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Fair Association Board President Don Pruiett and Trustee Rita Hubbard's resignations were some of the largest reactions to accusations from Amber Jones, board member and building superintendent. *Leader photo by Derek Firenze*

Four weekend closures for Hood Canal Bridge

Work is part of busy construction season

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It's not the waters that are troubled. It's the bridge. And then some. The Washington State Department of Transportation has announced critical closures of the Hood Canal Bridge this summer for repair work. The span will be completely closed from 11 p.m. Fridays to 4 a.m. Mondays for four consecutive weekends starting Friday, July 28. The bridge, which has roughly 18,000 vehicle crossings a day, will also be shut down the weekends of Aug. 4, Aug. 11, and Aug. 18. The shutdown during the summer tourism season has alarmed officials, residents, and businesses across the Olympic Peninsula. Steve Roark, Region Administrator for the Washington State Department of Transportation, has been recently meeting with public officials and organizations across the Peninsula to talk about the pending closures. The news has not been well received. "There's no good time for construction," Roark told *The Leader*. "The challenging part is finding a gap in the busy summer area. To not impact tourism is almost impossible," he said. It's a balancing act of tradeoffs, Roark said, of trying to get the work done in good weather.

REQUIRED WORK FOR SAFETY REASONS

The project includes rehabilitating the center lock system that keeps both halves of the bridge connected. Transportation officials said the center lock is similar to a deadbolt on a door, and the system needs to be strengthened to deal with winter storms and tides. Another component of the span that needs work are the "pyramids"; twin metallic objects that help guide the span into dual receivers on one side of the bridge. Roark said the drawspan's center locks are similar to an old-school briefcase with latches; two giant, hydraulically operated latches that hold the drawspan together. Over the years, the stress and strain of tides in and out, and the wind, have taken a toll. "It's just wore out," he said. For those who would like to see the closures staggered across the summer and not on consecutive weekends, Roark said: "The answer is really no. Once we start the work, we need to finish the work." The work is also dependent on the weather. "We think that's the best balance between getting the work done in good weather while trying to meet the needs of the community in avoiding the major events and festivals that are going on." "But, at the end of the day, some folks are still not happy with the time frame we picked. But we have to pick a weekend." The bridge work is only one piece of a packed construction

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Fair Association turns the microscope on itself

Board members ask for investigation amid swirl of questions on finances

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During a tumultuous and crowded meeting of the Jefferson County Fair Association last week, two members resigned and the board voted to put itself under investigation for neglect of duty of office.

The accusations — specifics of which have not yet been made public — were raised by Amber Jones, a fair board member and building superintendent at the Thursday, Feb. 9 meeting.

While the meeting was relatively short, not much more than an hour long, passions ran deep.

"I don't think this organization is functional," Jones said at the meeting.

"I think that it's most appropriate for this board to be looked at by an investigative committee, so therefore I would like to make a resolution that a committee of five people be appointed by vote of our members," she continued.

She was quickly interrupted by Board Treasurer Glenda Meek.

"You can't do that," Meek said.

Jones had called for a full vote of the room, but Meek disagreed, saying only the board could vote.

"I don't think this organization is functional."

Amber Jones
JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR BOARD
MEMBER

The trustees then struggled to keep hold of the meeting as a debate broke out around the organization's bylaws and who could actually cast a vote.

One member of the public claimed that at previous meetings, anyone in attendance — including the public — had been allowed to vote on such resolutions. But Meek wouldn't allow it.

Quoting from her phone, Meek stated that only those who attend the board's annual meeting on the first Saturday of November could be considered for membership.

Jones responded with her own quotations from Robert's Rules of Order and a printed copy of the organization's bylaws.

In the end, the call to form an investigatory committee was passed by both

a vote of the full room and a vote only of the trustees.

RIOTOUS ROOTS

The disarray followed the exodus of previous Fairgrounds Manager Danny McEnerney, though the way the board does business was a factor leading up to his departure, as well.

On Dec. 30, McEnerney tendered his resignation, citing two main reasons for leaving the fair.

"We are at odds with respect to our visions, strategies, and personal philosophies ... While the position may be called 'Manager' and the work involves managing — I am not given the trust, authority, or support to do my job," McEnerney wrote in his letter of resignation.

Support for McEnerney was palpable at the meeting.

"I really feel like it's this board and the disorganization that caused him to be lost," Jones said. "And I don't think that we're going to be able to get another person with this situation."

Meek and others on the board responded by accusing McEnerney of spending money without the board's

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Jefferson Transit, city unveil new trolley-style bus

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It's trolley time in Port Townsend. And this baby has all the bells and whistles: wooden seats, brass-coated stanchions, a cow catcher in the front, and of course, an old-fashioned bell.

Displaying the trolley bus outside City Hall Thursday afternoon, Jefferson Transit General Manager Nicole Gauthier and Mayor David Faber brought out the big scissors for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"This will be a great addition to the downtown area," Gauthier said. "Jefferson Transit will continue exploring ways to serve the community."

"I just happened to be here," Faber said jokingly, wearing an in-theme, mayor's top hat for the grand occasion.

Keeping it short and sweet to avoid the blustery winds, Faber and Gauthier snipped the red ribbon and made it official as a crowd of around 35 adults and visiting classes from Salish Coast Elementary followed along.



The new trolley will serve Jefferson Transit's No. 11 route through the Haines Place Park-and-Ride, Uptown, and downtown. *Leader photo by James Sloan*

The bus cost Jefferson Transit \$574,000 and was purchased in late 2022.

The diesel-powered rig will be used for Jefferson Transit's No. 11 Route downtown, which runs from the Haines Place Park-and-Ride to Water and Adams streets downtown to Lawrence and Tyler streets in Uptown, with

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Jefferson Transit General Manager Nicole Gauthier and Mayor David Faber cut the ribbon to launch the transit authority's new bus while surrounded by Salish Coast Elementary students. *Leader photo by James Sloan*

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NEWSMAKERS

TROY SURBER, DARRYL ELMORE, ERIC MORRIS

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office was recently asked to expand courthouse security and provide security screening services. Two familiar faces have joined county staff at the courthouse in Port Townsend, as well as someone new to the department. Troy Surber returns to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office after serving as a corrections/communications officer from 1995 through 1997. He then served as police chief for the Port Townsend Police Department until his retirement in 2021. Surber has a long history of public service. He served in the Navy from 1981 to 1985 and the Air Force from 2006 to 2009. Darryl Elmore began his law enforcement career in 1992 in Neah Bay, serving as the chief of police for the Hoh Tribe before joining the Port Townsend Police Department in 1996. He left Port Townsend the Forks Police Department as a sergeant. Elmore also was in the Marine Corps from 1973 to 1978. Deputy Eric Morris is also part of the security staff at the courthouse. Morris attended high school in White Salmon and college in Port Angeles until being hired as a corrections deputy by Clallam County in 2005. He worked as a corrections deputy until being hired as a deputy sheriff in 2015, eventually transferring to Jefferson County. Interesting factoid: Motorists may remember his face from a recruiting billboard for the Clallam County Sheriff's Office in Port Angeles.

AURIN ASBELL

Aurin Asbell of Port Townsend was among those who earned dean's list recognition at George Fox University for the fall 2022 semester. Asbell is a sophomore majoring in psychology. Traditional undergraduate students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or above on 12 or more hours of graded work to earn a spot on the dean's list. George Fox University, based in Newberg, Oregon, is a Christian college classified by U.S. News & World Report as a "Best National University."

KENTON HOTSKO

Kenton Hotsko has joined the Peninsula Trails Coalition as its first paid staff for trail maintenance. He will plan, oversee, and directly perform maintenance on the entire Olympic Discovery Trail, including the Olympic Adventure Trail. Hotsko has previous experience with the National Park Service, most recently with Olympic National Park trail crews. He holds a bachelor's degree in business and management from Peninsula College and lives in Port Angeles with his wife Kathryn and their son Benjamin.



NESSA PETERS

Nessa Peters was named to the Hamline University College of Liberal Arts Dean's List for the fall 2022 term. Peters was born and raised in Port Townsend until she moved to another state while in middle school. She attended high school in Bemidji, Minnesota. Her father, Josh Peters, continues to reside in Jefferson County. Hamline University, located in Saint Paul, is the oldest university in Minnesota. Peters is studying music performance and production at Hamline. She is among 597 students to make the Hamline University's Dean's List in fall 2022. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher and complete a minimum of 16 credit hours.

JOEY DEESE

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners reappointed Jesse Deese to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. The appointment was confirmed at the board meeting Monday. Deese is regional manager for Waste Connections. He will replace Chad Young as the representative from Waste Connections on the advisory body.

NUMBERS OF NOTE

FASCINATING FIGURES FROM OUR AREA AND BEYOND

240

Number of lab-confirmed influenza deaths that have been reported in Washington state for the 2022-2023 season to date. State health officials said influenza-like illness activity is currently "minimal." SOURCE: Washington State Department of Health Influenza Update for Week 5.

308,000

Number of Washington state residents who have applied for one-time student debt relief from the federal government and have had their applications approved and sent to loan servicers for discharge. A total of 486,000 people in Washington state applied or were deemed automatically eligible for relief. Applications were available for less than four weeks, until lawsuits were filed against the U.S. Department of Education in November by opponents of the program, which halted the acceptance of applications. During that time frame, 26 million people across the country either applied for debt relief or had already provided sufficient information to the Department of Education to be deemed eligible for relief. Nationwide, more than 16 million of those borrowers' applications were fully approved and sent to loan servicers. SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education

1,370,235

Number of eligible voters in Washington state for the 2023 February Special Election.

24,520

Number of eligible voters in Jefferson County for the 2023 February Special Election.

9,472

Number of ballots in Jefferson County that have been returned through Monday, Feb. 13 for the 2023 February Special Election.

38.63%

Number of eligible voters in Jefferson County who have returned their ballot through Monday, Feb. 13 for the 2023 February Special Election.

0.99%

Number of ballots submitted by Jefferson County voters for the 2023 February Special Election that have been challenged, through Monday, Feb. 13. A total of 94 ballots have been challenged.

1.14%

Number of ballots submitted by Washington voters for the 2023 February Special Election that have been challenged, through Monday, Feb. 13.

2,036

Number of ballots challenged due to a voter signature that does not match across Washington state, through Monday, Feb. 13. A signature that does not match is the top reason for a challenged ballot in Washington.

SOURCE: Washington Secretary of State Office

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GOV. JAY INSLEE

IN PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF FEB. 20 AS INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS WEEK IN WASHINGTON IN SOLIDARITY WITH NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS WEEK. STATE OFFICIALS NOTE THAT INVASIVE SPECIES ARE A GLOBAL PROBLEM THAT HAS COST THE UNITED STATES MORE THAN \$1.2 TRILLION IN THE PAST 50 YEARS. A 2017 STATE STUDY ESTIMATES THAT SOME SPECIES IN OTHER STATES, SUCH AS INVASIVE FRESHWATER MUSSELS, WOULD COST WASHINGTON MORE THAN \$100 MILLION ANNUALLY IN DAMAGE AND LOSS IF THEY BECOME ESTABLISHED HERE.

“A veteran shouldn’t have to wait six months – or worse, be unemployed for six months – for bureaucratic reasons. This common-sense bipartisan bill will remove that hurdle and ensure that our service members can transition into good jobs.”

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES DEREK KILMER (WA-06)

ON THE EFFORT TO REINTRODUCE THE BIPARTISAN RETAIN SKILLED VETERANS ACT. THE LEGISLATION WOULD PERMANENTLY REMOVE THE EXISTING REQUIREMENT FOR RETIRED MILITARY MEMBERS TO SUBMIT A WAIVER TO WORK AS A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WITHIN 180 DAYS OF THEIR RETIREMENT OR SEPARATION FOR POSITIONS AT THE GS-13 LEVEL OR BELOW.

“You going to see the President tomorrow?”

COUNTY COMMISSIONER KATE DEAN

IN PRE-MEETING ZOOM COMMENTS AT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING ON MONDAY, TO COUNTY COMMISSIONER HEIDI EISENHOUR, WHO IS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ATTENDING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE.

ON THE WATERFRONT

STRAIT TALK

NEWS FROM THE STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA

Cruising the streets

The soon-to-be 200-ton boat Captain Alaska made its first journey, though not at sea.

Under cover of darkness, workers from many local and regional entities came together to assist moving the unfinished vessel from the Four Corners Road area to the Boat Haven in Port Townsend on the night of Sunday, Feb. 12.

The move took five hours, with work going into the early morning of Monday, and required Jefferson County Public Utility District employees to be on hand to take down power lines as it was hauled along the streets.

The vessel’s 78 feet in length will eventually work the waters off of Alaska in search of salmon, but there is still finishing needed before it can fish.



The late night haul stalled traffic in both directions while making its way along the route to Boat Haven. Photo courtesy of Jefferson County Public Utility District

VESSEL WATCH

PORT TOWNSEND HAS A RICH MARITIME HISTORY, AND THE STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA IS ONE OF THE BUSIEST MARINE CORRIDORS IN THE WORLD. HERE ARE SELECTED SHIP PASSINGS NEAR PORT TOWNSEND, FROM FEB. 9 THROUGH FEB. 13.

Midnight Sun passed Point Wilson at 4:20 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9 at 18.6 knots.

A cargo ship, the vessel was built in 2005 (length, 254 meters; beam, 37) and sails under the flag of the United States.

The ship departed Tacoma on Feb. 9 en route to Anchorage, Alaska with an expected arrival of Feb. 12.

Previous port calls: Anchorage City, Alaska, Feb. 6; Tacoma, Feb. 2-Feb. 3; Anchorage City, Jan. 30; Tacoma, Jan. 26-Jan. 27.

SM Long Beach passed Point Wilson at 6:55 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at 19.8 knots.

The container vessel, built in 2007 (length, 304 meters; beam, 40), sails under the flag of South Korea.

The ship left Seattle on Feb. 11 en route to the Port of Portland, Oregon, with an expected arrival of Feb. 12.

Previous port calls: Vancouver, Canada, Feb. 5-Feb. 9; Busan New Port, South Korea, Jan. 17-Jan. 18; Ningbo, China, Jan. 13-Jan. 16; Shanghai, China, Jan. 11.

Ever Leader passed Point Wilson at 9:25 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at 22.5 knots.

A container ship, the vessel was built in 2013 (length, 335 meters; beam, 46) and sails under the flag of Singapore.

The vessel departed Tacoma on Feb. 11 en route to the Port of Kaohsiung, Taiwan, with an expected arrival of Feb. 27.

Previous port calls: Los Angeles, California, Feb. 3-Feb. 7; Long Beach, California Feb. 3; Taipei, Taiwan, Jan. 19-Jan. 20; Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Jan. 16-Jan. 18.



A Navy submarine sits in Port Townsend Bay on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 8 near Indian Island Naval Magazine. Leader photo by James Sloan

Green Cove passed Marrowstone Point at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at 17.5 knots.

A vehicles carrier, the ship was built in 1999 (length, 200 meters; beam, 32) and sails under the flag of the United States.

The ship departed Annacis Island, Canada on Feb. 11 en route to the Port of Tacoma, with an expected arrival of Feb. 11.

Previous port calls: Kawasaki, Japan, Jan. 26-Jan. 28; Hitachinaka, Japan, Jan. 25-Jan. 26; Nagoya, Japan, Jan. 23-Jan. 24; Gamagori, Japan, Jan. 22-Jan. 23.

Athos passed Nodule Point, Marrowstone Island at 7:55 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 at 18.5 knots.

A container ship, the vessel was built in 2011 (length, 350 meters; beam, 46) and sails under the flag of Liberia.

The vessel left Roberts Bank, Canada, on Feb. 12 en route to the Port of Tacoma, with an expected arrival of Feb. 12.

Previous port calls: Busan New Port, South Korea, Jan. 23-Jan. 25; Hongqiao, China, Jan. 21-Jan.

22; Yantian, China, Jan. 17-Jan. 18; Hong Kong, Jan. 14-Jan. 15.

One Cosmos passed Liplip Point, Marrowstone Island at 7:46 a.m. Monday, Feb. 12 at 18.8 knots. A container ship, the vessel was built in 2008 (length, 320 meters; beam, 46) and sails under the flag of Panama.

The ship left Tokyo, Japan on Feb. 1 en route to the Port of Tacoma with an expected arrival of Feb. 13. Previous port calls: Nagoya, Japan, Jan. 30; Ningbo, China, Jan. 25-Jan. 27; Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Jan. 19-Jan. 20; Xiamen, China, Jan. 17-Jan. 19.

Coastal Trader passed Point Wilson at 12:05 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13 at 8.4 knots.

A refrigerated cargo ship, the ship was built in 1963 (length, 78 meters; beam, 14) and sails under the flag of the United States.

The vessel left Bellingham on Feb. 13. Previous port calls: King Cove, Alaska, Feb. 5-Feb. 6; Dutch Harbor, Alaska, Jan. 31-Feb. 5; Unalaska, Alaska Jan. 30-Jan. 31; Dutch Harbor, Jan. 30.

Global Provider passed Point Wilson at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13 at 9.7 knots.

A tanker, the ship was built in 2008 (length, 37 meters; beam, 10) and sails under the flag of the United States.

The vessel departed Seattle on Feb. 13. Previous port calls: Bremerton, Feb. 3; Seattle, Jan. 31-Feb. 3; Vashon Island, Jan. 31; Seattle, Jan. 30-Jan. 31.

Bluefin passed Marrowstone Point at 2:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13 at 13.6 knots.

A fishing vessel, the boat was built in 1980 (length, 50 meters; beam, 12) and sails under the flag of the United States.

The vessel left Seattle on Feb. 13 en route to the Port of San Francisco, with an expected arrival of Feb. 16. Previous port calls: Seattle, Jan. 30-Feb. 9.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Speeding driver hits rock embankment

A 19-year-old Port Townsend man was hurt after his 1989 Ford Ranger pickup truck hit a guardrail on US Highway 101 Monday night.

According to the Washington State Patrol, the man was heading north on US 101 at a high rate of

speed when he locked up the brakes on the truck and slid into the guardrail.

The pickup smacked the guardrail on the northbound shoulder of the road, then crossed both lanes and hit a rock embankment on the southbound shoulder.

The driver was taken to St. Michael Medical Center in Silverdale for treatment.

The crash occurred just before 9 p.m. Feb. 13 near Milepost 312.

The pickup was totaled and was removed from the scene by All City Body & Towing.

The driver will be charged with speeding too fast for conditions, failure to wear a seatbelt, and no insurance, according to the State Patrol.

Pair in rowboat pulled from Hood Canal

A Coast Guard helicopter rescued two people from Hood Canal Sunday night after the pair were unable to maneuver their rowboat due to strong winds and currents.

Watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound in Seattle received a report at 6:18 p.m. Feb. 12 of two people aboard a rowboat in Hood Canal. The pair had reportedly been struggling to maneuver their vessel for more than two hours due to strong currents and 35- to 40-knot winds.

A 45-foot Response

Boat-Medium boat from Coast Guard Station Seattle was sent to the scene, and a Coast Guard MH-65 Dolphin helicopter was launched from Air Station Port Angeles.

The aircrew arrived on scene at 7:45 p.m., deployed a rescue swimmer, and hoisted both people into the helicopter.

The aircrew transported both people to Bremerton National Airport where they met family members.

The pair were in stable condition following the rescue, according to the Coast Guard.

Power out in PT on Super Bowl Sunday

A power outage in Port Townsend left most of the city without power on the morning of Super Bowl Sunday. The outage was reported at 9:51 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 by the Jefferson County Public Utility District.

Jameson Hawn of the PUD said power to customers in downtown Port Townsend, Uptown, and toward Kai Tai was restored around 1:30 p.m. Sunday after electricity was re-routed through switching operations by a PUD line crew.

At its peak, approximately 2,500 customers were affected.

Switching operations allowed crews to quickly get that number down to approximately 1,000 customers, Hawn added.

Hawn said the regulator at the Dana Roberts Substation, located on the east side of Kai Tai, was the component that faulted.

“Fortunately, our warehousing staff had stock on-hand and our substation team was able to quickly identify the problem and make the swap,” Hawn said in an email to The Leader.

Jefferson Clemente Course starting soon

The Jefferson Clemente Course is relaunching this month with a free 11-week college course that explores the theme of metamorphosis through art and literature from ancient to contemporary times.

“This theme feels particularly relevant right now” said Heather McRae-Woolf, Jefferson Clemente’s academic director.

“After the isolation of the last couple of years, we all have had to emerge from a kind of chrysalis. Young people especially are trying to find ways to re-engage with their community and find their paths forward,” McRae-Woolf explained. “We hope that this Clemente course can be an opportunity to reflect on the powerful personal and collective transformations taking place all around us.”

The course is free and open to young adults 17 and up.

Neither high school diplomas or GEDs are required, and Jefferson Clemente noted there are no grades or tests.

Books, tuition, transportation, and childcare are available at no cost to participants. Interested students may earn college credits, but earning credit is not a requirement for participation.

Classes meet from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, Feb. 21 through May 4 at the Fort Worden campus of Peninsula College.

Organizers of the course said Clemente is designed to offer safe, supportive college experiences that explore important questions about what it means to be human and how we can be more engaged in our communities.

But why the humanities? According to Jefferson Clemente’s board president,

“A lot of emphasis is placed on STEM these days,” said Richard Kenney, Jefferson Clemente’s board president.

“But STEM fields are powerless to tell us what that knowledge is worth. The humanities do that. They refine and clarify our values, and teach us how to think.”

The Jefferson Clemente Course is made possible through a partnership with The Clemente Course in the Humanities, Bard College, and Peninsula College.

More information or to apply email Heather McRae-Woolf at jeffcoclemente@gmail.com or visit jeffersonclemente.org.

Non-union PUD staff to receive COLA increase

Non-union employees with the Jefferson County Public Utility District are set to obtain a 7.75-percent cost-of-living increase.

The utility authority’s board of commissioners unanimously approved the resolution in their Feb. 7 meeting.

Before deciding on the 7.75 percent mark, PUD staff reviewed cost-of-living adjustments in the Seattle, Tacoma, and Bellevue regions and compared the consumer price index (CPI) nationally and regionally before deciding on the percentage.

Seattle’s CPI in December was 8.4 percent, while the national CPI in the United States was 7.1 percent in November.

The utility district initially planned to add a 4.5 percent cost-of-living increase for non-union employees when budgeting for 2023, and the higher-than-anticipated increase will have an impact on the budget, according to PUD documents.

The utility noted that staff will find ways to save on expenses to help with the additional labor costs.

Property tax statements mailed

Property tax statements should be landing in the mailboxes of Jefferson County property owners, according to Jefferson County Treasurer Stacie Prada.

Property owners who are enrolled in eNotices were notified via email on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Prada is reminding property owners that the deadline to pay first installment property taxes is May 1. It was extended from April 30 because that due date falls on a weekend.

According to Jefferson County Assessor Jeff Chapman, the total taxable value for the county rose by 21.32 percent in 2022 from 2021.

Due to budget limitations for taxing district increases, collections went up by only 3.25 percent, which is less than inflation, county officials noted. While property values went up, levy rates for non-voted levies dropped, and taxes for the average homeowner only changed by a few percent.

Median property values at the start of 2022 for homes ranged from \$316,000

(Brinnon) to \$595,000 (Marrowstone) with the countywide and citywide median values both being \$478,000.

Deadline nears for Rotary scholarships

Graduating seniors from Chimacum and Quilcene high schools can apply to the East Jefferson Rotary Club for scholarships for either vocational training or college-bound studies.

The club has decided to focus on scholarships this year and will be awarding significant scholarships to deserving seniors.

High school counselors have all the details about the process and the application package is available in their offices.

The submission deadline is March 31.

For questions or additional information, email Nancy McDaniel at nmcdan1975@gmail.com.

Chemakum Tribe hosts gathering in Chimacum

Members of the Chemakum Tribe, Native inhabitants of the north Olympic Peninsula, will host a gathering from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 in the Chimacum High School Auditorium.

Rosalee Walz, Chair of the Chemakum Tribal Council, will open the afternoon with an update on the Tribe’s re-emergence. Afterwards, “Doctrine of Recovery,” a film exploring the effects of colonization and pathways to healing, will be shown followed by responses to the film by members of the Chemakum Tribe. Questions will be answered after comments.

Selected portraits from the exhibit “Still Here, Portraits of the Chemakum” will be on display. For those who missed the original showing in April 2022, the event is an opportunity to view the remarkable photographs by Brian Goodman and League of Extraordinary Observers.

Donations are gratefully accepted and all are welcome. Proceeds will go to Chemakum Tribal Services, a nonprofit for the Chemakum Tribe.

The Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Native Connections Action Group and Chemakum Tribal Services are co-sponsors of the event. For more information, email quifncag@gmail.com or call 425-417-2164.

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Coyote returns to wild after hospital encounter

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It was a first for the Jefferson Healthcare Medical Center and it was a first for Center Valley Animal Rescue's founder and director Sara Penhallegon.

"That was a new one and my first coyote in the hospital," Penhallegon said of the four-legged creature's recent encounter at the healthcare center on Sheridan Street.

The coyote darted through the express clinic's automatic doors on Feb. 7, running wild through a hallway and smashing through a glass panel before cornering itself in an outdoor courtyard.

"She was a 25-pound adult coyote and had a wound on her head and nose," Penhallegon said.

The animal was transported to Center Valley Animal Rescue to be tended for its injuries.

Believe it or not, coyotes tend to be easier to operate on than the average pet dog or cat, Penhallegon said.

"Coyotes are one of my easiest patients, actually. They get a bad rap," She said. "Some of my dog patients are not as good."

After a terrible Tuesday, the coyote received multiple sutures for her snout and spent the night at the animal rescue to recover.

She was set free to return to the woods last Wednesday evening.

"The best thing was to get her back to the wild as quickly as we could," Penhallegon said.

Injury-wise, the animal sustained "nothing lasting, nothing to stop her from being a coyote ... her fear factor was way worse than the injuries."

Theorizing on how the coyote even ended up at the hospital in the first place, Penhallegon speculated on what could've drawn a wild



Center Valley Animal Rescue's Sara Penhallegon operates on the coyote, applying multiple stitches to its injured snout after running through a glass panel at the hospital. Photo courtesy of Sara Penhallegon



The coyote returns to the wild Wednesday evening outside Port Townsend after being treated for injuries the day before. Photo courtesy of Sara Penhallegon

County Animal Services, and Center Valley Animal Rescue coordinated together to corral the coyote, who'd sat down in the courtyard after being injured.

Hospital staff put up paper posters around the courtyard-facing windows to calm the animal as help arrived, according to Yaley.

The coyote was contained

with a net, sedated, and transported to Center Valley Animal Rescue in Quilcene for treatment before being set free.

To view the video of the female coyote returning to the wild, visit the animal rescue's facebook page at facebook.com/search/top?q=center%20valley%20animal%20rescue.

animal to the facility.

"Animals in general can get in weird situations," she said. "Maybe she had close call on the road and took off running, and she ended up running down towards the hospital and could've seen people."

Considering the express clinic entrance's shaded location, the wild animal could've seen it as a potential hiding spot.

"That door and entrance would've looked like a nice,

dark, quiet place to go," Penhallegon said. "She got into her den and realized it wasn't a den at all and melted down."

"The big takeaway is coyotes aren't scary and they're not going to hurt people," Penhallegon said.

The situation is different for small animals like cats, little dogs, chickens, and other small prey animals

Coyotes are predatory animals, though, and if people leave chickens or other

critters out, the coyotes will do what carnivores do, Penhallegon said.

The coyote entered the facility on Sheridan Street around 10:05 a.m. Tuesday, according to hospital communications director Amy Yaley, and multiple local law enforcement and animal control teams were called to the scene.

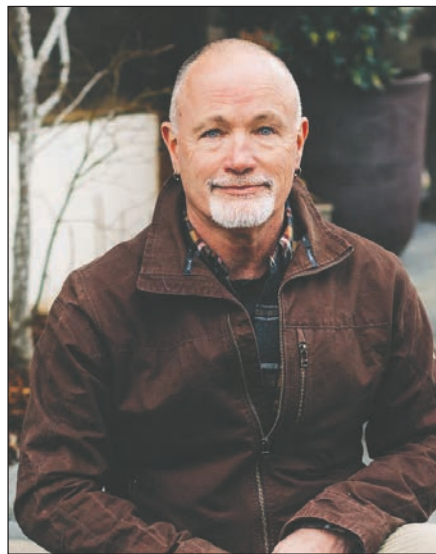
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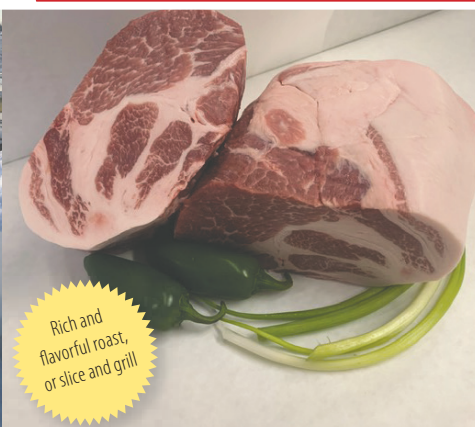


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New craft and interior design shop opens in downtown PT

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Uniquely arrayed luxury awaits shoppers at one of downtown Port Townsend's newest shops, House of the Faun.

Named after the largest and most expensive residential ruins in Pompeii, Italy, known for its craftsmanship and quality of materials, this shop seeks to elevate the shopping experience.

"The staging and the beautifying of the space is my favorite thing in here," said Lisa Leporati, who owns the store with her sister Catherine.

Their passion for interior design is present everywhere the eye rests inside the store.

"It's like your home is your sacred space. It's like your buffer and your safe zone, so it's important to fill it with

beauty," Leporati said.

Fauns are spirits of the untamed woodland typically depicted as half human and half goat, a statue of which was found in the Pompeii ruins depicting a divine, graceful quality reflected in the store's array of pious pieces.

One of Catherine Leporati's favorites are the wax statues of the Virgin Mary she and her sister managed, with some difficulty, to import from Ciergerie des Prémontrés, the oldest candlemakers in Provence, France.

The pair signed the lease on the building once occupied by Olympic Art and Office in September 2022 and did months of demolition, painting, and renovating the space to create a shop worthy of the new name.

The once-white walls of the



Sisters Catherine and Lisa Leporati have traveled to some of the most famous European destinations together, including Paris, Prague, Italy, Greece, and Belgium before opening the doors to their new store. *Leader photo by Derek Firenze*

office supply shop have been coated in chic, dark tones which hold a distinctive collection of hand-crafted items found nowhere else in town.

"We both have a shared love of collecting and shopping, and just loving treasure hunting," Catherine Leporati said.

"We also thought for a long time it would be great to have a store together," she added.

Their lives both opened up at an opportune moment, and they managed to get their treasure trove ready to go in time for the holidays, holding their opening day on Black Friday in 2022.

The uncommon commodities include things like pen ink made from dissolved guns created by Thos Little at A Rural Pen Inkworks.

"We look for people that are making and doing really interesting things, and



The pair said they feel like it's always Christmas unwrapping new items for the shop like these Mexican candles. *Leader photo by Derek Firenze*

unique and made-by-hand things, and his is just really an incredible project," Lisa Leporati said.

She's done some ink-making herself and has a deep interest in textiles, as well, which are some of her favorite items in the shop.

For instance, Port Townsend local Alison Kaplan's array of organic, sustainable, plant-dyed fabrics are sold in the shop under her brand Kata Golda, which strives to have the lowest environmental impact on the planet as possible.

"We both have a shared love of collecting and shopping."

Catherine Leporati
HOUSE OF THE FAUN

Beyond shopping, the storefront will also offer workshops and classes on how to create crafts like weaving, book binding, and dyeing. There will also be opportunities for small groups to host crafting parties in the backroom.

They also plan to have shows of local artist's work in the store, starting with textile artist Tininha Silva.

House of the Faun is located at 220 Taylor St. in Port Townsend.

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Opinion

LETTERS

Something must be done about deer herd

When my family moved here in the late 1980s, there were deer and packs of coyotes to keep the number of fawns in check. There was no need to have 6-foot fences to protect gardens, ornamentals, and fruit trees. Now there are fewer predators.

I walk on a daily basis and started counting deer one year ago. One of my routes starts at my home at Blaine/Madison (near Chetzemoka) to the Co-op then through downtown and back up the hill on Monroe.

At first, the tallies were in the high teens and low 20s.

Last fall my record count was 34. On Feb. 4, I counted 47 deer! What will it be this fall — 80? This is ridiculous.

My dog and I were stalked by deer three times last spring, twice in neighborhoods between my house and Fort Worden and once near the courthouse.

Last month we were chased by possibly the same doe near the courthouse. She was not protecting fawns, merely grazing with two yearlings. It is scary being aggressively tracked by a large animal!

My friend and I suggest the city hire expert archers to cull the herds then make the meat available to citizens.

The deer are so hungry, they now eat geraniums on my front

steps and unprotected dahlias near my garage, which they did not do previously.

They have so severely “trimmed” our laurel hedge that we can see through parts of it now. We’ve had it — something must be done.

Jackie Aase
PORT TOWNSEND

Above-average costs for a public hospital

Read that CEO Mike Glenn (Jefferson General) has gotten two pay raises based on “you get what you pay for” and “we’re lucky to have him.”

Never had a raise based on the mid range of what my peers in other companies were getting and never a 24 percent in an inflationary market.

The average of the CEO salaries mentioned in the article comes out to \$328,100 (not \$350,000) and the average number of beds in these similar hospitals is 42 (not 25 like Jefferson General).

The fact that the hospital is momentarily financially sound would be deserving of a raise but this is a public hospital and should be nonprofit and not overpaying the CEO rather than lowering costs to the patients it serves.

For example, a colonoscopy with biopsy at Olympic Medical Center, CPT code 45380 with no insurance, costs \$3,682, while at Jefferson General, \$8,713.

Let me further point out Olympic



Medical Center’s CEO is the lowest paid (\$211,478) and has the most beds (67) so who’s lucky to have whom?

Gregg Knowles
PORT HADLOCK

PT skate park needs to follow the rules

City, county, and Washington State Parks close at dusk/sunset. The only exception that I see is Memorial Field, which is illuminated for sporting events attended by a few hundred or more folks and two or more “teams” of players; a community event.

I am a fan of the skate park; I live next door to it.

I helped build the original plywood ramps with Bobby

McGarraugh, with tools and electricity from my shop in Point Hudson.

I observe cooperation, education, and sharing among the mixed ages of the skaters. Old teaching young, all giving space to each other. Exercise, balance, education, and communication; all useful skills to encourage.

Good things happen when mixed ages play together. This will not happen at night, where the demographic will be quite different. Skaters like music, often loud. Skaters YELL, often obscenities. Skaters make sounds like fingernails on a blackboard. Skateboards themselves are not quiet.

The park landed where it did due to the NIMBY syndrome; no one wanted it near their house. So the last most important downtown

parking was killed for the park.

When the park was built, within the Shoreline Management Zone (within 200 feet of the shoreline) conditions were established by its location. Outside lighting is prohibited. Landscaping to mitigate noise was to be established (this never happened).

My own building must conform to these same regulations.

Shoreline Management was established over a number of years of study and consideration of existing and future conditions. The city slipped the park into a place where it probably did not belong.

This park, like all the others, must live within the rules.

Bruce Tipton
PORT TOWNSEND

Picking up the pace in sunny California

Our California vacation locale is not Anza Borrego Desert State Park, but further north, in the Bay Area, where we lived for 25 years. I’m again getting a crash course (you should pardon the expression) in how much faster the traffic and the pace of life is down here. (We haven’t wintered down here in four years because of the pandemic.)

It’s not unusual, here in Santa Rosa/Sonoma County just north of San Francisco, to drive the speed limit, and in your rearview there’s someone tailgating you.

We’re renting in a well-established seniors community called Oakmont. And even though it’s an older community much like

PT, drivers still whizz around well above the speed limit. So many things to do and buy. So many people to see. So many trendy eateries to patronize.

Oakmont, one could say, is PT writ large. Who knew seniors would keep up such a fast pace?

I got pulled over by PT cops when I first moved here from California ... for doing what is known as a “California stop.” That is, not coming to a full stop at the octagon. I still had California plates, so the officer was understanding and let me off with a warning.

There are a lot of things to do, places to be within this retirement village of Oakmont — which teenagers jokingly call Croakmont.

Among the activities are recent

movies, a pickleball club, a billiards club, and a pétanque club.

But wait, there’s more: There’s also men’s and women’s Bible study clubs and a Jewish interest group. Add to that a garden club, a canine club, a Sunday symposium, an Oakmont Boomers group, a current events discussion group, a Cal Alumni club, and even a domino club.

But wait ... there’s more. An investment club; fitness and hiking clubs; a Rotary Club; a singles club; a bocce club, and a Lifelong Learning Program.

And a bunch more. But, I didn’t see a Scrabble club, surprisingly. (I started one in PT.)

So why are all these older drivers in Oakmont in such a hurry when there’s plenty to do near home? It’s not like they have to go far for activities.

After two weeks down here, even in a desirable area, PT is looking better all the time.

Granted, we don’t have the great weather in PT that Sonoma County has. But it could be a lot worse.

To wit: A friend in Nova Scotia sent us an article about how some locals there are adapting to this winter’s record bone-chilling cold in Maritime Canada.

Some goose and chicken owners are now boarding their poultry in their homes! Too cold out there in the coop. Don’t even THINK of saying “your goose is cooked” now.

— Other wine country notes: We’re seeing even fewer people wearing masks down here than in PT ... and rain has returned and is treated like a sacrament in this drought-plagued area. Horticultural pioneer Luther Burbank famously lived here, calling Sonoma County “the chosen spot of all this earth.”

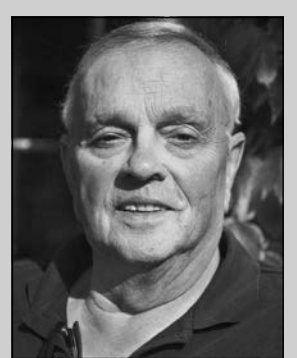
In other business: — Anybody else gotten hooked not only on the better-known Wordle but also on the daily Spelling Bee puzzle in The New York Times? The Bee is truly addictive, and my wife and I manage to reach the tough Genius level most days. But somehow, my son and his wife up in Vancouver

somehow manage to collaborate and go further — and find every word most days.

— Doggy Corner: Attention dog people! Have you read the popular and acclaimed Chet and Bernie books about the crime-solving Chet the Dog and his human sidekick? I love some of their titles: “Tail of Vengeance”; “Dog on It”; “To Fetch a Thief”; “Thereby Hangs a Tail”; “Paw and Order”; “The Sound and The Fury”; and “Scents and Sensibility”; “Tender Is The Bite”; and “Heart of Barkness.” I am told the books are as clever as their titles

— Finally, Twitter humorist Middle Age Riot tweets: “Since February is Black History Month, Florida governor Ron DeSantis has declared today to be March 1st.”

(PT humorist Bill Mann is due back here soon. He and his wife are loading up Meyer lemons to give their catsitter Grace and friends and neighbors. Reach him at Neusmann9@gmail.com.)



Bill Mann
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Caught by the COVID but the Chiefs win

You may have predicted I would be crowing about the Kansas City Chiefs victory in the Super Bowl on Sunday and you would not be wrong.

However, the dominant feature of my life the past week was dealing with the constraints put on my life as I navigated the storm of rules of COVID isolation.

I turned up with a positive test last week and immediately contacted my doctor’s office and Jefferson Healthcare. My doctor provided a Paxlovid prescription and since BJ tested negative, she accepted the mission to go to QFC and pick it up.

My battle with COVID was fairly one-sided as I was fully vaccinated and boosted, therefore dramatically improving the odds of my success in the disease’s attack. However, given

my age and weight I did give up some points in the game.

Almost full energy has returned, my nose has quit running, and my throat has healed from all the coughing.

As predicted, Paxlovid generates a less than desirable taste in your mouth that could be mistaken for chewing on an aluminum pan. In addition, I spent more time in the bathroom than I wanted to.

However, during the five day “isolation” period I went from feeling about 50 percent to 90 percent, a welcome recovery facilitating a more enjoyable Super Bowl viewing afternoon.

BJ and I had planned and organized a small Super Bowl party which we had to cancel due to my requirement to isolate. Vic and Sharon Draper stepped up and held the party and since they are just across the

street the party-goers could hear me cheer for every successful play by the Chiefs.

More good news is that BJ and I didn’t have to straighten up the house for guests, although I did buy some good beer before I discovered I had the COVID!

BJ took the isolation regimen as gospel. She moved into the guest bedroom and we ate our meals at the opposite ends of the counter. A good night and good morning kiss morphed into a fist bump. Even though she tested negative a couple of times she stayed at home unless her destination facilitated being separate from people.

I did a LMC Finance Committee meeting via “Go to Meeting,” cancelled my physical therapy appointments for a week, stayed home from my Rotary meeting, etc.

Before testing positive we did make the interesting “Dessert and Discover” event at the Beach Club early last week and learned much about the Jefferson Land Trust from the executive director, Richard Tucker. I doubt I contracted COVID from the others at our table and I certainly hope I did not pass it along.

So, by now the world has come back to

normal. I am getting back to doing some work at the Printery with Mike Kenna although I am “masking up” more than I may have done earlier.

The Chiefs beat the Eagles, barely! BJ has moved back into our bedroom. I get a good morning and good night kiss. The kids have stopped worrying. Finally, I am recovering from being “stir crazy.”

I am optimistic you had a wonderful Valentine’s Day. Given the day’s proximity to the Super Bowl I am reminded of a story about former Houston Oilers coach Bum Phillips on why he takes his wife on all the road trips. He responded, “Because she’s too ugly to kiss good-bye.”

For the record, they must have enjoyed at least one Valentine’s Day since they had six children.

Love a curmudgeon and have a great week.

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House Bill proposal expands Running Start to sophomores

ALEXANDRIA OSBORNE
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OLYMPIA - The Running Start program, which allows high school juniors and seniors to earn college level credits, will expand to include sophomores if a proposal in the state Legislature is approved.

"It's a heavy lift when you're a junior and senior to try to accomplish your two-year degree in those two years," said Sen. Brad Hawkins, R-Wenatchee. "A little running start to Running Start might be good to actually accomplish some of the two-year attainment that we're seeking in the state."

Running Start allows high school students to earn credits at community colleges, technical colleges, and certain four-year higher education institutions while still in high school. Students do not pay tuition but are responsible for textbook fees and costs of other materials, as well as transportation to and from school. The institutions are reimbursed from local school districts for the cost of tuition per student.

Senate Bill 5670, sponsored by Hawkins, allows high school sophomores to enroll in

Running Start, but the majority of time in class for that age group would be spent online.

Roz Thompson, Association of Washington School Principals government relations & advocacy director, said school officials want to be flexible and have options for students, and they want students to push themselves with advanced classes.

But there are concerns about how student development is affected when students are at a critical point in their education, she said. Sophomores, just 15 years old, would be removed from their regular in-person settings with trained adults and their peers.

Hawkins said he understands those concerns but added there are some 10th-graders in the K-12 system who need or want to be academically challenged and have access to the program.

"I just think it would be an excellent opportunity for some 10th-graders," he said. "I think it's a great opportunity with everything that transpired during COVID, with all of our higher education institutions, a lot of them doing the online learning now, I think there might be an opportunity to get the 10th-graders started a little bit with Running Start."

Commissioner Kate Dean, who was in attendance, spoke with The Leader about her misgivings of the board.

"We'd really like to see some more transparency and accountability from the fair board," Dean said. "It worries me to see that they weren't able to pull off a functional meeting tonight."

"We'd really like to see the board demonstrate that they are complying with all the financial responsibility that is expected of nonprofits," she continued.

When asked about the resignations and subsequent returns, Dean's concern was clear.

"That's the kind of process that's worrisome. These processes exist for a reason and they're cumbersome, but they're really important to keep the public's faith in organizations," she said.

Still, she was hesitant when asked what kind of consequences could be enforced.

"The county doesn't want to meddle unnecessarily," she said. "The county does not want to get involved in this, they'd like to see the fair board be able to resolve this, but we take concerns about mismanagement seriously."

"I support the board in continuing their work, but need to see that they're following rules," she added.

FOLLOWING UPFIELD

At the commissioner's board meeting on Monday, Feb. 13, Dean said a meeting had been arranged for later this week with fair officials.

"The public is calling for an investigation of finances and has asked for much of the existing board to resign," Dean told her fellow commissioners as she recounted the meeting.

"Some of the existing board did resign at that meeting but then continued to operate in the meeting," she added.

She also noted the confusion around the board's operations.

"Their processes are very unclear," Dean said.

"If you read the bylaws one way, every single person who goes to a meeting is a member and is able to vote. It's a little bit cumbersome," she added.

Dean said she and County Administrator Mark McCauley have been doing a deeper dive into their bylaws and the county's agreement with them and plans to meet with the fair association board.

"A couple members of the board agreed to meet with us," Dean said.

The meeting is scheduled for later this week.

"We need to use some leverage to help tighten up operations there. We will report back after our meeting," Dean said.

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approval.

"We are in the hole \$20,000 from the Magic of Christmas," Meek claimed.

In a conversation with The Leader after the meeting, McEnerney refuted those claims.

"I left them with over \$50,000 in funds just waiting for them to cash in on," McEnerney said.

The financial dispute hinges around the brightly lit, family-friendly Christmas event that was McEnerney's idea. He said his fundraising efforts through a GoFundMe campaign as well as donations from local businesses were the bulk of funding for the event.

"I was given a budget of \$5,000 for Magic of Christmas and I raised \$14,000. So that puts us close to \$20,000," McEnerney said.

"You can't say we're \$20,000 off budget because there is no budget," he added.

McEnerney noted that the board only gave him access to financial reports in late November 2022.

"I couldn't even begin to make a budget — a real budget — until then," he said.

The assertion that he spent money without board approval was also debatable, he said.

"I have documentation of me asking for what I can and can't do going all the way back to beginning of summer. I was never really given anything," McEnerney said.

QUIT QUITTING

The board meeting's disagreements, however, went beyond numerical and into the emotional.

The chaos escalated with both Trustee Rita Hubbard, and Board President Don Pruitt saying they would resign.

"All I get from here is [expletive], so I'm done. I'm done with the fair, I'm done with the fairgrounds. I give notice, I'm resigning," Hubbard said.

Hubbard then left the room before returning to the table, where she signed her name to a handwritten piece of paper restating her resignation, and invited other members to do the same.

Pruitt joined her by announcing his own resignation aloud before signing his name alongside Hubbard.

Yet he stayed seated until the end and even gavelled out the meeting with his comically proportioned, "Get 'Er Done" emblazoned gavel.

AFTERMATH ANALYSIS

After the close of the meeting, County

Stalking would be same crime, online or in person

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OLYMPIA - Stalking is stalking, whether it is in person or online, and they will be treated as identical crimes if a bill presented in the Legislature is adopted.

Under current law, a person commits the crime of stalking if they repeatedly follow someone with the intent to intimidate and harass.

"Unfortunately, scholarly literature indicates that law enforcement has a tendency to downplay the behavior because the individual acts of stalking are not typically criminal on their own and do not appear threatening to someone who doesn't understand the context," said Rep. Lauren Davis, D-Shoreline, the sponsor of HB-1696.

A person commits the crime of cyberstalking when they knowingly install electronic tracking devices on someone without consent.

Stalking is a gross misdemeanor but can be a felony under certain circumstances. These exceptions include when the perpetrator has already been convicted of

stalking or if the stalking violates an existing protective order.

Cyberstalking is a gross misdemeanor, with certain circumstances classifying it as a felony as well.

Under the proposed bill, the criminal charges for cyberstalking would be the same as stalking — a gross misdemeanor and a Class B felony under certain circumstances — and cyberstalking would fall under the crime of stalking rather than being its own crime.

If a victim is experiencing substantial emotional distress, it would count as one of the elements of crime for stalking under HB-1696.

Davis said former intimate partners are to blame for 94 percent of domestic violence homicides, and over half of those victims reported being stalked to police before the murder.

Contrary to popular belief, stalking in a physical and remote form are both equally predictive of violence, she said.

Alexandria Osborne is a reporter with the Washington State Journal.

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schedule for the Olympic Peninsula.

PROJECT RUNDOWN

Construction is also expected to start this summer on three roundabouts on local highways: Highway 104 at Shine-Paradise Bay Road; the Highway 104/Highway 19 interchange; and the Kearney Street/Highway 20 intersection in Port Townsend.

At Highway 104 at Paradise Bay Road, a single-lane, metered roundabout is planned. Transportation officials have said the project will reduce the severity and frequency of head-on crashes and improve the flow of traffic. The project includes intermittent lane closures, and a short-term closure of access from Shine Road to Highway 104 that will last about two weeks.

The roundabout at Highway 104/Highway 19 is also being done for safety reasons, officials said. Drivers will face temporary lane closures as work is done in phases, and there will also be a short-term closure of access to Highway 104 from Highway 19 for three weeks.

The construction of a roundabout at the Highway 20/Kearney Street intersection is expected to prompt temporary closures that will last a few weeks.

Other projects that will slow traffic include the removal of fish barriers on US 101 in both Jefferson and Clallam counties.

CONCERN RISES IN JEFFCO

The impending closures of the Hood Canal Bridge have left some officials wondering if there is a chance to modify the schedule for the work to lessen any local impacts.

County Commissioner Kate Dean

TROLLEY

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plenty of stops in between. For the full route schedule, go to jeffersontransit.com/schedules/11-shuttle.

Jefferson Transit is also partnering with Port Townsend Main Street and the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce to promote the service, with ride participants in the Feb. 17 to Feb. 18 and Feb. 24 to Feb. 25 weekends able to enter into a drawing for a \$150 gift basket for joining in the free-ride service.

To be eligible, participants must park

said the work would mean "some pretty catastrophic impacts to our community potentially."

At Monday's meeting of the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners, Dean noted noted there was a Peninsula regional transportation planning organization meeting Friday.

"I'm thinking we really need to elevate our concerns there, maybe as a region," she said.

Dean said the back-to-back shutdowns would span four entire weekends at the height of summer, from Friday night at 11 p.m. until Monday at 4 a.m. And it just seems it's going to have such a disproportionate impact being focused on those days.

"And those weekends in particular," she added.

County Commissioner Greg Brotherton recalled that concerns about the shutdowns had been raised earlier.

"This is, of course, year two of this process and we've been saying, 'OK, as long as it's not in the middle of summer during all of these events,'" he recalled.

"So three of the four weekends in August is when they chose. Pretty tone deaf," Brotherton said.

Dean said they need to create a strategy for pushing back.

"I totally agree on that," said County Commissioner Heidi Eisenhour.

Eisenhour said she had heard from a local farmer who will take a financial hit from the closures.

That farmer travels to the farmers market in Ballard every weekend in the summer, she said, "and stands to lose tens of thousands of dollars with these closures."

"So it's hitting our community in multiple ways that are obvious," Eisenhour said. "And less obvious, as well."

their vehicle at the Haines Place Park-and-Ride or hop on the trolley bus from one of the No. 11 Route stops, ride the transit service to Uptown or downtown, and spend more than \$25 at any shop in Uptown or downtown.

If participants take a selfie of themselves on the trolley bus, they will receive an additional five entries for the gift basket, Gauthier said.

Partakers can fill out an entry form on the Chamber's website and are required to scan and email receipts to admin@jeffcountychamber.org, mail them to the chamber office at 2409 Jefferson St., or drop them off in person at the office to be eligible.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15 - FEBRUARY 22, 2023



DATE	HIGH	LOW
15 Wed	45°	34°
16 Thu	46°	36°
17 Fri	45°	36°
18 Sat	47°	38°
19 Sun	47°	40°
20 Mon	47°	37°
21 Tue	43°	34°
22 Wed	41°	28°

DISCOVERY BAY TIDES

DATE	HIGH		LOW		SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOON
	A.M. ft.	P.M. ft.	A.M. ft.	P.M. ft.			
15 Wed	1:56 7.2	8:42 AM 8.1	4:13 7.1	5:32 -0.9	7:15	5:34	☉
16 Thu	2:29 7.9	9:40 AM 8.0	5:51 7.4	6:30 -1.5	7:13	5:36	☉
17 Fri	2:59 8.3	11:02 AM 8.0	7:04 7.2	7:25 -1.9	7:12	5:37	☉
18 Sat	3:29 8.6	12:22 8.1	8:00 6.8	8:16 -2.1	7:10	5:39	☉
19 Sun	3:58 8.7	1:34 8.1	8:50 6.0	9:04 -2.0	7:08	5:40	☉
20 Mon	4:26 8.7	2:41 7.9	9:39 5.1	9:49 -1.4	7:06	5:42	☉
21 Tue	4:54 8.7	3:46 7.6	10:29 4.1	10:33 -0.4	7:05	5:44	☉
22 Wed	5:21 8.8	4:51 7.2	11:20 3.1	11:15 0.8	7:03	5:45	☉

PORT TOWNSEND TIDES

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15 Wed	2:43 7.7	9:29 AM 8.6	4:30 7.6	5:49 -0.9	7:15	5:34	☉
16 Thu	3:16 8.4	10:27 AM 8.6	6:08 7.9	6:47 -1.6	7:13	5:36	☉
17 Fri	3:46 8.9	11:49 AM 8.5	7:21 7.7	7:42 -2.1	7:12	5:37	☉
18 Sat	4:16 9.1	1:09 8.6	8:17 7.2	8:33 -2.3	7:10	5:39	☉
19 Sun	4:45 9.2	2:21 8.6	9:07 6.4	9:21 -2.1	7:08	5:40	☉
20 Mon	5:13 9.3	3:28 8.4	9:56 5.5	10:06 -1.5	7:06	5:42	☉
21 Tue	5:41 9.3	4:33 8.1	10:46 4.4	10:50 -0.5	7:05	5:44	☉
22 Wed	6:08 9.3	5:38 7.7	11:37 3.3	11:32 0.9	7:03	5:45	☉

PORT LUDLOW TIDES

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15 Wed	1:46 8.5	10:38 AM 9.3	5:38 8.5	6:27 -0.6	7:13	5:33	☉
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17 Fri	3:42 9.9	1:00 9.4	8:36 8.1	8:24 -2.0	7:09	5:37	☉
18 Sat	4:17 10.4	2:07 9.6	9:26 7.4	9:16 -2.4	7:07	5:38	☉
19 Sun	4:49 10.7	3:08 9.8	10:11 6.4	10:05 -2.3	7:06	5:40	☉
20 Mon	5:19 10.9	4:07 9.9	10:54 5.3	10:50 -1.8	7:04	5:41	☉
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PORT TOWNSEND POLICE LOG

The Port Townsend Police Department received a total of 136 calls between Friday, Feb. 3, and Thursday, Feb. 9. Below are selected reports.

At 9:20 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, a shoplifter was seen stealing on video in the 400 block of Kearney Street. The theft occurred a few days prior, with a woman entering the store, taking four bottles of expensive wine, and leaving. The woman was identified by police after viewing the business' video footage. Law enforcement completed a third-degree theft report.

At 11:55 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, in the 1900 block of Blaine Street, two thieves broke into a nearby business. The store's video footage showed two hooded people wearing masks and breaking into the front door around 5 a.m. the same day. Officers reviewed the video and identified one of the two thieves. The crime is under investigation.

At 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, a woman in the 2000 block of East Sims Way was causing a disturbance after being denied services from a nearby business. She was outside the store's front doors swearing, screaming at passersby, and scaring customers. An officer spoke with her and calmed down the situation. No further incident occurred and the woman left the store.

At 2:43 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, the same woman from a previous report was seen stealing wine again, this time in the 400 block of West Sims Way. The store manager told law enforcement the woman took five bottles of wine worth \$450 and left.

At 3:20 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, in the 2200 block of Rosecrans Street, a caretaker reported a suspicious vehicle parked in a neighbor's driveway. The caretaker later called police to state that he spoke with the neighbor, who allowed a guest to park in the driveway.

At 6:55 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, potential disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of Benton Street. It was unknown if

anything turned physical, but a possible man and woman sounded like they were arguing. Officers located two women and a man. One of the women appeared to be sober and was walking her intoxicated friends back. No crime had occurred and the officers had no reason to suspect anything malicious was going on.

At 10:35 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, a drunk driver in the 800 block of West Sims Way was arrested for driving under the influence. The driver's blood alcohol concentration was at 0.28, well over the legal limit, and she was booked into jail on DUI charges.

At 10:40 a.m. Monday, Feb. 6, in the 2300 block of Third Street, an employee informed police of someone siphoning gas from four vehicles in the area over the last few days. Officers contacted the employee for details on the thefts, and he was unsure of the time frames, the identity of the thief, or how much fuel was taken. A police report was completed.

At 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, a shoplifter was reported in the 400 block of Kearney Street after the person took hot food and a soda from a business in the area. He was in his 30s with a black cap and blue jacket and has a history of stealing from the store, the shop's owner said. Officers located the man in the area, and he began running away on foot after dropping his food. He went down Washington Street, then lost the pursuing officers after cutting through Boat Haven Marina. Law enforcement and the shop owner are both familiar with the man. A report was completed and the owner requested a theft charge for the stolen food and soda.

At 9:28 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, in the 900 block of Kearney Street, a nonprofit building was broken into overnight. The culprit broke in through the building's kitchen vent and stole a Mac laptop. The forced entry caused an estimated \$200 in vent damages and \$400 in damage to the front doors. Two people came to the store the next day in the morning to return

the laptop, worth \$3,000, with the two saying the culprit was boasting about taking the computer and the two were unhappy about that.

At 7:40 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, a theft was reported in the 400 block of West Sims Way after two thieves completed a coordinated theft at a grocery store as a team. The suspects — a man in his 20s or 30s wearing dark clothes with bright, red hair and a woman in her 20s or 30s with green hair and dark clothing — stole steak and other expensive items from the business before leaving in a black Mazda vehicle with Oregon plates. Employees told police the two utilized a coordinated plan in the theft, with one of the suspects causing a disturbance while the other stole the items during the distraction.

Officers noted seeing the two suspects at a different location the night before, and the investigation is ongoing.

At 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, in the 2000 block of Washington Street, a caller advised law enforcement that people were walking through a dumpster area outside the caller's business and attempted to enter the building. No damage or loss of property occurred, and the caller wanted the incident documented with police.

At 3:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, a burglary-in-progress was reported in the 1400 block of West Sims Way after the store owner told police the front door was kicked in and he was hiding in the shop's office. Officers arrived at the store and the suspect ran out the back. The officers searched and located the suspect. He was taken into custody, and was highly intoxicated. The man is facing burglary charges for the break-in.

At 9:40 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in the 100 block of Hudson Street, a caller reported suspicious behavior at the RV park in the area. He was walking his dog and encountered a man looking under his RV upon his return. The suspect appeared to be intoxicated, and an officer contacted him while he was in his car. He was advised not to drive, and no crime had occurred.

Port signs terms on Short's Family Farm

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A new "Letter of Intent" is set and signed for the Port of Port Townsend's purchase of the Short's Family Farm.

With a price of \$1.4 million, the deal is in line with an earlier appraisal of the 253-acre property on Center Road in Chimaquam.

To fund the purchase, the deal remains contingent on the port receiving \$1 million in funding from the state.

Eron Berg, executive director for the port, signed his name to the agreement with the negotiations spelled out on Monday, Feb. 13; a special meeting of port commissioners was scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 15 to make it official.

"This is the start, where we get to potentially buy this property and begin a creative and imaginative process of putting it to its most beneficial use to the public," Berg said in an interview with The Leader.

While the initial estimate from port staff was around \$2 million, various issues kept the price down.

One constraint on the property comes in the form of a conservation easement managed by the Jefferson Land Trust preventing the farm, one of the largest in Jefferson County, from ever being subdivided or converted away from agriculture. The easement means the entire 253 acres must be sold to a single buyer and must remain in agriculture and open space use, with a number of other limits on what can and cannot be done with the property.

Perhaps the biggest damper, however, is the



Looking westerly across the property shows the scale of flooding from Chimaquam Creek. Greg Halberg photo

seasonal flooding that has continued to keep the farm mostly underwater for much of the year.

"The seasonal flooding has gotten worse over the past several years due to a combination of factors," wrote Greg Halberg, a Washington state certified general appraiser with Halberg Pacific Appraisal Service, after he inspected the property on Jan. 16.

"The reasons include continued infestation with invasive canary grass, the difficulty of clearing the drainage chokepoints annually. The long-term effect of the longer flooding season is detrimental to the health of the soil for agricultural purposes," Halberg continued.

These difficulties are something the port believes it's capable of handling, however.

"The potential to take a piece of property that's challenging and puzzle through and have an outcome that can support the ag community as well as fish habitat restoration, who wouldn't want to be part of that? That's very,

very exciting," Berg said.

While all three port commissioners have expressed their intent to move forward, after the deal is signed there will be at least one year before the port will take the plough.

The agreement allows the Short's possession of the entire property for one year after the date of closing for no rent.

"It's actually quite perfect from my perspective, because it gives the Shorts time to wrap up their decades of farming, but it also allows them one last year to steward the land while we're doing farm planning with the farm community, so we don't end up with the land before we're ready for it," Berg said.

The deal also includes a lease agreement for Roger and Sandy Short to remain in their home on the property for up to 10 years after the initial rent-free year at a rate of \$1,000 a month, as well as leasing the land under Kevin Short's mobile home to him for five years for \$200 a month.

SPONSORED CONTENT

The maritime industry is woven deep into the history and culture of the Pacific Northwest, dating back hundreds of years.

For modern maritime businesses, it's important to have commercial bankers who understand the industry and can help them continue to grow. Arne Arnesen, Director of Commercial Banking at First Fed, and his team have specialized for years in the maritime industry in order to better serve the needs of those businesses.

A third generation Norwegian in Ballard, Arnesen grew up near Fisherman's Terminal, the heart of the bustling maritime hub for the West Coast fishing industry. The North Pacific fleet was pioneered by Norwegian immigrants like Arnesen's grandfather, and Nordic culture is still prominent and celebrated in Ballard today. Maritime finance has been a way for Arnesen to connect his banking expertise with his heritage.

"As a commercial banker I could see that the financial needs of the maritime industry were being underserved," recalled Arnesen. "Local fisheries need lenders who understand the intricacies of their business. I wanted to cultivate



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of shoreline, roughly 70,000 residents are employed in maritime, making it an important economic driver for the region. While the maritime sector covers a wide range of activities and commerce, some of the key areas include commercial fishing and seafood production, ship and boat building, maritime logistics and shipping, repair and maintenance, and passenger transportation.

"The maritime industry is comprised of a diverse range of business types with unique financial needs," noted Arnesen. "For example, fisheries operate according to prime harvest season, so structuring loan payments so they coincide with a big catch can relieve some of the pressure around financing."

Working alongside Arnesen are Jake Dixon and Scott Montgomery, Commercial Relationship

Managers who each bring their own rich backgrounds in maritime to the First Fed Commercial Lending Team.



Jake Dixon, Commercial Relationship Manager at First Fed. Photo courtesy of First Fed

Dixon also grew up in Seattle, watching his father navigate a career in boat building and ship-

yard management. Initially, Dixon focused his studies and career in finance, but eventually bought a Seattle business that sold work uniforms to fishing and seafood companies. To grow his business, Dixon went through the process of obtaining a commercial loan from the other side of the table. When he shifted his career back to banking, his insider experience made him a natural fit for working with maritime businesses as a commercial lender.

"I was excited about First Fed's commitment to growth, particularly in maritime lending," said Dixon. "Our First Fed team also has a strong community focus which was really appealing to me."

Montgomery moved to the Pacific Northwest in 2009, drawn to the culture and natural beauty of the area. As he continued his banking career in Seattle, he

soon made connections in the maritime industry that shaped his specialty in the area.

It's wonderful that First Fed understands the benefit of having lenders who specialize in commercial maritime lending," noted Montgomery. "Our team



Scott Montgomery, Commercial Relationship Manager at First Fed. Photo courtesy of First Fed

is committed to finding the best financial solutions for maritime businesses to support this vital industry."

The Commercial Lending Team at First Fed can help maritime businesses who need a loan to help expand their operations as well as those looking to buy, construct, or refinance commercial vessels. They also offer lending solutions for fishing rights, maritime equipment providers, and shipyards.

"Our team is local with over 50 years of combined experience working in the maritime industry," added Arnesen. "That experience helps us ease the lending process for maritime businesses, so they can get back to doing what they do best."

To learn more about the maritime loans from First Fed or connect with a commercial lender, visit: <https://www.ourfirstfed.com/business/loans/maritime-loans>

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Arne Arnesen, Director of Commercial Banking at First Fed. Photo courtesy of First Fed

the bridge between banking and maritime so they could get financial solutions that meet their needs."

Along Washington's 3,200 miles

JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOG

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office received 340 calls for service between Friday, Feb. 3 and Friday, Feb. 10. Below are selected reports.

At 10:59 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5 in Quilcene, a resident reported a burglary at a neighbor's home. The home had been vacant following the death of the owners. A bank employee had been coming to the property to clean it up.

The neighbor reported hearing noises the night before, and the following morning, saw doors to the home had been left open. Sheds on the property had also been left open.

A dolly had been placed inside the home and it appeared someone was getting ready to take the wood stove out. Real estate agents were overseeing the property and the house had been listed for sale.

Deputies responded to the property and spoke with a real estate agent who was at the location.

At 2:51 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5 in Brinnon, a resident reported an aggressive dog that had been nipping at him.

The man said he had talked to an animal control officer the previous week, and was advised to call back if the man had another encounter with the animal. The resident said he would try other solutions to handle the dog the next time it came on his

property, but in the meantime, he was too busy to do anything about the canine.

At 5:49 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5 in Nordland, a resident reported a burglary that had just happened. The couple had left home for about an hour, but came back and found dirty marks on their brand-new carpet and footprints inside.

Nothing appeared to be missing. All the doors were locked and the alarm system had been armed. A deputy responded but could not find any muddy footprints or signs that someone had been in the house.

The couple were confused and said the dirt they saw earlier was no longer visible.

A deputy noted the couple had a dog, which charged at the officer and began barking until it was told to stop.

The couple said the dog had been in the home when they left. The alarm in the home had been activated, and the security camera system did not show anyone in the home.

The deputy told the couple that it appeared no one had been inside.

At 6:58 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5 in Chimum, a man said his son had gotten a message on social media about another student who was making threats about a possible school shooting.

The son saved a record of the

threat; a picture had been posted that showed a Winchester rifle and boots that belonged to the student who posted the picture. The man said he was concerned enough that he didn't want to send his son to school the next day. The man also left a tip with the FBI about the incident, and a deputy was contacted by the bureau later in the deputy's shift. Authorities determined that no direct threats had been made, and the school's principal was notified of the posting on social media.

The post was a photo of a Model 1879 double-barreled shotgun, and the student had posted that he purchased the firearm the day before.

One of the student's acquaintances left a message on social media that the student should bring the gun to show-and-tell, and the student replied with "OK" and a thumbs-up emoji. The students' parents were contacted, and they said all firearms were kept locked and their son did not have access.

At 4:39 a.m. Monday, Feb. 6 in Quilcene, a burglary was reported at a coffee stand.

Someone broke into the coffee stand by smashing the window on the south side of the structure. A total of \$1,200 in cash, as well as the cash register, were stolen. No other things were taken.

The crime occurred at 1 a.m. and a camera captured the burglar, who appeared to be a woman dressed in a dark, hooded sweater, jeans, and gloves. The burglar left out the back door without causing any further damage.

At 10:43 a.m. Monday, Feb. 6 in Quilcene, a resident reported getting a letter from a neighbor in the caller's mailbox. The letter did not contain any threats but just said mean things.

The caller noted he had "zero contact" with the neighbor over the past two years, and described the correspondence as a "hate letter" that addressed their differences about religion. The resident was advised to block the neighbor on social

media and consider petitioning for an anti-harassment order. The man said he would do that if the situation continued.

At 2:25 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6 in Quilcene, a school employee reported a student who had posted disturbing things on social media, including the statement, "I think I might become a serial killer."

The student made multiple posts in which he talked about murder and anger toward other students. The school contacted the boy's parents. He was searched and did not have any weapons in his possession. The student had no history of violence. School staff, the student, and his parents decided to work on a plan to help the student through his feelings. Staff said they would take safety precautions and offered counseling for the student.

At 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6 in Brinnon, a property owner reported being told of a burglary by a contractor who was building a cabin on the caller's property. The property had been burglarized and items from inside the cabin and on the property were stolen. The burglary appeared to have happened over the weekend.

Tools and building supplies were missing. The contractor will send deputies an email that lists the stolen items.

A neighbor saw a truck towing a trailer down the driveway but had no other information.

At 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 in Port Hadlock, a caller reported the theft of an extension cord that had been strung between two properties.

The caller identified a suspect, a woman who was involved in a mutual court case, and said the theft was done to intimidate a witness.

At 12:55 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 in Chimum, a 10-year-old boy threatened to shoot a teacher. The boy was in the school office and his mother had been called; she was on her way to the school.

The boy allegedly told a teacher to back up or he was "gonna put

a 17 register right through you."

The school was handling the incident in-house but wanted the case documented.

The parents of the boy said he did not have access to guns or other weapons.

At 9:28 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8 in Port Hadlock, a shoplifting incident was captured on camera at a building supply store.

The theft of a rubberized roof vent was discovered and the business wanted the customer trespassed so that he couldn't come back.

The man had come to the store and talked with an employee about two stovepipe roof vents. One of the vents was more expensive than the other.

The man asked the employee if he could buy both of the vents for the cheaper price, but the employee said no because one cost \$160 more than the other and could not sell them both to him at the same price.

Before the man left the store, however, he put the cheaper vent on top of the more expensive vent, and told the clerk the vents were identical.

The customer was contacted and asked to make things right, and the store said that even if the man settled up, he should still be trespassed.

The customer met with a deputy at the sheriff's office. He said he didn't steal the vent, but claimed the store had scammed him with the way the vents had been stacked.

The man did admit that he talked to a store employee to get a discount, however.

Deputies issued the man a trespass warning.

At 9:56 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 9 in Port Hadlock, a detective applied for a search warrant to recover stolen property.

A missing mower was recovered, but not a tractor that was also stolen.

The mower was in the shop drying out so fingerprints could be obtained.

At 3:04 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9 in Port Ludlow, a burglary was reported at a property that had an out-of-town owner.

The caller was a neighbor and found the door to a shed kicked in. Locks had also been removed from outbuildings.

The caller said he looks after the property when the owners are away.

The break-in happened within the past two weeks.

It was determined that nothing was missing, and nothing of value had been stored inside the outbuildings.

At 3:50 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9 in Port Hadlock, a resident reported the theft of a car dolly he had rented from U-Haul.

The man said he had used the dolly to move a car and it had been sitting in his yard. When he got up, he discovered the dolly was gone.

The man said he had already contacted the rental company to report the theft.

A deputy contacted U-Haul and was told the company would do some research and report back.

At 8:11 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9 in Port Hadlock, an employee at Navy Federal Credit Union reported a call from a customer incarcerated in Jefferson County Jail.

The inmate wanted to complain about conditions in the jail. He claimed he was threatened by staff and not allowed to reach out to his family for assistance. The inmate said he had special needs and was worried about his own needs and welfare.

The concerns included not being allowed to call his mother, not being allowed to get medical care, having untreated neck pain, and not receiving the correct mental health medications.

Deputies said the complaints were all easily disproven.

A captain met with on-duty jail staff and was told the inmate had refused his medications. The inmate had also claimed jail staff was going to make him fight a cellmate if he pushed the assistance button again.

The allegation was said to be unfounded. The inmate was locked down for the night and staff will consider moving him to a crisis cell.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Chimacum High School and Middle School kids need after-school tutors.

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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
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TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
 Make an effort to bring more people onto your side, Taurus. You can't possibly win everyone over, but others might be receptive to your ideas with the right approach.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
 A sit down with a higher-up could be in order soon, Gemini. Explain your attributes and what you have been doing for the company and make an effort to compromise, if necessary.

CANCER - June 22/July 22
 Cancer, you are still following through with resolutions to be more organized. Start slowly and build up to bigger projects when you gain confidence in your abilities.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23
 Celestial energy has you temporarily doubting your abilities, Leo. Normally you are quite confident in your creativity. Give things a little time to settle down.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
 Virgo, excitement could be on the horizon. Caution is needed, but don't hesitate to embrace the renewed vigor this development inspires.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY 12 Judy Blume, Author (85)
 FEBRUARY 13 Robbie Williams, Singer (49)
 FEBRUARY 14 Freddie Highmore, Actor (31)
 FEBRUARY 18 Dr. Dre, Rapper (58)

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
 Libra, this week you may start micromanaging other people without even realizing it. You certainly want things to be in order, but sometimes you have to let others be.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
 Retail therapy has its allure this week, Scorpio. If you must buy, direct your purchasing dollars toward a sweet-heart for Valentine's Day or another special occasion.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
 Sagittarius, ground yourself with the small luxuries in your life that bring you joy. This could be the company of friends or cherished mementos.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
 Misinformation seems to circulate with ease, but don't believe everything you hear this week, Capricorn. You may need to do some fact-checking of your own.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
 Aquarius, you could be tempted to indulge in a little gossip as the rumors start flying this week. Take the high road and resist the urge to join in.

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Answer

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The proposal is exempt from environmental review and threshold determination under the State Environmental Policy Act. A statement of project consistency with the Port Townsend Comprehensive Plan, Shoreline Master Program and all applicable provisions of the City's Municipal Code (PTMC) Zoning (PTMC Title 17) and Critical Areas (PTMC 19.05) will be made following review of the application. A final decision on the application will be made within 120 days of the date of the Determination of Completeness.

Resources LLC harvested 9 acres of the 10.3-acre property with a class II FPA from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), approved on December 27, 2017. Per Jefferson County Code (JCC) 18.20.160 (5)(b) a mandatory six-year development moratorium was placed on the property, set to expire December 27, 2023. The applicants Charles and Heather Southard bought the property on April 4, 2018, unaware of the development moratorium. The applicant is applying for a Type III Full Moratorium Release to build a single-family residence with associated residential development, and to plant 6 to 7 acres of native plants and viable timber. The site consists of 9 acres of harvested timber, forestry roads, and less than an acre of unharvested timber. The mapped and confirmed critical areas on the property are a Critical Aquifer Recharge Area and a Seismic Hazard Area. The Critical Aquifer Recharge Area does not require special reports. The Seismic Hazard Area is addressed in a Geotechnical Engineering Report prepared by GeoTest Services, Inc. on July 8, 2022. The applicants submitted an engineered stormwater plan by Weinberg Engineering LLC.

hsmith@co.jefferson.wa.us Jefferson County Department of Community Development 621 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368 (360) 379-4450

For further information, please visit the Jefferson County Department of Community Development web page at www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment/ 203426 2/1, 2/15

NOTICE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS

The Jefferson County Civil Service Commission (CSC) will hold its regular meetings the last Tuesday of every month at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Courthouse Basement, 1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, WA. (Hybrid Format for Attendance) The regular meetings will be held January 31, 2023 through January 30, 2024. To view comments/correspondence and meeting packet material, go to: www.co.jefferson.wa.us; - Services - Laserfiche Web Portal - Board of County Commissioners - Board & Committees - Civil Service Commission (CSC) - 2023 Meeting Packets - Day of meeting, 203557 2/15

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COURTHOUSE SECURITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing is scheduled by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners for TUESDAY, February 21, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers, County Courthouse, 1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368 Notice of said hearing is to be published in the official newspaper of Jefferson County.

The public hearing is being held for the purpose of receiving public testimony and consideration of an ordinance repealing and replacing Resolution 78-99 related to courthouse security. Like Resolution 78-99, the new ordinance would prohibit weapons of any kind within the interior of the courthouse, for the purpose of ensuring the security of the courts pursuant to RCW 9A.1300(1)(b). The ordinance would allow any person to secure a weapon in a gun locker located outside of the courthouse, rather than surrendering it to a Sheriff's deputy. The ordinance further requires the Sheriff to conduct security screening of all individuals entering the courthouse as follows: (1) electronic screening for the detection of metals; (2) the inspection of all packages, purses, backpacks, briefcases or any other containers capable of concealing a weapon that are being brought into the courthouse; (3) the "wanding" of all persons coming into the courthouse to ensure that they are not bringing concealed weapons into the courthouse; and (4) the confiscation of any weapon found and deemed by the Sheriff to be potentially dangerous. Any

person not consenting to such a search shall be refused entry into the courthouse. The Sheriff is given the discretion to waive screening of certain individuals.

You are welcome to participate in this hearing. You will need to join the meeting by 10:30 a.m. using the following methods: VIRTUALLY: Via the following Zoom, link: https://zoom.us/j/93777841705, PHONE: Dial 1-253-215-8782 and enter access code: 937-7784-1705# and press *9 to "raise your hand" to be called upon. Access for the hearing impaired can be accommodated using Washington Relay Service at 1-800-833-6384, or IN-PERSON: Please note that seating capacity may be limited to 50%.

To view documents or watch this meeting live with no participation, go to www.co.jefferson.wa.us Follow the links under "Quick Links: Videos of Meetings: Today." If you experience difficulties joining the meeting or viewing documents please call 360-385-9100 to report any issues.

In addition, written testimony is also invited beginning on February 8th, 2023 and ending on February 21st, 2023 at the end of the Public Hearing, unless extended by the Board of County Commissioners. Written public testimony may be submitted by Email to: jeflboc@co.jefferson.wa.us You may view testimony received by clicking here: www.co.jefferson.wa.us - Services - Laserfiche Web Portal - Board of County Commissioners - BOCC Agenda Packets - 2023 Weekly Agenda Items - 02 February 2023 - 022123

You can also Mail your testimony to: Jefferson County Commissioners' Office; P.O. Box 1220, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Written testimony must be received by the Board of County Commissioners by the end of the hearing testimony period.

Approved and signed this 6th day of February, 2023. JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Greg Brotherton, Chair 203515 2/8, 2/15

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALL FOR BIDS SNOW CREEK ROAD MP 0.84 CULVERT REPLACEMENT COUNTY PROJECT NO. 18020310

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, State of Washington, will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. on March 6, 2023 at the Office of the County Commissioners, basement level of the Jefferson County Courthouse, 1820 Jefferson Street, P.O. Box 1220, Port Townsend, Washington, 98368, for construction of the Snow Creek Road MP 0.84 Culvert Replacement, County Project No. 18020310. Sealed bids will be opened and read publicly at 10:45 a.m., or shortly thereafter, on the same day in the Jefferson County Commissioners

Chambers, basement level of the Jefferson County Courthouse. NOTE: In-person attendance limited to 50% room capacity. Or participate by: Zoom https://zoom.us/j/93777841705; Phone call 1-253-215-8782 use Webinar ID 937-7784-1705#; or Live stream viewing on www.co.jefferson.wa.us under "Quicklinks" click "Videos of Meetings," and click "Today" tab.

This contract provides for the improvement of Snow Creek Road by replacing the culvert at Snow Creek Road at milepost 0.84 in Jefferson County near Quilcene, Washington. Work includes the excavation of the existing road embankment and culvert, installation of a new 72-inch diameter culvert, reconstruction of the road embankment and road base, HMA wearing surface, guardrail, site restoration, and other work, all in accordance with the attached Contract Plans, these Contract Provisions, and the Standard Specifications. The Engineers Estimate is \$1,445,600.

Bids must be submitted in accordance with the plans and specifications in the bid documents. All bid documents including bid forms, plans, specifications, addenda, and plan holders list, are available on the Builders Exchange of Washington website www.bxwa.com. Click "Posted Projects", "Public Works," "Jefferson County Public Works" "Projects Bidding," and "Project Bid Date." Bidders must "Register as a Bidder," to receive automatic e-mail notification of future addenda and to be placed on the "Bidders List." Call BXWA at (425) 258-1303 if you need assistance.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a surety bond, postal money order, cash, cashier's check or certified check payable to the Treasurer of Jefferson County in the sum of five (5%) percent of the bid amount, to be forfeited to Jefferson County by the successful bidder if he/she fails to enter into a contract and file an acceptable surety bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price within ten (10) days of the award. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to accept the bid deemed most advantageous to Jefferson County, and to waive all informalities in the bidding.

The Jefferson County Public Works in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252.42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. 203548 2/15, 2/22

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANNING SERVICES JEFFERSON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jefferson County ("County") is requesting proposals from interested, qualified, and experienced professional consulting firms or individuals to provide community wildfire protection planning services. A Request for Proposals (RFP), which includes instructions for its completion, is attached. Respondents to this RFP shall submit completed proposals in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with "Proposal for Community Wildfire Protection Planning Services" and the name of the firm submitting the proposal. An original copy and digital PDF must be received by the County no later than 4:30 p.m. PST on March 10, 2023, at the following address:

Jefferson County Central Services Director 1820 Jefferson Street Port Townsend, WA 98368

Questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted in writing to Chris Goy, Central Services Director, at cgoy@co.jefferson.wa.us. Answers will be provided in writing to the requestor, or provided in amendment(s) to the solicitation. The final date to submit questions is February 24th, 2023 at 4:30 pm Pacific Standard Time.

This RFP is available online at www.co.jefferson.wa.us - Homepage - Latest News, see link under this posting or request a copy by contacting 360-385-9100. 203607 2/15

County Notices



JEFFERSON COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TYPE III LAND USE APPLICATION MLA22-00065

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a virtual public hearing has been scheduled for February 17, 2023 starting at 10:00 AM. The hearing will be held by the Jefferson County Hearings Examiner to review and receive comments on a Type III Land Use Application.

APPLICANT: CHARLES & HEATHER SOUTHARD 8087 LARS DR NE BREMERTON WA 98311 9400

Application Received Date: July 25, 2022 Application Complete Date: October 7, 2022 Public Hearing Notice Date: February 1, 2023

SITE ADDRESS AND PROJECT LOCATION: Parcel number 001334021; S33 T30N R1W TX 56 PARCEL 2 OF SURVEY V16/P116; 155 NIGHT OWL RD PORT TOWNSEND 98368

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND REQUIRED PERMITS/STUDIES:

Full release from a six-year development moratorium including stormwater management permit and State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Review. The applicant requests a full release from the mandatory six-year development moratorium placed on the property after the previous owner obtained Forest Practices Application (FPA) 2615192 timber harvest approval from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Cedarland Forest

SEPA INFORMATION AND DETERMINATION:

A Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) was issued on November 29, 2022. Parties of record may appeal the decision to the Hearing Examiner by submitting a written statement to the Jefferson County Department of Community Development within 14 calendar days after the SEPA threshold determination is issued (JCC 18.40.330).

Project Planner: H. Smith, 360-379-4484.

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03A Notices

The Olympic Area Agency on Aging (O3A) is requesting applicants to provide services funded by a grant from the Washington Department of Health for a one year period (May 2023 – April 2024) in Clallam and Jefferson Counties. The services to be contracted for are to assist rural and underserved people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and advance health equity and reduce COVID-19 health disparities.

The Request for Proposal documents are on the Olympic Area on Agency website at <https://www.o3a.org/contracting/special-opportunities/>. The closing date for proposals is Friday, February 24, 2023 at 4:30 pm. Please contact Ingrid Henden via email at ingrid.henden@dshs.wa.gov or by phone at 360-207-1025 if you are unable to download the documents from the website.

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State Notices

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DABOB BAY INTER-TRUST EXCHANGE NO. 86-100443

**6:00 p.m., February 28, 2023
Culicene School District #48
Multi-purpose Room
294715 US HWY 101
Culicene, WA 98376**

This hearing is to provide information and receive testimony on the proposed Dabob Bay inter-trust exchange, which is an exchange of land trust designations only. The Board of Natural Resources will receive a summary of all written testimony at a regularly scheduled meeting. Written testimony must be received by March 15, 2023. Mail testimony to DNR, Attn: Dabob Bay Inter-Trust Exchange, PO Box 47014, Olympia, WA 98504-7014, or email Exchanges@dnr.wa.gov. Call Bob Winslow by phone at 360-480-7803 for additional information or visit the DNR website at www.dnr.wa.gov then Managed Lands / Trust Transactions / Dabob Bay Inter-Trust Land Exchange. If approved, the inter-trust land exchange will position the newly designated Common School trust properties for transfer to the Dabob Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area, as authorized by the 2019-2021 Trust Land Transfer legislation. The newly designated State Forest Land trust properties will remain in state ownership and be managed for the benefit of the trust beneficiaries for revenue and wildlife habitat.

The proposed exchange affects portions of the following described lands. For maps see the website listed above, or call to request a map by mail.

State Forest Land Trust To Common School Trust: Secs. 13, 22, 26, 27, 34, 35, T27N, R1W, W.M., Sec. 3, T26N, R1W, W.M., Jefferson County, Washington; comprising up to 830 acres, more or less.

Common School Trust to State Forest Land Trust: Sec. 8, T30N, R1W, W.M., Secs. 13, 24, T30N, R2W, W.M., Secs. 12, 36, T28N, R2W, W.M., Secs. 16, 33, 34, T28N, R1W, W.M., Sec. 7, T28N, R1E, W.M., Secs. 15, 16, T27N, R2W, W.M., Secs. 26, 35, T27N, R1W, W.M., Secs. 16, 33, T26N, R1W, W.M., Jefferson County, Washington; comprising up to 2,300 acres, more or less.

Please do not attend this event if you have a fever, cough, experience shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, or have been recently exposed to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19.

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Legal Notices

District Court of Washington, County of Jefferson

Robert Terwilligar & Leah Thomas Petitioner vs. Ryan Titmus Respondent

No. 18345 cv
NOTICE OF HEARING (NTHG)
(Optional Use)
(Clerk's Action Required)

TO: Ryan Titmus
Robert Terwilligar & Leah Thomas have filed a motion for the following relief: Motion to Modify Order of Protection.

A hearing will be held on 03/14/2023 at 2:00pm at Jefferson County District Court to determine whether the requested relief should be granted. **IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR, THE COURT MAY ENTER AN ORDER GRANTING THE RELIEF REQUESTED.**

Dated: 03/14/2023
Amanda Hamilton
COUNTY CLERK
Brian Gleason
DEPUTY CLERK

This document must be served on the other party, and proof of service must be in the court file prior to the hearing.
203401 2/15, 2/22, 3/1

Notice to Creditors

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY

In the matter of the Estate of OWEN R. MULKEY Deceased.

NO. 23-4-00007-16
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

The person named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitation, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.42.070 by serving on or mailing to Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditors as provided under RCW 11.42.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of the first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.42.051 and 11.42.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Personal Representative of Estate: John R. Mulkey

Attorney for Personal Representative Robert G. Bowen WSB # 41382
Address for Mailing Service
PO Box 1080
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JEFFERSON COUNTY, WASHINGTON STATE SUPERIOR COURT

ESTATE OF BARBARA A. WILDE, Deceased

No. 23-4-00014-16

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030.

The person named below has been appointed as personal representative of the above-named estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

Date of First Publication: 1 February 2023

Personal Representative of Estate: James McCrae

Attorney & Service Address: David J. Faber, Faber Feinson PLLC, 800 Polk St Ste B, Port Townsend, WA 98368
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JEFFERSON COUNTY, WASHINGTON STATE SUPERIOR COURT

ESTATE OF BEVERLY MALAGON, Deceased

No. 23-4-00015-16

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030.

The person named below has been appointed as personal representative of the above-named estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

Date of First Publication: 8 February 2023

Personal Representative of Estate:

Krista S. Hamar

Attorney & Service Address: David J. Faber, Faber Feinson PLLC, 800 Polk St Ste B, Port Townsend, WA 98368

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JEFFERSON COUNTY, WASHINGTON STATE SUPERIOR COURT

ESTATE OF MARTHA L. ROHRING, Deceased

No. 23-4-00018-16

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030.

The person named below has been appointed as personal representative of the above-named estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

Date of First Publication: 8 February 2023

Personal Representative of Estate: Robert David Noble

Attorney & Service Address: David J. Faber, Faber Feinson PLLC, 800 Polk St Ste B, Port Townsend, WA 98368
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JEFFERSON COUNTY, WASHINGTON STATE SUPERIOR COURT

ESTATE OF WALTER C. PARKS, Deceased

No. 23-4-00021-16

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030.

The person named below has been appointed as personal representative of the above-named estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

Date of First Publication: 15 February 2023

Personal Representative of Estate: Margaret C. Parks

Attorney & Service Address: David J. Faber, Faber Feinson PLLC, 800 Polk St Ste B, Port Townsend, WA 98368
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Superior Court of Washington County of Kitsap

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD E. KEITHAHN DECEASED

NO. 23-4-00083-18
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: February 15, 2023

MARIA KEITHAHN MARKS, Personal Representative

By: AMANDA E. GROSSMAN,

WSBA #40278
Attorneys for Personal Representative

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PO Box 851
Poulsbo, WA 98370
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY

In re the Estate of: ROBERT C. HOMMAN, Deceased.

NO. 22-4-07832-1 SEA
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

The above Court has appointed me as Personal Representative of Decedent's estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of First Publication of this Notice: 2/1/23

Jamie Clausen, WSBA #31765
Counsel for Brian Keith Homman, Personal Representative
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Summons

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF JEFFERSON JUVENILE COURT

In re the Welfare of: MELNICK, Slade Eric
DOB: 06/12/2012

No. 23-7-00008-16
Notice and Summons by Publication (Termination) (SMPB)

To: Brooke Olivia Bainbridge, Mother

A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights was filed on January 19,

2023; A Fact Finding hearing will be held on this matter on **April 13, 2023**, at 1:00p.m. at Jefferson County Superior Court, Juvenile Division, 1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, Washington.

You should be present at this hearing.

The hearing will determine if your parental rights to your child are terminated. If you do not appear at the hearing, the court may enter an order in your absence terminating your parental rights.

If you wish to appear by Zoom – Meeting ID is 881 5887 9137 Passcode is 197552

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF JEFFERSON JUVENILE COURT

In re the Welfare of: MELNICK, Sterling Alexander
DOB: 09/01/2019

No. 23-7-00009-16
Notice and Summons by Publication (Termination) (SMPB)

To: Brooke Olivia Bainbridge, Mother

A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights was filed on January 19, 2023; A Fact Finding hearing will be held on this matter on **April 13, 2023**, at 1:00p.m. at Jefferson County Superior Court, Juvenile Division, 1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, Washington.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF JEFFERSON JUVENILE COURT

In re the Welfare of: MELNICK, Teagan Olivia
DOB: 08/27/2017

No. 23-7-00010-16
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Arrington de Dioniso blows through conventions to create sounds both surreal and spiritual, if audiences are willing to do the work of deep listening. *Photo courtesy of Arrington de Dioniso*

Searching through sound

EXPERIMENTAL MUSICIANS SET TO SHAKE QUILCENE

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Abstract explorations through real, unreal, and perhaps more real realms await the adventurous.

Experimental musicians Arrington de Dioniso and Ben Bennett are journeying to the Gray Coast Guild Hall in Quilcene on Wednesday, Feb. 22 to offer an evening of genre-expanding improvisational sonic revelry.

With deep roots in punk rock's destructive aesthetic, tearing down musical standards in an effort for liberation, de Dioniso's music traverses territories of human and animal, sacred and absurd.

His compositions embrace sounds as colors and tones as tools with which to paint using techniques like circular overtones whispered through bamboo flutes or the penetrating and deeply guttural howls of amplified throat singing.

PRELIMINARY PROBING

This raucous ruckus began resounding out of him right away.

"I think I was pretty set in my path from a very young age," de Dioniso said.

Raised by ministers, he found himself pulled to the music, but not in the way most might be.

"After services were over, I would run to the church organ before they shut it off and try to pound a few keys before I would get shuffled away," de Dioniso recalled.

Around age 3 or 4, his parents attempted to sit him down with a piano teacher from the church to tie him up in simple lessons.

"I was having a fine time on my own banging on the piano keys and making sounds that I liked, and then they made me go to this lady's house, and you know just, 'Mr. Frog goes hop, hop hop hop,' you know where she's making you play one note at a time," he said.

"It was absolutely insufferable. I couldn't stand it, and so I didn't last more than one or two lessons," he added.

Still the unknown kept calling in song, despite his being shaken from those early instrumentations.

In kindergarten, an African



Ben Bennett swirls in a style all his own while playing his unique set of percussive instruments. *Photo courtesy of Grief Circus*

drumming ensemble held a presentation for his school with masked dancers that took him aback.

"They were jumping, and leaping, and doing flips all over the place," de Dioniso recalled.

With a crowd of somewhere between 15 to 20 drummers, their pounding pierced him.

"It was this massive sensory overload, and it was so exciting and so visceral, and I was like, 'Oh my God, this is it! This is amazing.'"

CONJECTURAL CONJURING

Later, through libraries, he was able to find his way back to the experience with recordings of music from around the world.

A world he went around himself in service to the sounds.

De Dioniso's travels have crossed numerous countries, including multiple returns to Indonesia where the *jathilan*, a traditional Javanese trance dance, possessed him.

"It's an incredible thing even just as a bystander to see it, but then to be invited to be performing with some of these groups is such an incredible honor and literally the experience of a lifetime," he said.

HEAR, HERE!

Who: Arrington de Dioniso & Ben Bennett.

What: Experimental multi-instrumentalists.

When: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22.

Where: The Gray Coast Guild Hall is located at 11 Old Church Road in Quilcene.

Admission: Suggested donation of \$5 to \$25.

As the dancers are worked into a trance under the spell of shamans and sonics, the music moves into moans, yells, and sighs, creating an eerie, entrancing ambience the likes of which can be heard in many of de Dioniso's recordings.

"Part of what I try to do is maybe translate some of those experiences into music that could be shared here," he said.

This level of intensity, however, isn't always for the uninitiated.

"If you haven't been exposed to a lot of it, you might hear one example and not really have the listening tools to be able to discern what's happening," de Dioniso said.

Like his lifetime of exploring the world through sound, he believes it requires effort and openness.

"I think a lot of it is really about ear training. If all you listen to is a specific type of very formulated, Western pop music — and

nowadays most if it's digitally made on a computer, it's not even real instruments — if that's all you listen to, you could compare that to a person that's only eating heavy carbohydrates and sugar. There's not a lot of nutrients in that, in my opinion."

For those willing to work, the rewards are rich.

"I think it's thoroughly cleansing and purifying. It does incredible wonders for the mood, just your overall state of mind and attitude about life."

"Sound can be a natural anti-depressant. It's energizing," de Dioniso said.

While there are bottomless levels for deep divers, there's still plenty to enjoy on the surface.

"Even if we don't talk about the spiritual ideas behind it, just the very basic effects on health and mental-health, and that kind of energizing force in the music, that alone makes it all worthwhile," he said.

INSTIGATING INVESTIGATIONS

These days, he's often healing through the howls of his own invention, the bromiophone.

"The bromiophone is kind of like an extension for the bass clarinet.

It still uses the basic mouthpiece and the neck, it just gives you sort of bigger sounding possibilities," de Dioniso said.

Ben Bennett will be accompanying him with percussion, though exactly how would be hard to say.

Bennett is most famous for his 300 episode series of videos called "Sitting and Smiling" that record endurance art performances where he looks into the camera while sitting and smiling motionless for four hours.

When making music, however, Bennett comes to life through an assortment of unique instruments many of which are homemade or found objects.

"He's really incredible, and he's totally wild, and he's got this thoroughly unique style of drumming that is just all his own way of playing," de Dioniso said.

They first met during de Dioniso's "This Saxophone Kills Fascists" tour in 2017.

"It was music, it was a concert tour. But there was an impetus of activism behind it and trying to organize communities of cultural resistance," de Dioniso recalled.

While many might find the pair unusual, the blend of reed and drum is customary.

"All over the world you hear people combining the sound of these really sort of harsh, shrill reed instruments with percussion ensembles and it's the same thing that makes jazz so exciting," de Dioniso said.

He sees a magic in this match that is unmatched.

"The sound of reeds and percussion instruments is like this automatically invigoration combinations of sounds, and if you play long enough and listen to it long enough, there are these sort of trance inducing vibrational frequencies that sometimes go along with that," de Dioniso said.

Their event at the Gray Coast Guild Hall will even harken back to the African drum performance of de Dioniso's childhood by including a dance performance.

"I really like those kinds of meetings between sound and movement," de Dioniso said.

The all-ages show has a \$5 to \$25 suggested donation. For more information, go to griefcircus.com/ offerings.

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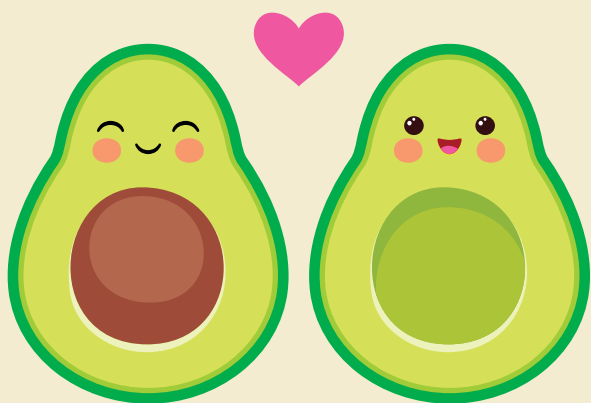
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A flavorful stew made with black-eyed peas. Photo courtesy of Sidonie Maroon

The remarkable black-eyed pea

Black-eyed peas weren't part of my childhood, not even on New Year's Day. In my 30s, I made black-eyed pea stew with ham hocks — it was a favorite, but that was it.

Then, when I taught world cooking, black-eyed peas popped up in recipes from Africa to Greece. My world opened. Black-eyed peas, bringers of good fortune, symbolize what happens when I allow something new in, and integrate an ingredient into my life.

HOW TO COOK BLACK-EYED PEAS

1 cup dried peas makes 2 cups cooked peas

STOVE TOP

Soak 1 cup or more black-eyed peas in water, covering them by 2 inches, overnight. The next day, drain and rinse. In a pot, cover with fresh water by 2 inches and add 1 teaspoon sea salt. Bring to a boil, then turn to a low simmer and cook, until tender but firm, 30 to 40 minutes. If you use a lid, keep it askew.

SLOW COOKER

Soak 1 cup or more black-eyed peas overnight. Drain. Cover with fresh water by 3 inches in a pot, and bring to a boil. Add beans plus 1 teaspoon sea salt, and whatever spices you are using to the slow cooker. Set for four hours.

INSTANT POT

No need to soak! Rinse 1 cup or more black-eyed peas. Add to the Instant Pot with 1 teaspoon sea salt and water to cover by 2 inches. Set to high pressure for 15 minutes with a 15 minute natural release. For firmer salad beans, try 12 to 13 minutes at high pressure.

FROM FRITTERS TO SALADS, STEWS, AND ONE POT WONDERS

Try black-eyed peas as a dip—mash with olive oil, garlic, salt, and lemon. Sprinkle toasted walnuts over the top.

How about fritters? Look into Senegalese accara.

Precooked beans make tasty salads, curries, one-pot meals, and if you try different flavor ways, you won't get bored.

WORLD FLAVOR COMBOS

Africa — tomatoes, chili peppers, black pepper, onions, garlic, oil.

Greece — lemon, oregano, olive oil, garlic, onion, chard or other hardy greens. Dill, fennel, feta, wine vinegar, red onions, tomatoes, walnuts.

India — onion, garlic, ginger, cumin, coriander, cinnamon, turmeric, allspice, cilantro, coconut milk, lime, tomato, summer squash, hardy greens.

Indonesia — spicy with red curry.

Portugal — cod, tuna, and potatoes.

American South — cured pork, spices, rice, greens, green peppers, vinegar.

Brazil — shrimp, hot sauce, tomatoes, rice, coconut milk.

Vietnam — sticky rice, coconut.

- 1 cup dry black-eyed peas, rinsed
- 3 cups water
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 dried pasilla chili

FOR THE ROASTED VEGGIES

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and preheat the oven to 425 F. Measure and grind the spices together in a spice grinder. Lay veggies on the sheet pan and rub with oil and spice mix. Roast for 30 minutes, checking at 15 minutes. Add the roasted vegetables to the drained black-eyed peas, with the diced tomatoes.

- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 2 medium carrots, diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme, minced or 2 teaspoons dried
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons oil

ALL THE SPICE MIX

- 2 teaspoons powdered turmeric
- 2 teaspoons whole coriander seed
- 2 teaspoons whole cumin seed
- 1 teaspoon powdered ginger
- 5 allspice berries
- ½ teaspoon grated nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon decorticated cardamom

OTHER

14-ounce can of diced tomatoes, unsalted or decrease overall salt

FOR THE SAUCE

Add all the sauce ingredients to a high-powered blender, including the reserved chili with the top removed. Blend until smooth and add to the stew.

- 1 ½ cups water
- ½ cup raw cashews or peanuts
- Chili pepper from cooked black-eyed peas, discard the top
- 1 teaspoon fish sauce (optional)
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- Zest from an orange, about 2 teaspoons

FINISHING AND SERVING

Stir the stew together, taste and correct as needed. Remembering to add lime at the table. Heat as much as you'll eat and refrigerate the rest.

Serve hot with garnishes at the table.

GARNISHES

- Chopped cilantro or parsley
- Lime wedges to squeeze
- Chopped navel orange

(Sidonie Maroon is culinary educator at The Food Co-op; abluetokitchen.com. Follow Sidonie on The Food Co-op's Facebook group, Cooking with the Co-op.)



Sidonie Maroon
KITCHEN TO KITCHEN

FEARS OF FLATULENCE?

After all, it is one of the musical fruits, right?

If your system isn't used to legumes, they can cause gas, but only until you've gained the beneficial microflora in your gut.

Legumes are full of prebiotic fiber, which your microbiome needs to feed its thriving billions. The more beans you eat, the less trouble you'll have. Believe me, it's true.

Meanwhile, eat alone, outside, or with close friends.

ONE HEALTHY BEAN

One cup of cooked black-eyed peas contains 160 calories, 5.2 grams of protein, 8.2 grams fiber; 52 percent of your daily requirements for folate, 26 percent Vitamin A, 22 percent magnesium, 21 percent calcium, 19 percent potassium, and the list goes on. All the fiber helps keep you regular and improves digestion. The iron, folate, and B vitamins help prevent anemia. Potassium helps with blood pressure, and the Vitamin A is glorious for your eyes and skin.

Citrus Spiced Black-eyed Pea Stew

Instant Pot

Makes 6 cups

A warm golden curry spiced stew with Caribbean flavors. The beauty of this stew is how easily it comes together with little hands-on cooking time. The legumes cook in the Instant Pot while the vegetables roast in the oven, and they're both done at about the same time. A quick thickening sauce is made in the blender, and the tomatoes are added to the pot. It's served with lime and cilantro with orange segments on the side.

FOR THE BLACK-EYED PEAS

Add ingredients to the Instant Pot and set for 15 minutes at high pressure with a 15 minute natural release. Drain and reserve the chili pepper for the sauce.

Super Crossword

ODD BIRDS

ACROSS

- 1 Soprano's last note, perhaps
- 6 Jordanians, e.g.
- 11 Oscar winner Rockwell
- 14 Mazda model
- 19 NBA Hall of Famer — Thomas
- 20 Tanzanian national park
- 22 "Burnt" or "raw" color
- 23 Bird from Richmond?
- 25 Trident, e.g.
- 26 Winter D.C. hrs.
- 27 Fermented honey drink
- 28 Fashion's Oscar de la —
- 29 Patron associated with a "fire"
- 30 A handful of
- 31 Bird partially composed of element #56?
- 33 In less peril
- 36 Seek the affection of
- 38 Archery asset
- 39 Solo of sci-fi
- 40 Bird that always keeps to itself?
- 43 Mob member
- 48 Adept
- 49 "Entertaining Mr. Sloane" playwright
- 50 "Atlantic City" director Louis
- 52 Prefix with 33-Down
- 53 Fellow soldier
- 55 Bird that travels to and from work?
- 58 Notable time
- 59 Potentially offensive, in brief
- 62 El — (certain current)
- 63 Stand for art
- 64 Bird wearing a hard hat?
- 69 Far — eye can see
- 71 Ending for switch
- 72 Groove for a letter-shaped bolt
- 73 Cell material
- 76 Bird nesting in winter precipitation?
- 80 Causes to be ashamed
- 82 Finnish coin
- 83 Not worth — of beans
- 84 Not one's best effort, in sports lingo
- 87 Some small batteries
- 88 In — (while not present at the event)
- 90 Bird performing under the big top?
- 92 Abbr. of fair hiring
- 93 Store clerk on "The Simpsons"
- 95 Business agt.
- 96 Peels the skin off of
- 97 Bird that plays bebop?
- 103 Real admirer
- 104 German subs
- 105 Absorb a loss
- 106 "Sure, sign me up!"
- 108 The Gem State; Abbr.
- 111 Mournful song
- 112 Bird living in the Sistine Chapel?
- 115 Being tried, as a case
- 116 Movies' main stories
- 117 Rub down
- 118 Chairs, e.g.
- 119 Waco-to-Austin dir.
- 120 Cary of "Saw"
- 121 Alternative to Vallum
- 2 Down
- 1 Bees' place
- 2 Horned Egyptian goddess
- 3 Surrounded with a belt
- 4 Witch
- 5 Mythological fire-breather
- 6 Korea's place
- 7 Peruse
- 8 Brow's shape
- 9 Catcher Yogi
- 10 Be disdainful of
- 11 Nose partition
- 12 Elite squad
- 13 1986-2001
- 14 Feral horse
- 15 Drive along
- 16 "That rings —"
- 17 "I love you," in Mexico
- 18 Symbol on a one-way sign
- 21 Wish-fulfilling spirits
- 24 Innovative
- 29 River in a Foster tune
- 30 Flu symptom
- 31 — chic (fashion style)
- 32 Will, biblically
- 33 Part of NASA
- 34 Shady shelter
- 35 Movie cast members
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- 37 Mo. in fall
- 41 Commotions
- 42 Extremely old; Abbr.
- 43 Particles believed to bind quarks together
- 44 Kitchen wrap
- 45 Result of backcombing
- 46 Toledo's lake
- 47 Pack of coins
- 50 2,002, in Roman numerals
- 51 Comeback to "Are tool!"
- 54 Two wives of Henry VIII
- 56 En pointe, in ballet
- 57 Ranch in Ferber's "Giant"
- 60 1990-2019 Toyota minivan
- 61 Moisturizer brand
- 65 Melodramatic cry of sorrow
- 66 Relative of a univ.
- 67 Refuse to talk
- 68 Kimonos, e.g.
- 69 Out of port
- 70 Rebuff rudely
- 74 Writer Zora — Hurston
- 75 Aides; Abbr.
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- 78 Buckeye State sch.
- 79 Slugging stat
- 81 The Evil One
- 85 Mutt's threat
- 86 Pitching star
- 89 Fishers with seines, say
- 90 Dead skin at the base of a fingernail
- 91 Lycra, e.g.
- 93 "Trainwreck" director Judd
- 94 Word before jury or larceny
- 97 Betrayer of Jesus
- 98 "Take — out of crime!"
- 99 "— the Greek"
- 100 Big name in restaurant guides
- 101 Repasts
- 102 Web vending
- 103 Pine's cousin
- 106 Frozen drink treat
- 107 Widespread
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Boston comedian and actor Corey Rodrigues is returning to Peninsula College for a show at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16 in the Little Theater.

Rodrigues, who has performed on Fox, NBC, Dry Bar Comedy, Gotham Comedy, as well as at colleges, comedy clubs and corporate events all over the country, last performed at the college in February 2020. The show is free to Peninsula College students and by donation to community members.

Rodrigues appeared on late-night TV on the Conan O'Brien Show in 2019 and in 2020, he released a 30-minute comedy special for the EPIX series "Unprotected Sets". More recently, Rodrigues has starred in several commercials and in the 2022 streaming film "Salesman."

Photo courtesy of Peninsula College



Peninsula College will welcome Dr. Aiesha Turman to the virtual stage at 12:35 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16.

An educator, writer, cultural producer, and interdisciplinary scholar, Turman will offer a program titled "Technologies of Protest: Towards a Black Femme Afrofuture" followed by an opportunity for dialogue. Turman produced and directed "The Black Girl Project," and was also featured on the nationally renowned Story Corps radio and podcast program. Her doctoral dissertation was titled "There Has Always Been an Afrofuture: Black Women's Literature as Technology of Protest."

The event is free and open to the public. The Zoom meeting is at pencol-edu.zoom.us/j/89779530051 (meeting ID: 897 7953 0051).

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Kathryn Claire returns to Port Townsend for a concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 in the South Gallery in Building 305 at Fort Worden State Park.

She will be joined by Don Henson on piano and percussion and Sid Ditson on violin and viola.

Tickets are \$20 at ticketstorm.com/e/27656/t or \$25 at the door.

Melissa Babasin photo

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Cultivate joy. The Laughter Yoga Club will meet at 9 a.m. through March 15 at Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Laughter Yoga is a popular movement and breathing exercise program that aims to cultivate joy. Certified leaders Pete Alexander and Bill Cohill will lead the sessions. No cost to participants.

Get crafty. Kids Make-It at the Library returns through Feb. 28 at the Jefferson County Library. Kids can explore, learn, and create something new at the library's crafting station. This month's program is "Folded Envelopes"; fold bright, colored papers to create a self-contained envelope with no glue or tape. Write a special message inside to keep or give away.

For info, go to jclibrary.librarymarket.com/events.

Resolve to read. The Jefferson County Library is encouraging Adult Reading Resolutions through December.

Adults can stretch their reading skills by exploring books from many genres. Read one book from a selected genre each month and track it at cleoreads.beanstack.com.

Each book earns readers a virtual badge and an entry for a chance to win a gift certificate from William James Bookseller. People can join at any time during the year.

Rhyme time. Babytime at the Library comes to Jefferson County Library at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 15, and Feb. 22.

Join Rosaletta for songs, rhymes, simple stories, and playful movement designed to stimulate brain development as well as the enjoyment of music, language, and books. This lap-sit program is for infants and early toddlers, but siblings are welcome.

Adult Winter Read. The Jefferson County Library's Adult Winter Read is "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt.

Join the Adult Winter Read through Feb. 28 for a chance to win a gift card from William James Bookseller. Check out a copy of "Remarkably Bright Creatures" to enter the drawing, or pick up an entry form at the library or Bookmobile.

Book discussions are planned for 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 at the Jefferson County Library or 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22 at the Quilcene Community Center.

Winners will be drawn after Feb. 28, and 10 gift cards will be awarded.

Well-being sessions. Mindful Self-Compassion for Teens is 4:15 p.m. Wednesdays through March 29 at The Nest in Uptown.

The series runs for eight weeks, every Wednesday from 4:15 to 6 p.m.

Using art, meditation, and journaling, the group will explore tools and practices for well-being. Learn skills to ride the roller coaster of life with greater ease.

The series is open to students ages 14 to 18. For more information, email info@thebenjiproject.org.

Pop quiz. Trivial Pursuit Trivia returns to The Keg and I at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15.

The Keg and I hosts trivia nights on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Questions will come from cards of existing trivia games. Different editions and genres will be included (Genius edition, Cheers edition, and more).

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Storytime. The Quilcene Community Center hosts the Jefferson County Library's Storytime program at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays, Feb. 16, and Feb. 23.

Join Rosaletta to hear stories, sing songs, and enjoy physical movement to build children's love of reading and learning. Storytimes are created with preschool and toddler-age children in mind, but all ages are welcome.

Author talk. "Live Online" returns to Jefferson County Library at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16 with an author talk with Grace M. Cho. Cho is an award-winning author who will discuss her memoir, "Tastes Like War."

The author grew up as the daughter of a white American Merchant Marine and the Korean bar hostess he met abroad.

Part food memoir, part sociological investigation, "Tastes Like War" is a hybrid text about a daughter's search through intimate and global history for the roots of her mother's schizophrenia.

New exhibit. Northwind Art celebrates the life of its longtime friend and gallery designer, the late Jay Haskins, with an exhibit at Jeanette Best Gallery through Feb. 26.

Haskins had been a part of Northwind Art since its inception as Jefferson Arts Alliance in 2001, through its existence as Northwind Arts Center, and now the galleries that are part of Northwind Art nonprofit arts organization — most notably, Jeanette Best Gallery. The gallery is open from noon to 5 p.m. and is located at 701 Water St.

Fresh & Cool. The exhibit "Fresh & Cool: New work for a new winter" is now on display at the Grover Gallery in Port Townsend. The show is curated by and focused on showcasing local artists, and highlights the influence of teaching artists and their impact on the creative community.

The Grover Gallery space is currently being reimagined by four local Northwind Art artists and teachers — Max Grover, Julie Read, Larry Crockett, and Tracy Grisman — painters one and all. The Grover Group will curate bi-monthly exhibits

that will also feature a guest artist from the community invited by one of the group's members, and will host receptions, unique art classes, artist demonstrations, talks, and more.

Grover Gallery is at 236 Taylor St., Port Townsend.

Showcase Gallery. The Northwind Art Showcase Gallery 2023 will be on display through Dec. 21 at the Jeanette Best Gallery.

Northwind Art's Showcase Gallery 2023 is a juried and curated collection of work by local artists exhibited in a traditional gallery format. Each year, the rotating exhibition features emerging artists and returning artists selected by a panel of jurors viewing anonymous submissions.

New artists to the Showcase program include Corinne Humphrey, Marian Morris, Roger Morris, Jadyne Reichner, Jeanne Toal, Diane Walker, and the artist team of Craig Britton and Brittany Whitaker.

The art on display in the Showcase Gallery includes work in a variety of media.

The Jeanette Best Gallery is at 701 Water St. The gallery is open from noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Monday.

Hot mic. Open Mic Night returns to The Keg and I at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16. It's the perfect time to try out a new song, maybe find a new band member, or just enjoy the spotlight for a bit. Guests must be 21 or older.

Folk from Denmark. Danish folk musicians Gangspiel will perform at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16 at the Quimper Grange.

Sonnich Lydom and Kristian Bugge, two of Denmark's leading folk musicians, will give a tour around the music traditions of their home country. The group performs old dance tunes and songs from every corner of their Scandinavian home country. Admission is \$20. Masks required at this event.

On stage. Key City Public Theatre will present its third show of the 2022-2023 season, "The People Downstairs," at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays through Feb. 26.

Matinees will also be presented at 1:30 p.m. Fridays and Sundays.

The plot: A father's fierce determination to not accept his daughter's fate ignites an endearing human comedy about love, loss, loneliness, and the healing power of laughter.

Written by Natalie Symons, the show will be directed by Brendan Chambers. Get details, tickets at keycitypublictheatre.org.

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Fun for little ones. The Jefferson County Library presents Kaleidoscope Play and Learn at the Library at 10 a.m. Fridays, Feb. 17, and Feb. 24.

Meet at the library to dance, sing, read stories, and participate in supportive conversations. Have fun with your children, interact with other families in playtime, and enhance the bond with your community. Sessions are free and open to everyone. The program is provided by a partnership between Jefferson County Library and First Step Family Support Center, YMCA.

New exhibit. The Port Townsend Marine Science Center Gallery in Flagship Landing will host the exhibit "Bull Kelp - Our Remarkable Underwater Forests" from noon to 3 p.m. Fridays through Sundays through Feb. 26.

The family-friendly traveling exhibit explores the vital worlds of kelp forests. The show is a combination 3D-experience that includes seven illustrated interpretive panels, video, and sound. Admission is free; donations are appreciated.

Computer Basics. The Jefferson County Library's series Computer Basics continues at 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17 at the library.

At the next session, "Drives and File Management," participants can enhance their understanding of technology and improve basic computer skills.

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Fundraiser. AAUW/UWF will hold a silent auction at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 to support scholarships and mission-related projects for women and children in the community.

The auction will be held at the Elks Lodge at 555 Otto St., Port Townsend. All are welcome to join in the fun. Check and cash only. Masks are required and available at the door. Learn more about the organization's scholarships and mission projects by visiting aauwpt.org and selecting University Women's Foundation.

Mead tasting. Wilderbee Farm hosts tasting sessions in the Mead Werks tasting room from noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Wilderbee specializes in traditional and barrel-aged meads with seasonal releases made with farm-grown fruit. The farm also has rotating art shows.

Festive dance party. Jim Nyby & The F Street Band will bring their New Orleans-style R&B to at Finnriver Farm & Cidery at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 for a pre-Mardi Gras festive dance party. The F street band was formed in 2005, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, in order to pay tribute to the music of New Orleans. The band will play all the good, funky New Orleans tunes you know and love. There is a \$5 cover at the door collected 30 minutes before music starts.

Douglas Lora. Three-time Grammy nominee, guitarist, and composer Douglas Lora will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Port Townsend Quaker Meeting House, 1841 Sheridan St. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Lora has collaborated with renowned artists such as YoYo Ma, Paquito d'Rivera, Anat Cohen, Marco Pereira, and Jovino Santos Neto.

A member of the Brasil Guitar Duo for more than 20 years, he has performed extensively at theaters and concert halls in the United States, Europe, Asia, and Latin America. Lora has appeared with major orchestras such as Dallas Symphony, Houston Symphony, Philharmonic Orchestra of the Americas (New York City), Orquestra Sinfônica do Estado de São Paulo (Brasil), and Aukso Orchestra (Poland). Tickets are \$30 in advance; tickets are \$15 for students at the door. Tickets are also available at eventbrite.com.

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A stitch in time. Lise Solvang will be speaking at the Daughters of Norway at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 at the Fred Lewis Scout Cabin at 3075 Discovery Road in Port Townsend.

Solvang will be doing a presentation exploring the journey of Norwegian embroidery from the Viking era to today, from decorative clothing (Bunad) to decorative home decor to wall art, from social stitch gatherings to social stitch movements. Examples of the different techniques will be displayed.

Solvang was born and raised in Norway. In recent years she has owned, with her husband, Fiber and Clay in Quilcene where they sold yarn and other needlework supplies as well as pottery.

BCD Music Project. Manresa Castle hosts the BCD Music Project on every third Sunday, returning again at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19.

The BCD Music Project is a compilation of original material written and played by Brian Douglas. His songs are comprised of many influences such as jazz, neoclassical, blues, rock, progressive, experimental, fusion, and many others. The event is free.

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Fun and games. Game Night at Manresa Castle is held at 6 p.m. every Monday with tabletop, roleplaying, cards, minis, and more.

Qigong series. Dragon and Tiger Qigong classes will be offered from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays through March 21 at the Fillmore Street studio, 629 Fillmore St.

In this eight-class series, students will learn the basics of Dragon and Tiger Qigong. For details, go to endingburnout.com.

Your move. Chess Night is 6 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday in the upstairs of Aldrich's Market. Stop by for a few hours of chess, community, and various degrees of competition. Open to all ages,

skill levels, and interests. Bring a chess board and set, if possible.

Computer Basics in Brinnon. The Brinnon Community Center hosts the Jefferson County Library program "Computer Basics" at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 with instruction on "Screen Interaction."

Participants can enhance their understanding of technology and improve basic computer skills; master filling out common online forms and learn how to select answers using checkboxes, radio buttons, and drop-down menus. The class will also practice completing forms that require detailed information.

The class repeats at the library at 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24.

Book talk. Jefferson County Library's Adult Winter Read program will have a book discussion on "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21.

A second book talk is planned for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22 at the Quilcene Community Center.

Check out a copy of "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt and enjoy a lively book discussion on the novel.

For info, go to jclibrary.librarymarket.com/events/.

Cougars in the county. Friends of Fort Flagler will host a virtual program to learn about the cougars in Jefferson County at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22. Learn more about cougar behavior, what to avoid, what do to if you see one and how we call all help keep them and us safe.

The program will be led by Sara Penhallegon, the founder and executive director of the Center Valley Animal Rescue in Quilcene.

Register at eventbrite.com/e/cougars-in-jefferson-county-tickets-484001901717. Get more info at friendsoffortflagler.org.

Bird at Fort Flagler. Birding in the Park is back at Fort Flagler at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25.

Birding and nature tours are held on the fourth Saturday of each month, guided by Beverly McNeil, Admiralty Audubon trip leader and photographer. Participants should register with an email (subject: Birdwatching Walk) to Bevybirds53@gmail.com. Wear sturdy footwear and dress for changeable weather; bring binoculars and water.

Veggies Year Round. The Master Gardener Yard & Garden Lecture Series presents "Veggies Year Round: Growing Edibles Through All Seasons" at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25.

Bill Thorness is a writer, editor, and gardener who has worked and gardened in Seattle since the mid-1980s. He is the author of two gardening books: "Cool Season Gardener: Extend the Harvest, Plan Ahead," and "Grow Vegetables Year Round and Edible Heirlooms: Heritage Vegetables for the Maritime Garden," both from Skipstone Press. He will address how we can grow veggies year-round, in part by using our mild, late winter to sprout the edible garden early. Learn what to plant through the year, and how to fit winter crops into the summer garden.

The cost is \$12, or \$60 for the six-lecture series. Get info at 2023YardAndGarden.eventbrite.com.

Magic at the Castle. Manresa Castle welcomes magician Ruben Barron for an adult comedy magic show at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25. Barron will share an evening of skills, thrills, and chills.

Hear the tale of the "Crash at Crush," see examples of focus thought, and a bull whip demonstration. Tickets are \$20 and the show is for guests 21 and older.

Orchestra concert. The Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra will have its February concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 in the Chimacum Junior/Senior School auditorium.

Jovino Santos Neto, a three-time Latin Grammy nominee, will join the orchestra to play his composition, "Milonga de Emilia." Also on the program are "Mysterious Mountain" by Alan Hovhaness and "Petite Suite for Orchestra" by Port Townsend's Karl Bach.

The concert is free; donations are welcome.

At the Castle. Local favorite and nationally touring musician Jack Dwyer is back at Manresa Castle with barroom ballads at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26. The monthly set features original songs and classic acoustic country, bluegrass, blues, and swing performed on guitar, mandolin, and banjo.

Word people. Mixed Metaphor returns to Manresa Castle at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26.

Once a month Imprint Bookstore and Winter texts bring in an author to the Castle to read from new writing and give an informal talk on their craft, ideas, and inspirations.

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Toddler time. Storytime at the Library returns to the Jefferson County Library at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27.

Let's race. Manresa Castle will host a Mario Kart Nintendo 64 Tourney at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27 in the Elephant Room. The tournament is a free event for those 21 and older.

Computer Basics. The Brinnon Community Center will host the Jefferson County Library program "Computer Basics" at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28. The class is "Customizing and Updating." Participants can enhance their understanding of technology and improve basic computer skills. Students will learn how to access and customize computer settings for specific needs, find out when and how to perform updates, and explore ways to keep a computer healthy.

Serial bestseller. "Live Online" returns with an author talk with Cassandra Clare at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Jefferson County Library will present an online chat with the mega-bestselling author about her newest and final book in "The Last Hours" series, "Chain of Thorns."

Clare's first book, "The City of Bones," became and led to numerous instant No. 1 New York Times and USA Today bestsellers, including "The Mortal Instruments," "The Infernal Devices," and "The Last Hours" series.

Get crafty. Kids Make-It at the Library returns with

"Spring Suncatcher" March 1 through March 31 at the Jefferson County Library.

Explore, learn, and create something new each month at the library's crafting station. Design a bright picture, then create it with tissue paper on a sticky cling. Hang it to catch the sun and brighten your space.

Can't get to the library? Pick up a supply kit on the Bookmobile to create your spring suncatcher at home.

Rhyme time. Babytime at the Library comes to Jefferson County Library at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays in March.

Join Rosaletta for songs, rhymes, simple stories, and playful movement designed to stimulate brain development as well as the enjoyment of music, language, and books. This lap-sit program is for infants and early toddlers, but siblings are welcome.

Bioluminescence. Learn about Bioluminescence with Friends of Fort Flagler during a special presentation at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1.

Have you seen the waves hit the shore and glisten? Ever wonder what it is and what causes it? Where should you go to see it? Join Sam Kaviar from Olympic Kayak Tours and the Friends of Fort Flagler (friendsoffortflagler.org) for a virtual event to learn about this amazing phenomenon.

Storytime. Jefferson County Library hosts Storytime at the Quilcene Community Center at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays in March.

Join Rosaletta to hear stories, sing songs, and enjoy physical movement to build children's love of reading and learning. Storytimes are created with preschool and toddler-age children in mind, however, all ages are welcome.

Sing, dance, read. Kaleidoscope Play and Learn at the Library is 10 a.m. Fridays through March.

Meet at the library to dance, sing, read stories, and take part in supportive conversations. This is a wonderful place to have fun with your children, interact with other families in playtime, and enhance the bond with your community. Sessions are free and open to everyone. The program is provided by a partnership between Jefferson County Library and First Step Family Support Center, YMCA.

War in Ukraine. Jefferson County Library hosts "Great Decisions: Course Overview and the War in Ukraine" at noon, Friday, March 3 at the library. "Great Decisions," produced by the Foreign Policy Association, is America's largest civic discussion program on world affairs. Each week covers a topic of great importance to Americans, a short video is shown, and a discussion of American policy is facilitated.

Attend the entire series of lectures or one lecture; no registration is required. The series will kick off with an overview of the program, followed by a discussion about Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and what is at stake for the U.S. and the West in its outcome.

Computer Basics. Jefferson County Library hosts "Computer Basics: Customizing and Updating" at 4 p.m. Friday, March 3 at the Jefferson County Library.

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Violin, voice virtuoso to perform at Fort Worden

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Down home and high cultures combine in the original songs of violinist Kathryn Claire.

Renowned for both her violin and voice at her musical core, Claire weaves melodies and storytelling, rooted in classical and traditional foundations, to form an energetic and electric sound.

Claire will be joined by musical maestros Don Henson and Sid Ditson at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 at Fort Worden State Park's Building 305.

Typically used as an art and education center, Building 305 will provide attendees a truly intimate experience in the storied halls of what was once a military quartermaster's warehouse.

Claire will be sharing the winter-inspired tunes along with lively fiddle tunes, heartfelt originals, and stirring harmonic compositions. She's spent years cultivating her own style and approach to music as a violinist, guitar player, singer, and songwriter. Claire has toured, performed, and taught extensively in the United States, Japan, The Netherlands, India, Belgium, and France.

"I grew up playing classical music, but when I came back to the instrument of the violin and discovered fiddle music I really was drawn to more of that Celtic, Breton, all of that ancient music," Claire said in an interview with The Leader.

"Sometimes people don't quite grab the classical aspect, but I love the blend of the two," she added.

Her current touring partners are also in sync with this stirring.

"I've been fortunate to work with a lot of musicians that come from both backgrounds, Sid [Ditson] especially," Claire said.

Ditson joins on viola and violin, while Henson comes in on piano and percussion.

"This particular trio just came back together,"

Claire said.

After the pandemic pause on live music, the trio is back to old stomping grounds on the Peninsula.

"It was so amazing just to be together again, but also to be in the audiences and to return to communities that we hadn't been in for two, three years," Claire said.

The three have performed and toured together for many years and recorded on Claire's newest seasonal release, "Winter Songs," which came out in December 2022.

Henson has toured extensively with Claire in the Pacific Northwest and works frequently with Will West and Skip Vonkuske in Portland, Oregon. His band, Sneakin' Out, has played various stages with Pink Martini, on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, and had the honor of playing Carnegie Hall.

Ditson has toured with Claire in Belgium and The Netherlands and has been an integral part of her music over the past decade. Ditson has been playing violin since childhood and loves to explore the sometimes-irreverent blend of fiddle and violin styles, and brings to the stage and studio a versatility with the instrument that is truly unique.

Classical, indie, bluegrass, Celtic, and improvisation are all a part of Ditson's palette, along with an exquisite tone and depth of expression. Ditson is often caught grinning while playing, finding it impossible to hide the immense joy that music brings.

Tickets are \$20 apiece online at ticketstorm.com/e/27656/t or \$25 at the door.

To learn more about Claire, visit kathrynclairemusic.com/home.

Kathryn Claire is coming to Port Townsend and Coyle for concerts planned for Saturday, Feb. 18 and Sunday, Feb. 19.

Photo courtesy of Kathryn Claire



Concerts in the Woods series returns to Coyle

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Ballads return to the backcountry with another season of Concerts in the Woods.

For 14 years, music lovers have been traveling 14 miles of country road after crossing Highway 104 to get to the Laurel B. Johnson Community Center on the tip of the Toandos Peninsula in Coyle.

"It's like a really long 14 miles; it's beautiful, but it's slow," said Joe McKinstry, who took over hosting the Concerts in the Woods series in 2019.

While the concerts wont be in the woods themselves until summertime, the community center captures sound in a special way.

"It's this really amazing sounding community center. Somebody had a really good ear for wanting to make something that was acoustically really great sounding," McKinstry said.

"The people who come and play are often surprised by how live and how great it sounds in there," he added.

There are currently eight shows scheduled from February through July, mostly acoustic, folk, and bluegrass acts that fit the bill to a tree.

The first of these is Kathryn Claire, a violinist who will perform alongside Sid Ditson on violin/viola and pianist Don Henson Sunday, Feb. 19, one day after their performance in Port Townsend.

"We try to block-book where we can so if somebody is coming to the Peninsula for one of our shows, I'll call them," McKinstry said.

Beyond its wild style, something that sets this series apart is its daylight hours with shows starting at 3 p.m.

"We did move it all to matinee shows now, no more evening shows," McKinstry said.

Even more important, though, is the attention the audiences bring to these shows.

"There's such a good vibe, you know? It's so nice when these performers come in and they play and they have this listening audience. They're there to listen. They're not there to talk, they're not there to drink. They're there to listen to their music and

really take it in," McKinstry said.

He also made sure to mention that cookies and coffee will always be served for all who attend.

"We always bring cookies. They have that at set break. People are used to it, too. You don't want to show up without the cookies," McKinstry joked.

There is a suggested donation of \$20 for all the shows, but McKinstry notes that people do not have to feel forced to pay if they're unable.

To learn more and see the full line-up of artists included in the concert series, go to coyleconcerts.com.

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JeffCo PUD receives \$5.4 million loan for meter project, broadband building

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The Jefferson County Public Utility District was handed a late Christmas present from Uncle Sam.

Receiving a \$5.4 million loan from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the utility authority will use the funds for its ongoing smart meter and broadband projects, as well as the district's new office building located on Otto Street south of Port Townsend.

The loan is essentially two loans bundled together, with one part (\$1.35 million) being used on the PUD's new office building and the other — worth \$4.05 million — for smart grid updates, according to PUD communications director Will O'Donnell.

The multimillion-dollar loan comes with a 26-year term, and the interest rate has yet to be finalized by the Department of Agriculture, according to O'Donnell.

"We began the application for this loan in the fall of 2021," O'Donnell said. "Borrowing from the USDA's Rural Utilities Service program is an extensive process, that required lots of paperwork, multiple board of commissioners approvals, and many additional

exchanges with the USDA team."

"This is really two loans bundled together, one for smart grid upgrades (which is mainly our advanced metering infrastructure meter project) and the other was for the purchase of our new office building and broadband business headquarters at 191 Otto St. in Glen Cove," O'Donnell added.

The new broadband business headquarters will add 5,840 square feet of new office space, 16 offices, two server rooms, 28 parking spots, a break room, a large conference room, and more for the utility district's ongoing broadband projects spanning across east Jefferson County. The PUD moved into the facility — formerly used by a telecommunications and technology company — in March, and it comes with a 130-foot lattice radio tower on site.

"Because the building sale concluded in 2022, the \$1.35 million loan will replenish the PUD's cash reserves and allow us to spread the cost of the purchase of this asset over the next 26 years rather than all at once," O'Donnell said.

On the other, \$4.05 million side of the federal loan, the majority of monies will be used on new advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) meters and equipment, as well as the removal of old

meters and installation costs.

Of the \$4.05 million, \$2.45 million will be used on AMI meters and their corresponding equipment; \$950,000 for meter removal, installation, and disposal; \$475,000 on collector and equipment installation; and \$185,000 for supervisory control and data acquisition costs, according to O'Donnell.

The new metering infrastructure will help the utility and customers in a variety of ways, such as reduced reading and maintenance costs, reduced carbon emissions due to decreased transportation needs for meter reading, ability for customers to pre-pay, data sharing capabilities during power outages, and more.

As for the utility authority's new broadband facility, "The new building will serve as the primary data center for the PUD's broadband expansion," O'Donnell said.

"In the next four years, the PUD will extend fiber optic internet service to over 4,000 homes and businesses lacking access to broadband internet over a wireline," he explained.

For more information on the PUD's meter program, visit jeffpud.org/meterprogram.

City moving forward with planned poet laureate program

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The city of Port Townsend could soon have a poet laureate to represent the Olympic Peninsula via the evocative, written, and oral art form of poetry, starting in early 2024.

With recent approval and discussion in the city's Arts Commission as well as the Culture and Society Committee, local arts leaders are in the process of completing a poet laureate proposal for the city council to review and vote upon.

A poet laureate is an appointed position awarded to a poet to represent a particular country, region, or group — in this case Port Townsend — with the role of writing and performing poems or other tasks to present publicly in local events, celebrations, or other proceedings.

The poet program is a collaboration between the Arts Commission, Port Townsend Public Library, and Culture and Society Committee.

"It brings artists into civic discourse and gives us an artistic voice for the city," said Lindsey Wayland of the Arts Commission during the Culture and Society Committee's Feb. 8 meeting.

"I really believe that the job of a poet laureate isn't to serve poetry, but to offer poetry as service to the community, to the residents," Wayland said.

The role is a service-contract position co-managed by the previously mentioned city committees and library, and will have two-year terms as the poet laureate promotes Port Townsend's literary arts and active creative community by celebrating the written word, according to proposal documents.

Some listed objectives of the role include raising awareness of the power of poetry, written word, and the spoken word; inspiring an emerging generation of critical thinkers, writers, and storytellers; celebrating the cultural heritage, the spirit of the people, and the unique qualities of the region; and more.

Planners intend to assign a poet laureate in January 2024 following an 11-month process of nominating three panelists to review applicants and look over applications, followed by the selection and announcement of the winner in January.

"This is a pilot program, so we really do want to see what will happen and who might come forward and apply," Wayland said.

Before applying, potential candidates must meet a list of requirements for eligibility. Candidates must be at least 18 years old, have been a resident in east Jefferson County for at least a year prior and remain a resident while serving the poet laureate term, provide evidence of achievement in the art of poetry, among other standards, according to the proposal.

Applications are expected to be accepted in April, with a team of three panelists seated by the Arts Commission and approved by the Culture and Society Committee to vet and eventually recommend a poet laureate to the mayor.

Mayor David Faber would then appoint the poet laureate in December before the representative is officially announced in January.

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The poet laureate will receive an honorarium of \$1,200, with two payments of \$600 through the year based on benchmarks established in the legal contract, according to the city.

City councilmembers on the Culture and Society Committee

expressed discontent will the honorarium amount.

"I have some reticence about paying people in exposure, that's not my favorite," said Councilmember Amy Howard in the Feb. 8 meeting. "I'd like to pay them in money."

"It's a pilot program, but I would love to talk about making this separate from the existing Arts Commission's budget in the future," Councilmember Ben Thomas said of the \$1,200 payout for the role.

"It's modest ... I am reaching out to lots of other organizations to compensate, and find other forms of compensation," Wayland said. "One of the ideas, or the visions, is to collaborate with other organizations ... I plan to reach out to Centrum to see if they will host a residency."

DILIGENT DUTIES

Duties entailed with the poet laureate role are ceremonial, educational, and inspirational.

For the ceremonial side, the role will call for no less than four public, accessible events across east Jefferson County such as the first city council meeting, public art dedications, and public building dedications.

The poet laureate will also perform an educational role by providing quarterly social media and/or newsletter updates, participating and coordinating with the library for educational communications, and other tasks.

Inspiration-wise, the role entails poetic nourishment through a "special project" to inspire and engage the community, whether via a series of readings, workshops, or other programs to involve the community.

PANEL OF THREE

Panelists will also receive \$300 for their efforts.

The three currently-proposed panelists for the program are Ellie Matthews, Lisbeth White, and Shin Yu Pai.

Matthews is on the Port Townsend Public Library Advisory Board and holds a bachelor's degree in geography from the University of Washington with emphasis on cartography and graphic arts. She's worked in design and software development, and has authored two books in nonfiction, a middle-grade level novel, and a memoir.

White is a poet, expressive arts therapist, developmental editor, elemental energy healer, listener, and ancestor celebrant. White is a co-collaborator connecting Black artists and writers with social and healing justice organizations for mutual inspiration and support, and has received awards, fellowships, and residencies from Voices of Our Nation Arts Foundation, Callaloo, Tin House, Writing By Writers, and more.

Pai is a Seattle-based writer and author of 11 books, as well as a recipient of awards from the city of Seattle's Office of Arts and Culture, 4Culture, and The Awesome Foundation. Pai served as poet laureate for the city of Redmond from 2015 to 2017, is a 2022 Artist Trust Fellow, and was shortlisted in 2014 for a Stranger Genius Award in Literature. Her writing has appeared Atlas Obscura, The New York Times, Tricycle Magazine, Seattle Met, and more. Pai is a writer, host, and producer of "The Blue Suit," a podcast on Asian American stories for KOUW Public Radio, Seattle's NPR affiliate station, and was also recently announced as Seattle's Civic Poet.

After getting the go-ahead from the Culture and Society Committee during its February meeting, the poet laureate proposal is set to go before city council in the near future.

Peninsula College hosts events to honor Black History Month

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Peninsula College is hosting a series of events to honor Black History Month.

The events are free and open to the public.

"Thank you to all the college leaders who are working hard to bring awareness and education to our community around Black History," said Peninsula College President Suzy Ames. "This is a critical time in our nation's history, and a time for everyone to listen, learn, and engage."

Peninsula College welcomes director Dru Holley

to campus for a screening of the film "Buffalo Soldiers: Fighting on Two Fronts" at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15 in the Little Theater, on the college's main campus in Port Angeles. The film will be followed by a discussion.

Many African American men enlisted as Buffalo Soldiers in exchange for full citizenship as promised by the 14th Amendment but were denied this right by the Jim Crow laws in the Reconstructionist South, according to organizers of the screening. These soldiers fought for the U.S. Army during westward expansion,

and they fought in the Spanish-American War, the Philippine-American War, the Mexican Punitive Expedition, World War I, and World War II.

Holley graduated from the Art Institute of Colorado, where he specialized in video broadcasting. Holley was selected by Stanley Nelson, the iconic African-American filmmaker, for the prestigious 2020 Firelight Documentary Lab Fellowship, Black Public Media 360 Incubator, and 2022 Better Angels Levine fellowship.

Peninsula College will present Dr. Aiesha Turman

in a virtual program on Zoom at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16.

Turman will offer the program "Technologies of Protest: Towards a Black Femme Afrofuture."

The talk will be followed by a dialogue.

Turman was featured on the nationally-renowned Story Corps radio program and is an educator, writer, cultural producer, and interdisciplinary scholar.

The Zoom meeting is at jeffpud-edu.zoom.us/j/89779530051 (meeting ID: 897 7953 0051).

Sports



Sophomore point guard Kay Botkin of the Rivals locks down an Eagle athlete, in pursuit of a steal. *Leader photo by James Sloan*

Rivals hoopers earn 46-41 win on Senior Night



Junior forward Abbie Liske dishes the ball out to a teammate in the second half. *Leader photo by James Sloan*

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Decisive, deliberate, and dialed in, the East Jefferson Rivals varsity girls basketball team showed grit from start to finish, and were rewarded with an impressive Senior Night victory.

Facing the Klahowya Eagles Thursday night, the Rivals edged their Nisqually League opponents in a close affair and an emotional game in Chimacum.

"I love all these kids so much," EJ Head Coach Lorraine Rimson said following the win. "These are the first [players] I've had for four years, so I saw them when they were babies, and now they're still babies to me."

"It's weird and it's tough because I think it'll hit me most next year when they're gone," Rimson added.

The girls tipped off and the Eagles swooped in for a few early baskets, taking advantage of EJ's slow start to go up 5-0. The Rivals returned with a few baskets of their own, earning points from the free-throw line to level it up.

The matchup was filled with whistles as both squads battled for inside control, foreshadowing

a fouling frenzy throughout. At the end of the opening period, the squads remained locked, 10-10.

The second period was more of the same as EJ senior Alyssa Vandenberg, senior Maddy Harris, and sophomore Kay Botkin tacked on points from the free-throw line. With Harris and Botkin dishing the ball around and Vandenberg, junior Abbie Liske, and senior Addy Asbell finding space in the paint, the Rivals squad showed their playoff-caliber skills.

But the Eagles weren't going to give up that easy.

As the halftime buzzer sounded, the stalemate continued with the squads knotted at 24-24.

The fouls continued into the third period, and Vandenberg took advantage, netting two layups and sinking three free throws to propel the Rivals forward. With only one period to go, EJ led 36-32.

Desperate to stage a late comeback, the Eagles upped their offense, but the Rivals held steady.

The teams kept it close, but the Rivals' good form from the free-throw line grounded the Eagles as EJ won 46-41.

Vandenberg led the scoring with 18 points for East Jefferson,

followed by Botkin with 10, Harris with nine points, and freshman Penina Vailolo netted seven.

The Rivals scored 26-of-37 free throws to finish 70 percent from the line.

Recalling the Senior Night win, Rimson was happy to see more athletes taking the ball up from the back.

"One of the things I've been wanting is for other players other than just Kay [Botkin] to bring the ball up, especially when they're open," Rimson said. "So that started happening today."

With Vandenberg, Harris, and sophomore Juliette O'Hara easing the pressure on Botkin as the primary passer, the Rivals hoped to carry the multi-pronged passing approach into the playoffs.

"One of the things I said at the beginning of the season was I felt like if things went well, we could end up middle of the pack and we're exactly middle of the pack," she said. "There's four above us, and four below, and we're 8-8 in the league."

"We were 2-14 last year, so that's pretty huge," Rimson added.

Three Rivals wrestlers headed to state tournament

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With three East Jefferson Rivals wrestlers finishing in the top three of their weight divisions at Regionals, Jameson Henery, Mi Amada Lanphear Ramirez, and Devon Bennett-Anderson are headed for the Mat Classic XXXIV in Tacoma this coming weekend.

On Saturday, 14 grapplers traveled to two regional tournaments — the boys in Blaine and the girls in Sedro Wooley — as the quest for State continued.

On the girls' side, Chloe Lampert (120-pound weight class), Ivy Hill (130-pound weight class), and Melody Douglas (155-pound weight division) each finished in fourth to qualify as alternates for the state tournament. Lanphear Ramirez finished second in the 115-pound weight class as she returns to State for the second year in a row, aspiring to gain the gold.

"Mi Amada Lanphear Ramirez continues on a tear this season, once again reaching the finals in a high-stakes tournament," EJ Head Coach Steve Grimm said. "Last week she

beat Brooklyn Jones of Orting High School by points, and this week Brooklyn won by decision 8-4."

"These are two great competitors and if things go our way at the state tournament, Mi Amada could get another chance to battle Brooklyn Jones in the State finals," Grimm added.

For the boys, Isaiah Johnson (120-pound weight division), Grady White (126-pound weight class), and Manaseh Lanphear Ramirez (145-pound weight class) each finished in fourth to become alternates for State. Bennett-Anderson (220-pound weight division) and Henery (152-pound weight class) both earned second to stamp their tickets to State in search of a title.

"Both Jameson [Henery] and Devon [Bennett-Anderson] won their first two matches by pin, which bought them tickets to compete in the state tournament next week," said EJ Girls Coach Jim Wilcox. "These two wrestled great all day and earned it by fighting hard."

Douglas capped her senior season by breaking the school record for the most pins.

"All six of these athletes were one move or one win away from qualifying to wrestle next week," Assistant Coach Ryan White said of the alternates. "All of them battled through a great season. Three will be returning next year to address unfinished business."

"Melody Douglas capped her senior year by breaking the school's most pins record, a great accomplishment," White added.

Six seniors ended their high school wrestling careers Saturday at Regionals. Ike Banks (boys 145-pound weight class), Lars Wakefield (boys 285-pound weight division), Beau Manuel (boys 285-pound weight class), Chloe Lampert (girls 120-pound weight class), Ivy Hill (girls 130-pound weight division), and Melody Douglas (girls 155-pound weight class) finished their seasons at Regionals.

"We are so proud of all our seniors for leaving it all on the mat this last weekend," Grimm said. "They all learned the value of hard work. I am excited for them to take our wrestling room ethics with them into their next chapter in life."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Rivals boys eliminated in playoffs to Vashon Island

The East Jefferson Rivals varsity boys basketball team was eliminated from the first round of the Nisqually League playoffs after losing to Vashon Island High School 57-43 on Saturday.

The boys sealed a playoff berth as the No. 6 seed earlier in the week by beating Klahowya Secondary School 58-55 on Thursday.

The EJ boys finished their regular season with a 9-12 (6-10 conference) record.

EJ girls lose to Cascade Christian in playoffs

The No. 5 seed East Jefferson Rivals varsity girls basketball team faced Cascade Christian School Saturday in the first round of the Nisqually League playoffs, losing 43-34 to the Cougars.

The girls ended their regular season with a record of 9-12 (8-8 conference), marking a major improvement from last year's 2-14 final record.

County hit with landslide of requests for federal funds

Commissioners to rank list of proposals next week

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Jefferson County has received 46 requests for funding in response to its “last call” requests for proposals for federal money from the American Rescue Plan Act.

The requests total more than \$3 million and include projects ranging from a new vehicle for Jefferson County Search and Rescue, the installation of a gray whale skeleton on Union Wharf in Port Townsend, to a new skate park in Quilcene.

County commissioners decided Monday to personally rank the requests, then gather again at their meeting Feb. 21 for a more in-depth discussion.

Jefferson County expects to receive more funding from the American Rescue Plan Act later this year. Initially, the county issued a request for proposals for funding, with a deadline of Feb. 10 for possible projects that would cost in the range of \$20,000 to \$100,000.

The requests submitted to the county come from local nonprofits, local governments, and other organizations.

At Monday’s meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners,

Commissioner Greg Brotherton suggested ranking the projects and the amount of funding each one would receive.

“If we each put in how much we would award to each of the applicants, then it would give us a much more concrete number that we could start the horse trading essentially to come up with the final awards,” he said.

Separate from the discussion of the complete list of proposals, County Commissioner Heidi Eisenhour was intrigued by the Quilcene skate park proposal.

“I love skate parks. I’m reading through all of the proposals,” she added.

“I was really kind of finding myself leaning toward things that we’re building; things permanent,” Eisenhour said. “I just love the idea of creating more activities and opportunities for young people in our community.”

“There’s a lot of really dynamic proposals, actually, on the list,” Brotherton added. “I’m excited to get into it.”

Brotherton said he thought using ranked-choice voting would get officials a bit closer to a final list.

County Commissioner Kate Dean acknowledged tough choices would have to be made: “I’m mostly dreading it. The thought of kind of picking winners and losers is...”

“No fun,” Brotherton finished her sentence.

According to a spreadsheet of “last call” proposals prepared for county commissioners, the biggest ticket item on the list is \$608,626

“I just love the idea of creating more activities and opportunities for young people in our community.”

Heidi Eisenhour

JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

- A commercial kitchen at the fairgrounds, from Jefferson Healthcare;
- Student housing upgrades, from the Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding;
- Funding for Phase 1 of the Port of Port Townsend’s flood protection and waterwalk project;
- A commercial kitchen for the Quilcene Community Center;
- A skate park in Quilcene, from the Quilcene Community Center; and
- Funding for an early learning center at 7th Haven, from the YMCA (the project is expected to cost \$777,910).

Some of the other projects on the lower end of the request scale include \$17,831 in funding for a heating improvement plan for the American Legion Post in Port Townsend; \$20,000 for a winter welcoming shelter by the Jefferson Interfaith Action Coalition; \$20,000 for the gray whale skeleton installation by the Port Townsend Marine Science Center; \$50,000 for plans and permitting of a pump track at the county fairgrounds; and \$68,000 for the Humane Society for a heavy duty truck to tow a veterinary surgical trailer, plus associated costs.

The county received its first tranche of funding — a total of \$1.692 million — from the American Rescue Plan Act in October 2022. Another payout of \$1.692 million is expected later this year.

Port Townsend School District may enter lawsuit against social media giants

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The Port Townsend School District could soon join suit in a legal case against big tech, but the odds of winning appear to be slim.

Seattle Public Schools decided Friday, Jan. 6 to sue the tech giants behind TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, and Snapchat, claiming the social media companies are substantially contributing to the mental health crisis among America’s youth by targeting young people, designing algorithms to maximize kids’ use of the apps, putting profits over the mental health of children, and more.

The Kent School District, among other districts in the United States, have followed suit.

The Port Townsend School District’s board of directors met Feb. 2, discussing whether or not to join the lawsuit.

“This mental health crisis is directly impacting our educational communities, and there’s research to show that social media companies’ actions related to social media platforms are contributing to the mental health crisis, and excessive and problematic use of social media is harmful to children’s mental, behavioral, and emotional health,” Superintendent Linda Rosenbury said during the meeting.

The lawsuit is being led by the Franz Law Group, a firm the school district is familiar with.

“[It’s] the same group that did the lawsuit against Juul and Altria, and there is a settlement there that we should receive any day now of a dollar amount coming to the school to support us in responding to the vaping problem,” Rosenbury said.

The Port Townsend School District joined a lawsuit against Juul and Altria led by Franz Law Group in 2022, with the e-cigarette company agreeing to settle thousands of lawsuits for reportedly \$1.2 billion.

This time around, the district isn’t sold on joining the social media suit.

“What I heard from my colleagues in other districts, is that this lawsuit, while it looks similar to the Juul lawsuit and has merit in that, yes, we all agree that social media companies have designed their tools to breed division and obsessive use, I don’t think we argue with that, [but] we’re not sure if there’s a precedent to win,” Rosenbury said.

“What some legal analysts have said is this is a long shot to win,” she added.

On the positive side, there’s no risk for the school district to join the suit, according to Rosenbury.

“There’s no financial risk to the district, but there will be approximately 25 hours of staff time required,” Rosenbury said.

While the item was for discussion only, Rosenbury offered her recommendation to the board, which was not to join based on limited staffing for data gathering as well as the unlikelihood of actually winning the case.

“People are leaning toward ‘no’ because of the legal analysis,” she said. “Small districts are not set up to join lawsuits like this, it feels. But large districts can invest resources and they have the staffing to do it.”

The district’s board of directors will vote on whether or not to join the suit in one of its upcoming meetings, which occur the first and third Thursday of each month.



Girls with the YMCA’s youth enrichment classes work together to create a mosaic sea star, which will soon adorn the front entryway of 7th Haven. Photo courtesy of the YMCA of Jefferson County

YMCA’s youth classes participate in 7th Haven mural

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Starfish, seaweed, and the marine life of the Salish Sea.

These symbols of the Peninsula ecosystem will adorn the exterior of 7th Haven — a near-finished affordable housing project on Hendricks and Seventh streets funded and managed by Olympic Community Action Programs — and some of Jefferson County’s youngest artists had their hand in decorating the facility’s front entryway.

Kids with the YMCA of Jefferson County’s youth enrichment program recently created personalized sea star mosaics to ornament Peninsula-based and Centrum resident artist Jennifer Kuhns’ kelp forest mural.

Inspired by the delicate relationship between sea stars and kelp forests, Kuhns asked the youngsters to fashion individualized starfish creations to join the front entryway mural, with the kids adding their names and personal touches to the marine invertebrate mosaics.

After all the starfish ornaments are finished, the Peninsula-based artist will start on the second, and larger part of the mural, in which she’ll paint the accompanying kelp forests on parachute fabric to stick



Jennifer Kuhns, a Peninsula-based artist and Centrum resident artist, poses with a couple kid-created sea stars, which she’ll use to decorate 7th Haven’s planned front entryway art mosaic. Photo courtesy of the YMCA of Jefferson County

onto the wall, Kuhns said.

The kids will also help to paint the kelp forest portion of the mural.

Beyond the sea star and kelp forest mosaic, 7th Haven will host an animal-themed art mural on the west wall of the property. Regional artist Jean Bradbury will paint the piece, which is set to include a wide range of fauna from seals to schools of fish to jellyfish.

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Dancing is on display at Rec Center

Top: Hands in the air, Bailey Burkhartsmeier leads a class of more than 20 dancers at the Port Townsend Recreation Center in Uptown Port Townsend on Feb. 2. Burkhartsmeier teaches Zumba, a Latin dance-based exercise class in Port Townsend, weekly. Though according to the instructor, Zumba is more of a global style of dancing.

"It's a collection of exciting fast-paced global rhythms to get your body moving, smiling, and feeling good," Burkhartsmeier said.

The instructor moved to the Port Townsend area in 2017.

"I had enjoyed it as a class-goer for a long time and it was kind of my outlet for my need to dance. I'd always done some form of dance. When there was none available it was easy to put on some clothes and join a Zumba class," she said.

Four years ago she became an instructor. As a part of her class, she teaches the four basic rhythms of Zumba: Salsa, which she said originated in Cuba and Puerto Rico and is a quintessential tropical rhythm; Merengue, also from the Latin Caribbean region of the world, is a fast paced, simpler, high-energy dace; Cumbia, Burkhartsmeier said, is a conglomerate of Columbian and Mexican styles.

"It's more of a chill vibe," she added.

Burkhartsmeier teaches Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday mornings at the Port Townsend Rec Center. The first class is free and \$5 donations are accepted after. Kris Nelson also teaches Zumba classes Mondays and Wednesdays.



Theresa Ross-Falkenstein swings her arms and hips to a cha-cha rhythm with her fellow classmates at the Rec Center.



Kara Reed-O'Connell seen in a mid-rockback step during a bachata dance move. *Leader photos by Lloyd Mullen*



Keoki Chinen doing an African style dance. Moving to the side and swinging his arms in an earthy, grounding movement, according to Zumba instructor Bailey Burkhartsmeier.

OBITUARIES

Mickey McKinney

JUNE 28, 1936 – DEC. 7, 2021

In the afternoon of Dec. 7, 2021 my husband, Mickey, earned his angel wings after a six-year decline from heart disease, bladder cancer and dementia. Mickey can best be described as a bright, eclectic, open-hearted and kind person. He was a skilled craftsman, a natural-born teacher and a lover of people and water.

When people asked him what he "did" he would typically refer to himself as a "Jack of all trades." His innate curiosity to understand how the world works and his unceasing joy for life permeated all that he set out to do and accomplish.

He spent his early years in Northern California, living in both urban and country environments. As a young child he resided in Albany and when his mother remarried they moved to Clear Lake. From his mother, Gertrude, he learned independence, resilience and a deep appreciation for words and literature. From his stepfather, Elton, he learned how to live off the land through hunting, fishing and foraging.

As a young man Mickey attended Heald College in San Francisco which led him to work a seven-year stint as a technical engineer for Lawrence Livermore Laboratories. During this time he became interested in road and water racing, building his own Formula 1 race car and hydroplane and racing them both in several tournaments.

When Mickey and I met and fell in love we were both living in an area locally known as the Coastside. It was a community of boat builders and fishermen on a beautiful peninsula jutting out into the Pacific Ocean. On our first date we went canoe surfing. That night the full moon cast a glow on the windless water as the leisurely ocean waves lifted us into the bowl of stars and gently folded us back into its depth.

Our life journey as a couple was an ever-deepening love story in which supporting each other's passions and interests was a mainstay. Early in our relationship we renovated a military bus into a traveling home and named it Cognito. I remember the day we took off, our black tomcat, Thor, perched high on the back of the driver's seat as we headed north to parts unknown.

On a warm summer day in 1980, Cognito rolled off the ferry landing and into the quiet waterfront of Port Townsend, Washington. And as people greeted us from the entrance of the Town Tavern and as we turned left and drove down Water Street, Mickey and I knew we had discovered a small piece of paradise.

In our new-found home, my husband pursued many of his interests and skills.

He became a familiar face at the port and for several years worked as a shipwright for The Boat Works and later for Baird Boats. He wrote several articles for The Leader and other publications, most of which were focused on the local wooden boat trades and sailing culture. He taught at the Magnate Center, an educational foundation for adults, teaching welding skills and computer science.

In the late '80s Mickey volunteered as a project manager for the Jalapa/Port Townsend Sister City Association. He traveled to Jalapa, Nicaragua and gathered building materials for a group project that culminated in the installation of a children's carousel as a gesture of friendship and peace. As a board member of The Food Co-op he helped to usher in a new business model and supported the staff during the transition from the Uptown district to its present location. Mickey's last gig before retiring was as a computer specialist working initially as a private consultant and then implementing and developing the I.T. department for Skookum Enterprises.

The natural beauty that surrounds our home was never lost on my husband and as a couple we took every opportunity to explore and appreciate. We had the good fortune of enjoying many adventures together, sailing and kayaking both up and down Sound and hiking in the mountains and on our coastal beaches.

As my husband's health declined, his activities narrowed yet his appreciation for life seemed to deepen. He remained curious and in the moment and found immense joy in bird song, the beauty of spring flowers in our garden and his connection with people.

In the end, he knew he was deeply loved. In the end, he became love and his presence remains in my heart and in the hearts of many.

Words cannot express the deep appreciation and gratitude I feel for Mickey's hospice team.

A heart-felt thank you to Linda, Sandy, Teresa, Eliana and Dawn. Your insights, love, and care were a blessing beyond measure.

If friends and family feel inspired, please consider a donation to the Jefferson Healthcare Hospice Program in Mickey's memory.



Walter Crosby Parks

DECEMBER 25, 1948 – JANUARY 24, 2023

Beloved husband, Father, and Brother, Walter Crosby Parks (Walt) died on Jan. 24, 2023 from complications of cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Cathie Parks; daughter and son-in-law, Maggie Parks and Tim Clair; and brothers and sisters, Steve Parks, Patricia Parks, Gordon Parks and wife, Marsha, Maureen and husband, Don Schmitz, Norman Parks; and nephews, Michael Schmidt and wife, Lia, and Eric Kosarot and son, Liam.

Walt was born on Christmas Day, 1948, to Robert and Marion Parks. In the early 1950s, the family moved to Tokyo, Japan, where they lived for three years. Upon their return to Portland, Oregon, Walt, along with his siblings, attended Cathedral Grade School. His high school years were spent at Mount Angel Seminary where he graduated in 1966. He then went to college where he received a BA degree from Portland State University in 1971.

Shortly after, Walt joined the Navy where he finished first in his class so he was able to request his next assignment as the administrative cleric to the Base Commander in Iceland. There he took the opportunity to travel extensively throughout Europe. He was honorably discharged in 1973.

He moved to Sacramento where he worked for Wilson's Antiques in Folsom, California. Working there, he acquired a lifelong passion for antique clocks and furniture. Next, he worked for the Madrone Management

Company managing properties in the Sacramento area.

While in Sacramento, he pursued an MBA where he met Geri Gail. They were married and had a daughter, Maggie, born in 1985. They were married for seven years.

In 1987, he assumed the position of contractor administrator at Rancho Seco nuclear plant for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD). In 1996, Walt took early retirement from SMUD to move to the Olympic Peninsula where he owned vacation property. There, he especially enjoyed a beautiful view of Dabob Bay.

Later, he met and married Cathie Mooney. They enjoyed traveling the world via cruise ships including China, Australia, Iceland and the Netherlands. They lived in Brinnon very happily until his death.

Walt was a caring spouse to Cathie, a loving father and an affectionate brother. He was well educated and well read. He was reserved in nature yet an interesting conversationalist. He enjoyed reading history, native plants and birdwatching.

The family requests donations to prostate cancer research in his memory.



Michael Leroy See

JUNE 25, 1965 - FEBRUARY 6, 2023

Michael See graduated Port Townsend High School, Class of 1983. His passion for the beach and care for the family property drew him to Brinnon. He then started his career as a flooring installer which made him well known in the community. Mike was very humble of his gift and his work; he was a perfectionist, and had a generous spirit and kind heart.

He left an impression wherever he went and went out of his way to do something for someone every day of his life. His passion to help others was unconditional; he would make a special homemade pizza or chocolate cake or his famous popcorn balls for anyone and everyone; give you a ride to wherever you wanted to go; or find a special piece of driftwood with only you in mind and give it to you.

Michael is preceded in death by his father Virgil See and stepfather Albert Weisenberger. He is survived by his partner Mary Kate; his mother, Phyllis Weisenberger; brother,

Patrick See (Tracy); sister, Julie Moneymaker (Brian); as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Mike was truly a gentle and kind soul and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

There will be a gathering of family and friends at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023 at Canal Tracks club house, Brinnon.



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Sailing vessel
- 6 Clear the deck?
- 9 Kitten's cry
- 12 A Marx brother
- 13 Low digit
- 14 "Xanadu" band
- 15 Baby hooter
- 16 Florida city
- 18 Handsome guy
- 20 Convent dwellers
- 21 Brooch
- 23 Tool set
- 24 March honoree, for short
- 25 Fed. food inspector
- 27 Grinding tooth
- 29 "At once!"
- 31 Attention-getting call
- 35 Senior member
- 37 Lingerie fabric
- 38 Houston player
- 41 Sports drink suffix
- 43 TV spots
- 44 Foolproof
- 45 Go places
- 47 Florida city
- 49 Revise
- 52 Tokyo, once

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- 11 In the — way (very much)
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Snow lot is missing. 2. Sign is missing. 3. Cap letters. 4. Snowball stick is smaller. 5. Picture is missing. 6. Pendant is missing.

S	L	O	P	M	O	P	M	O	P	M	O	P
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Solution time: 26 mins.
Answers

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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SNOWFLAKES

solution

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Blade:

Player:

CATOR:

Fraud:

TEACHER:

Refine:

TRIFLE:

TODAY'S WORD:

"For _____ or WHAT?"

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: D equals F

MIPO MUTGZ RUT NPGG P QEUTX
UD NJEOPCY HKPGG DGPODCHI
OIPO HOPEO P NUKXPYR
OUQJOIJE? NU-DGUTYZJEH.

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SCRAMBLERS

1. Rapier 2. Actor; 3. Cheater; 4. Filter

Today's Word: RICHER

Answer: What would you call a group of certain small flatfish that start a company together? Co-founders.

OBITUARIES

Jeremiah Martin Green

MARCH 4, 1977 – DECEMBER 31, 2022

He plugged things in and handed over metal prongs and rubber pads and poked and tapped and swirled notes and smoke all around us. He turned squelch knobs — erasing out the static — and tuning into the pops and rhythms of the moment. He performed them for us as if to say, “Listen they’re here, look they’ve been here all along.” But all I saw was his immeasurable talent. He had a calming, rhythmic, back-of-the-throat laugh. And it always seemed to come in between thoughts and theories so alien and strange... or the extremely absurd. He had an affinity for odd looking animals and puking puppets. For waxed cotton, denim, and sage. He was intricately connected to the Northwest. From spending his summers as a kid in a camp trailer at Mount St. Helens to creating a band called Modest Mouse, in a shed, under the fir trees of Issaquah.



Jeremiah spent the better part of his life playing with friends Isaac Brock and Eric Judy in Modest Mouse. Modest Mouse began in that shed in 1993 and continues today. He was a paradox behind the drumkit - somehow loose and relaxed while juggling odd time signatures with double fist pumps, tight snare rolls, and rudimental patterns. He was transportive. And those that know his music recognize how he shaped a genre from the very beginning.

Jeremiah Israel Martin Luther Green (Jeremy, or “Miah,” depending on how you knew him and where you met him) passed away on the morning of Dec. 31, 2022 after a brief struggle with cancer. He was 45. On Dec. 1, 2022 he played his final show with Modest Mouse in Los Angeles. Before walking out for their encore that night Isaac gave Jeremiah a long hug. “Night On The Sun” was his final song. Isaac sang “Turn off the light because it’s night on the sun.” Jeremiah spun his sticks.

Losing Jeremiah leaves a hole — his size — wherever you’d had him stored. If you need any help filling that hole here’s what’s been helping me: After his final show he flew home to his family. To his son Wilder James Isaac Green (who is 6), and his wife Lauren Green. To his mother Carol Namatame, his step father Brian Namatame — who stayed with him every

night while others were battling winter illnesses — and his brother Adam Green, who picked him up at the airport and drove him home.

Jeremiah is also survived by his two sisters, Teri Dean of Graham, Washington and Emiko Van Wie of Spokane. Jeremiah’s father Donald Green passed away in 2015.

Jeremiah was born on March 4, 1977 in Honolulu, Hawaii. His family moved to Washington state shortly thereafter and set up a home in Moxee. After the eruption of Mount St. Helens, the Green family spent its summers in the blast zone helping with the rebuilding efforts. Jeremiah formed his earliest memories there swimming in mountain streams and listening to tired construction workers tell stories over campfires. In 1989 the Greens moved to the eastside suburbs of Seattle. Jeremiah split his time between learning how to play the drums and getting his skateboard confiscated by local law enforcement. Along with Modest Mouse Jeremiah was a member of two other highly influential NW bands: Satisfact and Red Stars Theory. Jeremiah spent much of this time traveling across the country in his many bands — in many vans — absorbing what ‘90s Americana had to offer: truck stops, diners, basements, highways, and ever changing landscapes as far as his eyes could reach. But it was the people that had the biggest impact on his life. He began picking up friendships that lasted through three decades of touring.

Back at home Jeremiah could be found at the Redmond Firehouse, The Goat House and Velvet Elvis. He was front and center for Lync and Hush Harbor shows and his eclectic tastes skyrocketed from there. From Linval Thompson to Daft Punk, Cat Stevens, and Chihei Hatakeyama one could never know what Jeremiah had playing in his headphones. Putting your finger on Jeremiah was like trying to mash your thumb down on a wet marble. He was a seeker. From books, philosophies, plants, music, scents, places he’d traveled, spiritualities... he forever had a brand new list of them all to spin around you. The act of Jeremiah looking for something was beautiful.

Jeremiah eventually moved out to the tip of the Olympic Peninsula — in the forested outskirts of a town called Port Townsend. He dug in. Quite literally. He built an underground bunker on his property where he could experiment with art and record music all day long under the trees. He recorded music with The Vells, Psychic Emperor, PlastiQ Phantom and World Gang. He was a prolific photographer and always had a camera with him. Jeremiah’s photographs offer a rare glimpse into his point of view. His world.

In 2015 Jeremiah met his wife Lauren in New Haven, Connecticut. Lauren moved to Port Townsend and they began a life together. Wilder was born in 2016 and they married in 2017. Lauren held down the fort at home while Jeremiah toured the world — always happy to return home to his family at land’s end.

On tour, Jeremiah collected people across the world like he collected Walmart curios. Getting on Jeremiah’s guest list at a Modest Mouse show was a backstage carnival of Warholian proportions. You’d find photographers, actors, musicians, Jeremiah’s landscaper, a death metal band from Nebraska, two DJs, the guy who sold honey to him earlier that day and a dentist from Tukwila. Modest Mouse is a band in constant motion, both musically, and physically. Jeremiah mined people out of it — and through his talent, gentle nature, and genuine interest, he came up with more friends than raindrops in a Northwest sky.

He was interested in Sufism and Buddhism. The Sufis believe that motion in the universe means life, and that rhythm is motion... that there’s a design and rhythm to things and our universe is not built on chaos and chance. This obituary is not intended to solve any existential dilemmas, of course, but I do hope to highlight the spiritual side of my friend. So, here is a verse from Rumi:

Let sadness and your fears of death / sit in the corner and sulk. / The sky itself reels with love. / There is one being inside all of us, one peace.

And Thich Nhat Hanh said:

Enlightenment for a wave is the moment the wave realizes it is water. At that moment, all fear of death disappears.

It is helpful to think that Jeremiah had some of these thoughts with him when he passed into the mystic. If you’d spent a day with him then you’d noticed that his body was eternally tuned in to this universal rhythm; beats tapped on steering wheels, rocks, bones, fingernails from ashtrays and cup holders tapping on tables and dirty, denimed, thighs... a facial tick tuned into the frequency of a nearby star or bug. You can hear and feel it all in the dust and ash left behind in the wake of his cool waves rolling out from Port Townsend and through the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Past Sequim, the Elwha River, through the Salish Sea, and around Neah Bay... into the Pacific.

Nest Builder, Bunker Lurker, Soil Digger, Gentle Talker, Nature Smoker, Wire Dancer, Perfumed Dragon. It was wonderful to be in your world. It is both quieter and louder without you.

Written on behalf of the family by Gavin Feek

SAYING GOODBYE

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FEBRUARY 2023 SERVICES

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Feb. 19 Exploring Daoism - Melody Moberg

Feb. 26 Forgiveness - Rev. Kate Kinney

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OBITUARIES

Voneda
(Vonnie) E.
Herrmann
Stiewe

JUNE 10, 1927 –
JANUARY 4, 2023



Voneda (Vonnie) E. Herrmann Stiewe, 95, passed away on Jan. 4, 2023 at the family home in Chimacum, Washington.

She was born June 10, 1927 to Jacob P. and Lydia Pfieffe Herrmann at the farm home in Alfred, North Dakota. She went to the two-room grade school at Alfred and then high school at Gackle, North Dakota, commuting in a homemade canopy on a small pickup with five other students on the eight-mile trip.

Together her sister Mable and she helped their parents in the fields. Especially during the haying season with very long days. At 4 p.m. she would go home to milk the cows (22) by hand, feed the calves, hogs and chickens before the other three came home for supper. During harvest time sister Esther (who was living in town) and Voneda would hire out to other farmers to set up the grain bundles into shocks working in the heat and the dust of the day. "But it was a good life," she said.

She worked at Strobergs Laundry in Cambridge, Minnesota and the 5 and Dime in downtown Minneapolis before going to Yakima, Wash. to work. That is where she met Robert (Bob) Stiewe whom she married Sept. 10, 1948 in Jamestown, North Dakota.

Bob was in the Army and stationed at Fort Worden at Port Townsend. Their first home was on the Norris Short farm in Chimacum then on Marrowstone Island on Nolton Road. From there they lived in various parts of the United States. In 1955 when his time in the service was complete they returned to the Port Townsend area, settling in 1964 on the famous Egg and I Road in Chimacum where they raised their children Janet, Bill, June and Bruce. It is still the family home.

Voneda enjoyed gardening in her flowers and traveled to Europe two times, Canada, Alaska, Mexico and most of the states.

Her first love was her faith in God; second was church, family and friends.

She retired from Crown Zellerbach in 1983 and Port Townsend Paper in 1989 as a Stores Specialist. She was active in the CZ mill retirees luncheon committee beginning in 2001.

Preceding her in death are her three sisters Lena, Esther and Mable; husband Robert in 1996; son Bruce in 1970; grandson Robert "Robbie" Larsen in 2009; daughter June Larsen in 2018; and son Bill Stiewe in 2019.

Surviving is daughter Janet (Ralph) Meyer of Sequim, Wash.; June's husband Charles "Peko" Larsen of Port Angeles, Wash.; grandchildren Kimberly Jackson of Ferndale, Wash. and Ralph Quinn Meyer of Sequim; great-grandchildren are Brooke and Nickolas Jackson of Ferndale, Camrin Meyer of Yakima, Wash. and Josie Meyer of Sequim; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins throughout the states.

Vonnie was blessed to have found another love in her life with Denny Severson of Nordland, Wash. They spent 24 years enjoying camping, traveling and just being together.

She was a charter member of the Port Ludlow Community Church at 9534 Oak Bay Road. Her service will be held there at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25.

Port Orchard woman jailed for DUI after police pursuit

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A Port Orchard woman was ordered held on \$25,000 bail Monday following her arrest Sunday on allegations of eluding a pursuing police vehicle and driving under the influence.

Michelle Lynn Whitmarsh made her first appearance in Jefferson County Superior Court on Feb. 13 via a video link from the county jail.

Whitmarsh, 30, was first reported by a QFC employee who saw her parked at the grocery store on Irondale Road just after 4 p.m. Sunday in a Chevrolet SUV.

The worker told emergency dispatchers that a woman, later identified as Whitmarsh, was slumped over the steering wheel of the SUV and didn't respond to knocks on the window.

When a sheriff's deputy arrived, he noted Whitmarsh "appeared to be suffering the poor health of prolonged drug abuse" and her eyes looked heavy and droopy and she appeared to be under the effects of an opioid drug, according to court documents.

When the deputy began to knock on the driver's side window, however, she started the SUV and tried to put the vehicle in gear.

The deputy quickly opened the door to the SUV and tried to grab

Whitmarsh's arm away from the gear shifter, but Whitmarsh put the vehicle in drive and quickly accelerated.

The deputy said in his report he tried not to get dragged or run over by the Chevy. Whitmarsh allegedly sped away from the store, cutting across parking lot stalls and apparently driving over a sidewalk and curb in her haste to get away, according to court documents.

The deputy said Whitmarsh had a near collision with another vehicle on Irondale Road as she sped away going north.

A police pursuit followed but the deputy lost sight of the Chevy. Witnesses said the driver had turned onto Fifth Avenue and pointed out her vehicle after it was abandoned at Swaney Street and Ninth Avenue.

Witnesses said Whitmarsh had fled into the woods nearby, and she was soon found by the pursuing deputy.

During a search of Whitmarsh, a deputy found a loaded syringe and several pills in her pockets, and she later allegedly told law enforcement that the syringe contained methamphetamine and the pills were fentanyl.

According to court documents, Whitmarsh also admitted to being addicted to opioids and said she fled because she had outstanding warrants for her arrest.

Her purse was later found in the

woods where she was arrested. It allegedly contained syringes, two bags containing a white crystal substance, and aluminum foil with burnt residue and multiple straws.

During Whitmarsh's appearance in court Monday, Deputy Prosecutor Melissa Pleimann noted the defendant's long history of warrants for her arrest, as well as a pending DUI charge.

Whitmarsh also has pending charges in other jurisdictions for reckless endangerment, DUI, and two charges of second-degree possession of stolen property.

Pleimann said Whitmarsh was a risk to not show up in court and asked bail be set at \$25,000.

Superior Court Judge Brandon Mack agreed.

He also set her arraignment for Friday, Feb. 17.

Including charges pending in other counties, Whitmarsh's total bail amount is \$104,180.

Attempting to elude a pursuing police vehicle is a felony that can result in a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Conviction of DUI can result in a maximum penalty of 364 days in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

Public hearing set for proposed land transfer in Quilcene

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A public hearing on the future transfer of up to 826 acres of forestland into the Department of Natural Resources-managed Dabob Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area will be held Tuesday, Feb. 28 in Quilcene.

The hearing will be preceded by a presentation that will explain the exchange of approximately 820 acres of State Forest Land Trust forestland near Quilcene for equal-valued parcels of Common School Trust forestland in the same area. The meeting is at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the Quilcene School District's Multi-Purpose Room.

Officials with the Department of Natural Resources said all land transferred in the exchange would remain in state ownership if the land swap is approved.

Trust Land Transfer program funding from the state Legislature would compensate the Common School Trust for the value of the property to be transferred into the Dabob

Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area.

The parcels would be managed for recreation, wildlife habitat, or open space uses consistent with the management plan for the natural area.

Officials noted a portion of the Dabob Bay property is currently managed as state forest land, which helps support Jefferson County and its local taxing districts.

Under state law, only Common School Trust properties may be transferred through the Trust Land Transfer program, but state law permits the Department of Natural Resources to propose inter-trust exchanges to meet the needs of the trust beneficiaries.

The state will accept written comments about the proposed land exchange until 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 15.

Comments can be emailed to exchanges@dnr.wa.gov. Comments can be sent by mail to the Department of Natural Resources, Conservation, Recreation and Transactions Division, Attn: Dabob Bay Inter-Trust Land Exchange, PO Box 47014, Olympia, WA 98504-7014.

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