making the time to get together. We all are so busy, but making time during the holidays is always so special.

Joyful Saying

Joy is the simplest form of gratitude.
-Karl Barth

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

To place an ad, email classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com

SERVICE DIRECTORY

FIREWOOD

Firewood
(360) 320-4316
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Whidbey Tileworks, LLC
Bathrooms, Kitchens, Flooring, and More!
360.929.1931
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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

NEED HELP?

Need a Hand?
I'm Happy to Help!
Do you have 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

LOOKING FOR OFFICE

Dr Darlene Castle is looking for rental space for her Chiropractic office. Will consider a few rooms or 700 sq ft space or home/office building for use Mondays thru Thursdays. Primary use is caring for military at $40 per visit however all public are welcome. Contact text 425-238-8704 or castle@lkstevens.com

EVENTS

Coupeville United Methodist Church Annual Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, December 5, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
608 N. Main St., Coupeville
Shop homemade items, enjoy homemade soups and baked goods, and explore the vendor section. Proceeds benefit local charities. We hope to see you there!

HOLIDAY ART MARKET

The Art of Community Holiday Art Market
Celebrate local creativity and shop for one-of-a-kind holiday gifts at BISC! Discover original artwork, and unique creations by Whidbey Island artists. Support local talent while enjoying the spirit of community.
December 11 & 12
10 AM–4 PM
Baby Island Saratoga Club
3616 Saratoga Road, Langley
Free admission.
babyislandsaratogaclub.org

FREE CHRISTMAS PIANO

Beautiful warm-wood upright piano. Tuned. Owned by music teacher. Padded wooden bench and music books. 360-320-3806. All free and ready for Christmas! Must be picked up by end of November!

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 First United Methodist Church, 1607 E. Division St., Mount Vernon, WA 98274 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**

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

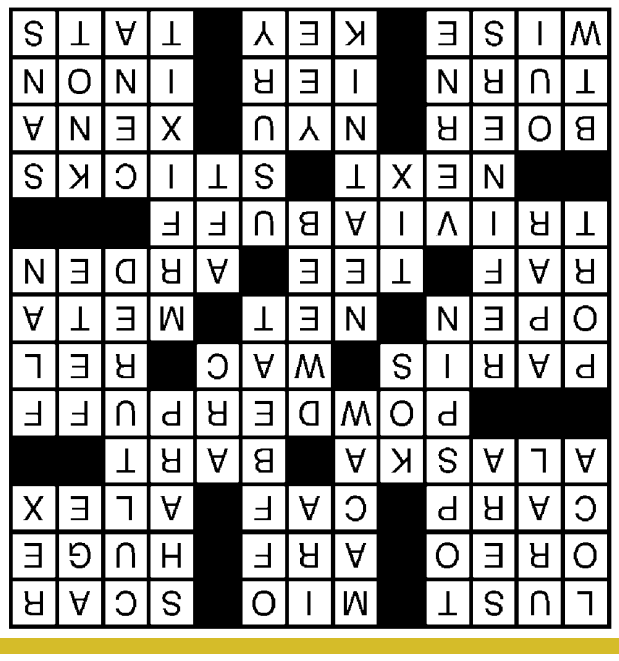
9-1-1: Call for threats to life, fire, accident or crime
-Non-emergency lines: Oak Harbor Police Department-**360-279-4600**
-Island Communications Dispatch (ICOM) - **360-679-9567**

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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E-Mail ..... classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com
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