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Cause of fire on wharf unknown

Personnel responded to a fire Friday morning in Port Townsend after a 10:03 a.m. call reported smoke drifting from the abandoned Taylor Street wharf at the Hastings building at Taylor and Water Streets. See page 18 for more. Photo by Lloyd Mullen

Hadlock-Irondale sewer takes shape

BY KATHY CRUZ
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Construction has begun on a multi-million-dollar sewer system for Port Hadlock-Irondale that will replace old and sometimes failing septic systems, and is intended to expand housing and commercial possibilities.

A sewer system for the Urban Growth Area (UGA) south of Port Townsend was identified by county officials as a critical element for regional economic development. The Board of County Commissioners adopted a Sewer Facility Plan in 2009 and purchased land south of Lopeman Road for the project in 2012.

When completed, the sewer system will be able to

support affordable housing, higher density multi-family residences, senior housing and medical, commercial and industrial facilities, according to county officials.

"This project has now entered the construction phase after 18 years of dreaming about it," Jefferson County Public Works Director Monte Reinders said at a recent county-sponsored Community Conversations meeting held at the Tri-Area Community Center in Chimacum.

He noted an 18-acre parcel in the UGA where Habitat for Humanity plans to build — thanks to the coming sewer plant, Habitat will be able to construct up to 200 units at that site, he stated.

Reinders and Wastewater Project Manager Samantha

Harper gave a slide presentation on the project at the Tri-area meeting.

The membrane bioreactor (MBR) wastewater treatment plant will produce Class A reclaimed water, which Reinders said is the "highest level." Advanced technologies filter and remove pathogens and contaminants.

"It's not drinkable, but just about," Reinders said.

Class A reclaimed water can be used for irrigation, although the public works director said it will not be used for that, initially.

According to the county's plan, the phased construction will start with the commercial core along State Route 116 and Rhody Drive and will expand into residential areas over time.

Phase 1 will include, among other things, site work and grading, laying effluent pipe from the treatment plant to the percolation pond and utility installations such as water, power and fiber optics.

Bids for the work were received in March and Seton Construction was selected as the contractor. Physical construction began on July 5.

The \$35.6 million funding package includes grant money as well as state and federal dollars. More than \$20 million was allocated by the state legislature and \$3.4 million came from American Rescue Plan Act allotments to the county.

Work to connect individual properties to the sewer system is expected to begin in July of next year and continue through July 2025.

"The hardest part of this project is not only connecting all of our high water users first, but the timeline for everything needs to come together at the same time," Harper said.

At startup, the sewer plant will treat up to 24,000 gallons of wastewater per day and eventually reach 72,000 gallons per day with the capacity to expand, according to the county.

Those with questions about the project can email porthadlocksewer@co.jefferson.wa.us.



Wastewater Project Manager Samantha Harper surveys the construction site for the treatment and percolation pond that will be part of the new sewer system for Port Hadlock-Irondale. Photo courtesy of the Jefferson County Public Works Department

Affordable housing, community garden pair up

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The Olympic Housing Trust (OHT) is responding to record high home prices with their first construction project in Jefferson County: The Dundee Hill project, located off of Hastings Street in Port Townsend. This parcel of land will be divided up to accommodate five 1,000-square foot townhouses available to residents in Jefferson and Clallam Counties.

"This isn't the most affordable place to live," said Kellen Lynch, the trust's outreach and development manager. He speaks from a local perspective; he grew up in Port Townsend and knows firsthand the struggle to find safe, affordable housing in the area.

"Our model is permanent affordability," he explained.

The nonprofit housing developer and land trust aims to set their model apart in more ways than one, specifically by maximizing the "green" aspects. This includes clustering the homes together to minimize the impact on the land, installing solar power, and partnering with groups to support use of the land's most notable feature: a large community garden.

The Dundee Hill Community Garden is co-managed by the



OHT Outreach and Development manager, Kellen Lynch. Photo by Anna Tallarico

Food Bank Growers and a neighborhood group led by organizer Judith Alexander. It features an abundant array of flowers and seasonal vegetables that will be available to the future residents of the housing project once construction is complete.

"The pairing of a community garden with a community land trust is just the type of housing project to set us apart," Lynch said.

It's a model that has roots all the way back to the 1960s, when Black tenant farmers in Georgia

strove for permanence and stability in housing and farming.

"We are honored to be among many community land trusts of the Pacific Northwest carrying a piece of that legacy with the Dundee Hill project," Lynch said.

The project would not be possible without recent city code changes. Previously, the city's municipal ordinances prohibited townhouses to be built (the closest alternative was a condominium). Now, through a process known as unit lot subdivision, the city allows developers to build attached single-family units that will each occupy their exact house footprint, plus a yard area.

"We have the space for five houses on five lots, but because we want to preserve open space for the community garden, the clustered townhouses are the right choice," Lynch explained.

The trust invites anyone who is interested in purchasing a home under this model to take a preliminary survey. Eligibility requirements include residency in Jefferson or Clallam County, an income threshold that does not exceed 100 percent of the area's median income, and the ability to qualify for a mortgage.

The trust plans to break ground next year. The houses are projected to be built by 2025.

Sales tax hike faces public vote

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Come fall, voters will be asked to approve a 0.3 percent sales tax increase to help finance street repair and maintenance.

At a special city council meeting Tuesday, Aug. 2, members of the Transportation Benefits District (TBD) voted unanimously to put the tax increase on the Nov. 7 general election ballot.

The TBD is newly formed — voted into existence at the council's July 24 meeting. It consists of the same members as city council. At the start of Tuesday's meeting, councilmember Aislinn Palmer was nominated as chair, and Monica MickHager, though not present, was nominated for vice chair.

City Manager John Mauro took councilmembers through a presentation outlining various options for the district going forward. The recommended action was a sales and use tax, which will provide the city with \$270,000 annually per 0.1 percent increase. The pros included higher revenue while being the least regressive option.

"We already have such a regressive tax system in our state," Mauro pointed out, referring to how tax is applied uniformly regardless of income. This tax increase will also bring revenue from the tourist industry.

"This would enable the ability to pay for our street system with help from our visitors," Mauro said.

Other options included a vehicle license fee (referring to car tabs), general obligation bonds, impact fees on commercial and industrial enterprises, vehicle tolls, excess property taxes, and local improvement districts. These were not recommended by city staff due to low revenue, more debt, inequity, and added financial burden.



A Port Townsend pot hole. Photo by Anna Tallarico

There were several subsequent options pertaining to this tax increase. Per city ordinances, the TBD can impose up to 0.1 percent sales tax without a public vote. An analysis showed this would be the quickest option to start receiving revenue, as this is the lowest barrier to implement, but it would also bring in the least amount (barring no action at all). If the public voted for a 0.2 percent increase, it would bring in \$540,000 annually. The maximum increase, 0.3 percent, is the highest possible increase allowed; it would bring in \$810,000 a year.

The council unanimously voted on the latter. "It seems to be the clearest, cleanest, most effective, and most transparent option," Councilmember Libby Urner Wennstrom said.

The current 9.1 percent sales tax rate in Port Townsend consists of 6.5 percent Washington state sales tax and 2.6 percent Jefferson County sales tax, according to the Washington Department of Revenue.

According to Director of Finance and Technology Services Connie Anderson, the revenue from this increase, should it be approved on the November ballot, would be available to the city by next May.

Public Works Director Steve King plans to use the money to "preserve the streets that have not failed first," and then "claw our way back through a slow process to the streets that have failed." According to King, this means that they would prioritize preserving portions of F Street, San Juan Avenue, and Sheridan Street that are still in decent condition.

"Once they go the way of Lawrence Street, they are extremely expensive to fix," he said.

Two citizens gave public comments at the meeting. Port Townsend's Steven Schumacher expressed his pleasure that council is making street repairs such a "high priority," but that it "should have been done a long time ago."

"Is raising [\$810,000 a year] going to be enough to turn things around?" He asked council.



OBITUARIES

Patrick Alan Williams

MARCH 23, 1949 – JULY 27, 2023

Patrick Williams, former resident of Quilcene, Wash., and long-time resident of Baker City, Ore., left this world on July 27, 2023, after a long battle with Alzheimer's.



Pat was born on March 23, 1949, in Tonasket, Wash., to Charles and Arloa (Burbank) Williams. He attended Quilcene High School before enlisting in the U.S. Army. Pat married Susan Ackerman in 1969, and they had three children.

He served in the Vietnam War from 1969-70 and was a Sergeant in the 25th Infantry Division 3/4 Cavalry. He returned from Vietnam and worked for Haldon Johnson JX Logging, Boulton Logging, and Crown Zellerbach Trucking in Portland, Ore. He also lived in Sacramento, Calif. and was a long haul truck driver for Market Transport.

Patrick later married Colleen Springer and was proud to help raise her child and his niece, the daughter of his late brother, Larry. They welcomed a son and lived in Baker City, Ore., where he worked as a mechanic for the Forest Service, and later for Baker City as a utility worker.

Pat is survived by his wife Colleen; children Angie (Mike) Hughes, Jason Williams, Joann (Tani) Williams-Hoxha, Sharay (Sam) Servey, Julie (James) Kang, Mathew (Feather) Williams; grandchildren Ceare Williams, Donovan and Winston Hoxha, Ella Servey, Elaynah and Eli Williams, and Penelope and Lewis Kang; six siblings; and numerous nieces and nephews. We will all miss his wry sense of humor and laughter.

He is predeceased by his parents and three brothers, Dwayne, James, and Larry Williams.

Per Pat's request, there will be no services. But next time friends and family go hunting/fishing, admire a classic car, enjoy farm life, or watch an old Western, we invite you to think fondly of Pat, as those were just a few of his favorite things.

Kenneth George McConnell

MAY 11, 1934 - JULY 4, 2023

Kenneth George McConnell, Ph.D., a resident at Aegis in Bellevue (Wash.), passed away with his loving family by his side on July 4, 2023. He was 89. The Multiple System Atrophy (Parkinson's) that slowly took away his functions never took away his smile and his sense of wonder. In fact, those of us left missing him contemplate he may have waited until the fireworks displays were in full force to depart with a send-off full of sparkly wonder.

He was born May 11, 1934, to Clayton and Ceta McConnell of Ellsworth, Wis. He grew up on the family dairy farm and always knew the value of hard work. He met the love of his life, Darlene Marie Decker, in 1954. They corresponded for 4 years while he earned bachelor's degrees at the University of St. Thomas (BA) in 1955 and Notre Dame (BS) in 1957, and then married on June 27, 1959 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in her hometown of Dickinson, N.D. These two midwestern farm kids chose to spend their honeymoon in Europe in the summer of 1959, buying a VW bug and spending six weeks driving the continent. This passion for seeing the world and learning from other cultures was something that would continue for them all their lives.

The couple started a family while living in Ames, Iowa, where Ken completed both his Master's and Ph.D. in Theoretical and Applied Mechanics at Iowa State University (1963). In the decade between 1960 and 1970, they were blessed with four sons – Christopher, John, Thomas, and Mark. Ken remained on as a faculty member at ISU, and the family made Ames their home for more than 40 years. During that time, Darlene was the primary homemaker and caretaker of the children, but she also devoted countless hours to the St. Thomas Aquinas Church of Ames, Iowa, where both of them found a spiritual home and where she worked as a pastoral associate. Ken retired from ISU in April, 2000, and he and Darlene subsequently moved to Washington state to be near the boys, who had miraculously all settled near one another and begun starting families. They settled in the retirement community of Port Ludlow and enjoyed more than 20 years there, making dear friends and taking advantage of many clubs and activities.

Dr. McConnell was a Professor of Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics who held at least 10 patents. He was a specialist in vibration testing who in 1994 was named by the Society for Experimental Mechanics the recipient of its William M. Murray Lecture Award, the Society's highest honor, "in recognition of his outstanding contributions to

SEM in the fields of dynamic instrumentation, vibration testing techniques, and fluid structure interaction." He won an ISU Outstanding Educator Award, reflecting his passionate commitment to his students. He was grateful for the opportunity to work with people from all over the world.

During his tenure at ISU, Dr. McConnell also started a computer business (Cyberia, 1979-1983) selling hardware, writing cutting edge software applications, and providing entertainment through a computer game room. All four McConnell boys gained valuable work experience through the company. Cyberia was ultimately unsuccessful as a business venture but jumpstarted careers in computer science for two of the boys. The hardships and challenges the family went through during that time also provided important life lessons and reinforced the importance of family to get through difficult times together.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Darlene (Bellevue WA); his sons Christopher (Aileen) (Redmond WA), John (Virginia Rhoads) (Whidbey Island WA), Thomas (Leslie) (Kirkland WA), and Mark (Megan) (Ellensburg WA); and his sister Mary Vogelaers (Edmond) (Sijsele, Belgium) and her eight children. His grandchildren Kai (Gabbie Webbeking), Skye, Kate, Alec, Elise Rinehart (Henry) and Audrey all adored him and knew him as PapaK.

Ken will be remembered for his selflessness, his faith, his fierce love of his family, and his corny puns. None of us will likely play a game of 500 without thinking of the way he would bid on just about anything, and usually make it. Godspeed, Papa K.

Please join us for Mass of Christian Burial at 12:30pm on Thursday, August 17 at Holy Family Catholic Church, 7045 120th Ave NE, Kirkland, Wash. A lunch reception will follow. It was Ken's wish that any memorial tributes be made in the form of charitable donations to the Hospice Program at EvergreenHealth Foundation, 12040 NE 128th St., MS#5 NE, Kirkland, Wash. 98034-3098 (online at www.evergreenhealthfoundation.com) or your favorite charity.





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MEMORIAL

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You are cordially invited to a celebration to honor Jane Minniham on August 19 at 1:30 p.m. at 35 W. Fir Street, Port Ludlow. Bring a hot dish and a story about Jane to share.



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AUG 13 Peace of Mind & Pace of Guidance
AUG 20 Certainty of Purpose & Surrender to Surprise
AUG 27 Asking For What You Need & Offer What You Can
SEPT 3 Love the Folks in Front of You & Return to the World
SEPT 10 Spirit, Pilgrimage and Faith

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Special service with potluck, cake and blessings for Rev. Pam DR. SAUL SHAYE RETURNS TO UNITY! Guest Speaker with Let Your Light Shine on Sunday, September 24 followed by an afternoon workshop on HI-Level Wellness: A Healer's Odyssey and a Tuesday evening workshop on Healing with Animals. He will also be available Monday thru Wednesday for private sessions.
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A rendering of the proposed facility. Courtesy illustration

Shower security splits committee

BY KATHY CRUZ
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Uncertainty over how best to handle restrooms and showers at the proposed new health and wellness center has divided the Healthier Together steering committee.

District 1 Commissioner Kate Dean detailed the debate during a recent meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners.

"I would say there's not a consensus among the planning group," she told her colleagues on the board.

Dean explained the main issue is safety, particularly where children are concerned. Folded in are questions of whether shower facilities should be accessible to anyone and the high cost of staffing to ensure the facilities are always closely monitored.

The city of Port Townsend is leading the Healthier Together project with the involvement of partner agencies: Jefferson County, Jefferson Healthcare, Port of Port Townsend, the Port Townsend School District, the Jefferson Aquatic Coalition and the North Olympic YMCA. Each stakeholder has one or more representatives on the steering committee.

In May, Opsis Architecture, a Portland-based company hired by the city, presented several potential designs for the facility along with cost estimates ranging from \$37.6 million to \$52.7 million. Three open house events were held to inform the public and to seek input. The majority of those surveyed favored Mountain View Commons for the rec center's location.

At the July 24 Board of Commissioners meeting, Dean stated that every time the committee considered how best to incorporate a bathroom and shower component into the facility, "a lot of design challenges came up."

"When there's children around, you want it to be a supervised environment," she stated. "And being able to control who's coming and going is part of that supervised environment."

Dean indicated if security measures involve requiring users to "jump through a lot of hoops," such requirements might be unpopular or burdensome, especially for those who are homeless.

"It adds an enormous layer of complexity and expense," Dean said of the desire for monitoring and security measures.

"And so, some folks from the Port have said it would be way easier to have a free-standing, separate (facility), not to try to combine two things that don't necessarily go well together. And, of course, there are a lot of people, including on the committee, who say, 'yeah, but this is a public facility,' and we know that this is a need in the community. It's a relatively small expense to build into a very large expense, so why not?"

The commissioner wrapped up her comments by saying, "there's still a lot to decide." District 2 Commissioner Heidi Eisenhour said she is "getting so much pushback" from constituents about paying for the amenity. She expressed the view that there needs to be advocacy "for the folks that need to take a shower and the people who are going to be paying for (the facility)."

Eisenhour recalled being a kid, growing up on fishing boats and using public showers.

"Every time the fleet would come in from a fishing trip, we went to the ports that had a public pool so we could take a shower," she said.

"It's not just homeless people, it's not just transients, it's not just people in RVs rolling into town in the summer. There are so many different kinds of needs for public showers. I just hope that we can figure out how to make that work in this facility."

District 3 Commissioner Greg Brotherton said he hopes "our \$50 million pool is accessible to all people."

City Manager John Mauro said the steering committee will continue to talk things through and to involve the public in the planning process.

"We've heard various resident concerns and desires and are still trying to figure this out," he wrote in an email to The Leader.

"There are no definitive plans as we're not into those operational details yet," he wrote.

Mauro noted that the proposal will not be on the ballot this year and added that Jefferson County commissioners will ultimately determine whether and when to take the proposal for a new health and wellness center to voters.

ON THE WATERFRONT

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, AUG. 7 THROUGH AUG. 8.



JOUJOU passed Mystery Bay at 1030 Monday, Aug. 7. The vessel was in Mystery Bay after a voyage of 15 days, 22 hours originating from Port Townsend. JOUJOU is a pleasure craft and is sailing under the flag of USA. Its length overall is 11 meters and its width is three meters.



BATTLE POINT passed Dabob Bay at 0939, Monday, Aug. 7 at 0939. BATTLEPOINT is a vessel sailing under the flag of USA. Its overall length is 57 meters and its width is 12 meters.



MARKIT passed Fort Flagler State Park at 0933 Monday, Aug. 7. The vessel departed from Friday Harbor on 2023-08-07 0742 and was sailing at 10.8 knots in the southeast direction. MARKIT is a pleasure craft and is sailing under the flag of USA. Its overall length is 21 meters and its width is four meters.



DECEPTION PASS passed Dabob Bay at 0939, Monday Aug. 7 at 0.6 knots with southwest direction heading to Bangor, GB with a reported estimated time of arrival at 1400, Monday Aug. 7. DECEPTION PASS is a vessel sailing under the flag of USA. Its overall length is 30 meters and its width is three meters.



OJAI SUMMIT passed Fort Flagler State Park at 0935 Monday, Aug. 7 at 6 knots sailing in the southeast direction. OJAI SUMMIT is a pleasure craft sailing under the flag of USA. Its overall length is 11 meters and its width is four meters.



MERRIE ELLEN passed Dabob Bay at 0940 Monday, Aug. 7 at 6.7 knots, sailing in the east direction. The vessel departed from Pleasant, US. MERRIE ELLEN is a sailing vessel and is sailing under the flag of USA. Its overall length is 33 meters and its width is six meters.



WILD GOOSE TOO passed Oak Bay at 0937 Monday, Aug. 7 at 14.2 knots sailing in the north direction. The vessel departed from Port Ludlow. WILD GOOSE TOO is a pleasure craft and is sailing under the flag of USA. Its overall length is 20 meters and its width is six meters.



RJ PFEIFFER passed Point Wilson at 0514 Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 20.9 knots with northwest direction. The vessel departed from Tacoma at 0329 Tuesday, Aug. 8.

RJ PFEIFFER is a container ship that was built in 1992. Its carrying capacity is 2019 TEU and its current draught is reported to be 9.4 meters. Its overall length is 217.48 meters and its width is 32.21 meters.



BLUE YONDER passed Kilisut Harbor at 0514 Tuesday, Aug. 8. The Wind in this area at that time blew from the southeast direction at a force two Beaufort. Blue Yonder is a pleasure craft sailing under the flag of USA. Its overall length is 20 meters and its width is six meters.



MAERSK CARDIFF passed Mutiny Bay at 0515 Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 17 knots with northwest direction heading to Los Angeles with an estimated time of arrival of 0500 Saturday, Aug. 12. Maersk Cardiff is a container ship that was built in 2013 and is sailing under the flag of Singapore. Its carrying capacity is 4500 TEU and its current draught is reported to be 11.4 meters. Its overall length is 249.12 meters and its width is 37.4 meters.

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Opinion

Ours is not to judge

Ours is to question.

Avid readers of The Leader have, no doubt noticed some changes in their hometown paper.

That's because one of its owners is acting as Interim Editor and wants to make the paper, for a little while at least, into a more old-fashioned kind of community newspaper.

Ink-stained wretches at weekly newspapers like this one, were at one time content to put out the best newspaper they muster, once a week. If something really big happened, like downtown burning to the ground, they'd put out a special edition, usually called an "Extra."

Our big city cousins, often faced with a cross-town rival, would do the same but for the most part, people who wanted to know the latest news, turned to their favorite radio station at the top of the hour.

In the 1990s that all began to change with the spread of the world wide web.

For decades people in this industry have gathered at seminars designed to answer fundamental questions about the proper use of the internet and in particular, "how do we make money?" But perhaps more germane, "how do we not cause the demise of our

business model?"

Because by the end of the millennium, the genie was out of the bottle, the toothpaste out of the tube.

For centuries print journalism thrived with a simple yet viable business model:

The newspaper delivers credible information and entertainment to its market for a fraction of what it costs to produce their product, and then they make their money by selling their readership to (hopefully) credible advertisers.

So for as long as you've been alive (if you're over the age of 30) when you paid for this newspaper, you shelled out about 20 percent of the cost of producing it.

That business model works as well as it ever did and that's because of the impact, the permanency, the reliability but most important, the credibility of our printed weekly product.

But the internet heralded a new age of information and with it, what Madison Avenue calls "the attention economy." It seems that money is made, these days, by getting your attention. To a certain extent, that's always been the case, it is Dale Carnegie's first rule of sales and he practiced his

technique in the days of telegraph wires.

Which is to say, he wasn't competing with the known universe. If this editorial has reached you via the internet, its message is doing the same.

But the verve to be first, to get your attention, has overtaken the media's desire to be correct and comprehensive.

It's just one of many ails that plagues our business but we'd like you know why your newspaper may appear less urgent

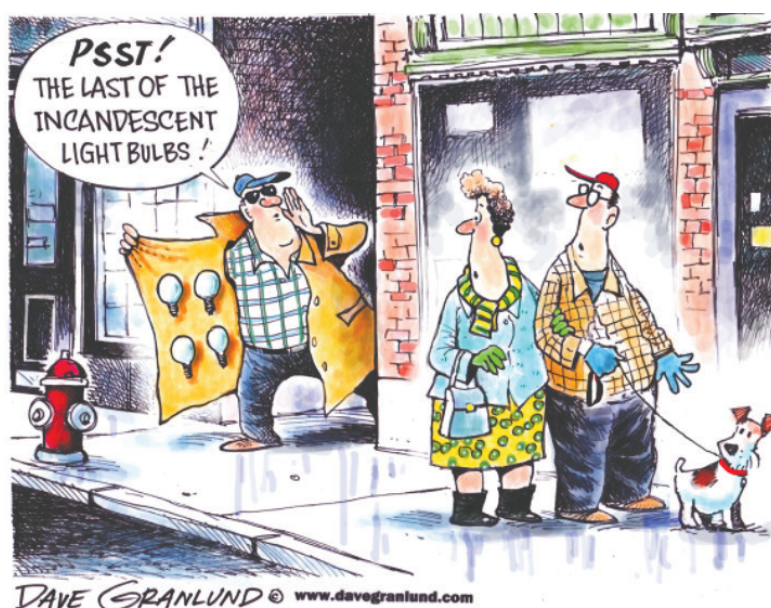
than others.

We hope that you depend on other news sources because that makes you a more informed citizen.

But it is our hope that, when it comes to news and entertainment about Jefferson County, no one comes close to The Leader.

Because what we want to be is a meaningful and reliable source of information for you.

And if you find it here first, that's okay too.



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Summer in full swing; the parties are everywhere

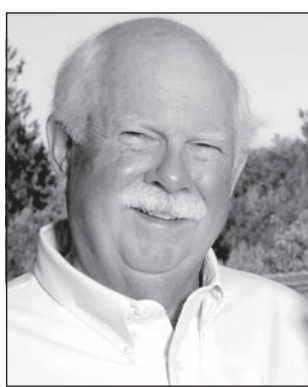
Well, it is pretty easy to find a party these days, isn't it?

Our daughter and 15-year-old grandson bought us lunch last Tuesday at the Kingston Ale House for BJ's birthday. Nice that I was included so that I could buy the four of us ice cream at Mora's across the street.

Then it was dinner at El Molcajete with Steve and Fran Gross, also a semblance of a birthday celebration since Fran provided some flowers. I had to buy our dinner. Rats.

On Thursday I talked BJ into heading to Port Townsend to take in the Concert on the Dock with music provided by the group, George Rezendes and Soundlab.

My friend, and past East Jefferson Rotary president Paul Rogers, played rockin' keyboards for the group. Whoever thought an accordion could make that kind of music. He was the lead in a set loosely titled "The Paul Rogers Experience," and it was so. The size of the crowd is tough to estimate given the way it can wind around the buildings at



Ned Luce
LIFE IN LUDLOW

the Pope Marine Plaza but I can confirm there were all varieties of folks in attendance.

Even Lloyd Mullen, the [former] publisher of this fine paper was there taking pictures, some of which I am hopeful are herein.

The annual free concert provided by the Port Ludlow Performing Arts in the meadow adjacent to the old Conference Center was again a big success with around 200 folks in attendance. After an adjustment of some speaker cables, the band, Black Diamond

Junction provided danceable music for two hours. I say danceable because there were in fact some folks dancing in the grass. Yep, my friend Cathy Pappas, and PLPA board members Shelley Patten, Peggy Welker, Cheri Gerstenberger, Chris Dean, and Phyllis Waldenberg, joined many more as they braved the challenges of the uneven grass to shake a tail feather. It was not reminiscent of Dick Clark's "Bandstand," but not much is. The president of the board, Sharla Erich, was not to be seen in the dance



Ben Nicholson and his sons, Arksel and Archie dancing at Thursday's Concert on the Docks. Leader photo by Lloyd Mullen

pasture for a couple of reasons. Sharla just completed a sixty-mile hike with elevation changes of 17,000 feet over four days in the Cascades as part of her preparation for a three-week trek in Nepal. Her trek is reported to end at the base camp for those attempting to scale Mount Everest. Sharla is currently not planning to head further up the mountain. In any case, she can be complimented for completing the 60 miles hike and forgiven since she must have been tired. In

addition, it is rumored that Sharla does not dance.

Sunday afternoon held the annual Lower Pioneer Drive neighborhood picnic under the leadership again of Sharon Sorenson. It was an opportunity to enjoy potluck chow with burgers and brats cooked by Mark Makarowski and meet the new neighbors, like Will, Alex, Penny, Steve Strong and others. Of course we also caught up with the veterans in the nearby. Clare Lewis brought her son and daughter-in-law from Pullman and we enjoyed hearing some new stories. Ann, the daughter-in-law told a great story about being in Branson, Missouri.

We were entertained since we lived in Lee's Summit, Missouri and watched Branson grow and change in the 1980s and 1990s into a full-grown entertainment destination (Terry Bradshaw is headlining a show this week!).

Ann noted all the people in Branson were "old" and thus coined the term "Branson Old" to describe people who were older than old people. I am not sure where you and I fit into these terms but I do think I would rather be old than "Branson Old."

Love a curmudgeon and have a great week!
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Mayor is learning to balance family with his other job

I have had many restless nights since the city council meeting on July 17 to deliberate the future of the Port Townsend golf course property, and not only because of the birth of my daughter in the weeks since (welcome to my little third-generation Port Townsendsite, Mira Faber!). I've also been struggling to sleep due to the amount of misinformation and vitriol that has erupted in parts of our little city.

The community process leading up to the meeting on July 17 was lengthy, involving a dedicated and hardworking "stakeholder committee" tasked to work through our residents' stated priorities, as gleaned from the various public engagement efforts during the more than three preceding years. These engagement efforts have included multiple City Council touchpoints, public comment periods, online surveys, open houses, and near-constant feedback to those of us on council at the grocery store, on the street, and in our email. No public process is perfect, but this was a gallant attempt at trying to pull together the many and varied public opinions regarding the future of the golf course land to help guide city

council on a decision regarding how we, as a community, will best use that land over the next 100 years.

One of the more pervasive bits of misinformation that I have heard since July 17, is the claim circling social media that the city council ignored the "clear majority" of Port Townsend residents who, in this belief, support keeping the golf course in its current form.

Though certainly true, a significant majority of the public comments at the July 17 meeting were in favor of keeping the golf course as-is — or close to as-is — I caution that 50 people in a room does not constitute a majority of our 10,000 residents. Instead, our single largest sample of community opinion came from the second Open House survey regarding the future of the golf course, which drew 1,359 respondents. A strong plurality of these respondents "voted" in favor of converting the golf course to a "central park" (42 percent) vs. restoring the golf course (33 percent) or a hybrid golf course (18 percent), with "unsure" at seven percent. Meanwhile, the first Open House survey, which asked community members to rank their



David Faber, Mayor
PERSPECTIVE

priorities, placed golf number three behind "trails" (interpreted by me and others to mean "public access") and "habitat restoration." Yet another important datapoint — to my view — was the PTHS survey, wherein high school students, who will have to live longer with the outcome than any of the rest of us,

placed "affordable housing" as their number one priority and left golf off their top-10 list entirely.

I was hopeful a community consensus would emerge from this three-year visioning process, resulting in a single plan cobbling together the many community priorities. Instead, we had a stalemated public — and a stalemated stakeholder group — unable to decide between two mutually exclusive options: (a) a "hybrid" golf course with a small amount of additional community uses (but making space for alternative community use would require the loss of the driving range, which many golfers stressed would make the course unviable) or (b) a central park with no golfing at all. A notable portion of the golf community seemed to support yet another alternative that maintained the driving range and gave only a tiny fraction of the land for other community priorities, access, and use.

But backing up a bit, toward the end of the final stakeholder committee meeting on July 6, a member broached an idea that unofficially drew majority interest (eight of the 13 present committee members):

a compromise plan that allows for varied non-golf community uses while retaining a golf component. The committee ran out of time, however, and never had the opportunity to flesh out this idea. When presented with the unfleshed-out stakeholder idea weighted against the clear incompatibility of the two proposed plans, and given the varied community priorities with no détente in sight, my colleagues and I voted unanimously (6-0) to task staff and the stakeholder committee to work through this third option.

So this is where we now stand: the council is waiting to receive a new compromise plan from the stakeholder committee, and to consider whether that plan seems to be a prudent path forward. The council has not made any final decisions. For my vote, I will want to see a plan that makes space for community priorities, and I will always weight my thinking toward the demands of our youth, who will inherit and have to work with what we leave behind.

*David J. Faber
Mayor, City of Port Townsend*

LETTERS

Appalled

Dear Editor:

I just finished reading Tim Caldwell's Perspective column in the Aug. 2 edition of the Leader. Frankly, I do not have a strong opinion regarding the fate of the golf course — I can see benefits in several proposed outcomes — and I am pretty deeply invested in the need for affordable housing in Port Townsend rather than parks and recreation.

So this letter is not in support of a particular outcome. But I have read and heard a lot of insights from Tim Caldwell through the years (I have lived here for 17 years) and I know he is a smart, honest, and well-reasoned person. I respect his opinions and I believe him when he speaks. And there's the rub.

I am appalled by the way the

decision-making process for the fate of the golf course has gone (and spoiler alert, I feel the same way about the pool/recreation center decision-making process).

I am not used to this city manipulating the decision-making process to achieve a predetermined outcome and shifting the process to exclude or co-opt community participants. If Tim Caldwell feels unable to participate in the remaining decision-making process because it is being manipulated, then I am concerned.

Furthermore, I am concerned that there appears to be a strategy of simply letting the golf course lease lapse, which will leave no option than to do something else with the course.

This is simply wrong — there needs to be a provision made to continue the care and maintenance of the course until a good

decision is made and it becomes clear what is needed going forward. We need to behave like the positive community we have been for so many years. Thanks, Tim, for bringing this to our attention.

Steve Moore

Best wishes

Dear Editor:

So it's Brian Kelly and his team of reporters out and the Mullens and their reporters in. One week Lloyd Mullen is publisher and Thomas Mullen editor, the next week Laura Jean Schneider is publisher and Lloyd missing from the masthead. The Leader is silent regarding these changes and who the new reporters are.

Kelly will be missed — his aggressive,

consistent reporting of the PDA at Fort Worden and informative coverage of crime and courts. May his talents flourish elsewhere.

Last week, under the "The Leader" atop page one, the slogan changed from "In Depth — In Touch — Independent Since 1889" — a worthy goal for community journalism — to "Serving Port Townsend and Jefferson County Since 1889" — a bland boast. Please reconsider.

The realities of acclimating the new reporting staff to story ideas and deadlines are apparent with the 15 inches (not including photo) devoted to "Theft of produce sours pickleball play" — surely a routine item in what is now "The Blotter." Please go back to just the city police and sheriff's listings with

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no special heading or abbreviated listings. Lloyd Mullen wrote several editorials, which was a good start, but now may be gone.

Hopefully the new team will carry on the legacies of the McCurdy family, Tom Camfield, Frank Garred, Scott Wilson and Dean Miller. They engaged readers, wrote meaningful editorials, and, in Miller's case, informed readers about his staff's challenges tackling issues like parking and hospital care — the paper made mistakes — from his Uneasy Chair column.

Schneider left The Leader in February 2022 as a reporter with an in-print goodbye which ended: "So here I go, walking away, knowing as I do that leaving somewhere I can't afford isn't so much a tragedy as a reality. And that in me doing so, I am accepting an uncomfortable, but necessary truth."

Recently she returned, first as associate publisher, with no printed explanation. As publisher, she needs to inform readers about the paper's recent changes as well as challenges and goals. And what about interim editor Thomas Mullen?

Two final suggestions: First-time lookers at your home page need to hunt for subscription information — that information should be front and center. Try to have the hometowns of letter writers included.

May The Leader continue to be that — a leader that reflects the uniqueness of Port Townsend.

**John Kendall
Port Angeles**

Return to old ways

Dear Editor:

As a subscriber who loves to read the Sheriff's Log and PT Police Log, please return to the original format.

That new way is just awful, I'm sorry to say. A lot of subscribers/readers view those logs as an insight into what is happening, crime wise, in their locale. Unfortunately, it is now completely unreadable to most folks. I have talked with several people, who also read the logs, and they too are dissatisfied with your new format.

Please go back to the way it was. Thank you.

Marianne and Paul Walters

Bigotry

Dear Editor:

I was disheartened to read the letter from Gary Price in your recent issue. While Price has the legal and constitutional right to ascribe to and share his religious views (and I would march shoulder-to-shoulder with him to defend that right), I am grateful to know, and remind Price, that our constitution separates religious views from the legal framework that defines the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of all citizens.

The U.S. has a troubled and painful path in its struggle to live up to the often-quoted Declaration of Independence ideal that "all men are created equal," and though tremendous progress has been made, Price reminds us that there is work yet to be done.

Like others of the extreme religious right, Price "cherry-picks" millennia-old religious texts to justify his bigotry, apparently without appreciating they were written by men with zero modern knowledge and translated and edited uncountable times, including the common English version of the Bible, the King James (KJV - early 1600s).

He ignores, however, the more frequent chapters and verses that would condemn him for his judgement of others. I only hope he doesn't eat shrimp in his cotton/poly blend shirt after shaving his sideburns.

My husband and I moved to beautiful Port Ludlow in 2019, fortunately not having met anyone who, like Price, seems eager to use religious beliefs to denigrate and marginalize others. Instead, the community has welcomed us warmly and we've tried to return that kindness. We're thrilled to have played a role in establishing PRIDE Port Ludlow, now 140-plus members strong, including many well-loved allies. I hope Price continues to experience and enjoy his right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" and that, with additional life experience, he comes to a deeper appreciation of his obligation to his fellow citizens to do the same.

**Mr. Doug Balli
Port Ludlow**

Loving the ferries

Dear Editor:

Have you ever missed special events and art exhibits in Seattle because you dreaded the drive in heavy traffic, delays for car ferries, and expensive parking? I have many times. Did you know there's a delightful alternative?

One morning at 7:20 a.m. my husband and I paid six dollars each (as seniors) to ride the Number 14 Jefferson Transit bus to the Kingston Ferry dock. We were the only passengers. The bus is clean, with comfortable seats, and a safe, professional driver. The bus only stops briefly twice — once at the Four Corners Transit Center and once by the highway, before arriving in Kingston in plenty of time for the high speed ferry. For seniors, the ferry costs only one dollar to Seattle, and a bit more for the return trip.

Our ferry was as clean, comfortable, and almost as empty as the bus. We enjoyed window seats near the front, watching an



A fiery plom

A pyrocumulus cloud from the Sourdough Fire in Whatcom County (1,397 acres, zero percent contained as of Monday) formed over eastern Washington on Friday, and is visible from Port Townsend. A pyrocumulus cloud can form when a fire is big and intense and the hot air cools when it reaches the upper, cooler atmosphere.

Photo courtesy Steve Mullensky

osprey dive for a fish and boats sailing in the distance. It's a beautiful journey! The Seattle ferry dock is newly renovated, and quite close to the Seattle Art Museum, Seattle Aquarium, and much more. One of the ferry crew recommended we buy Orca cards, so then we could transfer to other public transportation, and save even more.

We are so lucky here in Port Townsend to have this inexpensive, efficient, and relaxing bus-ferry system that I intend to use it regularly, and encourage everyone to give it a try.

Wendy Feltham

Survey needed

Dear Editor:

I don't know David Faber, or most of the new council members.

I don't know when they came here or from where. Up to this point, I had hoped that they and the new city manager would listen carefully to our community (all of us), explore future options (including doing nothing) and not come to decisions based on pre-conceived notions of what they think (especially the mayor and city manager) is most appropriate for the future of our community.

Here's what I do know:

I came here in 1971 after graduation from the University of Washington. I have been involved in the commercial fishing community, boat building community, the small business community, and the nonprofit community. I was a city council member for two terms and served 25 years on the Jefferson County Board of Health.

The point of this dissertation: I have interacted with lots of diverse people in this community.

Public processes are messy and need to be built on trust and transparency. I have been actively involved in many complicated and contentious public planning processes to chart a path for the future of our community: Gateway Development Plan, Urban Waterfront Plan, downtown parking plans, the City Comprehensive Plan, Northwest Maritime Center, public health plans, etc.

Every one of those efforts had extensive and well-conducted public processes that engaged the whole community and sought out input that was real, considered and incorporated into the decision-making. In contrast, I have never seen such a sham public process that relies only on the arrogant opinions of the mayor and a select few.

How does the mayor and council know what the so-called "silent majority" really thinks? The stakeholder group is not representative of our community, and especially golf course stakeholders.

This public process lacks valid surveys, concrete data and is based on what the Mayor and council wants to hear from their own "silent majority."

This clearly ignores the fundamental basics of running a fair and transparent public planning process that respects our citizens and the most affected stakeholders. It is time to rethink this whole process. The golf course is an important part of our historic legacy, charm, quality of life and what makes PT such a special place. And it has the potential to be so much more with the right vision and leadership.

Sheila Westerman

Indigenous reclamation

Dear Editor:

Scleqw, the recently reclaimed name for a passage near Marrowstone Island in Jefferson County, marks a significant country-wide focus by U.S. Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland, state agencies, tribes, and activists to change thousands of derogatory and non-native names of natural areas.

It's important to remove prejudicial and harmful names, such as the Port Townsend High School mascot from Redskins to Redhawks in 2016. A hawk is far more dynamic and healthier to rally children around school and community spirit, rather

than furthering denigration and stereotypes. When any group is dehumanized by mocking appellations, abusers easily justify hostile, hateful, violent behavior towards them.

I started college at Eastern Washington in Cheney, where the mascot was Savages, identified with images of Native males in silly, powerless poses or whooping, wielding a tomahawk. Changed in 1973 to Eagles, adorned with NW Native American traditional designs, the mascot named Swoop has become a popular totem which honors our NW Salish heritage.

Over a century, an attempt at ethnic cleansing in Wash. and USA forced removal of Native children from their families in order to erase their familial and cultural language, celebrations, and history, which led to horrific abuse, even death. Mass graves discovered around Christian religious-based schools are a stark reminder of the historic inception of institutionalized ethnocentric racism and the dire social consequences inflicted upon our Indigenous people.

Washingtonians continue to forge good strides in reclaiming our local heritage, and the earnest desire of residents in our State to rectify and heal past injustices in order to better all of our lives (please note: Scleqw -The correct spelling uses a schwa phonetic symbol. I don't know how to do this in a Word document yet. Note the w, as well).

**Gayle Brauner
Port Angeles**

Aquatic figures

Editor's note: The Leader inadvertently excluded some of this letter last week so we are reprinting it in full.

Dear Editor:

The evolving public discussion about the proposed Healthier Together aquatic facility would benefit from factual information about past, present, and future pool usage.

In 2018, entries into the Mountain View Pool averaged 2,956 per month for a total of 32,521 entries during the 11 months the pool was open. This data does not include entries for swim lessons, swim teams or pool rentals.

The Jefferson County YMCA reports that in 2022 there were 15,815 entries from 696 individual users, or an average of 1,318 entries per month — 45 percent of the 2018 data. The pool is open fewer hours and offers less programming than pre-COVID due to a shortage of staff.

Two independent sets of data reporting user zip codes — one pre- and one post-COVID — show that over 40 percent of the users resided outside the Port Townsend city limits.

New facilities like Healthier Together typically experience increased usage and often exceed projections. One nearby example is the Shore Aquatic Center in Port Angeles which completed a major renovation in October 2020. The new facility is comparable to the proposed Healthier Together one in terms of aquatic and other amenities. Revenue from user fees was projected to increase 50 percent. In 2021, the first year of operation, revenue was 176 percent of the 2018 numbers, and in 2022 revenue increased to 215 percent.

Many Jefferson County residents do not use the Mountain View pool because of its small 20-yard four-lane tank, outdated changing rooms, chlorine purification system, limited hours of operation, and lack of class offerings. 2014 survey data from the Jefferson County YMCA shows that a modern aquatic facility would be used often by 30 percent or more of East Jefferson County residents.

Details on the above information are available at <https://tinyurl.com/Pool-Usage-PDF>.

Earl M. Murman

Nuclear drill

Dear Editor:

Since August 6 was the 78th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, it may

be a good time to review existential threats facing humanity. The greatest may be climate change, but considering Putin's Decree Number 305, nuclear war is more likely to need our immediate attention. I'm not sure what our policy is on when to use nuclear weapons but I suspect it is very much like Putin's Decree: If it looks like you're going to lose, nuke the bastards.

Former Russian president Medvedev has also confirmed the notion that an impending defeat will surely trigger a nuclear war and Russia isn't currently doing very well in its war with Ukraine.

Apparently the Russian oligarchy believe that nuclear powers have never lost major conflicts on which their fate depends so they are not about to give up their aggression. They obviously haven't taken to heart Robert Frost's plea to know "the delicacy of when to stop short."

The Russian invasion of Ukraine will very likely, and very soon, escalate into a terminal nuclear war. It feels like a dark comedy, but it's obviously time to update our grab-and-go bags to prepare for this likelihood. Putting together a grab-and-go bag for "normal" Pacific Northwest disasters is fairly straightforward: Food (ready to eat) and water; phone, charger and battery bank; small battery-powered or hand-crank radio; battery-powered or hand-crank flashlight; extra batteries; small first-aid kit and personal medications; personal toiletries and items, such as an extra pair of glasses or contact lenses. Deciding what to put in your bag to prepare for an impending nuclear blast is even easier.

My recommendation is a copy of the Bhagavad Gita and a bottle of petite sirah, or a copy of James Herriot's Dog Stories and a pint of Guinness Extra Stout.

**Jens Abrahamsen
Langley**

Keep the golf course

Dear Editor:

Due to my employment for the past 10 years, I have been unable to comment on various public issues, including the future of the Port Townsend Golf Course (PTGC). Now that I am retired, I can do so. In my opinion, the mayor and city council are wrong in not maintaining the golf course.

I agree with the various letters and comments supporting the golf course and the reasons given. In particular, I think the writings of former Mayor Brent Shirley and former City Council member Mark Welch are informative and provide context. Tim Caldwell's post of August 2 and that of Fred Obee are spot-on. I want to emphasize the following points.

Although PTGC is not long and only has nine separate holes, it is a challenging golf course; good players who regularly play nice and longer resort or country club courses have had difficulty scoring at PTGC. The course plays uphill and downhill; has numerous uphill, downhill and sidehill lies; has water in play on three of the holes; has out of bounds in play on eight holes; has trees and sand traps as obstacles; is affected by wind; and has very small greens. Taken together, scoring well can be difficult. The driving range and chipping/putting area are important for practice and learning the game. All of this presently exists. There is no need to make numerous expensive improvements to the course other than to repair the irrigation system.

My good friend Tim Caldwell refers to PTGC as a "lunch pail" golf course. That is exactly correct. It is not a country club and does not pretend to be in any sense. It's open to the public for play and practice. I've played golf at PTGC for many years. The people who play there are your neighbors and community members; teachers; mill workers; small business people; employees; people in various professions; retirees; men, women and

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Opinion

With this ring, my finger was wedded

Who would have thought a story that began forty years ago in the south of France would end at the Port Townsend firehouse?

But that's exactly what happened. Back when I was very young and traveling in a land far, far away I met my first real boyfriend and believed for a short time that he was the one. When he gave me a beautiful gold ring and asked that I always wear it, I enthusiastically agreed to do just that.

As that amazing summer in the south of France wore on, we frolicked on the beaches, danced in the seaside bars and languished in the sunshine. He was quite a bit older than I and likely expected us to stay together forever, but I was 18 and my life had many adventures to come. All summer I wore that ring, and

was still wearing it more than 40 tears later when I moved to Port Townsend. My life had changed and taken some interesting turns that did not include my first love.

My hands had changed too, but the ring stayed where it was. Over time, the ring grew more and more uncomfortable. Though the sentimental attachment and memories were strong, it seemed now to be a relic, no longer relevant to my present life. I started to contemplate its removal and began the search for how to do just that.

Assuming its removal would be easy, I stopped in to see the local jeweler. To my surprise, the owner shook his head.

"Sorry, we don't do that here. Try the local firehouse." The local firehouse? Well, why not?

Up the hill I went and knocked on



Carolyn Lewis

PERSPECTIVE

the firehouse door.

There was no answer at first and,

since I was already feeling guilty about using a fireman's time to help with my ring problem, I began to turn away.

But then the door swung open and a kind face appeared. He listened as I explained the problem.

"Sure, we can help you with that. Let me get my supervisor."

The idea that a supervisor would be needed for the procedure made me a bit nervous but he said he was just there to keep an eye on things since the other fireman had "not had much practice" using the tool designed expressly for this purpose.

Wondering what I had gotten myself into, I was tempted to say, "Maybe I'll come back another day," but I decided that it was time to get this done and perhaps just holding very, very still was the best idea.

The entire procedure took all of

three minutes and when the ring came off my finger I felt a strong rush of emotion, momentarily wondering where that long lost boyfriend was today.

How different my life might have been if I had made other choices, and how glad I was to be exactly where I was right now.

After thanking the firemen for their help and watching the firehouse door close behind me, I tucked what was left of the ring into my pocket and closed a chapter of my life forever.

But not completely, because it seems my finger has a permanent indentation in the shape of the ring to remind me of that first love.

And maybe that's such not a bad thing.

Carolyn Lewis

New library, better security

By KATHY CRUZ

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The Chimacum School District is nearing the end of a six-year levy cycle that has funded capital projects, and the fruits of some of those projects will be evident when the next school year gets underway on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

The initiatives include improved security and a new library at the district's main campus.

"We collect about \$1.3 million a year just for capital levy projects," Superintendent Scott Mauk explained. "The district has managed that money really well over time. And we sort of dribble out projects and try to make sure projects get a lot of bang for the buck. The library is an example of that. It'll be about a quarter-of-a-million-dollar remodel, but it'll have huge payoffs."

The library features a mural and colors borrowed from the palette of Port Townsend artist Don Tiller. He paints with colors that are specific to the region, such as vibrant madrona bark. Superintendent

Scott Mauk said the district may try to secure some of Tiller's artworks to display in the library.

"When we talked to staff and students and families, they wanted something that was a little more comfortable and inviting," he said of the planning process for the new library. "And so, we've kind of gone from a more traditional library look with big tables and chairs and no comfy seats to lots of different comfy seat options." There are even phone charging stations, he said.

"We've gotten nice feedback on the design," Mauk stated.

Demco, the vendor that equipped the elementary library a few years ago, was chosen to handle furniture and shelving for the district's latest library project. The main campus houses the high school, middle school, elementary school and district office. A primary school campus is in Port Hadlock.

Mauk said that the library project took between a year-and-a-half to two years. Planning involved a focus

group working with the architectural firm. Lower shelves make the room feel bigger, he said, and "it's an easier space to sort of supervise and manage. It's much more comfortable for kids, a little more efficient for librarians. Just a neat space all around. We're really excited about it." He added, "There's also a really beautiful mural on the wall that takes a bunch of the components of our district logo, and it's like 10 feet high and 25 feet long, so that's a pretty neat thing."

Contacted at his studio, Tiller told The Leader he was unaware that his artwork had served as inspiration for Chimacum's new library. He said it was a "compliment" and a "feather in my hat."

"I paint madronas and it sounds like that's what they took the inspiration from, was one of my paintings," he said. "(Madronas) have a lot of character and color to them. I like painting them."

FOCUS ON SAFETY

Where safety is concerned, the district made upgrades

through fencing and better secured areas.

"We've put fencing all around the main campus and put in gates to limit the number of (access points) onto the campus because, before, people could kind of come in from whichever side of campus they wanted and if a back door was propped open or something, anybody could come in undetected," Mauk said.

Security inside the buildings has been beefed up as well.

"We put in safety vestibules in all of the schools so that people have to enter through the office, and they have to be buzzed in when they show up after school starts," Mauk stated. "The big safety vestibule upgrade was in the high school. So, after school starts, students will walk through that and that's a pretty great upgrade. So, we're feeling really good about some of our school safety-security-supervision upgrades."

Mauk said that capital improvement projects planned for next summer include



At top, teacher Terra Frank gazes at the freshly painted mural in the new library at the Chimacum School District's main campus. Above, Port Townsend artist DonTiller said he is flattered that those who planned the new library used his color palette as inspiration. Courtesy Photos

increasing security by enclosing a breezeway between two buildings on the main campus,

and the creation of a "flex learning room" for students with disabilities.

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kids of all kinds; others who live or work in the community; and tourists and people from neighboring communities.

Council members have suggested that if the city received the PTGC property now, they would never plop a golf course down on it. That is irrelevant and is not what is happening. The PTGC is historic; it has for nearly 100 years been accepted and used by many; provided much to the community in charitable dollars and recreational opportunities for young and old; and is a beautiful green space right in the middle of town.

Some suggest that PTGC should simply become a park of some kind with trails and other park amenities. Port Townsend already has an extraordinary supply of parks, beaches, trails and walkways, bicycling routes, and natural areas. Presently, the city has not been able to sufficiently maintain what it already has. There is no need for the PTGC property to suffer that same neglect.

The city has not sought out any viable parties or proposals to enter into a long-term lease for the golf course, let alone tried to negotiate what the terms might be. I would expect some individuals or entities to come forward if given the opportunity. With new management, financial support and enthusiasm, PTGC could again become an important asset to the community. It is also very likely would not cost the city any actual out-of-pocket dollars and would provide some revenue to the City.

Regardless of council comments to the contrary, watching how this process evolved over the past couple of years and given the direction the council has suggested, it is not unreasonable to believe that decisions had already been made and that the time-consuming and expensive public process that was undertaken was simply done to make it appear that everyone was listened to and their opinions considered.

Tim Caldwell and Fred Obee are correct. There has been no compelling reason given to replace the golf course with park amenities that we already have. I hope the city council will reconsider the direction in which it appears to be going.

**Keith Harper and
Jainell Harper**

Vote them out

Dear Editor:

I wanted to shed a little light on the conversation of the golf course. My family has

been involved in this golf course for almost 40 years. With every lease that has been signed by the city for the golf course was a battle. We have fought with every ounce of our being to save this historical course.

We have put our blood, sweat and tears into this course. We have donated so much money to this city and been a part of the Elks, high school golf team, the high school cross country team, we have done hundreds of charity tournaments and many others.

I am trying to understand what the city wants but to be honest, it doesn't make sense to me. We have so many parks and trails, we have an indoor pool, and we have a skate park that my cousin Benny Early fought to be built.

How much more are we going to allow the city to take from us the people who have been here our whole life? Most of the city council hasn't even been here as long as we the people have.

I believe it's about time we start voting certain council members out who only have one agenda and start getting people in who actually care about we the people as a whole. We also need to take away the control the city has on voting for a mayor. That should be our decision, not theirs.

How much more debt are we going to allow the city to keep putting us in?

This whole agenda was a ruse. The city had already made up their mind. They didn't care at all about the people who are fighting for this. As far as I am concerned this city has turned their back on one of the most precious historical sites in this town.

By the way, has anyone even thought about how much money the city will lose? My family gives them a percent on what we make at the course, it's not a lot but it is a percentage. When you put a park in, how the heck would you even receive income from that? Because now if you add a park, you need water, mowing equipment, paved walkways and so much more. How many employees will the city have to hire to maintain? So how does that help with income for this city?

If they put in a putt putt, who is going to run it? Oh yeah, someone will have to work which means the city will have to pay someone. We had a putt putt years ago and it failed. All the things the city has decided on will make we the people pay higher taxes on things we didn't even want.

Today I renewed my tabs, and it asked me if I would like to donate to the parks, well that was a hard hard "no."

I am so disgusted on what this city has become. A lot of people say we need more

prairies and parks.

Listen, I have been to every park in this city and none of them are really utilized. The city doesn't even take care of the parks we do have.

I know that people who don't golf don't understand and don't care but let me tell you what golf does do: It helps with your mind, your body mechanics, your focus, determination, and intake of fresh air. It also helps the younger generation to learn respect for our environment and respect for other people.

The game of golf is a game you play to win by beating the course - it helps you learn to breathe and be calm. It's a game that can never be mastered but damn, we try to. Please help keep this beautiful golf course around for generations to come. Thank you.

Denyse Early

Bridge roulette

Dear Editor:

Yesterday's events topped our Bridge angst story history. We left Silverdale at a little after noon, headed towards home. About five miles after the Poulsbo/Bainbridge exit, we saw brake lights ahead. Ann pulled up traffic on her phone, and saw that the bridge had closed one more time that day. We knew that we had over a 45 minute wait, if we stayed on the current route, before we got to the bridge. Rather than just wait it out, we spun the wheel of fate, by turning around and going back to the Poulsbo exit and taking roads to Port Gamble, knowing that entering the bridge from the Port Gamble side was faster than accessing it from the Poulsbo side.

We then learned the derivation of the name Port Gamble. We gambled that we'd save time but only to hit stopped traffic about three miles from Port Gamble. After crawling ahead at a snail's pace for twenty minutes, we realized that the traffic coming towards us, were people ahead of us turning around, because of a two-car motorcycle accident that had the road blocked. We also spun the wheel of fate, turning around, we headed back toward Poulsbo to get back into the bridge backup traffic from that direction.

We did try some new roads on the way back. We found that Sawdust Hill Road cut off time and miles, so if caught in a similar predicament in the future, we have another option. So all in all, we got home in three hours, instead of our normal 45 minutes. It's one of the prices that we pay to live in an affordable area, free from many of the hectic issues of the city (Seafair Air Show Jets!).

Maybe one day I'll learn to relax and stay in line, like a good little lamb, instead of gambling for a faster route. A couple of good ideas are, that if you're on a route that includes the Hood Canal Bridge, bring along a book and most importantly, travel with an empty bladder.

**Lawrence Panush
Port Hadlock**

Unaffordables

Dear Editor:

Can we halt the Envision plans for the golf course and the Healthier Together plans for an aquatic extravaganza?

Just swallow the expense — I read it's \$200,000 (and climbing) for developing and trying to sell plans to PT — and move into a thrift-mode.

The main thing that isn't wanted is increased taxes.

The household income of Jefferson County is below the state average, and the median age in the county is 60.7 years old. Incomes at that age can't be expected to rise.

The city must face the fact that we can't afford the pretty things they propose — and we do not need them.

The Healthier Together website page cites census facts that seem to show us dreadfully unhealthy — higher death and disability rates than statewide. But a swimming pool cannot change the fact that 41.6 percent of county residents are aged 65 and older.

Of course death and disability rates will be higher than the state's, where only 17 percent are above 65-years-old.

No swimming pool, for now.

We do not need and can't afford the Envision plans for a Central Park either. Just open the golf-cart paths to wheelchair visitors on Sundays, and raise the cost of playing golf on the other days.

Sylvia Bowman

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
 Things that have seemingly been holding you back should be reevaluated this week, Aries. You are looking elsewhere for solutions, when all you need to do is make a few tweaks.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
 Taurus, spend time reflecting on things this week, as you may have some difficult decisions to make in the near future. A close confidante can serve as a sounding board.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
 Gemini, now is the time to identify your priorities as they pertain to the job. Do you want a career and a company that you stick with? Or, are you satisfied with being a contract worker?

CANCER – June 22/July 22
 Prepare for some stressful times ahead, Cancer. It is nothing you cannot survive, but it could throw a wrench in your plans for the time being. Reward yourself with some extra pampering.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23
 Leo, you may have planned on staying to yourself, in order to knock things off of your to-do list. That simply will not pan out right now. Expect to be surrounded by people.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
 Virgo, others do not seem receptive to your way of doing things this week. You cannot please everyone, so figure out who you can work with and appeal to those people to get things done.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
 Libra, you may have to take off the rose-colored glasses for a little while. Although it's good to have a cheery outlook, a no-nonsense approach will serve you well in the days ahead.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
 Scorpio, you could be having doubts about your role in your workplace. Maybe the work isn't stimulating or the responsibilities too great. If change is happening, do it soon.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
 Sagittarius, something from your past will come back to the surface in the days to come. Maybe it is an error you made or it could be an opportunity that you thought was lost.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
 Think about adding more hobbies or recreational activities to your slate, Capricorn. All work and no play is not healthy for you right now. It's time to find a greater balance in life.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
 Aquarius, the latest developments on the job have not been encouraging. You are tempted to cut back on your efforts, but you are worried about the implications of that.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
 People who followed you in the past may now confront you with a difference of opinion, Pisces. No need to worry as a healthy dialogue could help the relationship grow.

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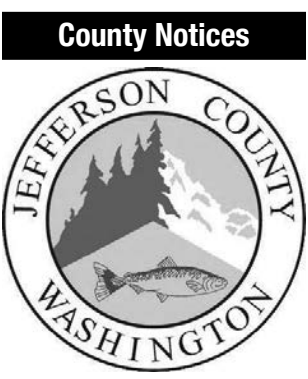
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Port Townsend City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, August 21, 2023 at or about 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 540 Water Street, Port Townsend, WA, to accept public testimony to consider extending Ordinance 3291, and Interim Ordinance of the City of Port Townsend Amending Port Townsend Municipal Code Section 17.60.060 Time Limitations for Temporary Uses and Interim Land Use Regulations and Providing that the Interim Regulations, Unless Extended, Will Sunset on the Earlier of Six (6) Months from the Date of Adoption of this Ordinance or the Adoption of Regulations that Supersede this Ordinance. Persons wishing to testify may do so either by submitting verbal testimony during the public hearing by joining in person via computer or tablet at <http://joinwebinar.com> (enter the 9 digit Webinar ID 242-937-955) or by submitting written comments to the City Clerk, City of Port Townsend, 250 Madison Street, Suite 2, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Written comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on August 21, 2023. Submit public comment emails to be included in the written record to: publiccomment@cityoftpt.us.



JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE OF TYPE III LAND USE APPLICATION AND FINAL STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA) THRESHOLD DETERMINATION: MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (MDNS) AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CASWELL-BROWN VILLAGE

APPLICANT:
Olympic Community Action Programs (OlyCAP)
Application Received Date: October 28, 2022
Application Complete Date: November 25, 2022
Application Notice Date: August 9, 2023
300 Foot Radius Mailing Date: August 9, 2023

SITE ADDRESS AND PROJECT LOCATION:
142 Mill Road, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Parcel 001162001; Section 16, T 30, R 01 West, WM.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND REQUIRED PERMITS/STUDIES:
New 50-bed emergency shelter and a 40-lot park consisting of tiny shelters and recreational vehicles for individuals experiencing housing insecurity. The shelter includes permanent supportive housing, shelter beds, single room occupancies, restrooms, showers, common kitchen, living areas, reception, and offices. The 40-lot park includes commons building, mobile sanitation unit with showers and toilets, and an onsite office. Caswell-Brown Village refers to the combined shelter and 40-lot park for low-income households/

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COMMENT PERIOD AND WHERE TO VIEW DOCUMENTS:

The application and any studies may be reviewed at the Jefferson County Department of Community Development (DCD) or online at: <https://test.co.jefferson.wa.us/WeblinkExternal/0/10/14745293/Row1.aspx>

All interested persons are invited to (a) comment on the application; (b) receive notice of and participate in any hearings; and (c) receive a copy of the decision by submitting such written comment(s)/ request(s) to DCD, 621 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368, (360) 379-4450. Comments concerning this application should be submitted to the Department by **4:30 PM on August 23, 2023**. Comments submitted after this date may not be considered in the final staff report.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Jefferson County Hearing Examiner will hold an on-line public hearing on August 29, 2023, at 1:00 PM, using Zoom. Link and instructions are below:

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84336501485>
Meeting ID: 843 3650 1485 or Dial-in: +1 253 215 8782. This option will allow you to attend the hearing live. If you wish to provide testimony, press "9" to "raise your hand."

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The optional Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) process of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-355 has been used. DCD reviewed the proposal for probable adverse environmental impacts for the emergency shelter after issuing a pending DNS threshold determination on May 5, 2023.

At this time, a mitigated determination of nonsignificance (MDNS) for both the emergency shelter and the 40-lot park is available online through the link above. To address concerns regarding increased demand for public services, adopted mitigations to eliminate, reduce, and minimize impacts include requirements for the completion of five plans substantially similar to the requirements contained in Jefferson County Code Chapter 18.20.385, including 1) Safety and Security Plan, 2) Operations Plan, 3) Transportation Plan, 4) Perimeter Plan, and 5) Communication and Coordination Plan. This determination is based upon a review of the SEPA Checklist, project submissions, and other available information. If the proposal is approved, policies and performance standards found in the Unified Development Code (UDC) will be used to form permit conditions intended to mitigate adverse environmental impacts and/or comply with UDC criteria. Additional conditions or mitigation measures are authorized under SEPA substantive authority and are listed in the preliminary staff report with the SEPA threshold determination.

Project Planner: Brent A. Butler, Chief Strategy Officer, bbutler@co.jefferson.wa.us, 360 3794493

For information, please visit the DCD web page at www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment/

JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE OF TYPE III SHORELINE SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION SDP2022-00012

APPLICANT:
HAMA HAMA COMPANY
ATTN: ADAM JAMES
35846 N US HWY 101
LILLIWAPU WA 98555

Application Received Date: May 3, 2022
Application Complete Date: July 10, 2023
Application Notice Date: August 9, 2023

SITE ADDRESS AND PROJECT LOCATION:
Waterward of Parcel 901013001 in Section 12, Township 29N, Range 1W, located off Lower Hadlock Road adjacent to Skunk Island, Port Hadlock, WA 98339

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND REQUIRED PERMITS/STUDIES:

TYPE III SHORELINE SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR AQUACULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN A PRIORITY AQUATIC SHORELINE DESIGNATION - Installation of up to thirty-four floating 100-foot long lines (kelp and oyster aquaculture), four 40-foot by 40-foot by 2-foot rafts (oyster, mussel, scallop aquaculture), and two 10-foot by 30-foot sink floats (product holding) to establish a commercial aquaculture and mariculture operation within a 2.6 acre footprint on a 2.85 acre WA DNR lease (20-100311) in Port Townsend Bay at Port Hadlock, Washington.

The purpose of the project is to introduce kelp aquaculture to the north sound, which is known to improve water quality (including acting as a buffer to ocean acidification). The kelp will be commercially processed for value-added products to be sold on-site at Hama Hama. Additionally, this project will allow Hama Hama to raise high quality oysters and other shellfish to help meet increasing demand for Hama Hama's onsite retail/restaurant and wholesale operations. The applicant has submitted a SEPA Environmental Checklist, and Mitigation Plan to analyze and address potential environmental impacts. This proposal is subject to review under the State Environmental Policy Act ("SEPA"). Final approval of the proposal shall be made by the State Department of Ecology after a permit decision by the Jefferson County Hearings Examiner.

COMMENT PERIOD AND WHERE TO VIEW DOCUMENTS:

The application and any studies may be reviewed at the Jefferson County Department of Community Development or online at the following link: <https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/586/Public-Notices>. All interested persons are invited to (a) comment on the application; (b) receive notice of and participate in any hearings; and (c) receive a copy of the decision by submitting such written comment(s)/ request(s) to the Jefferson County Department of Community Development, Development Review Division, 621 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368, (360) 379 4465, or sent via email to the assigned planner (djohnson@co.jefferson.wa.us).

Comments concerning this application should be submitted to the Department of Community Development by 4:30 p.m. on September 11, 2023. If the last day of the comment period falls on a weekend or holiday, then the comment period shall be extended to the first working day after the weekend or holiday. Comments submitted after this date may not be considered in the staff report.

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The optional Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) process of SEPA, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-355 is being used. DCD reviewed the proposal for probable adverse environmental impacts and expects to issue a DNS. This determination is based upon a review of the SEPA Checklist, project submissions, and other available information. Additional conditions or mitigation measures may be required under SEPA.

The SEPA Official has determined that: This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal. There will not be another comment period after the threshold (final) SEPA determination is made. If the threshold determination is a DNS or a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS), parties of record may appeal the decision to the Hearing Examiner within 14 days of the final Notice of Decision. A Determination of Significance (DS) may not be appealed to the Hearing Examiner. If a DNS or MDNS is appealed to the Hearing Examiner, parties of record may appeal the Hearing Examiner's decision to the Appellate Hearing Examiner within 14 days of the final Hearing Examiner Notice of Decision.

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION:

This is a Type III permit application that is subject to an open record hearing. An open record hearing will be scheduled after a decision by the Administrator has been made. Separate public notice of the determination by the Administrator and the date of the hearing will be provided at least 10 calendar days prior to the hearing. A copy of the staff report containing the Administrator's decision will be made available for inspection at no cost at least 7 calendar days prior to such a hearing.

APPEALS:

Appeals of SEPA decisions are described above in the SEPA Environmental Review Section. The SEPA appeal and final permit decision for this Type III permit application

shall be heard and made by the Jefferson County Hearings Examiner. Appeal of Ecology's final approval shall be made to the Shoreline Hearings Board.

Project Planner: David Wayne Johnson, 360-379-4465, djohnson@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/

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING (A&E) SERVICES FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT: PORT TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CENTER GYMNASIUM

Jefferson County is soliciting Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from consulting firms with experience in architecture, structural engineering, roofing, and historic preservation. The County is seeking the services of a multi-discipline consulting team to provide architectural and engineering (A&E) services to address structural deficiencies at the Port Townsend Community Center (PTCC) Gymnasium, located at 620 Tyler St., Port Townsend, WA. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ), which includes instructions for its completion, can be found at <https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/bids.aspx?bidID=60>.

Respondents to this RFQ shall submit completed proposals entitled "Statement of Qualifications - Port Townsend Community Center RFQ" and the name of the firm submitting the proposal no later than 5:00 p.m. of the Friday, September 1, 2023, in one of the following methods:

Physical Mail / In-Person Delivery: Jefferson County Facilities, Attn: Matthew Court, P.O. Box 1220, 1820 Jefferson St., Port Townsend, WA 98368

Questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted in writing to Matthew Court, Facilities Maintenance Capital Projects Supervisor, at mcourt@co.jefferson.wa.us no later than Friday, August 25, 2023. Answers will be provided via email to the requestor and any other parties that have expressed interest by that date.

This RFQ is available online at <https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/bids.aspx?bidID=60> or by requesting a copy by contacting 360-531-1591.

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State Notices

Hamilton-Scarsella JV, Bob Scarsella, PO Box 68697 Seattle, WA 98168, is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit. The proposed project, US 101, Jefferson - Remove Fish Barriers Project, is located at the following culvert crossing under US 101 at MP 277.90 in Jefferson County. This project involves 13.197 acres of soil disturbance for Highway or Road construction activities. The receiving waterbody is Contractors Creek tributary to Discovery Bay. Any persons desiring to present their views to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding this Application, or interested in Ecology's action on this Application, may notify Ecology in writing no later than 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice. Ecology reviews public comments and considers whether discharges from this project would cause a measurable change in receiving water quality, and, if so, whether the project is necessary and in the overriding public interest according to Tier II anti-degradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320. Comments can be submitted to: ecyrewqianoi@ecy.wa.gov, or ATTN: Water Quality Program, Construction Stormwater Washington State Department of Ecology P.O. Box 47696 Olympia, WA 98504-7696.

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Notice to Creditors

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

In re the Estate of: ELEANOR DOROTHY GRIFFIN, Deceased.

NO. 23-4-00083-16
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
[RCW 11.40.010 & .015]

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the personal representative or the attorney of record at the address below stated and file an executed copy of the claim with the Clerk of this Court within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or within four months after the date of the filing of the copy of this Notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later or, except under those provisions included in RCW 11.40.011 and RCW 11.40.013, the claim will be forever barred. This bar is effective as to the claim against both the probate assets and non-probate assets of the estate.

DATE OF FILING COPY OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Thursday, August 3, 2023
 DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Deborah Lee York
 Personal Representative

JAMES A. DOROS WSBA #16267
 Attorney for Estate

Personal Representative:
 Deborah Lee York
 531 Griffith Point Road
 Nordland, WA 98358
 c/o James A. Doros, Esq.

Attorney for Estate:
 James A. Doros, WSBA 16267
 11255 Rhody Drive
 Port Hadlock, WA 98339
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

In re the Estate of:
 BERNARD JOSEPH GRIFFIN,
 Deceased.

NO. 23-4-00082-16
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 [RCW 11.40.010 & .015]

The personal representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as personal representative of this estate. Persons having claims against the decedent must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve their claim on the personal representative or the attorney of record at the address below stated and file an executed

copy of the claim with the Clerk of this Court within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or within four months after the date of the filing of the copy of this Notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later or, except under those provisions included in RCW 11.40.011 and RCW 11.40.013, the claim will be forever barred. This bar is effective as to the claim against both the probate assets and non-probate assets of the estate.

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 531 Griffith Point Road
 Nordland, WA 98358

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 11255 Rhody Drive
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING

In re the Estate of
 TIMOTHY JAY OTA
 Deceased

Case No.: 23-4-04983-4 SEA

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 (RCW 11.40.030)

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 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: July 26, 2023

Personal Representative: Mary Ann Knell

Attorney for the Personal Representative: Michael Biesheuvel

Address for Mailing or Service:
 114 Second Ave. S., Suite 101,
 Edmonds, WA 98020

Court of probate proceedings and case number: King County, WA 205305 7/26,8/2,8/9

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY

Estate of
 ANDREW LOCHRIE BOGEN,
 Deceased.

NO. 23-4-03341-5 KNT
 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

The above Court has appointed Jenna K. Bogen as Administrator/Personal Representative of Decedent's estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must present the claim: (a) Before the time when the claim would be barred by any applicable statute of limitations, and (b) In the manner provided in RCW 11.40.070: (i) By filing the original of the claim with the foregoing Court, and (ii) By serving on or mailing to me at the address below a copy of the claim. The claim must be presented by the later of: (a) Thirty (30) days after service or mailing of this Notice as provided in RCW 11.40.020(1)(c), or (b) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice on August

9, 2023. If the claim is not presented within this time period, the claim will be forever barred except as provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective for claims against both the Decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

All claims may be sent to the following address:
 Jeffrey L. Smoot
 Attorney for Personal Representative
 1725 SW Roxbury Street, Suite 2
 Seattle, WA 98106

WESTWOOD PACIFIC LAW PLLC
 /s/ Jeffrey L. Smoot
 Jeffrey L. Smoot, WSBA #39335
 Attorney for Administrator/Personal Representative

Dated: July 31, 2023

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR PIERCE COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
 MICHAEL ROBERT CAPPER,
 Deceased.

No. 23-4-01583-8
 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 RCW 11.40.030

THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE NAMED BELOW has been appointed as Personal Representative of the decedent's Washington 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 Section 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 Section 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 Section 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: July 26, 2023

Personal Representative: s/Barbara Jean Rainey

Attorney for Personal Representative: Daelyn Julius

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Community-minded coffee brews in Quilcene

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Community-minded coffee folk. It's something Quilcene now has thanks to Brady MacDonald and Kailey Wegter, who recently opened Catkin Coffee with the dream to bring sustainably sourced blends and a sense of local connection to the people of South County.

MacDonald, a self-proclaimed "coffee nerd," has been working in the coffee industry since he was 16. He's done it all—barista competitions, growing and harvesting the beans, creating custom blends, and working as an educator. However, launching his own business is a first.

"It's really fun so far," he assured The Leader.

"It ties in everything I know and love. I'm such a fan of the coffee shop life. I consider the coffee culture almost sacred; the ritual of making coffee, the ritual of engagement with people," he continued.

MacDonald and his partner moved to Quilcene three years ago, looking to find a break from the hustle and bustle of city life. "We've always wanted to homestead. We enjoy growing our own food, flowers, things like that," he said. They spent a lot of time working on farms or in the Port Townsend service industry, but it grew taxing because of the commute.

"We wanted to live more simply, locally," he explained. "We wanted our child — and ourselves, of course — to be part of a small, close-knit neighborhood," he added.

"It's the most beautiful place in the world," MacDonald enthused. He admitted, however, that life in a small community has its own challenges.

"There's a risk of isolation, when you live off the beaten track and in the world of computer screens and digital communication," MacDonald said.

MacDonald and Wegter view a coffee shop as a "commonplace," where people of all walks of life can gather together and experience the joys of community engagement and connection. He acknowledged his own



Brady MacDonald is a self-proclaimed "coffee nerd," has been working in the coffee industry since he was 16. *Leader photo by Anna Tallarico*



Kailey Wegter, along with her partner Brady MacDonald, opened Catkin Coffee in Quilcene with the dream to bring sustainably sourced blends and a sense of local connection to the people of South County. *Leader photo by Anna Tallarico*

community and connections within the coffee world.

"I am very selective about where I source my coffee," he said. He currently works with about five coffee growers who he knows prioritize sustainability and transparent farming practices.

"Feet on the ground, all year round," MacDonald quipped. "That's how I can tell I'm not accidentally supporting the exploitive sector of the coffee industry." Ultimately, he said he makes sure that what he is doing isn't at the expense of someone else labor-wise.

"My priorities are quality and traceability," he explained. He creates custom blends of coffee in-house, served fresh at the coffee shop but also packaged and available for purchase. Once Catkin Coffee's website is up and running, the blends will be sold online, too.

The couple designed the coffee shop's interior, right down to the hand-painted menus.

"She is so artistic," said MacDonald of Wegter. "I have complete faith in her aesthetics," he laughed. Catkin Coffee is located at 294963 US-101.

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STUDIO

Editor's note: We have asked both the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Port Townsend Police Department to provide the totality of their service calls between July 27 and Aug. 3 for our review. We edit out the most redundant banal calls and interview law enforcement on those we believe merit special interest.

Port Townsend Deputy Police Chief Jeff Thaxton told The Leader that it's not normal to have so many auto thefts in a week.

"A lot of this relates to officers' inability to pursue in crimes like that," he said.

The plethora of suicide calls this week, Thaxton said, are usually a threat of someone who is thinking about taking their own life.

"Sometimes it's someone who has not made a threat, maybe they're feeling a little depressed. But if an officer does believe there's a serious threat of suicide, we do what is called an Involuntary Treatment Act."

Intrepid readers will notice a few burglaries which can be as simple as someone breaking into a shed.

It's an unlawful entry to a building with the intention to commit a crime. Say someone has trespassed into a place of business who is a shoplifter, a habitual offender, if they walk into the business (after they've habitually shoplifted) sometimes that's the charge they get."

The rape reported last Tuesday, he said, involved unwanted touching with clothes on. It will be followed in the Leader's court reporting if it is prosecuted.

Total Calls = 252

Thursday, July 27 01:09 THH - Threats and Harassment, 01:09 THH - Threats and Harassment, 05:57 ALR - Alarm, 08:24 PKC - Parking

Complaint, 08:43 ATC - Attempt to Contact/Locate, 09:39 PKC - Parking Complaint, 09:57 SPV - Suspicious Person/Veh/Circ, 15:47 FNP - Found Property, 17:07 THH - Threats and Harassment, 17:50



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PKC - Parking Complaint

Friday 00:29 ALR - Alarm, 05:06 PKC - Parking Complaint, 05:06 PKC - Parking Complaint, 10:21 DRG - Drug Violation, 11:14 ATC - Attempt to Contact/Locate, 11:14 ATC - Attempt to Contact/Locate, 11:57 ATO - Auto Theft, 15:57 ANM - Animal Complain, 16:43 PKC - Parking Complaint, 17:27 RUN - Runaway Juvenile, 17:27 DOM - Domestic, 20:16 SCA-Suicide Attempt/Threat, 21:52 MMI - Malicious Mischief

Saturday 00:21 BX-Building Check, 06:57 TS - Traffic Stop, 13:03 PKC - Parking Complaint, 19:23 THH - Threats and Harassment, 23:44 UNWA - Unwanted Person

Sunday 01:31 THH - Threats and Harassment, 02:53 BX-Building Check, 11:29 PKC - Parking Complaint, 12:48 SCA-Suicide Attempt/Threat, 14:12 TRS - Trespass, 16:49 TRF - Traffic Complaint, 17:55 HUP - Abandoned 911 Call, 18:45 RFP-Request for Frequent Patrol, 18:55 ASM - Assault-Misd/Simple Assault, 18:55 ASM - Assault-Misd/Simple Assault, 23:57 TS - Traffic Stop.

Monday 00:36 TS - Traffic Stop, 01:16 ERR, 07:21 BRG - Burglary, 08:47 PKC - Parking Complaint, 09:12 ALR - Alarm, 10:04 CIV - Civil Situation, 12:36 ANN - Animal-Noise, 15:05 DIS - Disturbance, 15:58 SPV - Suspicious Person/Veh/Circ, 17:12 ACV - Accident-Vehicle, 18:40 PE- Parking Enforcement, 22:29 CRT - Criminal Traffic.

Tuesday 01:35 RFP-Request for Frequent Patrol, 03:40 THH

- Threats and Harassment, 10:30 ACV - Accident-Vehicle, 11:06 DIST - Disturbance, 16:04 RAP - Rape, 17:32 BRG - Burglary, 17:53 ALR - Alarm, 18:09 SAR - Search & Rescue, 18:38 TFT - Theft, 19:01 SPV - Suspicious Person/Veh/Circ.

Wednesday 03:39 SCA-Suicide Attempt/Threat, 06:27 ANO - Animal-Other, 09:17 NOI - Noise Complaint, 09:38 TRS - Trespass, 12:03 RFP-Request for Frequent Patrol, 13:47 SCA-Suicide Attempt/Threat, 15:51 ANF - Animal-Found, 18:50 VCO - Violation of Court Order

Thursday 11:44 ANN - Animal-Noise, 12:07 UNWA - Unwanted Person, 13:17 ACV - Accident-Vehicle, 14:08 CIV - Civil Situation, 14:24 HUP - Abandoned 911 Call, 18:32 THH - Threats and Harassment, 18:44 ANM - Animal Complaint, 20:06 SPV - Suspicious Person/Veh/Circ.

Jefferson County Sheriff Joe Nole's office reported ongoing technical difficulties with their email system.

A Texan makes the move to the Key City

She started her newspaper career as a typesetter because it was the only job she could get at the Dallas Morning News.

"There were three of us girls who had rewrite jobs and of course all three of us wanted to become reporters and so we all asked the city editor. He kind of mellowed a little bit in his later years but he could be mean and when I asked him, he looked me right in the eye and said, 'I'm never gonna make you a reporter, Kathy. You don't have a college degree and you're competing on a national scale,'" Kathy Cruz recalled.

Cruz, The Leader's newest reporter, was undeterred. She had the bug and by her estimation, the fire had been lit when a Christmas poem she had written

at age 10 made it into the Irving Daily News.

"Christmas is winter with fluffy white snow / It shines through the night with a beautiful glow.' It's so corny," she recited from memory.

With the die cast, as soon as she graduated high school, she began to pursue a journalism career.

"My family didn't have any money and I knew I'd have to put myself through school. It darn near killed me, working three jobs, going to community college and working on the school newspaper," she recalled.

Fortune stepped in, courtesy of her journalism instructor, a former editor at the Dallas Morning News. Soon Cruz was

working there resetting type.

After her grizzled editor there told her she'd never be a reporter, Cruz starting looking for stories from the Saturday crew.

"I just went in on the weekends and took whatever stories I could get. I was working for free and it paid off, that's where I got my first above-the-fold-story."

It was the tragic account of a little girl who had been hit by a taxi cab and lost a leg.

"It must have tugged on the heartstrings enough because they placed it on page one, above the fold," she said. Cruz' boss saw her talent and relented.

"The editor called me into his office and said he was going to make me a reporter in a one-person bureau, covering some

outlying areas."

Now she's traded her job in Texas for one at the Leader because of family.

"My son and his wife and daughter moved to the Seattle area — it's hard not to love the area and the rest of my family is planning to move up there — so we're all coming."

Cruz took the job sight unseen and is working remotely until Sept. 1.

"I haven't been to Port Townsend yet but from everything I've seen it's just stunning so I'm really excited about it.

"Everybody that I've been working with thus far, and its only been remotely, I've just been struck by how polite and friendly they are," she said.



Kathy Cruz got her chops working at The Dallas Morning News.

It's all about the clan for PT shop owners

BY KATHY CRUZ
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When Joe and Fran Ayres wanted to step back from the business they had owned and operated with their two daughters since August 2008, changing the name during that time of

transition made sense. First, there was the fact that smartalecs were constantly dropping the "g" from Angus in the store's original name, Wandering Angus: Celtic Traders. And switching to Celtic Crossroads Northwest was symbolic of the fact that the family itself was at a crossroads. For daughters

Debbie and Tracy, the multi-generational family-owned and operated business represented their dream for the extended family to stay together.

Since Angus is the Celtic god of dreams, that made maintaining the business even more meaningful.

For Debbie and Maxx Sonandre and Joe and Tracy Gallegos, Celtic Crossroads Northwest is all about roots and family. The store supports mom and pop shops throughout the Celtic nations by selling imported teas and handmade items such as woollens and fine jewelry and gifts from Ireland, Wales and Cornwall.

The store is about community, too, as the foursome realized when word got out they were considering closing the Port Townsend store and relocating it to Bainbridge Island.

"Please stay," Joe said their loyal customers pleaded.

So, stay they did. The store, previously located on Water Street, remains open at 2205 E. Sims Way.

The idea for a store on Bainbridge wasn't abandoned, though. Debbie and Maxx are preparing to open a second Celtic Crossroads Northwest sometime in September, at 380 Winslow Way East, Suite 100 on the island.

Debbie, Max and their kids will run the Bainbridge Island store while Joe will have primary responsibility for the Port Townsend shop. His daughter assists him, and he has helped on weekends from Tracy. She works full-time for the Port Townsend School District as dean of students at Salish Coast Elementary School.

Loyal customers should take note, though: Due to Joe and Tracy operating booths at festivals, the Port Townsend store will cut back hours during the month of August. A calendar of events at celticcrossroadsnw.com



The owners of Celtic Crossroads Northwest have changed their mind about moving to Bainbridge. Courtesy photo

lists Montana Irish Fest's An Ri Ra event in Butte, Montana Aug. 10 through Aug. 12 and Bitterroot Celtic Games & Gathering in Hamilton, Montana Aug. 18 through Aug. 20.

Debbie said that the family used to work up to 20 festivals a year but has cut back some.

"It's a whole scene," she said.

"When we bought the business 15 years ago, I don't think any of us quite knew how much of a culture there is for the Scottish side and the Irish side," she added.

When the family is not working a booth at a festival, the Port Townsend shop is open.

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The Port Townsend Farmers Market will feature a pop-up photo booth and is open from 9 until 2 on Tyler Street. Both markets will also have gifts to share with shoppers.

Farmers markets foster shared values between community members and small business owners which can work to create a more fair and sustainable food system and local economy, writes JCFM Executive Director Amanda Milholland for The Leader.

"This community focus has been on display throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic, as market managers innovated to continue their essential operations for the farmers, small businesses and shoppers who depend on them," she writes.

The Port Townsend Farmers Market, located in uptown Port Townsend was founded by Jefferson County farmers in 1992. This same group of farmers with support from the City of Port Townsend grew eventually developing into the nonprofit Jefferson County Farmers Market Association or Jefferson County Farmers Markets (JCFM).

In 2010, JCFM took over the operation of the Chimacum Farmers Market from the Chimacum Grange to support its growth and local food access.

"Our farmers markets sell a wide variety of products, including seasonal produce, pasture raised eggs, poultry, fish, hard cider and wine, bread and bakery items, prepared food, body care products, jewelry, textiles, other arts and more," Milholland explains.

"Our SNAP Market Match, WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Match and VegRx programs empowering community members with low incomes to bring home nourishing food from local farmers and food makers. JCFM also supports farmers market businesses development through free training opportunities and technical assistance, such as bookkeeping, sales, and diversity, equity and inclusion training."

The Jefferson County Commissioners publicly recognized National Farmers Market Week with a proclamation at the County Commissioners meeting on Monday.

"We welcome the recognition of National Farmers Market Week by our County Commissioners," writes Milholland, "it shows appreciation of the important role farmers markets play in communities across the US and here in Jefferson County. The positive economic and community impact of our markets is significant with over 90 farms and small businesses participating in our markets this and last season and small business sales of \$1.65 million generated last year. Also, the local food impact of our markets is significant. Last year, over 800 households and individuals with low incomes participated in our food access programs bringing home \$113,086 in nourishing food from local farms and food makers. At the same time, relationships are built every market day with community members connecting directly to the local farmers, artists, and food makers who participate in our markets as well as with friends and neighbors."

"The mission of JCFM is to support local farmers and artisans with vibrant marketplaces that cultivate community and provide access to healthy food for all," Milholland writes.



Above: Avery and Camryn with their mom, Rebecca Faisca meet a few piglets at the Chimacum Farmers Market. Below: Musician Keeth Appar entertains market goers. Photos by Jessie Short



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There is solid evidence that co-composting – combining biochar and compost – can improve soil health and microbial activity.

Backyard biochar: facts for gardeners

BY BARBARA FAUROT

The essence of gardening is in the soil. Our goal is well-drained, noncompacted soil with 20 to 30 percent air, 20 to 30 percent water, five percent organic matter, and 45 percent dissolved minerals (a mix of sand, silt, and clay).

Healthy soil can self-organize to achieve an effective flow of nutrients, air, and water. So how can we improve soil and add organic matter without disturbing its natural structure?

Options include biochar, compost, and mulch. The best approach probably includes a combination of materials, depending on the specific qualities of your soil.

Let's start with biochar, a fine grain, porous, charcoal-like substance. It is created when biomass (such as wood, crop residues, coconut husks, or manure) is carbonized by high temperature processing in the absence of oxygen, a process known as pyrolysis.

Biochar has been used to improve soil fertility in indigenous farming since the pre-Columbian era. The carbon found in the rich, dark soils of the Amazon rainforest and in West Africa – formed from bone, manure, and charcoal – has persisted for thousands of years. The biochar remains in the soil, binding and retaining minerals and nutrients available for plants.

Research is underway to better understand why and how the char affects soil, but four main effects are clear – aeration, water holding capacity, nutrient retention, and long-term carbon sequestration.

In the home garden, porous biochar can improve aeration and drainage of poorly drained or compacted soils, helping with resistance to root and leaf diseases. It can also improve drought tolerance by increasing the water holding capacity of fast-draining or sandy soils. Overall, biochar has a positive effect on beneficial soil microbes. It provides a physical “home” for beneficial mycorrhizal species and reduces leaching of nutrients during rainy periods.

Compost offers some similar benefits

as biochar – aerating the soil, minimizing compaction, improving drainage, and increasing nutrients and nutrient-holding capacity. A key difference is that biochar persists in the soil for hundreds to thousands of years, compared to months or a few years for compost.

Coarse organic mulches such as arborist chips or shredded leaves offer complementary benefits: preserving soil moisture and temperature, suppressing weeds, and enriching the soil. Both biochar and compost can be used as mulch, or in combination with other mulching materials, to top dress planting areas.

Doug Van Allen, WSU Extension Master Gardener, volunteers at the Port Townsend High School Food Garden and Blue Heron School's fruit tree orchard. In Doug's experience, “adding biochar to compost gives it a nice ‘feel’ and certainly helps with moisture retention.”

Francesco Tortorici, founder of Olympic Biochar, confirms that a simple, effective way to use biochar is to add it to the compost process: “When the compost is ready, the biochar is ready.” The compost charges the biochar, introducing microbes and nutrients. There is also evidence that biochar can reduce some greenhouse gas emissions such as nitrogen, which can then become bioavailable to plants.

Francesco suggests gardeners experiment with biochar as citizen scientists. “Get the biochar into the ground, and observe your results. Try it and have fun!”

Francesco agrees with other experts that testing small areas first is the best approach. The stability of biochars suggests that a single application can remain effective for thousands of years. That's why it's critical to use a reputable source.

“Know your source,” Francesco advises. The quality of biochar and its chemical and physical properties depend on the materials used to produce it and the temperatures and times used in pyrolysis. Olympic Biochar, for example, is produced in Port Townsend from high

grade tree bark and wood products, free of lead-based paints or treated lumber. Some ash is removed, resulting in a pH that is closer to neutral than in many biochars.

“Producing biochar at home can be fun,” adds Francesco. “It's important to have the right apparatus and skill level if you want to make it yourself.” Safety precautions are essential. Francesco suggests information by Kelpie Wilson, found on the non-profit US Biochar Initiative's YouTube channel, to learn more.

A few additional cautions: too much biochar can injure plants, cause excessive soil alkalinity, or damage some beneficial organisms like earthworms. Its effectiveness depends on the soil texture, organic content, and mineral nutrient levels already present. Adding biochar to soils already rich in organic matter can temporarily reduce nitrogen levels, since increased microbial activity may compete with plants for nitrogen.

Francesco points out that a single farm or garden may have several different soil profiles, so soil testing is the best way to determine whether nitrogen or any trace minerals are deficient.

Also, note that biochar and compost may not be substitutes for fertilizer if you're trying to grow crops that have a high nutrient demand. A soil test can help determine specific needs.

Jefferson County Conservation District offers information at <https://www.jeffersonco.org/what/soil-sampling/>. Francesco also suggests <https://growabundant.com/> for information and soil testing.

Master Gardeners are available at the Plant Clinic in person or online to answer questions about biochar, compost, mulch, and other topics. For details, visit <https://extension.wsu.edu/jefferson/gardening-2022/plant-clinic/>.

Barbara Faurot is a Jefferson County Master Gardener and Master Pruner, working with other volunteers who serve as community educators in gardening and environmental stewardship.



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Castle to host punk rock concert

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The Manresa Castle will host an outdoor punk rock concert 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12.

The event is free and open to all ages until 9 p.m., and then transitions to a 21-and-over finale in the Elephant Room.

“This will be a very cool thing. Pretty massive — seven bands. It's like a little resurgence, bringing balance to the universe,” said Adam Karagas, guitarist and vocalist for THIS, one of the seven bands in question, set to perform.

It's an all-local showcase: MONICA

from Quilcene, Usanatron, THIS, and Beach Logs Kill of Port Townsend, Icky Shivers and Ramona of Port Hadlock, and MAGIC of Brinnon. Their styles range from mellow and melodic to loud and loose, with all original songs falling somewhere on the punk rock spectrum of music.

“Some of the adults who grew up here light up when they talk about the all-ages rock shows they went to in the 90s or early 2000s,” said Erik Kingfisher, guitarist and vocalist for Beach Logs Kill.

“This town is like a lot of the Pacific Northwest — alternative music, especially rock, is part of the culture and

artistic expression of this place,” he added.

For the past few years, the owners of the restaurant and venue space at the Manresa Castle have welcomed a variety of alternative arts events.

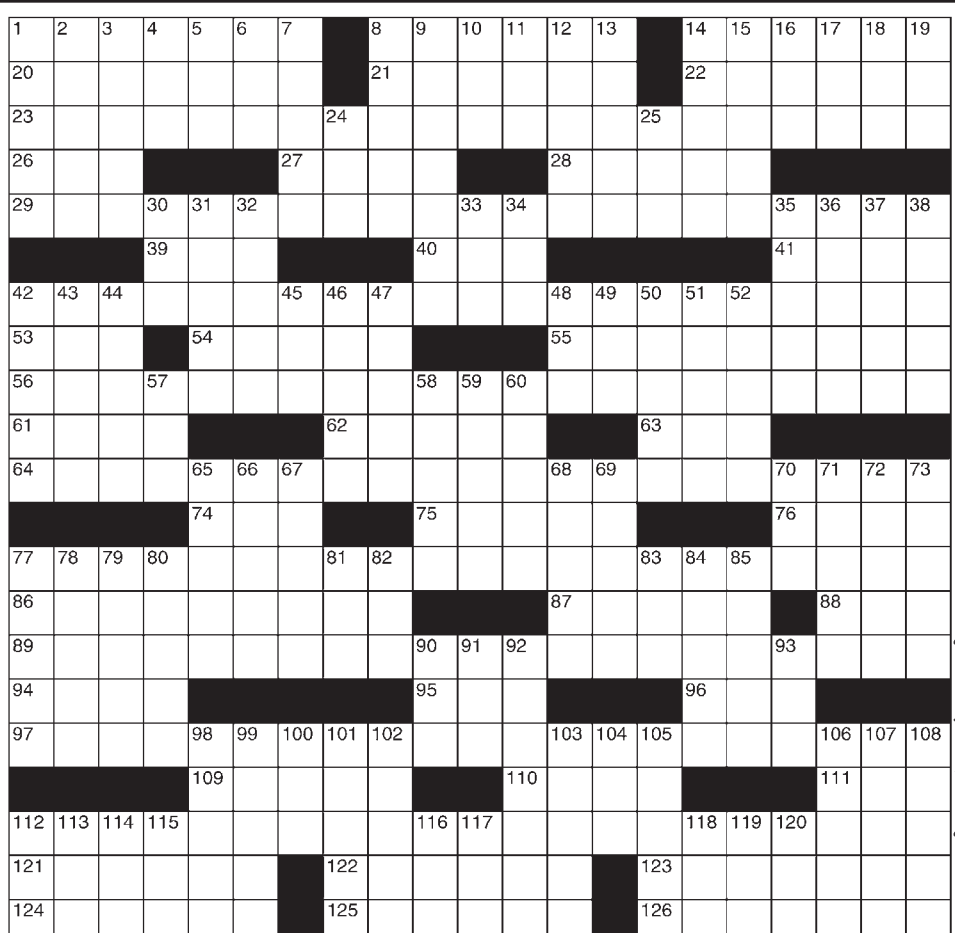
“When the pandemic put the brakes on live music, there weren't a lot of places to go to experience live music in the same way, and local rock acts started to dissolve,” said Kingfisher.

The Castle fought to offset this; they put on their first outdoor COVID-safe concert in 2022, and it was such a success (bringing in a crowd of 150 people) that its return this summer looks to be the makings of a tradition.

Super Crossword

UNTHEMED

- ACROSS**
- 1 Upside-down-sleeping mammal
- 8 Economizes to a fault
- 14 Untrustworthy sort
- 20 One way to serve apple pie
- 21 Very solitary sort
- 22 Monkey (with)
- 23 Frigid-weather readings
- 26 Military missions, in brief
- 27 Old Ford div.
- 28 Tennis great
- 29 Classic Coca-Cola slogan
- 39 “Son of,” in Arabic names
- 40 Thurman of “Kill Bill” films
- 41 Volcanic flow
- 42 Watershed draining dozens of U.S. states
- 53 Busy crawler
- 54 Make sport of
- 55 Cocktail party spread
- 56 School in England's East Midlands
- 61 The Emerald Isle
- 62 Play — in (contribute to)
- 63 Heap
- 64 Graduate student's position that might include conducting experiments
- 74 “Give — ring”
- 75 Plantain lily, familiarly
- 76 Actress Ward of “Sisters”
- 77 Polite cut-in words
- 86 Drains of color
- 87 Heaps
- 88 Tulsa-to-Topeka dir.
- 89 Metropolis, e.g.
- 94 Climb
- 95 — pro nobis
- 96 Flight guess, in brief
- 97 “In time the reason shall be made clear”
- 109 Furnish with new weapons
- 110 Mean Roman emperor
- 111 Kung — chicken
- 112 “The Magic Flute” composer
- 121 Stylish filmmaker
- 122 Made giggle
- 123 Active, as a law
- 124 Out of sight
- 125 San Fran football team
- 126 Music scorer
- DOWN**
- 1 Explorer John or Sebastian
- 2 Letter before beth
- 3 Triple-time dance, in France
- 4 Broody rock subgenre
- 5 Bend at a curtain call
- 6 Woodworking tool
- 7 Swarms (with)
- 8 Not at all tall
- 9 Mustard alternative
- 10 Choler
- 11 “Delicious!”
- 12 One of 11 in clear”
- 13 Carell of “The Office”
- 14 Knighted Ringo
- 15 Cappuccino alternative
- 16 Ostrich relative
- 17 Mo. in spring
- 18 Final letter
- 19 Hosp. triage sites
- 24 Riddle-me- —
- 25 KO counter
- 30 Some sorority letters
- 31 Grab — (eat quickly)
- 32 Al who won four Indy 500s
- 33 French buddy
- 34 Driveway-topping goo
- 35 Stinging hits
- 36 Lays into
- 37 Something to RSVP to online
- 38 More stable
- 42 Longtime
- 43 Navel type
- 44 Swizzles
- 45 Airliner to Oslo
- 46 Basketball — Thomas
- 47 2014 Wimbledon winner
- 48 Sickly
- 49 Compete (for)
- 50 “Don't Cry for Me Argentina” musical
- 51 Military mission, in brief
- 52 Spinner of “Star Trek” films
- 57 Neckline shape
- 58 Dinosaur in Nintendo games
- 59 Actress Kaitlin
- 60 Singer with the 2007 hit “1234”
- 65 Whac- — (reflex-testing game)
- 66 Of kidneys
- 67 Stilyly spiteful
- 68 Engraved stone pillar
- 69 Divining card
- 70 Old JFK jet
- 71 “Die Lorelei” poet Heinrich
- 72 Actress Massey
- 73 Window segments
- 77 Baseballer Martinez
- 78 Stayed home for a meal
- 79 Washer cycle
- 80 Gave two pills to, say for Me
- 81 Cool, in jive talk
- 82 That, in Peru
- 83 Singer Carly — Jepsen
- 84 A cow milker tugs on it
- 85 H.S. juniors' exams
- 90 Campaigning pro
- 91 Net address
- 92 Wash clothes
- 93 Untrustworthy sort
- 98 Have a spat
- 99 Pine (for)
- 100 “— Can Cook” (old culinary show)
- 101 Brain, for one game
- 102 Food taste associated with MSG
- 103 Must have
- 104 Actress Joanne
- 105 Red lab dye
- 106 Divided
- 107 Drug dealer
- 108 Overly fond sort
- 112 Baby's cry
- 113 Yes, to Gigi
- 114 British “inc.”
- 115 Govt. agent
- 116 Of city govt.
- 117 Enzyme
- 118 L-P center
- 119 Frequently, to poets
- 120 Suffix meaning “animals”





A player releases a boule at the Fort Worden petanque courts during sunset. *Courtesy photo*

Petanque tourney brings 90 players Aug. 11-13

BY SCOTT WILSON
FOR THE LEADER

Around 90 people from all over the U.S. arrive in Port Townsend on Aug. 11, 12 and 13 for the first-ever Port Townsend Open Petanque Tournament.

The event, played at Fort Worden State Park, will feature a shooters' competition, then doubles and singles over the three-day period. Perhaps half the players are from the Olympic Peninsula, while others come from New York, Mexico, Hawaii, Chicago, Denver, Portland, and the Puget Sound region.

The winners of the Doubles tournament will take home \$1,600; the winner of Singles will earn \$800.

The event is hosted by the Port Townsend Petanque Alliance.

"There are 60-some local players who are already members, and we encourage locals to come watch the tourney and consider joining the Alliance," said Silas Holm of Port Townsend, one of the organizers.

Petanque is the French version of bocce. It uses metal balls (called boules) in a game marked by finesse and strategy, not strength. The petanque courts at Fort Worden are near the upper campground behind and to the west of the Guardhouse Pub at the Fort. Petanque is growing rapidly in the U.S. and around the world.

On Friday, Aug. 11, starting at 3 p.m., some players will gather at the courts for a

shooting competition, with the finals at about 4 p.m., according to Holm.

On Saturday, Aug. 12, 60 players gather for the Doubles competition, with the first games at 9 a.m. and the finals probably around 5 p.m. Each team uses six boules in Doubles. Each team is guaranteed at least four games.

On Sunday, Aug. 13, it's the four-boule Singles competition, with 38 players signed up. Again the first round is at 9 a.m. and the finals at about 5 p.m.

The Port Townsend Petanque Alliance was started in 2012 when there was a single, heavily-used court in Port Townsend located in the outdoor area of the Pourhouse Taproom. Now players use numerous courts at Fort Worden.

The Alliance has produced international talent, notably Bekah Howe, who is the only American to have received a World Games medal in the international shooting competition. She has earned a spot on the women's Triples Team USA to play in the Petanque World Championships slated for Bangkok, Thailand in November. She and her husband, Holm, often partner together in mixed doubles and have won regional and national tournaments together.

The Alliance always welcomes new members, has boules to lend, and experienced players to help others learn the game. Wednesdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. are "club days" set up for many players to enjoy games.

Tactical training

A multi-agency police force walks up the ramp after conducting a High-risk, Low Frequency training exercise on board the M/V Kennewick on Wednesday morning.

High-risk refers to the level of danger to people and property such as a hostage situation and Low Frequency refers to the low risk of that actually happening but the agencies want to be prepared by training. The force was made up with personnel from the Port Townsend Police Department, Port Angeles PD, Sequim PD, Jefferson County and Clallam County sheriffs' departments as well as from customs enforcement. The 8 and 9:30 a.m. ferries from Port Townsend were cancelled due to low tides so travel was not impaired during the training exercise.

Photo and information courtesy of Steve Mullensky



Brinnon head-on collision

Washington State Patrol reported that over the lunch hour on Saturday, Aug. 5, Vicki Anderson, 74, of Elma failed to yield for traffic as she left a nursery in Brinnon, resulting in a head-on collision which sent both vehicles into the ditch. Troopers did not report alcohol or drugs being involved. Anderson was airlifted to Harborview. The other driver, Talon Roloson, 21, Port Angeles, was transported to Jefferson Healthcare. Both drivers were wearing their seat belts.

Motorbike collides with camper

Anthony Davis, 54, of Seattle, was life flighted to Harborview after his motorcycle collided with a vehicle

pulling a camper-trailer on U.S. Highway 101 near milepost 182.

The collision was called in by the passenger of the struck vehicle at 2:31 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5, according to a Washington State Patrol report by Trooper Jason Purdy.

Purdy reported the motorcycle was northbound, driving too fast for the conditions and crossed the centerline while negotiating a curve and veered into oncoming traffic.

Dane Lebeau of Minturn, Colorado, pulling the camper, swerved to avoid the collision and his rig came to rest in the southbound lane.

Davis, Purdy wrote, was ejected and came to rest in the northbound lane. Davis has been charged with reckless driving.

Lady golfers turn out in record numbers

BY BARBARA ALDRICH
FOR THE LEADER

As our August weather continues in full summer mode, the women of both local golf clubs are turning out in record numbers for club championships, memorial tournaments

and weekly competitions.

On Aug. 1 the Port Townsend Ladies Club played a game in which the player could choose two holes to revert to par before calculating net score with handicaps (HCP).

The first place winners

were Lynn Bidlake and Dee Sweeney with scores of 28 for nine holes. Also a tie for third place was awarded to Linda Deal and Shelley French.

South of the town course at Discovery Bay, the women played the first round of the Club Overall Championship

- a 36 hole competition that awards prizes to both gross and net winners. The second round of the championship may be played on either of the next two Thursdays in August.

In addition to the championship round a dozen women turned out for the game of

the week - Criss Cross. Each player chooses between matching holes on the front and back nine.

Either score number one or number 10, number two or number 11 and so on for a nine-hole total.

Nine hole course HCPs are used to determine net winners. First place winner was Meghan Fluharty with a score of 28.

Competition was keen with a four-way tie for second place.

Carding 29 were Jane Peoples, Sherilyn Ulland, Katherine Buchanan, and Susie Piper.

Low putt winner for the 18-hole round was Jane Peoples with 33 putts.



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Artists advocate for the salmon

BY DIANE URBANI
FOR THE LEADER

First, there's a bell — Sara's Forest Bell, quiet until someone steps forward to hear it.

"Does anyone ever gong this ...?" one woman asked. She had just entered Northwind Art's Jeanette Best Gallery, where she laid eyes on this bronze sculpture by Sara Mall Johani.

"Yes, please do," replied Diane Urbani, who was working in the gallery that afternoon.

The sound, a deep, clear ring, vibrated through the air, as the woman continued her walk into the gallery. More of Johani's sculptures awaited, along with



photographs by Johani's friends, Kerry Tremain and Brian Goodman of Port Townsend, and bronzes by her late husband Tom Jay.

This is the Outside In exhibition at Jeanette Best Gallery and it is the first time in many years that Johani and Jay's works have appeared together in a gallery space. Johani, now 77, said goodbye to her beloved mate in 2019. Public art works by Jay are found across the region.

"He was a monumentalist," said Johani.

In this rare gallery show, Johani and Jay's "Salmon Girl," a small figure holding an eyed salmon egg, stands near other bronzes including Jay's "Weeping Raven" and "Witness."

"He's here in his sculptures," Johani says.

"They are so very Tom."

Johani still lives in the house in the Chimacum woods where she and Jay raised their son Dru. Recently, with Tremain's editing and design, she published a richly illustrated paperback memoir, titled Mine, Yours, Nobody's: My Story of Wild Olympic Salmon.

To raise awareness of this keystone animal's essentiality, Johani, Jay and their fellow local artists created watershed trading cards — showing a variety of Northwest animals and plants — along with little porcelain "Chimacum Chum Charms," various T-shirt designs and "sofa salmon" pillows. During the late 1980s, they put on salmon festivals at the Tri-Area Community Center park. And they built a 25-foot-long salmon sculpture, "Fin," which can still be seen around the town of Chimacum.

It was all about education and celebration — which then led to restoration, Johani writes. The Chimacum Creek project became Wild Olympic Salmon's dominant activity: "Teams of volunteers enjoyed getting out into the streams, passing salmon over the weir, and continuing the annual count," she recalls.

Wild Olympic Salmon later became part of the North Olympic Salmon Coalition, which today leads major restoration projects across the Olympic Peninsula.



Forest Bell, a bronze sculpture by Sara Mall Johani. Leader photo by Anna Tallarico

Tremain, who moved to Port Townsend about seven years ago, has marveled ever since at Johani and Jay's endeavors.

"I've always felt that art has this capacity to create community, to create change," he said.

Wild Olympic Salmon was "a community of people who didn't particularly like each other, working together to restore the chum salmon, which they did."

Tremain and Goodman will give an illustrated lecture about the Outside In exhibition this Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 5:30 p.m. at Jeanette Best Gallery. The presentation is free and will include plenty of time for audience questions.

In another recent talk at the Jeanette Best Gallery, Tremain described one of his first sightings of Jay's sculptures. This one was a big coho in bronze.

"He put some kind of finish on it, so it had that kind of translucent color like the fish have. It was so beautiful," he remembered.

"It's called a sealant," Johani said, as the audience laughed.

"I only say that because it wasn't magic. It was just a sealant," she added.

"It was kind of magic," said Tremain.

Johani smiled, and then agreed.

"In the end," she said, "it's all magic."

National Night Out at Olympic View

The Olympic View Terrace Home Owners Association had a National Night Out last Tuesday, Aug. 1, the only HOA in Port Townsend to host the event this year.

Police Chief Thomas Olson and other officers attended and discussed ongoing issues in the city.

The Chief said he is interested in expanding National Night Out events to more

neighborhoods. Deputy Mayor Amy Howard, also attended the event and discussed some of the city, issues such as the golf course, the swimming pool, and the proposed roundabout at Sims Way and Kearney Street.



Officer Kamal Sharif enjoys a cool treat while his wife, Asha holds their daughter, Sana. Courtesy photo

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Pink Floyd tribute band returns to Port Townsend

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The Great Gig in the Sky — or rather, the American Legion Hall — is almost here. Pigs on the Wing, a Portland-based Pink Floyd tribute band, will be returning to Port Townsend for the eighth time 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18 and Saturday, Aug. 19.

They plan to serenade rock enthusiasts with two jam-packed sets of Floyd classics, hits and deep cuts alike. Friday will feature songs from albums such as “Piper at the Gates of Dawn,” “Meddle,” “Animals,” and “The Wall.” On Saturday, they will perform “The Dark Side of the Moon” in its entirety to celebrate the album’s 50th anniversary.

“We’re excited to perform at the Legion,” said Bryan Fairfield, drummer.

“It’s conducive to our production.” And quite the production it is; staying true to Pink Floyd’s extravagant spirit, Pigs on the Wing doesn’t just bring the music — they bring lights, smoke machines, lasers, projectors, and a full crew along, too.

“Everywhere we go, we haul a trailer and two vans for all the gear,” said Fairfield.

Fairfield has been with Pigs on the Wing for nine years. When their previous drummer broke his wrist, the band reached out to him.

“We all knew each other because we were all a part of the Portland music scene,” Fairfield explained.

“It was great timing — the band I’d been with for 12 years had just broken up, so I was a free agent,” he added.



(left to right) Jason Baker, Bryan Fairfield, Holly Brooks, Dave Lindenbaum, Matthew Sulikowski, Eric Welder, and Matt Jones return to Port Townsend for two concerts at the American Legion Hall. *Courtesy photo*

During the mid-2000s when Pigs on the Wing was getting established, the aforementioned Portland music scene was lively, but saturated.

“It was hard because there were so many opportunities, but also a lot of competition — hundreds of bands vying for exposure,” Fairfield said.

“It’s so gratifying to play in Pigs

now because we’ve built up a big fan base in lots of different places. We can go into theaters and play for 300 to 900 people,” he continued.

While they used to be more regimented — practicing at least once a week — they’ve relaxed a little. This is due to band members (such as Fairfield) moving farther away, but

also just the expertise they’ve developed over time.

“All the songs are muscle memory at this point. We can go as long as a month without meeting up together since we practice separately and know Pink Floyd’s music inside and out. Our sets always turn out great,” Fairfield said.

His confidence comes from a lifetime of music immersion.

“It’s in my blood,” he said. This is almost literal; his mother was a vocalist, his brother a guitar player, and his father a drummer.

“I picked up drumsticks when I was a kid and never stopped. It was always just there,” he said.

He said his fellow members feel similarly.

“We’re all in our mid-40s now. If we didn’t really enjoy this, we wouldn’t be doing it. It’s a lot of work, but I’m so happy. Music is what’s going to get us through life. For me, it is a necessity,” Fairfield added.

Pigs on the Wing does about 24 gigs a year.

“Not super crazy. Like I said, mid-40s — we’ve got jobs and kids,” Fairfield laughed. Their radius is large: still based out of Portland, they will travel as far east as Spokane, as far north as Bellingham and the San Juan Islands, and into southern Oregon (and once to northern California, but they don’t like to talk about that).

The band is thrilled to return yet again to Port Townsend, one of their familiar favorites.

“We really do enjoy it there,” Fairfield said. “Everyone is always so cool. And we’re especially excited to have two shows, which gives us an extra day to hang around town, get some Elevated Ice Cream, see the sights,” he added. “We will keep coming back for as long as you’ll have us.”

Single-night tickets cost \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Two-night tickets cost \$50. Both shows are for ages 21 and over.

Free transportation from Coupeville to Whidbey

Island Transit has a free summer bus from the Coupeville Ferry to Fort Casey, the Town of Coupeville, Fort Ebey, and Ebey’s Landing, and no Discover Pass is needed when visiting the parks by bus, bike, or foot.

Bring a picnic lunch, or eat at a local restaurant, writes Margie Parker of Friends of Whidbey for the Leader.

Buses run daily with five northbound and five southbound trips. The only travel cost is the walk-on ferry fare.

The service runs until Sept. 3 and could be offered again next summer depending on ridership.

Whidbey Island has seven state parks:

Joseph Whidbey State Park is a great place to hike, have a family picnic, watch birds and build a sand castle or a driftwood fort. Or just set up your lawn chair and relax while savoring the impressive view!

Fort Casey State Park is full of history which visitors can learn from a volunteer Battalion Guide about such features as the restored World War II big guns. Explore the gun batteries. Get great views from the top of the Admiralty Head



Old growth trees are a giant attraction at Whidbey’s parks.

Lighthouse. Set up your camp at the water’s edge. Fly a kite, toss a Frisbee or throw a baseball on the grass-covered parade grounds.

Fort Ebey State Park offers camping, hiking, and old gun batteries to explore with your flashlight. The park and adjacent

Kettles County Park offer an extensive mountain bike trail system and it’s a great place to watch surfers paddling out to catch a wave.

Ebey’s Landing enjoys sweeping views of Puget Sound, the Olympic Peninsula, Mount Rainier,

the Cascades and Mount Baker. Its beach features agates, seals and orcas. Climb the stairs and hike the magnificent bluff trail in Ebey’s Landing National Historical Reserve.

Keystone Spit, located between Puget Sound and Crockett Lake,



is a great place to fish for salmon, hike, run, bike, look for birds and watch the ferry arrive from Port Townsend. Whidbey Audubon has named Crockett Lake as an important birding area.

South Whidbey State Park hikers favor the Wilbert Trail through a quiet old-growth forest with huge evergreen trees. Visit these majestic giants and invite your neighbors for a picnic in the park.

Possession Point, located at the southern tip of the Island offers beach hiking when the tide is low or the bluff trail anytime. Fish from shore, kayak to the park and stay overnight, or dive into the Sound and explore sea critters that live along the underwater reef wall that drops from 30 to 130 feet.

Volunteers needed for animal rescue

BY LEADER NEWS STAFF

Have a heart for animals? Center Valley Animal Rescue could use your help.

The nonprofit will hold a training and orientation session for new volunteers from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at 11900 Center Road in Quilcene.

Located on a 32-acre ranch, Center Valley Animal Rescue works to decrease unnecessary euthanasia by providing a haven and rehabilitation for unwanted, injured or abandoned domesticated and wild animals. Rehabilitated wild animals are released back into their natural habitat. Permanent

sanctuary is provided for domestic animals that cannot be adopted.

Can’t make it to the Aug. 12 training? Another will be offered on Saturday, Aug. 26, same time and location.

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Mopping up the Peat Plank brush fire

East Jefferson Fire And Rescue Chief Bret Black told The Leader that his crews were about to change their tactics.

The fire fight at Peat Plank Road wasn't going as well as they'd hoped, despite aid from crews as far away as Bremerton. Firefighters with East Jefferson Fire Rescue, Quilcene Fire Rescue, Nav Mag Indian Island, North Kitsap Fire Rescue and DNR were actively engaged in fire suppression efforts.

But then the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) arrived with a Hele-Tak crew which was able to pour giant buckets of water, retrieved from a local pond, on the brush fire.

"We have, as of now, no injuries and no significant property damage other than a few burned up sticks of forestry fire hose but that's the cost of doing business," he told The Leader late Wednesday morning.

"DNR is in command now, conducting their investigation, and we're mopping up around the containment and making sure there isn't anything smoldering that could turn back into a fire."

Black explained that the fire is contained



East Jefferson Fire Rescue at Peat Plank Road. Courtesy photo

within a scratch line and a wet line.

"Last night they worked to get 20 feet into the black, burned area. Today we're going to try to get in 100 feet - we go visibly around

that line and go into the black and make sure nothing is smoldering."

He said the wind was a significant factor as the county heads into the worst part of

the fire season.

"The fire weather forecast is not optimal in either the immediate nor the next several months. It's an elevated threat level until October.

"This is the witching hour of fire season where the potential for huge legacy fires gets going," Black warned. If DNR determines a cause, he said, it does so typically within a few weeks.

"It's not unusual for us to have an undetermined cause," he said.

The chief gave accolades to the crews referenced above and provided through the Mutual Aid System.

"Our crews worked tirelessly for the initial fire," he said.

According to his department's press release, at about 3:30 p.m. a passerby reported a brush fire in the area of Beaver Valley Road and Peat Plank Road. Within 30 minutes the fire moved south covering an estimated three acres. WSP has State Road 19 in the area of Beaver Valley closed at this time.

Wharf blaze in downtown Port Townsend snuffed

LAURA JEAN SCHNEIDER
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Local firefighters and first responders are experiencing firsthand the ramifications of a statewide fire danger designation.

Following a multi-agency response to the Sandy Shores Fire July 23, and the Peat Plank Fire Aug. 1, a fire in Port Townsend of unknown origin Friday was the latest of multiple fire calls for East Jefferson Fire Rescue, according to Battalion Chief Jason MacDonald. On scene at a hot spot on the old Taylor Street wharf, MacDonald told The Leader that around 95 career and volunteer firefighters had been called out — in addition to other emergencies—on a trio of fires that broke out within a 24-hour period Aug. 3.

According to a release compiled and issued by Fire Rescue Chief Bret Black Friday, at 9:43 a.m. the previous morning, personnel responded to a report of a tree in the power lines.

"While they were waiting for the PUD, the line broke," MacDonald recalled, causing multiple grass and brush fires from 49th Street and Hendricks Street to 49th and 53rd streets. Once PUD secured the power, the fires were extinguished without any structures being threatened or damaged, the release stated.

At 5:42 p.m. residents on Holcomb Street were alerted by a smoke alarm in their basement. They located a fire in the garage and quickly used two of their own fire extinguishers to knock the fire down, according to the release.

"They really helped themselves," MacDonald said later. Firefighters finished extinguishing the fire and ventilated the house. The release stated the cause of the fire was under investigation.

At 1:33 a.m. on Aug. 4, emergency responders arrived at a call to West Valley Road. The house had been evacuated, and there was a fire in the kitchen, the release stated.

"The resident of the house awoke to the sound of the fire and attempted to use their fire extinguisher, which was not effective and attempted a garden hose," the release said. Firefighters located cats left inside the home; the cause of the fire is believed to be an espresso maker that failed.

Early this month, Jefferson County Fire Marshal Phil Cecere declared a high fire hazard was in effect, definable as "a period of hot, dry weather accompanied by low fuel moistures, where fire start quickly, spread furiously, and burn intensely" and easily morph into wildfires if not promptly extinguished, according to the official declaration.

"People need to be extremely careful with any kind of flammable material," Battalion Chief MacDonald told The Leader.

Port Townsend Police officers chat debrief near the water off Taylor Street after last Friday's fire in downtown Port Townsend. Leader photo by Lloyd Mullen



House fire extinguished at Mystery Bay

A house fire broke out a little after 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5 at Mystery Bay, according to a report by former Leader reporter Julie Sanders Keymer.

"My husband, Marshall, and I were leaving the Mystery Bay State Park dock on our boat when from the helm I saw the smoke billowing up from the house. I immediately called 911. Thankfully, I had cell phone

service to report the fire. The cell phone service in the bay can be very sketchy," she said.

Soon after she reported the fire, her call was dropped but by the time she reached dispatch again, several other callers had reported the blaze.

"The East Jefferson Fire Department arrived on the scene extremely fast and they did a fantastic job extinguishing the house fire. The

fire seemed to be contained an hour later," she said.

East Jefferson Fire Chief Bret Black told The Leader the call came in Saturday night at 7:23 p.m.

"We did have one patient transported to Jefferson Healthcare," he said, adding the cause of the fire is unknown.

"The damage was extensive in the origin area of the fire," he said.



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'The Fiber of Our Being' opens at Grover Gallery this week

Wine Club Wednesday
3 p.m. – 5 p.m. @ Port Townsend Vineyards Winery

Join us at Wine Club Wednesdays at the Winery! It's the perfect opportunity for our club members to come together, socialize, and enjoy the beautiful season with some of our newly released, seasonal, and award-winning wines. The best part? These tastings are complimentary for members and a guest, and no reservations are required. So, grab your friends and join us for a fun-filled evening of sipping, swirling, and mingling. We can't wait to raise a glass with you and celebrate the joys of spring and local wine together. Cheers!

Kim's Home Blessing
1 p.m. @ Habitat For Humanity

Join us for Kim's Home Blessing and help us fill her new house with prayers and well-wishes! The ceremony will take place on Wednesday, August 9th, at 1 pm, and we'd love to see you there! Everyone is welcome to attend this heartwarming event. The Habitat Homeowner Services Committee will be providing refreshments, so it's sure to be a delightful gathering.

For location details or if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the Habitat Office at 360.379.2827. Let's come together to celebrate a new chapter in Kim's life and shower her with love and positivity. See you on August 9th!

Walk Like a Fox- Nature Awareness Hike
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. @ Fort Worden Historical State Park

Take a walk in the paws of a fox and discover a new sense of curiosity for the natural world around you.

This interactive hike will consist of multiple activities (including a blindfold activity) designed to teach nature awareness skills and deepen one's connection to nature.

Three women — each of whom finds healing in art — interweave their creations in "The Fiber of Our Being," the show opening this week at Northwind Art's Grover Gallery, writes Communications Manager for the gallery, Diane Urbani.

Local weavers Tininha Silva and Mo Walrath and Portland-based quilter Andrea Alonge are bringing together 30 works of art for the exhibition at Grover Gallery, across from the Rose Theatre at 236 Taylor St. The show opens Thursday and runs through Sept. 24.

Silva is a local artist originally from Recife, the coastal Brazilian locale closest to Africa. She was a swimwear designer in Seattle for many years, and then moved to her husband's home town of Port Townsend.

Walrath, also a Port Townsend artist, is from Chicago. She studied weaving in Ireland and in Oregon, and now works in a studio lined with willow grown in the Chimacum Valley. A recent visit found her finishing one of her "soul boat" caskets, along with a raw-silk shroud dyed sky blue.

Alonge creates round and



Local weaver Mo Walrath makes cradles and "soul boat" caskets from willow grown and hand-harvested in Chimacum. Photo by Erin Scabuzzo

rainbow-shaped quilts outside the traditional box, as she's fond of saying.

Alonge will visit in mid-August for two programs: a presentation at Grover Gallery titled "Breaking the Box with Sculptural Quilting" at 7 p.m. Aug. 19, and a full-day quilting workshop Aug. 20 at Northwind Art School at

Fort Worden State Park.

Walrath will give a public talk at the Gallery at 7 p.m. Aug. 29. The artist, who works with families to weave caskets for their loved ones, will explore questions of how we grieve and how we, in our families and community, hold one another.

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Wearable art is not dead

BY THAIS OLIVEIRA

The pandemic put an end to the beloved Wearable Arts Show and contest held for eight years as a fundraiser for Jefferson County Community Foundation's Fund for Women and Girls, but the art is still being carried by young artists in the community.

Friday, after one week of hard work and fun, 14 students ranging from eight to 14 years of age presented their creations to a small audience. The Northwind Arts school camp, led by fiber and wearable artist, Margie McDonald, and PTHS art teacher, Michele Soderstrom, is part of the effort to continue giving space to students in the county and beyond. This year, kids came from as far as Fairbanks, Alaska to participate alongside Port Townsend creatives.

"I am very crafty and have a studio in my room where I build a lot of cosplay costumes. I love dragons and I particularly love using fur, even though it is very hard to work with", gloats Charlotte Quick, 14, creator of Norbert, the dragon.

Together the young artists gave life to their ideas using various materials including fabric, cardboard, duct tape, paint, vinyl. Among the skills needed to complete the masterpieces were painting, lots of hand sewing, hot glue

gun, draping and fitting on a mannequin, attaching plastic ivy, manipulating cardboard, plastic, fabric, wire hoops, and building a duct tape hat to build a headpiece on.

A labor of patience, effort, flexibility and creativity, most pieces were inspired by nature and dragons. Rainbow Warrior, Queen of Golden Corn, The Flowerpot, Lady of the Waters, Stormy Day and Tsunami were some of the titles of the intricate dresses and head pieces built with mostly recycled or donated surplus materials.

"The contest and art show, as it was, required a lot of volunteers and a big structure and we could not continue after the pandemic. But I am still working with incredible young artists in camps like this over the summer and in Quilcene and PT schools," explains Margie, one of the founding members of the PT Wearable Arts show and part of PT Artscape, a program funded by the Washington State Arts Commission and levy funds from the Port Townsend School District since 1998. The consortium integrates the arts into the regular classrooms, helps teachers enhance their curriculum and expands student access to and experience with the arts.

The next opportunity to create starts in October and the work culminates in a spectacular show held at Key City Theatre in February 2024.

Last week's creations will be paraded at the Uptown Street Fair on Aug. 18.



Students proudly show off their intricate creations after the Wearable Art camp at Northwind Arts School. Photo courtesy of Thais Oliveira

Youth Music Camp set

Youth Education in Arts (YEA) Music Summer Camp Session II is set for Aug. 7 through Aug. 11 at Swan School in Port Townsend.

"Our first camp in July was successful with 50 students participating," writes Jan Boutilier, Community Outreach for YEA Music. Students in grades entering 5-12 will work with local instructors for the week gaining valuable skills and having fun through creating music. Camps are based on a "pay what you can" model and YEA Music has a philosophy of including ALL students in their camps who want to participate.

There will be fiddle groups, chamber ensembles, band groups and jazz groups for students to join. There will also be a beginner track for younger students where they get to try a few different instruments during the course of the week to see which they feel is the best fit.

"One of our major goals is to make sure every child in Jefferson County has an opportunity to receive opportunities to make music," said director Daniel Ferland.

"In addition to our summer camps, we will continue our work during the school year by supporting our local school music programs, not only in Port Townsend, but in Chimacum as well."



Live performance is part of the routine at Music Camp. Photo courtesy Julie Russell.

YEA Music has begun to work much more in the past year in the Chimacum areas to provide after school music lessons and hopes to expand to Quilcene and Brinnon after that.

The YEA Music program's mission is to provide the youth of East Jefferson County with musical opportunities including instruments, instruction and performances. The organization has organized four summers of these camps

and had over 200 participants so far.

There have also been after school fiddle and drum classes at both Salish Coast Elementary and at Chimacum Elementary.

To learn more about this program, or give a donation to help continue this program, please visit YEAMusic.org.

Parents can sign up their child at their website, YEAMusic.org or call 360-301-9816.

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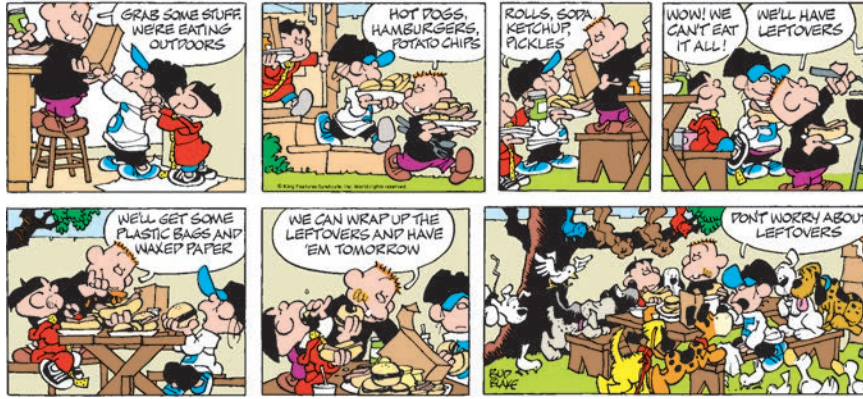
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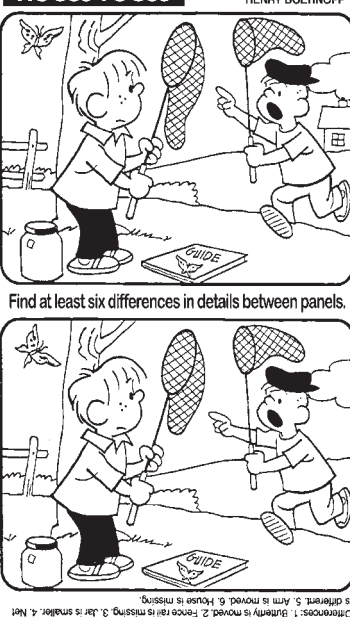
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CryptoQuip

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: M equals H

HXRK-EOAAKJ VXRZTP MXDHQTL

LMXL'P XAFXWP SKZL OD X

PLXLK QE JOPXBBXW:

LMK FBKVS MXAA.

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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!

Follow

HEADER _____

Slant

GLEAN _____

Team

POLUCE _____

Clamor

ONESI _____

TODAY'S WORD _____

"That's our _____ plan"

King Crossword

ACROSS

- Glasses, slangily
- Acid type
- "Cut that out!"
- Alphas' opposites
- He loved Roxane
- Not certain
- PC key
- Blue Grotto isle
- Hearty quaff
- Floral rings
- Vat
- Peevish fit
- Song of praise
- Olympic skater Brian
- "Certainly!"
- Away from SSW
- Mexican chili pepper
- Labrador explorer
- Nashville venue
- "A spider!"
- "— Breckinridge"
- Fib
- King of Judea
- Taunting laugh
- Captivate
- Comic Ray
- Bagel choice
- Retaliate
- Trusty horse
- Dweebs
- 8 In medias —
- 9 Big lizard
- 10 Comedian George
- 11 Overcharge for tickets
- 13 Handle
- 18 Tavern
- 21 In a sneaky way
- 23 Fulton's power
- POTUS — culpa
- 25 Business mag
- 29 Showed scorn
- 31 Fishing rods
- 32 Speaks one's mind
- 33 Chicken serving
- 34 "— the ram-parts ..."
- 36 Manually
- 37 Arboreal apes
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- 44 Abode
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- 48 Astronaut
- 50 Mal de —

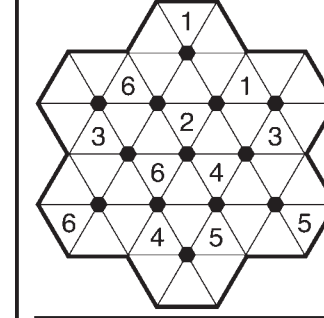
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- Fashions
- Shakespearean heiress
- Ecol. watchdog
- Title akin to POTUS
- Brown ermine
- Kentucky brew
- Hotel chain

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.



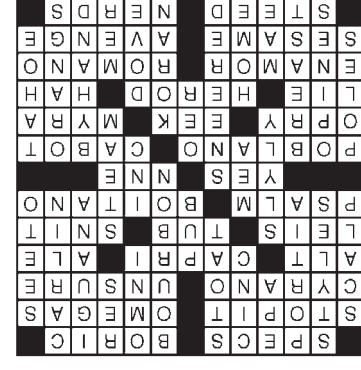
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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from YEARN to CRAMS in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

YEARN

CRAMS



Solution time: 21 mins.
Answers

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of kangaroos called?
- MOVIES: What kind of enchanted flower is featured in the animated film "Beauty and the Beast"?
- GEOGRAPHY: How many pyramids are in the Pyramids of Giza in Egypt?
- TELEVISION: What did the surgeons on the "M.A.S.H." TV drama call their tent home?
- FOOD & DRINK: When was the first restaurant franchise of Kentucky Fried Chicken founded?
- U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Vermont?
- CHEMISTRY: What is the only letter that doesn't occur in the Periodic Table?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the Roman god equivalent of the Greek god Hermes?
- LITERATURE: Which famous singer-songwriter won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2016?
- MUSIC: Which country is the pop band ABBA from?

Answers
1. A mob.
2. A rose.
3. Three.
4. The Swamp.
5. 1952.
6. Montpelier.
7. J.
8. Mercury.
9. Bob Dylan.
10. Sweden.

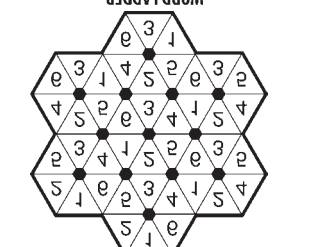
SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

3. Couple; 4. Noise

solution

TEAMS, TRAMS, GRAMS, YEARN, YEARS, TEARS, Answer



notifiaes

Answers
Came-filled campus hangout
that's always kept in state of disarray; the wreck hall.

WEEK OF AUGUST 9-16, 2023

DATE	HIGH	LOW
9 Wed	66°	54°
10 Thu	68°	53°
11 Fri	68°	53°
12 Sat	70°	55°
13 Sun	73°	56°
14 Mon	74°	57°
15 Tue	78°	58°
16 Wed	78°	58°

DISCOVERY BAY TIDES

DATE	A.M. ft.	P.M. ft.	A.M. ft.	P.M. ft.	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOON
9 Wed	1:12 PM	6.3	9:55	7.6	5:15	0.1	4:46 5.7 5:56 8:37
10 Thu	2:28 PM	7.1	10:34	7.3	6:12	-0.3	6:27 6.4 5:57 8:35
11 Fri	3:20 PM	7.7	11:24	7.0	7:05	-0.6	8:15 6.5 5:58 8:33
12 Sat		4:02	8.0	7:55	-0.7	9:26	6.3 6:00 8:32
13 Sun	12:23	6.8	4:38	8.1	8:40	-0.7	10:04 6.1 6:01 8:30
14 Mon	1:22	6.7	5:09	8.0	9:20	-0.8	10:27 5.8 6:02 8:28
15 Tue	2:15	6.7	5:36	7.9	9:57	-0.7	10:50 5.4 6:04 8:26
16 Wed	3:03	6.7	5:57	7.7	10:31	-0.6	11:18 4.9 6:05 8:25

PORT TOWNSEND TIDES

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9 Wed	1:59 PM	6.7	10:42	8.1	5:32	0.1	5:03 6.1 5:56 8:37
10 Thu	3:15 PM	7.6	11:21	7.7	6:29	-0.3	6:44 6.8 5:57 8:35
11 Fri	4:07	8.2	7:22	-0.6	8:32	6.9	5:58 8:33
12 Sat	12:11	7.4	4:49	8.5	8:12	-0.7	9:43 6.7 6:00 8:32
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14 Mon	2:09	7.2	5:56	8.5	9:37	-0.8	10:44 6.1 6:02 8:28
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16 Wed	3:50	7.1	6:44	8.2	10:48	-0.6	11:35 5.3 6:05 8:25

PORT LUDLOW TIDES

DATE	HIGH		LOW		SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOON
	A.M. ft.	P.M. ft.	A.M. ft.	P.M. ft.			
9 Wed	1:41 PM	7.9	11:33	9.2	5:59	0.4	6:08 6.8 5:55 8:33
10 Thu		3:14	8.6	6:58	0.0	7:57	7.4 5:57 8:32
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Kate and Petruchio



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Saltfire tries to Tame the Shrew

BY JASON VICTOR SERINUS

In its second year of presenting Shakespeare in the Parks, Port Townsend's pandemic defying Saltfire Theatre has taken on the challenge of the bard's most thorny comedies, *The Taming of the Shrew*. Continuing this week, Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 10 to Aug. 13 at Finnriver Cidery in Chimacum before returning to Fort Worden's Madrona Lawn, Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 17 to Aug. 20, the play has been cut to a two-hour length most suitable for outdoor productions in the Olympic Peninsula's changeable climate.

As language rich and funny as this tale of polar-opposite sisters, their would-be suitors, multiple switched identities, and sometimes clueless parents may be, it presents human-centered theater companies with a major conundrum. How far do you go in presenting lead character Katherina / Kate (Rose Burt) as the impossibly aggressive, emasculating "shrew" who is somehow tamed by her suitor, Petruchio (Charley Pope), without falling into the misogynistic trap of making a mockery of women?

Co-directors Consuelo Adviso Brennan and Genevieve Barlow seem to have arrived at a novel solution. First, turn the clueless father of the shrewish Katherina (heretofore called Kate, as in "Kiss me, Kate") and lovely Bianca (Barlow) into their far more knowing mother Baptisa (Michelle Hensel, a former Kate and real-life mother to Burt). Second, greatly downplay Kate's shrewishness, and leave it to Shakespeare's ever-brilliant use of language to energize the plot and carry the day. (Not as easy as it may seem.) Third, smooth over Kate's "taming" and eventual submission to her indefatigable suitor, Petruchio (Charley Pope), and her humiliation of other women at the comedy's end. And finally, transpose the story from late 16th century England to the 1930s for reasons that, beyond the relative ease of costuming and potentially more relatable setting, are not entirely clear.

Whether another striking element of Brennan's re-envisioning was intentional, I cannot say. But on opening night, the seemingly boundless energy and delightful athleticism of the marvelous Ciel Pope turned the relatively minor role of Grumio,

Petruchio's manservant, into a show-stealer. Although Pope never once upstaged any of Ciel Pope's colleagues, she could not help but stand out amidst a cast consisting mainly of enthusiastic, joy-filled amateurs. Pope's solo turn at the start of the show's second act is so tremendous as to warrant a must-see.

Another must-experience is the ease with which the cast deliver's Shakespeare's astoundingly witty dialogue. Some of the bard's most unforgettable lines roll off their tongues with remarkably liquidity. I mean it not as a backhanded compliment when I say that the relative paucity of memorable portrayals by many cast members — the wonderful Maude Eisele (Tranio) being another exception — allows Shakespeare's splendid dialogue to shine unimpeded. The language is as wondrous as it is screamingly delicious.

Numerous other people deserve kudos. They include costumer, regional theater mainstay, and City Councilmember Libby Urner Wennstrom, Charley Pope (in his first lead role), and Griff Katz as Bianca's suitor, Lucentio. Soundperson and assistant director David Hillman has assembled one of the most delightful, spot-on soundtracks of '30's classics I've ever heard. Don't miss his choice of music at show's end.

Ultimately, it's the company's remarkable buoyancy, resiliency, and "the show must go on" spirit that deserves kudos. The guiding light behind the production, the beloved Consuelo Adviso Brennan, suffered a near fatal stroke on July 5. Amidst increasing uncertainty for her survival and the health challenges facing her heart-torn husband, Saltfire Theatre postponed the show's opening until Aug. 5 to allow for grieving and re-centering. Everyone involved with this production deserves the community's gratitude and support for persevering through heartbreak and laughing amidst tears.

Saltfire's *The Taming of the Shrew* stands as testimony to the vision and heart of its envisionser, initial director, and dedicatee. To share in yet another of the countless ways in which the Port Townsend community celebrates life and transcends adversity—to enjoy yourself immensely while marveling at Shakespeare's genius—this *Taming* is a must.



Griff Katz Lucentio - Maude Eisele - Tranio



First audience member - Pat Vaughan



Kate



Warm-up circle



Lilli Barlow - Curtis + Hair - Genevieve Barlow Bianca



David Hillman Sound Designer+Assistant



Kate, Petruchio, Lucentio, Tranio, Hortensio



Festival art by Michelle Hagewood

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Thursday Aug 17

- 2-3pm **Concerts on the Dock Supercharged!: True Reckoning**
Pope Marine Park
- 3:30-4:30pm **Concerts on the Dock Supercharged!: NorthBeach**
Pope Marine Park
- 5-6:30pm P.T. Story Slam *Discovery Bay Brewing*
- 5-7pm **Concerts on the Dock Supercharged!: Cosmiphonics**
Pope Marine Park
- 6-7:30pm Taming of the Shrew presented by Saltfire Theatre - \$10 sliding scale *Fort Worden Madrona Lawn*

Friday Aug 18

- 4-7pm **Lindy Hop Dance** *Tyler Plaza*
- 4-7:30pm **Soundcheck at Vintage feat. Tony Petrillo Jazz Trio and Douglas Francisco Band** - 21+ *Vintage*
- 4:30-6:30pm Dawn Martin *Port Townsend Vineyards*
- 6-7:30pm Taming of the Shrew presented by Saltfire Theatre - \$10 sliding scale *Fort Worden Madrona Lawn*
- 6:30-8pm **Conjuring Climate Shift: Alchemy of Elemental forces—Rage, Grief, and Rituals of Wonder (poetry reading)** *Key City Public Theatre*
- 8:30-9:15pm, 9:30-10pm **PT Reels** (short films, two shows) *Key City Public Theatre*

Uptown Street Fair

Saturday Aug 19

- 9am-2pm Farmers Market & Food Vendors
- 9am-5pm Arts & Crafts Fair by PT Arts Guild
- 9am-5:30pm Outdoor Beer Garden by Uptown Pub
- 9am-10am Kiwanis Stars of Tomorrow
- 9:30-10:30am Cooking with Chef Josh Uchitelle at Farmers Market
- 10-11am Ginnie Porter & George Radebaugh
- 10am-1:30pm Children's art activities by PT Artscape
- 10:30-11am Family Story Time at Farmers Market
- 11am-noon Anne-O & her band
- noon-1:15pm Kristin Myers
- 1:15-1:45pm, 2:45-4pm DJ Silace Amaro & friends, hoop dancing, juggling by Alex Eisenberg
- 2pm The Unbelievably Colorful Yet Brief Uptown Street Fair Parade!
- 2:25-2:45pm The Unexpected Brass Band
- 4:15-5:30pm Brother Townsend
- 5:30-7:30pm Family Movie Night: Super Mario Brothers at Port Townsend Public Library

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Friday Aug 18

- 4-7pm David's Lion (Bremerton) *Discovery Bay Brewing*
- 4:30-7pm Magic, The Maya Experience - 21+ *The Guardhouse*
- 5-7:30pm Avé Avelino & Friends, Ember Brightheart, Give it Time - youth focus *The Nest*
- 5-8pm Locos Only - 21+ *Port Townsend Brewing*
- 5-9pm Uncle Funk & the Dope 6, Fortress of the Bear (Seattle) *The Castle*
- 8-11pm Rowan Katz & Bella Hangnail, Kit Stovepipe - 21+ *The In Between*
- 8-11pm Pentagram String Band (Kansas City), Sofa King - 21+ *Sirens*
- 9pm-midnight Kilcid, Usanatron - 21+ *The Anchor*
- 9pm-late Lowire - 21+ *Uptown Pub*

Saturday Aug 19

- 4-6pm True Reckoning *Port Townsend Vineyards*
- 4-7pm Chuck Easton & George Radebaugh *Discovery Bay Brewery*
- 4:30-6:30pm Brian Douglas - 21+ *Vintage*
- 5:30-8:30pm **Local Linup feat. Avé Avelino, Harlem Ren, Chenoa Egawa, Darrell Thomas and more** *Chester Square (next to Finistère)*
- 6-7:30pm Taming of the Shrew presented by Saltfire Theatre - \$10 sliding scale *Fort Worden Madrona Lawn*
- 7-8:30pm **Sips & Scripts feat. Kat Agudo, Doug Given and Judith Glass Collins** - \$10 sliding scale *Key City Public Theatre*
- 8pm-late **Water Street Beats feat. Adaptogen, Capt. Peacock, Gabrielle Gribbin, G-Spot, Johan, Lunch Lady, Mark Hardy, OB1, Pastelle & TZL** - 21+ *Pope Marine Park*
- 9pm-midnight Cold Comfort, David's Lion (Bremerton) - 21+ *The Anchor*

Sunday Aug 20

- 2-5pm **Three Cheers for 50 years: Fort Worden's 50th Birthday Party feat. Sweater Weather** *Fort Worden near the Commons*
- 3-5pm Johnny Mac - 21+ *Vintage*
- 5-8pm **Soundcheck at the Bishop feat. The Shift, Jus Wright and Andrew Fischer-Price** co-presented by **KPTZ** *Bishop Hotel Courtyard*
- 6-7:30pm Taming of the Shrew presented by Saltfire Theatre - \$10 sliding scale *Fort Worden Madrona Lawn*
- 6-8pm **The Baddie Book, a Mean Girls Burlesque show feat. the Sky Dancers** - \$30, 18+ *Brigid's Loft (above Bazaar Girls)*
- 6:30-8pm Mixed Metaphor #14: Chapbook Launch feat. Hans Barr and Haines Whitacre hosted by Meeting-Place Chapbooks *The Castle*
- 7-8:30pm **Sips & Scripts feat. Kat Agudo, Doug Given and Judith Glass Collins** - \$10 sliding scale *Key City Public Theatre*
- 7-9pm Early Bedtime Boys - 21+ *Uptown Pub*



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