LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Monday, May 6

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Elks Lodge, 555 Otto St., PT



Speaker:
Jefferson
County
Commissioner
Kate Dean

Topic:

Jefferson County Economic Development Update

Sponsor:

EDC Team Jefferson



Luncheon Registration:

www.jeffcountychamber.org

Monday, May 20

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Fort Worden Commons, PT



Speaker:
Port
Townsend
City Manager
David
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Topic:

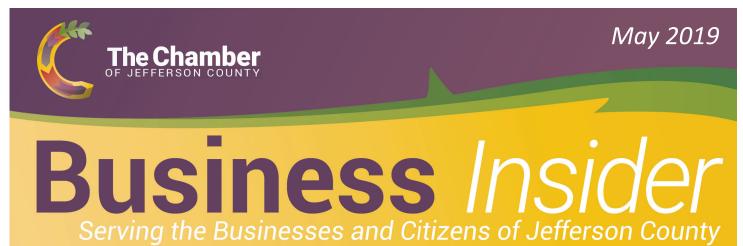
Gateway Plaza Project Update

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Six Honored with Community Leaderships Awards



The 2018 Jefferson County Community Leadership Award honorees were (left to right) Chimacum High School senior and Future Business Leader Award recipient Renee Woods, Business Leader of the Year Hans Frederickson, Citizen of the Year Myron Vogt, Young Professional of the Year Tyler Meeks, and Rising Entrepreneur Award co-winner Deborah Taylor (co-winner Scott Ross not pictured). Photo by Deja View Photography.

Six community and business leaders were recently honored with Jefferson County Community Leadership Awards at the annual celebratory brunch held at the Old Alcohol Plant in Port Hadlock.

Hans Frederickson, owner of Frederickson Electric, was named 2018 Business Leader of the Year. His father, Erik Frederickson, who was honored as Citizen of the Year in 2003, was also in attendance at the event.

The 2018 Citizen of the Year Award went to **Myron Vogt**, a longtime volunteer with the Boeing Bluebills. Vogt has led the nonprofit organization's Olympic Peninsula Chapter, comprised of Boeing retirees who volunteer their skills, knowledge and time in completing service projects within the community, for more than 20 years.

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The Chamber of Jefferson County thanks our Platinum Sponsors of the 2018 Jefferson County Leadership Awards for their support and generosity.













It Takes a Team...

by Executive Director Arlene Alen, CPM, IOM

I want to thank all who volunteered



Arlene Alen

their time and resources to making the annual Jefferson **County Community Leadership** Awards a success. While our cover story provides a recap of the April 7 event at the Old Alcohol Plant, the real story is the months of planning meetings, sponsorship applications, graphic production, and more and more meetings, and the many people committed to creating this celebratory occasion and the well-received Nominee/ Sponsor Meet-Up held at Port Townsend Vineyards a week prior to the main event.

Thank you sponsors – one and all – for making this celebration of our community superstars practicable, and the Old Alcohol Plant and their staff for assisting in coordination and helping each attendee at our sold-out main event feel special. Our Planning

Committee also deserves a huge round of applause and a sincere thank you for dedicating months of their time and effort to this project – Karen Best, Heidi Haney, Aislinn Palmer, Bethany Smith, Lizanne Coker, Carlie Robertson, Reneé Mizar and Pam Lampman. Thank you all!

Washington State
Representative, the Honorable
Mike Chapman, struck the
perfect note of humor and
inspiration as our keynote
speaker. Our past awardees
were fabulous presenters
to this year's honorees and
the feedback from them is
inspirational. I speak for all
of us who participated this
year in saying "Job Well Done"
to the community for their
nominations and selections!

Bidding Farewell to "Old Blue"

The City of Port Townsend is moving forward with Gateway Plaza, a new city park that will be located along West Sims Way and directly in front of the Chamber. The rumors have been around for a couple of years and the plans have

CHAMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, May 6 @ 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Chamber Luncheon @ Elks Lodge, 555 Otto St., PT Make Pre-Paid Reservations Online: www.jeffcountychamber.org

Tuesday, May 14 @ 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Business after Business Mixer @ Old Alcohol Plant,
310 Hadlock Bay Road, Port Hadlock

Monday, May 20 @ 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Chamber Luncheon @ Fort Worden Commons, PT Make Pre-Paid Reservations Online: www.jeffcountychamber.org

> Monday, May 27 Closed in observance of Memorial Day

morphed and grown during that time until now, when that project is coming to fruition.

The park will create a gorgeous entrance to our community, inviting all those who enter to rest a moment, experience the displayed sculpture, and maybe step into the Visitor information Center to plan their adventures with our intrepid volunteer team. Our Readerboard, a longstanding beacon for your announcements and messages, will remain prominently displayed and no doubt even more highly visible to guests and residents alike!

In early May, the U.S.

Navy and the Port of Port

Townsend will be loaning their
community-minded teams
to the Chamber to assist in
carefully disassembling the
blue building, repurposing as
much material as possible to
provide a clean slate for the
City to begin park construction
early Summer 2019.

"Old Blue," the former home of our Visitor Information

Center, was offered free to a good home for a long time by the Chamber, however, all those interested in adaptive reuse rapidly discovered that it was a very expensive process - too expensive to reasonably consider. We are delighted that our community partners have stepped up to assist the Chamber in preparing the site for the City's project and can't wait to welcome you all to experience this new Gateway to Port Townsend! Learn more about the plan and process from City Manager David Timmons at our Chamber Luncheon on Monday, May 20 at the Commons at Fort Worden.



Prepare to bid a fond farewell to "Old Blue," the former Port Townsend Visitor Information Center building. Courtesy of the Jefferson County Chamber.

Advance Luncheon Registration

Luncheon pre-registration at both of our venues - the Commons at Fort Worden and the Elks Lodge in Port Townsend – is now expected out of fairness and good business practice to our hosts and catering teams. We have made registration a simple online process for Chamber members and guests through the Chamber's website (www. jeffcountychamber.org). Members logging in with their credentials will receive a discount on the cost of lunch. If you cannot recall or need new credentials, please let us know and we will immediately send an invitation to join or to update. There are some exciting upcoming topics and presenters and we don't want you to miss them!

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Power Trip Energy Corp

Power Trip Energy Corp designs and installs solar energy systems on the Olympic Peninsula that can accomplish numerous goals for our clients. We are proud to be celebrating our 16th year of business in 2019 and installation of over 4 MW of grid-tied PV on about 800 homes and small businesses on the Olympic Peninsula. We primarily aim to achieve a favorable economic return, recognizing that economics is a crucial and sometimes overlooked aspect of "sustainability." Our company looks at each project through the lens of how it serves our clients

and employees, as well as the owners, benefits to each of these groups are equally important.

We also consider the environmental footprint of the installation in the short and long term, as our company's mission of stewardship requires us to consider the full life cycle cost both in terms of dollars, carbon, and other resources.

We consistently review the state of renewable energy technology and industry available to us and our clients, and for the last 16 years, have found that grid-tied solar PV is the most advantageous way to make your own energy. The systems provide an economic return, and are extremely reliable and consistent in their energy production. Compared to hydro-carbon-derived energy, the environmental benefits are tremendous, and socially, the benefits of individual power production are emancipating. Developing localized power sources is important to the long-term health of the local economy.

While installing solar PV systems is our business, spreading the word about clean, locally produced solar electricity is our mission. We enjoy providing free "Spin Your Meter Backwards" educational solar workshops for homeowners, and a variety of other events including classroom

Spin Your Meter Backwards Solar 101 Seminar

Saturday, May 25 at 4:00 p.m.

The Palindrome, 1893 S. Jacob Miller Road, Port Townsend

Learn how an investment in solar for your home can help you reduce your utility bills and give you a 30% tax credit all while producing your own clean electricity.

Join us at the Palindrome, have a glass of Eaglemount fermented libation and get inspired!

visits from elementary through community college level, panel discussions, and lobbying opportunities throughout the communities of Western Washington.

We are 11 employees strong, experienced in all types of solar PV installations including roofmounted, ground-mounted and pole-mounted tracking systems for residential, commercial, non-profit and government projects. We are averaging two PV system installations every week without sub-contracting any of our work and all under the direct supervision of the company's owners.



Power Trip Energy Corp are general contractors and electricians, installing approximately two residential solar arrays per week. Courtesy of Power Trip Energy Corp.



Power Trip Energy Corp has been installing solar arrays for residential and commercial projects since 2003, including this array at Finnriver Farm & Cidery in Chimacum. Courtesy of Power Trip Energy Corp.



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Tyler Meeks, proprietor of the Disco Bay Outdoor Exchange, was named the 2018 Young Professional of the Year. Recognized as a community-focused entrepreneur who fosters community relationships and collaboration, his Discovery Bay-based business provides affordable, high-quality outdoor adventure gear.

Chimacum High School senior Renee Woods received the new Future Business Leader Award. Being chief editor of her school's newspaper, captain of the tennis and volleyball teams, and serving as Senior Class Co-President are just a few of her accomplishments in an impressive and growing academic resume!

The Rising Entrepreneur

Award went to Port Townsend restauranteurs **Deborah Taylor** and **Scott Ross**. As co-owners of destination restaurant Finistère, Taylor and Ross were recognized in this new award category for demonstrating a commitment toward economic development and business innovation, including their effective use of social media marketing, creating an inviting

website, and investing in cuttingedge reservation software.

The Chamber of Jefferson
County and its Board of Directors
wishes to congratulate the award
recipients and nominees for their
outstanding efforts in making
Jefferson County a vibrant business
community. Sincere appreciation
also goes to State Rep. the
Honorable Mike Chapman for giving

an inspiring keynote address, all the award presenters, Ambassadors, volunteers, and Nominating Committee and Planning Committee for helping create a memorable event, the many sponsors whose backing made it possible, and honored guests and all who attended to show their support for the nominees, Chamber, and our community. *Thank you!*

Kitsap Bank

Kitsap Bank is your local independent financial partner. Founded in the small community of Port Orchard in 1908, we have expanded our presence throughout the Pacific Northwest and continue to grow by remaining connected to our deep local roots.

- Northwest Growth. We are invested in the success of the communities we serve. This means we help local small businesses and commercial companies contribute to local economic growth.
- Family-Owned. As a multi-generational, women-owned family company, we understand the unique needs of independent family-owned business.
- Local Decisions. Not only are Kitsap Bank's decisions made right here at home, but also our policies are set right here in the Pacific Northwest.

Invested in Jefferson County

We are committed to our communities; contributing to crucial causes, and investing in the sustainability of our region. In 2018, Kitsap Bank opened its newly remodeled Port Townsend Branch – a facility built utilizing green building practices, and featuring a number of energy efficient and sustainable solutions, including a solar array.

The Port Townsend Branch also became the first Kitsap Bank branch to utilize Interactive Teller Service (ITS) technology – units that accommodate ATM transactions, while also enabling customers to immediately be connected to a Teller for transactions that could normally only be completed by going inside a branch.

Your Local Team

Jefferson County Branch Managers, Joy Balstad (Port Townsend), Jennifer Blais (Port Hadlock), and Jan Ralls (Port Ludlow), were recently promoted to

Chamber Luncheon Featuring Kitsap Bank

Monday, June 17 @ 11:45 a.m. @ Fort Worden Commons, PT

Join us as Kitsap Bank Port Townsend Branch Manager Joy Balstad and Belfair Branch Manager Kim Johnson discuss fraud prevention and security.

Assistant Vice President. Each are actively involved in the community, and understand the unique needs of businesses here in Jefferson County. We're focused on the long-term, building lasting relationships to help you and your business grow.

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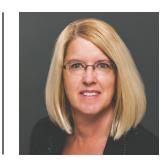
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MEMBER NEWS



A downpour of April showers didn't dampen any spirits in cutting the red ribbon (and watching the goat parade that followed!) on April 6 to open the Port Townsend Saturday Farmers Market for the season! Our thanks to Port Townsend Mayor Deborah Stinson for lending a hand to do the honors. The Port Townsend Saturday Farmers Market runs on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in Uptown Port Townsend. Courtesy of the Jefferson County Chamber.

Congratulations 2018 Jefferson County Community Leadership Award Nominees!

Photos by Deja View Photography

The 2018 Jefferson County Community Leadership Awards proved such a celebratory occasion of our outstanding local business and community leaders that one party just wasn't enough! The Chamber of Jefferson County and its Board of Directors thanks Port Townsend Vinevards for hosting a pre-awards party for our 20 Leadership Award nominees on March 22. A raise of our collective glass also goes to GBF Catering, Deja Webster of Deja View Photography, and our many sponsors for making this evening event one to remember.



Platinum sponsor New American Funding representatives (from left) Emily Ingram and Dominic Svornich with Citizen of the Year nominees Debbi Steele, Myron Vogt and Pam Petranek, Interim Executive Director Jim Pivarnik of Platinum sponsor the Port of Port Townsend, and nominee Gwendolyn Tracv.



Ned Herbert and Virginia Marsden, proprietors of The Pourhouse, shared a nomination for Business Leader of the Year. Nominees not pictured: Hans Frederickson (Frederickson Electric) and Andy Cochrane (Power Trip Energy).



Shelly Randall (far left) and Sarah Hadlock (far right) of Silver sponsor The Business Guides flanked three of the four nominees for Young Professional of the Year: Tyler Meeks (Disco Bay Outdoor Exchange) and Thysen and Debi Scott (GBF Catering). Nominee not pictured: Jen Lee (Jen Lee Light).



Rising Entrepreneur Award nominated duo (from left) Chris Brignoli and Matt Mortensen (Revision Marine) went shoulder-to-shoulder with fellow nominees Joel Carben (IdealSeat) and Scott Ross (Finistère Restaurant, nominated with Deborah Taylor).



Jen Clark and Shawn Dinkuhn (far right) of Platinum sponsor Power Trip Energy gave a resounding thumbs up to the three local high school seniors nominated for the Future Business Leader Award (left to right): Quillan Gallagher (Quilcene High School), Renee Woods (Chimacum High School), and Ella Ashford (Port Townsend School District).

With Our Thanks

The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce extends its appreciation to the Jefferson County Historical Society, Port Townsend Education Foundation and Clarity for sponsoring our Chamber Luncheons in April and to Dove House Advocacy Services for hosting our Business after Business Mixer on April 9.

Joni Williams

Began as JCCC Volunteer: 2019

"I moved up to Port Townsend from Los Gatos, California, in 1989. My next-door neighbors had moved here, and my husband and I visited and fell in love with it. After he passed away, they encouraged me to come here.



I'm an LPN and worked for Family Physicians here

in Port Townsend for about 10 years, then opened an adult family home that I ran for many years. I finally decided I needed to retire and sold the business, but I have one client left here in town. I take him to the doctor and store and am on the other side of the phone when he needs me.

I love Port Townsend because it's a small town, there's lots to do, it has everything you need, and everybody is very friendly here. I love Centrum and all their programs, and I try to see a few of those in the summer.

I volunteered at the Visitor Information Center, in the old blue building, for a couple of years in the early 1990s. I'm back volunteering because I just love talking to people and knew Debbie (Reid, Volunteer Coordinator). I get a big kick out of how many locals come in asking questions because they've got family coming from out of town and want to know what they should see and do with them. That's kind of fun."



Lean Thinking in action. Photo by Earll M. Murman. ◀

Lean Thinking is Improving Life in Jefferson County

by Jay Bakst, Community Lean Resource

Several organizations in Jefferson County have combined to improve our life by building a Lean infrastructure. Is it working? And what are the next steps?

Over the past six years, EDC Team Jefferson, the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, and Jefferson County Foundation have provided the wherewithal to introduce Lean Thinking to 80 organizations and over 700 individuals through a combination of workshops, classes, and on-site presentations.

Perhaps the easiest to understand is the impact on our local businesses. Organizations such as Mt. Townsend Creamery, the Food Co-op and others have seen profits and sales increase from 30-100% while being constrained to their existing footprint and workforce. Mt. Townsend Creamery has used Lean Thinking to get a better handle on inventory, while reducing last-minute scrambling for parts and materials. The Food Co-op has engaged everyone to identify and reduce wasted effort as well as improve inventory control.

Another business,
Finnriver Cidery, uses Lean
Thinking to operate more

effectively and increase efficiency in production

 both in rethinking old systems as well as in implementing new systems and equipment. They have created an environment where employees can focus on improvement in a positive and constructive way.

Agencies such as our public libraries and the **Northwest Maritime** Center's Chandlery can demonstrate how Lean Thinking can improve life for many in Jefferson **County.** At the Jefferson County Library, the process for getting new materials onto the shelf once it's received by the library, has decreased from 2-3 weeks down to 2-3 days. Similarly, many types of repairs have seen a similar decrease in time to get damaged material back into circulation.

At the Port Townsend Public Library, a process of color-coding shelving carts also gets materials back on the shelves sooner. These improvements have also reduced stress and effort on the part of library staff. The staff of the Chandlery applied Lean Thinking to their stockroom. The changes that they made and are sustaining have reduced the time customers need to wait for items, reduced staff frustration, and initiated

a stronger continuous improvement methodology.

And this is the tip of the iceberg regarding the impact that Lean Thinking has had in Jefferson County. Organizations as diverse as manufacturing, agriculture, retail, healthcare, education, construction, non-profit, government, and technology have been part of our county's Lean journey and continue to move forward. We are building improved training for individuals and smaller companies and continue to add sectors to our Lean community.

If you have an interest in learning more, contact lean@edcteamjefferson.org.

Jay Bakst, of Raviyah
Training and Consulting,
serves as Jefferson
County's Community
Lean Resource. He
provides training and
one-hour consultations to
organizations in Jefferson
County through EDC
Team Jefferson.

What is Lean Thinking?

Lean Thinking is an improvement methodology focusing on providing customer value and increasing process flow.

RISING ENTREPRENEUR

Our local companies never cease to amaze us with their innovation and the broad reach of their products and services – regionally, nationally and internationally. Each month, we will highlight a local business that is an innovative and rising sector leader whose entrepreneurship is expanding and adding to the local economy and strengthening our workforce.

GBF Catering ("God Bless Food")

Thysen Scott's passion is food. Although his career started in flooring at the age of 15, learning how to sell and install flooring through his mother's carpet store, his love has always been cooking food. As the second oldest of eight kids, he learned to cook at the age of 8, often preparing the meals for the family. This wasn't his only exposure to cooking food.

Thysen, who with business partner and wife Debi are proprietors of Port Ludlowbased GBF Catering, comes from a family of restaurateurs. His mother's side owns the Taco Time franchise. His father owns seven restaurants in the Seattle area (where Thysen cooked and managed for two years in his mid-20s), and his aunt owns one of the largest catering companies in the Seattle area (where he cooked for Microsoft and other groups of up to 1,200 people).

From Flooring to Food

Thysen's flooring business brought him to Jefferson County in 2007, so he could be closer to his full-time contract installing for Westport Yachts in Port Angeles, Westport and Hoquiam. Then in 2009, Thysen met his soon-to-be bride Debi and they married in 2010.

For anyone who knows
Thysen well, they know he
cooks for everyone he can, as
often as possible, delivering
food to friends, customers,
and those he feels "need a
good meal, free of charge."

Although the exposure to food has always been there, and his love for cooking has always been his passion, it wasn't until the fall of 2013 when he was encouraged to start catering after doing a flooring job for the Port Townsend Paper Corporation through his primary business, "The Carpet Specialist." After

bringing in his specialty food to Rita Hubbard and the staff, they asked Thysen if he would cater their Christmas party. That's where it all "officially" started.

In December 2013, Thysen and Debi started their company, GBF Catering, which stands for "God Bless Food"... and Thysen explains, as he points up with his finger, "all the Glory goes to Him."

One Great Meal at a Time

GBF caters for events of all sizes and types, including corporate events, non-profit, birthdays and anniversaries, celebrations of life, etc. They pride themselves on serving hot food hot, cold food cold, never running short on food, and making everything taste great.

Thysen jokes, "I want to feed the world, one great meal at a time," and he offers American favorites that are taken up a few notches to bring out the best in everything he serves. Catering is the first step in food for Thysen, and there are always plans in motion for the future...which definitely revolves around food.

While Thysen and Debi run the catering business, they also have a solid core of staff to help with service at larger events. Susan Lind, a family member, has been helping since the very first event. "We are blessed to have such a great team of people willing to jump in and help sporadically when needed," said Thysen.

Community Catering

GBF Catering has also become a food favorite at several community events, including Port Ludlow Movie Night. Their next event that is open to the public will be the Hadlock Building Supply Customer Appreciation Lunch on May 4, where they will provide a Free All You Can Eat Taco Bar from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

In addition to collecting glowing testimonials from satisfied clients, this growing company has also been collecting community accolades. Thysen and Debi were recently nominated for a **Jefferson County Community** Leadership Award in the Young Professionals category, and Thysen has won the Best Chef category in The Port Townsend Leader Reader Poll for two out of the last three years (coming in 2nd place last year), as well as Best Flooring. It appears that he has found his home.

For more information about GBF Catering, including a list of sample menu items, visit www.gbfcatering.com.



GBF Catering proprietors Thysen and Debi Scott cater both private and public events, which included preparing Ty's Famous Clam Chowder for Port Ludlow Movie Night this past August. Courtesy of GBF Catering.



GBF Catering offers a wide menu of food options ranging from soups and salads to entrees and desserts as well as appetizers, including Ty's Perfectly Smoked Salmon Platter. Courtesy of the Jefferson County Chamber.



GBF Catering

Thysen and Debi Scott, Proprietors

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CHAMBER MIXER

Join Us for a

Business after Business Mixer

Featuring a Hawaiian Luau Theme Best Hawaiian shirt/outfit wins a prize!

DATE & TIME

Tuesday, May 14

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION

Old Alcohol Plant

310 Hadlock Bay Road, Port Hadlock



MEMBER NEWS

Student "Art Wave" Rolls into PT

Merchants in Port Townsend's historic districts are displaying student artwork in their storefronts throughout the month of May as part of the annual "Art Wave!" exhibit.

The artwork, created by Port Townsend School District students in grades K-12, is an annual exhibition celebrating children's creative expression through art and is a collaboration with participating uptown and downtown Port Townsend businesses. Funds raised will help support diverse offerings by PT Artscape, including the Teaching Artists Programs at Salish Coast Elementary School, Blue Heron Middle School, and Port Townsend High School, as well as professional development for teaching artists and classroom teachers.

Visit ptmainstreet.org for additional details.



Courtesy of the Port Townsend Main Street Program.



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