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Hack derails LGBTQ+ books decision

Zoom feed of Quilcene school board meeting shut down after ‘some person got control of the screen’

BY KIRK BOXLEITNER

The Quilcene School Board’s Oct. 16 regular meeting opened the floor to discuss what was itemized as “an LGBTQ Library Books Proposed Resolution/Donation,” but the Zoom feed of the meeting was derailed by a hack that broadcast pornography during the

public comment section. Quilcene School Superintendent Ron Moag sent out a letter the following day explaining that the disruption caused the Zoom broadcast of the meeting to be shut down, for which he extended an apology “for having to take those measures.” Quilcene School Board Chair Jon

Cooke confirmed that “some person got control of the screen, and with the large number of people virtually attending the Zoom meeting, our IT guy could not find the culprit, so we had to shut the Zoom broadcast down.”

Moag assured the public that “we are taking precautionary measures” with regard to its Zoom broadcast set-up to prevent it from happening in the future.

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Lawsuit against county dismissed

Judge tosses civil rights claims made by former deputy prosecutor

BY JAMES ROBINSON

After nearly two years of litigation in federal court, former Jefferson County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Julian St. Marie has lost on all her claims, according to court documents filed in late August. St. Marie filed a 55-page lawsuit in U.S. District Court-Western District on Nov. 16, 2022, alleging sexual harassment, a hostile workplace environment, sex and age discrimination, and libel, as well as that her civil rights under the First, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments had been violated.

“The office has been completely vindicated by this ruling.”

JAMES KENNEDY
JEFFERSON COUNTY
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

“Having considered Plaintiff Julian St. Marie’s response, Defendants’ reply, and the remaining record, the Court grants summary judgment dismissal of all of Plaintiff’s claims,” United States District Court Judge the David Estudillo wrote in his Aug. 29 order.

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Hunter’s Moon over Point Hudson

The Hunter’s Moon shines through the rigging on the historic schooner Martha on Thursday, Oct.17. This is the last supermoon of 2024. Photo by Steve Mullensky/for the Leader

Big spending, small spending from governor to District 1 to I-2117

BY JAMES ROBINSON

It’s election season, and the spending is big. Mostly. The race for the Jefferson County Commissioner District 1 seat has the two Democratic candidates on the ballot reporting significantly differing amounts on campaign contributions. Meanwhile, statewide, the governor’s race and “No on 2117,” hold the top two spots when it comes to campaign spending, with gubernatorial races as of Oct. 21 nearing \$24 million and spending on “No on 2117” broaching \$12 million, according to the state Public Disclosure Commission (PDC). The biggest gap in spending is between Heather Dudley-Nollette and Ben Thomas, who are vying for the District 1 seat. Dudley-Nollette has raised \$15,353 as of Oct. 21, with \$14,849 spent. Ben Thomas, according to the same PDC database shows \$125 raised and \$139 spent. The coffers show two unnamed

donors — one for \$100 and another for \$25. In 2021, during Thomas’ campaign for a city council seat, Thomas reported zero dollars in campaign contributions. In regard to the commissioner’s race, Thomas said in an email the figure was higher. “I raised a total of \$1,135 (mostly from family) but decided to stop fundraising because I only wanted to do the campaign events, interviews and any other ‘earned media’ that made sense.” “I didn’t have a campaign manager and didn’t want to do yard signs or other advertising,” Thomas said. “I’m running to offer a viable alternative of a more bottom-up and transparent local government, and plastering the



\$14,849

Heather Dudley-Nollette's spending as of Oct. 21

\$139

Ben Thomas' spending as of Oct. 21

roadside with my name didn’t feel in keeping with those values. Dudley-Nollette’s contributions include \$500 in donations from a political action committee (PAC), \$2,220 in party contributions and \$10,632 in individual contributions. Beyond the Democratic Party and the PAC, Dudley-Nollette’s largest contributors also include \$2,400 from Deborah Jahnke, \$2,400 from Richard Jahnke, \$500 from Duncan Kellogg, \$500 from Mary Kellogg, \$500 from former Port Townsend Mayor Michelle Sandoval, five \$250 contributions from Greg Boyd, David Gooding, Ki Gottberg, Linda Martin and Elizabeth (Libby) Wennstrom.

GOVERNOR’S RACE

Total spending for the governor’s seat topped \$25 million in 2008 and \$26 million in 2012. With this year’s spending approaching previous records, the race has boiled down to two candidates: Democrat Bob Ferguson and Republican Dave Reichert. PDC data shows that Ferguson has raised \$13.3 million and spent \$12.8 million with Reichert having raised \$6.01 million and spent \$5.4 million. The total raised for all gubernatorial candidates is \$26.1 million. Washington’s last Republican governor was John Spellman. He was elected in 1980 but lost re-election. Since then, Democrats have won 10 straight gubernatorial contests. With Gov. Jay Inslee retiring, Washington will get a new governor for the first time in 12 years. Recent history shows battles for open seats are close. In 2004, Democrat Christine Gregoire defeated

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Jill Silver wins Eleanor Stopps environmental leadership award

BY MALLORY KRUML

Jill Silver was presented with the 2024 Eleanor Stopps Environmental Leadership Award by the Port Townsend Marine Science Center on Oct. 17 for her career spent leading successful conservation efforts throughout the West End of the Olympic Peninsula.

The award recognizes significant contributions to protecting and conserving the peninsula’s natural environment. Eleanor Stopps was an active Pacific Northwest conservation community member from the 1960s through the 1990s. She founded the Admiralty Audubon Chapter and was a catalyst behind establishing the Protection Island National Wildlife Refuge in 1982. Stopps died in 2012 at 92.

“[Silver] is a shining example of who the Eleanor Stopps Environmental Leadership Award was designed for,” said Diane Quinn, the marine center’s executive director. “[Silver] approaches conservation with a hands-on educational approach. She shares her knowledge of ecosystem health with local communities so that they may thrive through restoration efforts and be more resilient in the face of climate change.”

For years, Silver, the executive director of the 10,000 Year

Institute, a non-profit organization working to develop sustainable approaches to resource use by integrating the natural and human history of the earth’s ecosystems, has worked to protect several peninsula waterways, including the Hoh, Queets, and Quinault rivers.

“The millions of people who drive up to the Hoh Rainforest get to view largely intact native plant communities in great measure due to [Silver],” said the person who nominated her for the award.

Silver helped initiate the Natural Resources certification program at Peninsula College and is working to create a Climate Corps to address land stewardship and the need for young adult employment opportunities in Washington state. She is a citizen representative of the North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity for Salmon Recovery and the North Pacific Coast Marine Resources Committee.

“I wouldn’t be able to function if I didn’t have something big that I could constantly throw myself at and into,” Silver said during her acceptance speech. “I would like to share [this award] with everybody in this room. So many people here that I’ve worked alongside, and arm and arm with. I am really grateful.”



PTMSC Development and Marketing Director Liesl Slabaugh, Eleanor Stopps Environmental Leadership Award winner Jill Silver, and PTMSC Executive Director Diane Quinn pose for a photo at the Oct. 17 event. Photo by Mandi Johnson

BRIEFS

COLLEGE REPORTS GROWTH

A new report pegs the direct economic impact of Peninsula College to Jefferson and Clallam counties in fiscal 2023-2024 at \$44 million, a 15% increase over the year before. Full time enrollment also rose, by nearly 20%, according to a report presented to the college’s Board of Trustees Oct. 15. The college, which has its main campus in Port Angeles, has a location on the Fort Worden campus, and the Jefferson Education Center in Port Hadlock.

SHRED TO FED DELIVERS \$20,000 TO FOOD BANK

The Port Orchard-based Kitsap Bank recently presented more than \$20,000 to local food banks, following the completion of its fifth annual “From Shred to Fed” event, with the local Jefferson County Food Bank Association on that recipient list. “We were able to raise not only vital funds, but also awareness about food insecurity right here at home,” said Charles Robertson, the bank’s executive vice president. The annual event has collected

more than \$110,000 for area food banks, according to bank officials.

During the months of September and October, Kitsap Bank hosted ten “From Shred to Fed” events around the region, where the public could bring outdated or sensitive documents for secure destruction, while donating to the local food banks in those communities.

Combined with the bank’s corporate donations, Kitsap Bank generated more than \$43,000 in 2024 for local food banks in Kitsap, Jefferson, Clallam, and Pierce counties.

HOOD CANAL BRIDGE REPAIRS

The Washington State Department of Transportation received \$51 million in federal funds to repair the Hood Canal Bridge. The funding comes from the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America Grant Program. Crews will replace more than 3,400 feet of the western half of the bridge, which has deteriorated over the past 40 years due to the surrounding harsh

marine environment. Design work will begin in November 2025, with completion scheduled for June 2027.

BIRD FLU SUSPECTED WITHIN WASHINGTON

Washington state health officials are investigating after four agricultural workers tested presumptively positive for bird flu in Franklin County, marking the first presumed human cases in the state, the Washington State Department of Health announced Oct. 20. The four worked with infected birds at an egg farm where 800,000 chickens were euthanized after testing positive Oct. 15. The workers had mild symptoms and received antiviral medication. The risk to the broader public is currently low, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but health officials say people regularly exposed to birds, cattle and wild animals face a higher risk. The likely infections would make Washington the sixth state to record human infections of the bird flu strain H5N1.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 23 - OCTOBER 30

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23 Wed	52°	41°
24 Thu	52°	41°
25 Fri	54°	47°
26 Sat	55°	44°
27 Sun	54°	43°
28 Mon	52°	40°
29 Tue	51°	42°
30 Wed	51°	42°

DISCOVERY BAY TIDES

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23 Wed	10:56 8.4		2:25 -0.9	7:42	6:08	☾
24 Thu	11:58 8.3	8:33 5.7	3:27 -0.1	7:13 5.6	7:43 6:06	☾
25 Fri	12:48 PM8.2	10:20 5.3	4:36 0.7	7:53 4.9	7:45 6:04	☾
26 Sat		1:27 8.1	5:45 1.3	8:23 4.1	7:46 6:03	☾
27 Sun	12:18 5.2	1:57 7.9	6:46 2.0	8:46 3.3	7:48 6:01	☾
28 Mon	1:50 5.5	2:17 7.8	7:37 2.6	9:04 2.4	7:49 5:59	☾
29 Tue	2:57 6.0	2:30 7.7	8:20 3.3	9:21 1.6	7:51 5:58	☾
30 Wed	3:51 6.5	2:41 7.6	8:59 4.0	9:41 0.8	7:52 5:56	☾

PORT TOWNSEND TIDES

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23 Wed	11:43 8.9		2:42 -1.0	7:42	6:08	☾
24 Thu	12:45 PM8.8	9:20 6.1	3:44 -0.1	7:30 6.0	7:43 6:06	☾
25 Fri	1:35 PM 8.7	11:07 5.6	4:53 0.7	8:10 5.2	7:45 6:04	☾
26 Sat		2:14 8.6	6:02 1.4	8:40 4.3	7:46 6:03	☾
27 Sun	1:05 5.5	2:44 8.4	7:03 2.1	9:03 3.5	7:48 6:01	☾
28 Mon	2:37 5.9	3:04 8.3	7:54 2.8	9:21 2.6	7:49 5:59	☾
29 Tue	3:44 6.4	3:17 8.2	8:37 3.5	9:38 1.7	7:51 5:58	☾
30 Wed	4:38 6.9	3:28 8.1	9:16 4.3	9:58 0.9	7:52 5:56	☾

PORT LUDLOW TIDES

HIGH		LOW		SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOON
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23 Wed	11:31 9.8	9:17 7.5	3:22 -0.9	5:34 7.1	7:39 6:07	☾
24 Thu	12:43 PM9.7	10:46 6.8	4:23 0.1	7:10 6.3	7:41 6:05	☾
25 Fri		1:41 9.6	5:31 1.0	8:11 5.3	7:42 6:04	☾
26 Sat	12:23 6.6	2:25 9.6	6:42 1.7	8:55 4.3	7:44 6:02	☾
27 Sun	1:49 6.8	2:57 9.6	7:47 2.3	9:29 3.3	7:45 6:00	☾
28 Mon	2:59 7.3	3:20 9.5	8:41 2.9	9:56 2.4	7:47 5:59	☾
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City awards Mountain View Commons portable to YMCA

Jefferson County branch to use space for Child Advocacy Center

BY MALLORY KRUML

During its Oct. 21 meeting, the Port Townsend City Council authorized its city manager to sign an addendum for the YMCA to operate the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) out of the Mountain View campus portable.

The city received submittals from two other entities — the Winter Welcoming Center and Olympic Neighbors

— which had hoped to occupy the space.

According to the agenda bill, a committee of Mountain View tenants gathered and recommended the city select the YMCA, which can utilize the soundproof rooms previously operated by KPTZ for confidential forensic interviews.

“I am very happy it’s being used by a nonprofit that is using expensive

resources we put in and it’s going to work for them too,” said Monica MickHager, a member of the city council.

CACs provide support to victims of child abuse and aim to streamline the reporting process and increase the success rate of investigations by forming a collaborative, multidisciplinary team of law enforcement, healthcare professionals, prosecutors and child advocacy professionals.

The Jefferson County Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) - made up of

Jefferson Healthcare, the Port Townsend Police, Discovery Behavioral Healthcare and nine other community partners - oversees 42 active abuse cases, providing care in separate facilities.

A lack of a physical CAC location burdens the child and caregiver for coordination of appointments and all transportation to and from each facility, according to the YMCA. Right now, victims and their families must drive to Sequim for forensic interviews.

“As we look to build a

CAC, our current MDT works to guide children and families from crisis to hope, and help them navigate the complex criminal justice and child welfare system, in order to find the best outcomes possible,” CAC Director Jessica Lowe said in a March interview with The Leader. “We are dedicated to providing a protective environment, where children can feel safe to tell their stories to expert professionals who care and who can help stop the abuse so that children can begin a

process of healing.” The YMCA did not respond to a request for comment on the award of the space by press time.

Once open, the portable will allow CAC staff to provide services in a central Jefferson County location.

Carrie Hite, the director of parks and recreation strategy for Port Townsend, said the park and facilities team will spend the remainder of October preparing the space for the new tenants, who will occupy the space in November.

Deadline nears for Jefferson County Fair 2025 logo contest

BY KIRK BOXLEITNER

The Jefferson County Fair is running a logo contest for next year with the deadline for submission at the end of this month.

Fair staffer Laurie Hampton explained that the Jefferson County Fair’s decoration theme for 2025 will focus on the National Parks, with the

slogan “Explore More at the Jefferson County Fair.”

“This is a chance to create a unique logo that will be featured on all of the fair’s 2025 advertising materials,” Hampton said.

Submitted designs should incorporate both the National Parks theme and the phrase “Explore More at the Jefferson County Fair.” Hampton added

that logo artists may use up to four colors in their designs.

The contest is open to Jefferson County residents of all ages. By entering, individuals give permission for the Jefferson County Fairgrounds to reprint and utilize the logo for promotional purposes.

Kristi Pimentel, director of the Jefferson County Fair, said there may have been a previous

logo contest for the fair, years ago, but this is the first contest in which she’s taken part.

“We thought it would be a fun way to include the community, and encourage involvement in a new way,” Pimentel said. “We’re hoping for some fresh ideas.”

When asked if she had any advice for prospective fair logo designers, Pimentel said,

“Think about what would look good on a poster, a shirt and a pin. Be creative.”

The deadline for submission is Oct. 31, and the winner will receive two season tickets to the 2025 Jefferson County Fair.

Both questions and submissions should be sent to fair.director@jeffcofairgrounds.org.

Health insurance premiums to rise for WA small businesses by about 12%

BY GRACE DENG
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Health insurance costs in Washington for small businesses and their employees will increase an average of 11.9% in 2025, according to the state Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

This marks the highest increase for small employers in the last decade.

Nearly 220,000 people

will be affected by the new rates starting in January. Ten insurers were approved to sell group plans to small employers, with the largest increase going to Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon at 21.9%, impacting around 6,000 people.

“Health insurance costs have been the number one problem for small businesses for 38 years running, and these increases will only make

it worse,” said Patrick Connor, Washington state director for the National Federation of Independent Business.

Nationwide, a little over half of small employers offer employees health insurance.

“It’s a tough decision for small businesses to make about whether or not to offer their employees health coverage. It’s a promising sign that our state has over a dozen insurers offering small

employers plans,” said Washington Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler.

The nation’s average annual premium for an individual employee is \$1,368, up 6% from 2023, according to the health care research nonprofit KFF. That average rises to \$6,296 for employees with family coverage, up 24% over the last five years.

“High costs are often passed along to

customers, driving up the price of goods and services for the average American. We need action to address this issue and ensure small businesses can continue to be the engine that drives our economy forward,” said Sammi Kerley, a small business advisor with Small Business for America’s Future, in a press release from Fair Health Prices Washington, a consumer health care advocacy coalition.

Employers pay an average of \$7,584 on top of their employees’ share for health coverage for individuals, the KFF figures show.

Kreidler said his office sent a report to the Legislature in August with policy options to help make health care more affordable in Washington.

“We’re hopeful we can improve the underlying factors that have pushed costs up,” Kreidler said.

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Seattle-based percussionist and composer Ben Thomas will premiere a new work with the Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra during the final weekend of October. *Courtesy photo by Nina Lee Johnson*

Symphony orchestra opens fall season

BY KIRK BOXLEITNER

Over the course of his tenure directing the Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra, Tigran Arakelyan has continually been adding to a “wish list” of musicians and compositions he’d love to feature. This impending performance season of the PTSO promises to check off a number of selections from his list.

Arakelyan stepped up to his current post on the orchestra in the fall 2017 after auditioning for the role that spring. Each new season has made him feel grateful to present “great performances” for this community, with “such talented musicians.”

“What I love about Port Townsend and Chimacum audiences is that they can appreciate and accept all kinds of music, that other audiences might not be as open to hearing,” Arakelyan said. “This allows us to play music that might not be played as often, but which is worth being heard.”

The PTSO fall season for 2024 kicks off with a pair of weekend concerts, with the official full-fledged concert kicking off at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27, in the Chimacum High School auditorium at 91 West Valley Road, to be preceded by an open dress rehearsal at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25, with both performances free of charge to the public.

The October concerts feature Seattle-based percussionist and composer Ben Thomas. Arakelyan has known him for a decade, long enough to praise him as “passionate” and “fantastic” in his musical skills, which also include playing the bandoneon, a concertina-like instrument that’s popular in tango music.

Thomas regularly tours with the Atlas Tango Project, and although he’s built up five albums of original music spanning tango, jazz and chamber music, the PTSO October concerts will see the premiere of a new work by Thomas, whose music has been noted for exploring the growth of traditional tango, resulting from its exposure to new influences over the years.

Thomas’ piece, “Three Pieces for Bandoneon and Orchestra,” is made up of three movements: “Sonia’s Mask,” “Promise of Morning” and “Red Trimmed Tide.”

Thomas has taught music theory, composition and performance at Highline College in Des Moines, Washington, since 2001.

Arakelyan also expressed enthusiasm for being able to play “Blue Cathedral” by Jennifer Higdon, whom he noted is one of the most acclaimed contemporary classical composers, having racked up a Pulitzer

Prize in 2010 and three Grammy Awards.

“Blue Cathedral” was commissioned for the 75th anniversary of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, and now ranks among Higdon’s most popular pieces.

Among the October concerts’ other selections are the “Carnival Overture” by Antonin Dvorak, meant to evoke pre-Lenten celebrations, such as Mardi Gras, that occur around the world, as well as “Dances in the Canebrakes” by Florence Price, which moves from ragtime to a slower tango rhythm, followed by a popular cakewalk dance. All of it was originally written for the piano before being orchestrated by William Grant Still.

“In the Steppes of Central Asia” rounds out the program, having been composed by Alexander Borodin — one of “The Five” Russian composers in the late 1800s who created a national style of Russian music — after being commissioned for the Silver Jubilee of Tsar Alexander II in 1880.

The fall season of the PTSO is the latest development in a year that kicked off with Arakelyan being named among the “Top 30 Professionals of the Year” by Musical America Worldwide. That came after being named among the “40 Under 40” for Washington state by 425 Business magazine, earlier in 2023.

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Library Week highlights new services such as ‘Zenbooth’

BY KIRK BOXLEITNER

Fresh off another successful book sale, the Friends of the Port Townsend Library is trumpeting the host of other programs and features they support in conjunction with National Friends of the Libraries Week, which runs Oct. 20-26.

It’s a mission likewise supported by the Port Townsend City Council, which issued a proclamation on Monday, Oct. 21.

Among the programs supported by the sales of those gently used books, DVDs and CDs is the upcoming installation of a two-party “Zenbooth” for the Port Townsend Public Library, to afford a measure of privacy for smaller in-person and virtual meetings within the library space.

Keith Darrock, manager of the library’s public and technical services, noted that the Pink House meeting room is available to serve larger groups, but what the library currently lacks is a semi-private meeting space for either two people meeting in person, or two parties speaking over the phone or via the internet.

“Let’s say you want to attend a Zoom meeting, take part in a web conference or just call someone, without it being out in the open and distracting other library patrons,” Darrock said. “We don’t really have a good space to conduct even a relatively quiet one-on-one interview, without it being disruptive to others.”

Darrock noted that the pandemic contributed to shifts in how people use technology, which is why the Friends of the Port Townsend Library have also funded the library’s once-a-week IT assistant, known as the Digital Equity Navigator, to help patrons with their digital devices.

But as more people conduct more of their business through electronic devices, Darrock sees the Zenbooth, which is set to be installed in the library’s upstairs, becoming popular enough to draw daily usage, so that patrons have a place for job interviews or telehealth conferences.



Friends of Port Townsend Public Library plans for its “Zenbooth” to provide semi-private two-party meeting space for patrons. *Photo courtesy of Zenbooth*

“It’ll be available for scheduled or drop-in usage, with time limits, depending upon the level of demand,” Darrock said. “It could double as a study space when no one else is using it. It’s not a huge space, about nine feet at its widest, with a glass door, but it’s relatively soundproofed, and it comes with a skylight, so it doesn’t feel like a closet.”

The Zenbooth was set to arrive at the library mid-month, so patrons might already see its installation kicking off by the time this story sees print, but Darrock cautioned against expecting the Zenbooth to be ready for service before the end of the month.

“It’s totally free, with no charge to our patrons,” Darrock said. “The Friends of the Library were able to fund its purchase for less than \$10,000.”

Emily Bufford, manager of the library’s youth and outreach services, wanted to take advantage of the upcoming National Friends of Libraries Week to tout the library’s Summer Reading program, also supported by the Friends, since it provides opportunities “for adults, teens and kids to come together over a

shared love of reading.”

Bufford recounted how, over the past three years, the Port Townsend Public Library “has reduced barriers to access, and expanded the reach of this program,” which drew a record number of community members as participants in 2024.

“In total, 650 community members — including kids, teens, and adults — accomplished our 10-hour reading goal,” Bufford said. “Of those, 341 community members accomplished our larger reading goals of 50 hours for kids and teens, and 100 hours for adults.”

Cindy Johnson, one of the vice presidents of Port Townsend Library Friends and Foundation, promised that the all-volunteer organization would continue to furnish such services, with the surrounding community’s support and participation.

“Organizations like ours depend on people stepping up, and we need a pipeline of interested folks who are willing to be involved,” Johnson said. “There are so many positives to volunteering, especially as one of our board members. Not only do our board members give back, but

they have a chance to even learn new ones. To current skills, new use their talents and thrive, nonprofit boards ideas, and the desire to skills, and perhaps need new members with participate and lead.”

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GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
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AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
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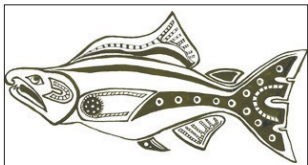
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INVITATION TO BID

City of Port Townsend
250 Madison Street, Suite 2R
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Project Name: Water Street Sewer Replacement

Project Description: The project includes extending the City's existing Monroe Lift Station force main by approximately 1,850 linear feet via horizontal directional drilling and open-cut and replacing approximately 1,830 linear feet of existing gravity sewer main via sliplining along Water Street. The work also includes traffic control, temporary sewer bypasses, manhole rehabilitations, side sewer reinstatements, abandonment, restoration and coordination with the City for construction sequencing. Photos of the sewer manholes being rehabilitated as part of this project are accessible through the website below.

https://rh2engineeringinc.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/rh2files/sharing/EHWHI8_5QRFKtyCeulN6YxsBSDVacse8CEsOLZ_5-JP_fQ?e=37X3J4

Schedule:The project must be completed within 80 working days.

Bid Date: Sealed bids will be received by the City of Port Townsend, at the Front Desk located at City of Port Townsend City Hall, 250 Madison Street, Suite 1, Port Townsend, WA 98368, until **2:00 PM** local time, on **November 13, 2024**, Proposals received after the time fixed for opening will not be considered. The City of Port Townsend reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in the bid or in the bid opening.

Each bid shall be in accordance with the Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents which are on file and may be examined at the City of Port Townsend City Hall, 250 Madison Street, Suite 1, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

No bidder may withdraw their proposal after the hours set for the opening thereof, or before award of contract, unless said award is delayed for a period exceeding sixty (60) calendar days.

Bid Bond: All Bid Proposals shall be accompanied by a Bid Proposal deposit in surety bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of such Bid proposal. Should the successful Bidder fail to enter into such contract and furnish satisfactory bonds to perform the Work within the time states in the Specifications, the Bid Proposal deposit shall be forfeited to the City of Port Townsend.

Bid Documents: Plans, specifications, addenda, and plan holders list for this project will be available on-line through Builders Exchange of Washington, Inc. at <http://www.bxwa.com>. Click on "Posted Projects", "Public Works", "City of Port Townsend", "Projects Bidding", and "Project Bid Date". Bidders must "Register as a Bidder", in order to receive automatic e-mail notification of future addenda and to be placed on the "Bidders List". This service is provided free of charge to Prime Bidders, Subcontractors, and Vendors bidding this project. Please contact Builders Exchange of Washington at (425) 258-1303 should you require assistance.

By signing the Bid Proposal, the Bidder is aware and has read the City of Port Townsend's Title VI Non-Discrimination Assurances, **Exhibit I**.

Technical Questions: Technical Questions should be directed to Andre Harper, Project Manager, at aharper@cityofpt.us

The City of Port Townsend is an equal and affirmative action employer. The City of Port Townsend hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into, pursuant to this advertisement, minority and women's business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to the invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award.

All contractors must be licensed in the State of Washington to conduct business.

All work performed on the project will be subject to state prevailing wage rates.

This project is funded through the Washington State Public Works Department Board Loan and Grant Programs. PWB requirements and provisions must be met by general contractors and all subcontractors.

PUBLISHED: Daily Journal of Commerce and Port Townsend Leader Publish Date: October 23, 2024 and October 30, 2024 John Mauro, City Manager, City of Port Townsend

PTL.: October 23,30, 2024
Legal No.210170

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Port Townsend Ordinance 3341 Adopting 2025 Property Tax Levies

The City Council will meet in regular session to conduct a public hearing to consider Ordinance 3341 adopting 2025 Property Tax Levies. The hearing is scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2024, at or about 6:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 540 Water Street, Port Townsend, Washington.

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 <https://zoom.us/j/98187633367> (enter the Webinar ID 98187633367) or submitting written comments to the City Clerk, City of Port Townsend, 250 Madison Street, Suite 2, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Written comments on the merits of the amendments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on September 16, 2024. Submit public comment to be included in the written record to: <https://publiccomment.fillout.com/cityofpt> . The proposed ordinance will be available for review on November 1, 2024 in the City Clerk's office on the second floor of City Hall, 250 Madison Street.

PTL.: October 23,30, 2024
Legal No.210159

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Port Townsend Preliminary 2025 Budget

City Manager John Mauro has filed his recommended preliminary budget for 2025 with the City Clerk. The City Council will meet in regular session to conduct a public hearing to consider the preliminary budget prior to adoption. The hearing is scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2024, at or about 6:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 540 Water Street, Port Townsend, Washington.

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 <https://zoom.us/j/98187633367> (enter

the Webinar ID 98187633367) or submitting written comments to the City Clerk, City of Port Townsend, 250 Madison Street, Suite 2, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Written comments on the merits of the amendments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on September 16, 2024. Submit public comment to be included in the written record to: <https://publiccomment.fillout.com/cityofpt> . The proposed preliminary budget will be available for review on November 1, 2024 in the City Clerk's office on the second floor of City Hall, 250 Madison Street.

PTL.: October 23,30, 2024
Legal No.210160

County Notices



INVITATION FOR BIDS: JEFFERSON COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE - DISCOVERY BAY OYSTER SHELL SPREAD

Statement of need (scope of work). The Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee (MRC) seeks a qualified bidder to transport bagged oyster shell to Discovery Bay. Over the past ten years the MRC has been spreading oyster shell substrate as part of a long-term restoration project seeking to reestablish a native Olympia oyster bed. Oyster shell provides substrate for Olympia oyster larvae to settle and mature. The current restoration area contains approximately 120,000 oysters over half an acre, and there is additional area ready for substrate spread. The restoration area is in Southern Discovery Bay (47.005043, -122.878226). The MRC has secured all permits, except for a shell transfer permit, to place an additional 55 yards of oyster shell on two DNR parcels.

We seek a qualified company to transport bags of Pacific oyster shell into the bay at a high tide (+5ft) or above, and hand toss the bags over the side of a boat onto an area the MRC has demarcated by buoys. Each bag of shell should contain between 200-250 individual Pacific oyster shells, for approximately 30 bags of shell per cubic yard. The shell must be able to qualify for a WDFW shell transfer permit. If allowed by the contractor, the MRC can provide several volunteers to help toss bagged shell off the boat. The bags will be emptied by the MRC at a later date at low tide by hand.

The estimated maximum budget is \$16,000 including any labor costs, transportation costs, applicable taxes, and surcharges. Costs incurred in the development of proposals and the selection process will be assumed by the proposers. The proposed work will need to be completed before the end of the 2024 calendar year, ideally by mid-December, appropriate tides and weather depending. Final timeline will be mutually agreed upon by the Contractor and the MRC.

Submittal deadline. The deadline for submission of proposals is Wednesday November 6th, 2024 at 5pm. Submissions received after this date will not be considered. Submissions may be sent via email to jeff.co.mrc@gmail.com, by phone at (360) 379-5610, ext. 230, or in writing to: Attn: Marine Resources Committee, 121 Oak Bay Rd, Port Hadlock, WA 98339. Written proposals must be postmarked by November 6th, 2024 to be considered.

Please visit <https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1430> to view full RFP, including evaluation criteria and proposal elements.

Public Disclosure Notice: This RFP will be made available online on the Jefferson County website and in the Port Townsend Leader.

PTL.: Oct 23,30 Nov 6, 2024
Legal No.210128



JEFFERSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Notice of Application and Optional Determination of Mitigated Non-Significance
for an Expansion of Mining Activities at the Wahl Extraction Site (ZONS2024-00002).

Date of Issuance: October 23, 2024

Jefferson county Department of Community Development (DCD) has received a permit application from Miles Sand & Gravel Company to expand existing mining operations at the Wahl Extraction Site (ZONS2024-00002). The application was received on June 28, 2024, and deemed complete on July 26, 2024.

LOCATION: This proposal is located off State Route 104, within the Shine Hub Mining Complex west of Hood Canal Bridge. The expansion will occur over five parcels owned by Pope Resources. The site address is 1402 Wahl Lake Rd. Port Ludlow, WA 98365.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: APN# 801361001, S36 T28N R1W TAX 0213 / APN# 701011001, S1 T27N R1W TAX 213 / APN# 701021002 S2 T27N R1W TAX 0206 / APN# 70111001 S11 T27N R1W TAX 0206 / APN# 701121001 S12 T27N R1W TAX 0203

SITE HISTORY & CHARACTERISTICS: The Wahl Extraction Area began operations in 2003 under permit # BLD2003-00524. As part of the larger "Shine Hub", this area contains abundant reserves of high-quality sand and gravel which are used as construction aggregates.

PROPOSAL: The applicant is proposing to expand the existing 165-acre Wahl Lake Extraction operation by an additional 200 acres to access resources contiguous to the current extraction areas. An elevated conveyor system will be constructed to facilitate moving materials between the extraction site and existing processing area. The proposed expansion is within an approved Mineral Resources Land Overlay. The parcels involved are within Commercial Forest zoning (CF- 80). When mining activities are concluded, the area will be replanted and returned to forestry uses.

PERMITS REQUIRED: Washington Geological Survey - Reclamation Permit, Washington Department of Ecology- NPDES Sand & Gravel General Permit, Olympic Regional Clean Air Agency - Operating Permit, Jefferson County Department of Community Development – Stormwater permit.

REPORTS SUBMITTED: GeoEngineers - Habitat Management Plan, March 6, 2024, Harmsen Engineers – Reclamation Plan, June 14, 2024, GeoResources – Geologic and Hydrogeologic (CARA) Report, May 19, 2003, Environmental Analysis – "Noise Levels with Operations at the Wahl Extraction Permit Area at Shine", Supplemental Noise Report, February 2003, Environmental Checklist for Wahl Extraction Area, 2003.

SEPA THRESHOLD DETERMINATION: Jefferson County DCD is the lead agency for this proposal and has reviewed the proposed project for probably significant adverse impacts and expects to issue a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS). The optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355 is being used. This may be your only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposed project. Agencies, Tribes, and the public are encouraged to review and comment on the proposal and its probable environmental impacts.

COMMENT PERIOD AND WHERE TO VIEW DOCUMENTS: Unless otherwise noted, the above information is available for review between the hours of 9:00AM to 12:00PM and 1:00PM to 4:30PM Monday through Thursday at the Jefferson County Department

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of Community Development, 621 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368, or on-line at https://energovweb.jeffcowa.us/energov_prod/SelfService#/search, insert case # ZONS2024-00002. SEPA comments must be received by 4:30 pm on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 to be considered. Please send comments to Andy Gosnell, the project planner at agosnell@co.jefferson.wa.us or (360)379-4458. Written comments may be mailed or dropped off at DCD's office at 621 Sheridan St. Port Townsend, WA 98368. After the SEPA process is complete DCD will issue a decision on this Type I permit.

PTL.: October 23, 2024
Legal No.210172



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance in Chapter 15.15 of the Jefferson County Code; Enacting a new chapter 15.15 of the Jefferson County Code and Adding State of Washington Model Flood Ordinance and Federal Emergency Management Agency Community Rating System Program Provisions; Repealing Ordinance No. 05-0513-19; and Amending Section 18.40.040 of the Jefferson County Code.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing has been set by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners (Board) for **MONDAY, October 28, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Commissioners' Chambers, County Courthouse, 1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Notice of said public hearing is to be published in the official newspaper of Jefferson County.

The ordinance is available for viewing on the County website by clicking on: www.co.jefferson.wa.us – Services – Laserfiche Web Portal (username and password is: public) – Board of Commissioners – BOCC Agenda Packets – 2024 Weekly Agenda Items – 10 October 2024 – 102824 – Hearing re Flood Damage Prevention

You are welcome to participate in this hearing. You will need to join the meeting by 10:00 a.m. using the following methods: **VIRTUALLY:** Via the following Zoom, link: <https://zoom.us/j/93777841705>, **PHONE:** Dial 1-253-215-8782 and enter access code: 937-7784- 1705# and press *9 to "raise your hand" to be called upon. Access for the hearing impaired can be accommodated using Washington Relay Service at 1-800-833-6384, or **IN-PERSON:** in the Board Chambers.

If you experience difficulties joining the meeting or viewing documents, please call 360-385-9100 to report any issues.

In addition, written testimony is also invited beginning on October 16, 2024 and ending at the end of the Public Hearing, unless extended by the Board. Written public testimony may be submitted by **Email to:** jeffbocc@co.jefferson.wa.us You may view testimony received by clicking here: www.co.jefferson.wa.us – Services – Laserfiche Web Portal (username and password is: public) – Board of Commissioners – BOCC Agenda Packets – 2024 Weekly Agenda Items – 10 October 2024 – 102824 – Hearing re Flood Damage Prevention

You can also **Mail** your testimony to: Jefferson County Commissioners' Office; PO Box 1220, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Written testimony must be received by the Board of County Commissioners by the end of the hearing testimony period. Signed this 14th day of October 2024.

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Kate Dean, Chair
PTL.: October 16,23, 2024
Legal No.210094



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-Public Service Funds

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing is scheduled by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners for **Monday, November 4, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Commissioners' Chambers, County Courthouse, 1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368 (HYBRID). Notice of said hearing is to be published in the official newspapers of Jefferson County and Clallam County.

This hearing is to review the spending of the 2022-2024 Public Service funding to benefit low- to moderate-income residents. Representatives from Olympic Community Action Program will be present to discuss community needs, inform citizens of the availability of funds and proposed uses of the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in 2024-2025. All parties are interested to receive comments on the proposed use of funds toward, particularly from lower income persons residing in the Jefferson and Clallam Counties.

The information is available for viewing on the County website by clicking on: www.co.jefferson.wa.us – Services – Laserfiche Web Portal (username and password is: public) – Board of Commissioners – BOCC Agenda Packet – 2024 Weekly Agenda Items – 04 November 2024 – 110424 – HEARING re CDBG Public Service Funds

You are welcome to participate in this hearing. You will need to join the meeting by 10:30 a.m. using the following methods: **VIRTUALLY:** Via the following Zoom, link: <https://zoom.us/j/93777841705>, **PHONE:**

Dial 1-253-215-8782 and enter access code: 937-7784-1705# and press *9 to "raise your hand" to be called upon. Access for the hearing impaired can be accommodated using Washington Relay Service at 1-800-833-6384, or **IN-PERSON**

In addition, written testimony is also invited beginning on October 23, 2024 and ending on November 4, 2024 at the end of the Public Hearing, unless extended by the Board of County Commissioners. Written public testimony may be submitted by Email to: jeffbocc@co.jefferson.wa.us You may view testimony received by clicking here: www.co.jefferson.wa.us – Services – Laserfiche Web Portal – Board of County Commissioners – BOCC Agenda Packets – 2024 Weekly Agenda Items – 04 November 2024 – 110424 - HEARING re CDBG Public Service Funds

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

Signed this 21st day of October, 2024.
JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Kate Dean, Chair
PTL.: October 23,30, 2024
Legal No.210175

P.U.D. Notices
2025 CONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION

Jefferson County PUD No. 1, Port Townsend, Washington, is updating its Pre-Qualified Electrical Contractor Roster for contract work for electrical facility construction or improvement in accordance with State of Washington requirements. Contractors must be pre-qualified by the District's Board of Commissioners annually to work on the District's electrical and/or fiber systems. Typical contracts bid under this list include construction or improvement

of electrical transmission and distribution lines, pole inspection and treatment, tree trimming and brushing, etc. Fiber work may consist of splicing, overhead and/or underground fiber construction projects. Please visit our website at www.jeffpud.org and click on Records/Data and then Contractor Information for application documents or contact Karen Abbott, Contract Compliance Specialist at 360.379-5824 or kabbott@jeffpud.org . Completed applications must be received by 4:00 p.m., Friday, November 29, 2024. All contractors must be registered with the State of Washington. By applying, you are also verifying that your firm is not in suspended status or on any State or Federal Debarment list.

PTL.: October 23, 2024
Legal No.210173

O3A Notices

Olympic Area Agency on Aging (O3A) requests applicants to provide Evidence-Based Health Programs to older adults (60+) and tribal members (55+) in Clallam, Jefferson, Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties. The purpose of these programs is to reduce illnesses that lower quality of life, increase health care costs, and reduce an older adult's ability to live independently. Initial contract award will be issued for March 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, with one annual renewal for 2026 possible based on funding availability and contract performance. Applicants may apply to offer services in one or more counties. Request for Proposal (RFP) documents including general program info and the RFP schedule and application requirements are available at <https://www.o3a.org/contracting/special-opportunities/>. Closing date for receipt of proposals is Friday, November 22, 2024 at

5:00 p.m. PST. For questions or more information contact Janis Housden, Contracts Manager, janis.housden@dshs.wa.gov or call (360)379-5064, Ext. 2105.

PTL.: October 23,30 &
Nov 5,13,20, 2024
Legal No.210158

Notice to Creditors
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

IN THE ESTATE OF LYMAN G. LEONG Deceased.
NO. 24-4-00108-16
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
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 applicable statute of limitations in the manner as 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 the Personal Representative or his/her attorney at the address below a copy of the claim. The claim must be presented by the later of (a) Thirty (30) days after the Personal Representative served or mailed this notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020; or (b) four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice. 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

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

In the Estate of
ESTHER LOUISE MARZYCK
Deceased
NO. 24-4-00110-16
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must present the claim (a) before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, and (b) in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by: (1) filing the original of the claim with the foregoing Court, and (2) serving the Personal Representative at the address stated below a copy of the claim. The claim must be presented within the later of: (a) THIRTY DAYS after the Personal Representative has served actual notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020; or (b) FOUR MONTHS after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time period, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW sections 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
DATE OF OPENING PROBATE: October 18, 2024
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: October 23, 2024.
Personal Representative: Catherine Marzyck, 1240 W. Sims Way #323, Pt. Townsend, WA 98368.
Published: The PT Leader
Oct 23,30 Nov 6, 2024
Legal No.210162

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

In the Matter of the Estate of:
JEFFREY STEVEN SCHAFER,
Deceased.
NO. 24-4-07018-1 KNT
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Sandra Lynn Schafer has been appointed as the 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: (a) filing the original of the claim with the Court, and (b) serving the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below with a copy of the claim. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) THIRTY DAYS after the Personal Representative has served actual notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) FOUR MONTHS after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except

as otherwise provided in RCW sections 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
DATE OF OPENING PROBATE: October 10, 2024
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: October 16, 2024
Attorney for Personal Representative: Michael K. DuBeau, WSBA # 15581
MICHAEL DUBEAU & ASSOCIATES, P.S., 2135 112th Avenue N.E., Suite 200
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Published: The PT Leader
October 16,23,30, 2024
Legal No.210097

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY

In re the Estate of
JOHN F. WILLIAMS,
Deceased.
NO. 24-4-05556-5 SEA
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim

against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court 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: October 16, 2024
Personal Representative: John M. Williams
Attorney for Personal Representative: Elizabeth F. Jennings (WSBA #44111)
Address for Mailing or Service: Elizabeth F. Jennings Stokes Lawrence, P.S. 1420 5th Avenue, Suite 3000

Seattle, WA 98101-2393
Court of probate proceedings and cause no.:
KCSC No. 24-4-05556-5 SEA
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Legal No.210089

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

PAMELA O. HANSON, an individual;
ALEXIS R. KANE, an individual, Plaintiff,
vs.
AMANDA MENENDEZ, an individual, Defendant.
NO. 24-2-00166-16
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON to AMANDA MENENDEZ:

You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty (60) days after the 25th day of September 2024, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled court, and answer the Complaint for Partition of Property of the Plaintiffs, PAMELA O. HANSON and ALEXIS R. KANE, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for the Plaintiffs, Darren R. Krattli of Eisenhower Carlson PLLC and Robert G. Bowen of Olympic Law Firm PLLC, at the office address below stated; and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Complaint for Partition of Property, which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court.

Plaintiffs' Complaint seeks to partition certain real property commonly known as at 231 Elmira Street, Port Townsend, Washington 98368 (Jefferson County Tax Parcel No. 999005302).

This Summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the State of Washington, RCW 4.28.100, and RCW 4.28.110.

DATED this 13th day of September, 2024.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR COWLITZ COUNTY JUVENILE DIVISION

In Re the Interest of:
ROSS, AEDAN JAMES WALKER
DOB: 07/07/2015
Minor Child.
Case No.: 22-7-00442-08
NOTICE AND SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION (Dependency)

TO: JOHN HOGAN, Alleged Parent

A Dependency Petition was filed on October 11, 2022; A Fact Finding hearing will be held on this matter on November 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at Cowlitz County Youth Services Center, 1725 First Ave, Longview, WA 98632. YOU SHOULD BE PRESENT AT THIS HEARING.

THE HEARING WILL DETERMINE IF YOUR CHILD IS DEPENDENT AS DEFINED IN RCW 13.34.050(5). THIS BEGINS A JUDICIAL PROCESS WHICH COULD RESULT IN PERMANENT LOSS OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR AT THE HEARING THE COURT MAY ENTER A DEPENDENCY ORDER IN YOUR ABSENCE.

To request a copy of the Notice, Summons, and Dependency Petition, call DSHS at 360/501-2600. To view information about your rights in this proceeding, go to www.atg.wa.gov/DPY

DATED this 3rd day of October, 2024.

STACI L. MYKLEBUST
Cowlitz County Clerk
Published: The PT Leader
Oct. 9,16,23,30, Nov. 6,13, 2024
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23

BABY TIME AT THE LIBRARY

Songs, rhymes, simple stories and playful movements designed to stimulate brain development and joyful learning. This lap-sit program is for infants and early toddlers. Siblings are welcome. 10:30-11 a.m. at the Jefferson County Library.

CITIZEN SCIENCE: MIGRATORY SHOREBIRD COUNT

Help scientists count local migratory shorebirds on our coasts! Join volunteers of the Admiralty Audubon Society and fellow Citizen Scientists to count migratory shorebirds this fall. Phone apps eBird and Merlin are required. 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Irondale Beach County Park.

THE RESILIENCE CLUB

Calling all young people ages 14-18! Are you looking for a relaxed and supportive space to talk about your goals and struggles? Join AJ and Sarah at The Nest for the bi-weekly Resilience Club — a self-driven, judgment-free zone where you can share, learn and grow together. 3-4 p.m. at the Nest.

“WHO CARES? SHOW UP MAKES A DIFFERENCE!” A VOTER REGISTRATION EVENT

With an important election on the horizon, we welcome all community members to activate their civic engagement by attending. Special invitation for people ages 18-25. 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Nest.

DANCE CLUB

Dance Club is a fitness-style dance class that incorporates jazz/funk and hip-hop-inspired choreography and “dance club” moves in a low-pressure and supportive, fun environment! (All levels.) 5-6 p.m. at the Port Townsend Athletic Club.

MAGIC THE GATHERING COMMANDER NIGHT

Bring your favorite commander and let’s play Magic the Gathering! Commander is all about awesome legendary creatures, big plays and battling your friends in epic multiplayer games. It’s a great way to learn how to build your deck, try new things and have a bit of casual fun. Everyone is welcome to come play! 5-8:30 p.m. at Strange Days Comics and Games.

STAR WARS UNLIMITED PLAY

Grab your friends and stop in to play Star Wars Unlimited! Whether you are new to the game or have created the perfect deck, everyone is welcome to come play! 5-8:30 p.m. at Strange Days Comics and Games.

IRISH SESSION

The Irish Breakfast Trad Session, hosted by local band Irish Breakfast. This session will feature traditional Irish — as well as the occasional Scottish and Cape Breton — tunes and songs. 6-7:30 p.m. at Finnriver.

TRIVIA

Join two rounds of music trivia. 6:30-8 p.m. at the Keg and I.

BINGO

The Hilltop Tavern has BINGO with 100% of the proceeds going to benefit a different charitable community group! 7-10 p.m. at the Hilltop Tavern.

THURSDAY, OCT. 24

LATIN/JAZZ WITH JULIAN CATFORD

A uniquely versatile guitarist, Julian fuses his early love of American jazz and improvisation with decades of diving deep into the guitar music of the world. Julian plays an incredible variety of musical styles, adding his own dazzling spin and compositions to the music of Latin America. 4-6 p.m. at the Vintage.

BOSSA NOVA JAZZ

Live Bossa Nova Jazz. 5-7 p.m. at the Bishop Block Bottle Shop.

COMEDY OPEN MIC

Get ready for the funniest night of the week! Whether you’re a seasoned comedian or just looking for a good laugh, this is the place to be. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Keg and I.

BOARD GAME NIGHT

There will be a selection from our



Gulls gather on the beach at Point Wilson in Port Townsend. Admiralty Audubon volunteers and citizen scientists will gather to count local migratory shorebirds at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23, at Irondale Beach County Park. *Leader file photo by Nicholas Johnson*



Mia Torres will perform at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at the Old Alcohol Plant Inn in Port Hadlock. *Courtesy photo*

RIVALS SPORTS

Oct. 23: Boys Tennis - 3:30 p.m. at PTHS Courts

Swim & Dive - 3:30 p.m. at Mountain View Pool

Oct. 24: JV Girls Soccer v. Klahowya - 4:00 p.m. at Chimacum

Oct. 25: Football v. Kingston - 7:00 p.m. at Memorial

Oct. 26: No home events

Oct. 28: Volleyball v. Annie Wright JV - 5:00 p.m.; Varsity - 6:30pm at Chimacum

Oct. 29: No home events

library of games for you to try out, or you’re welcome to bring your own. Grab your snacks and drinks then head up to the mezzanine to play! 5-8:30 p.m. at Strange Days Comics and Games.

HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF FUNDRAISER

Let’s come together and raise funds to support communities in western North Carolina, who are living in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Fun for the whole family, including bingo, a raffle and a dance party! Hosted by Second Growth Herb Collective and friends. 5-9 p.m. at Finnriver.

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Trinity United Methodist’s Candlelight Concerts hosts Kevin Ayesh, a classical pianist who will be performing at Trinity United Methodist Church. 7-8 p.m. online, on the radio and in person at the Trinity Methodist Church.

MUSIC TRIVIA

Free to play! Name that tune and artist in a fun environment. You can make a team of up to 5 people! 8-10 p.m. at the Uptown Pub.

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

D&D SESSIONS

Looking for adventure? Look no further! Our Dungeons & Dragons Sessions are full of epic journeys, thrilling challenges and hilarious hijinks. This series will have players



Classical pianist Kevin Ayesh will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at Trinity United Methodist Church’s Candlelight Concert series. *Courtesy photo*



Blue Sky Iguanas will perform at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25 at the Keg and I in Chimacum. *Courtesy photo*

exploring the sword coast in an ongoing adventure created by our Dungeon Master, Mike. Sessions are \$20 and 13+ are welcome, no experience required! Noon to 4 p.m. at Strange Days Comics and Games.

MIA TORRES

Get ready to be swept away by her mesmerizing melodies and captivating performances. Whether you’re a classical music aficionado or simply enjoy beautiful music, Mia’s skill and passion on the piano are

sure to leave you spellbound. 5-7 p.m. at the Old Alcohol Plant Inn.

SPOKEN WORD OPEN MIC

Dive into the vibrant world of spoken word, poetry, storytelling and more. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Nest.

KARAOKE & OPEN MIC

Come hang out at the Karaoke + Open Mic. Rock your own music on the mic, sing a cover, or enjoy kicking back and taking it all in. Enjoy delicious drinks and snacks at

the coffee bar. Welcoming ages 25 and under. 5-7:30 p.m. at the Nest.

HONKY TONK/COUNTRY DANCE PARTY

Honky Tonk is happening! Grab your boots and join us for some two-steppin’ tunes by Jack Dwyer and The Rodeo Dendrons. 6-8 p.m. at Finnriver.

BLUE SKY IGUANAS

Blue Sky Iguanas playing acoustic & electric guitar both original tunes and covers you know - blues, folk,

CIVICS MEETINGS

Port Townsend Sunrise Rotary Club: New and returning members will meet on Oct. 23 in the fellowship hall at Grace Lutheran Church, 1120 Walker St. at 7:15 a.m.

Port Townsend Kiwanis Club: New and returning members will meet on Oct. 23 at the Highway 20 Roadhouse Restaurant, 2152 Sims Way at 12 p.m.

Jefferson Healthcare Hospital Commission: Commissioners will meet for a regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 23 in the Sheridan Conference Room, 915 Sheridan St. or on Zoom at 2 p.m.

Port Townsend City Council: Council members, city staff and the planning commission will host an interactive virtual workshop to review ongoing public engagement and directions on the 20-year comprehensive plan on Oct. 23 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The event will provide scenarios that show frameworks for growth and shape long-term goals for how land may be used in Port Townsend.

Port of Port Townsend Commission: Commissioners will meet on Wednesday Oct. 23 at the Point Hudson Pavilion Building, 355 Hudson St. at 5:30 p.m.

Port Townsend Finance and Budget Committee: Committee members will meet for a regular meeting on Oct. 24 in the council chambers at City Hall, 540 Water St. at 3:00 p.m. Agenda items include a discussion on the city manager’s compensation.

Port Townsend Planning Commission: Commissioners will meet for a regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 24 in the council chambers at City Hall, 540 Water St. at 6:30 p.m. Agenda items include an update on recent outreach and land capacity analysis.

Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners: Commissioners will meet for a regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 28 at the Jefferson County Courthouse, 1820 Jefferson St. or on Zoom at 9 a.m.

jazz with a pinch of Latin beat. Will be the last show of this year before members depart to go south for the winter - Don’t miss it! 6-8 p.m. at the Keg and I.

COMEDY OPEN MIC

Get ready for the funniest night of the week! Whether you’re a seasoned comedian or just looking for a good laugh, this is the place to be. 7-9 p.m. at the Old Alcohol Plant Inn.

HAUNTED BORDELLO

Some things just won’t stay dead. . . Port Townsend’s Haunted Bordello rises up to titillate and terrify you once again. The darkness has seeped from a lonely old house - it’s now taking over the whole city. 7-10 p.m. at 280 Quincy St.

see **CALENDAR**, page A12

POLICE LOG

Port Townsend Police responded to 177 calls between Oct. 12 and Oct. 17:

OCT. 12: Officers responded to a hit-and-run accident which resulted in a DUI arrest of the female driver after deputies assisted and located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop.

• At approximately 3:48 a.m., an officer recognized a subject with warrants in the parking lot of Henery's Hardware. The warrant was confirmed, and the male suspect was arrested and booked into the county jail.

OCT. 13: A hit-and-run accident in the 2400 block

of Washington Street was reported to have occurred sometime between 9-11 p.m. the night before. The Reporting Party's (RP) vehicle sustained damage to the side of the car.

• Officers attempted to contact a female resident at her house after she attached a political sign to a telecom pole, using telecom line to secure it. This is not allowed, and the sign was removed. She refused to answer the door.

OCT. 14: A disturbance was reported at approximately 3 a.m. with reports of a man screaming. Officers contacted a man with a history of similar behavior, but did not witness a current disturbance.

• Officers warned a driver for trespassing on private

property on Water Street, and for having expired tabs.

OCT. 15: A woman was arrested for her outstanding war-rants after she was reported to be causing a disturbance, yelling at her neighbor.

• Officers responded to a bicycle-versus-vehicle collision on San Juan Avenue, when a bicyclist riding on the side-walk ran into the side of a car backing out of the driveway. There were no injuries.

OCT. 16: Officers responded to a trespass in progress at QFC. The RP stated a shirtless man that had been previously trespassed was in the deli, refusing to leave and acting erratic. Officers attempted to get the subject to leave, but he refused. During the arrest, the subject

physically resisted. He was booked into the county jail.

• A jogger reported being assaulted when he attempted to jog past another man, who was blocking the road and had his dog off-leash. The suspect tripped the man as he ran by. The victim sustained significant injuries to his head and hand when he fell, hitting the pavement.

OCT. 17: Officers responded to a disturbance with reports of a man ranting and yelling on Water Street. They contacted the suspect, were able to de-escalate the situation and determined no crime had occurred.

• Officers dispatched two different animals that had been injured by vehicles. The first was an opossum on West Sims Way, and the second was a deer on Lawrence Street.

SHERIFF'S LOG

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office responded to a total of 296 calls for service from Oct. 11 through Oct. 18. Deputies conducted 87 traffic stops, of which 4 resulted in criminal (misdemeanor/felony) charges.

OCT. 11: A Port Ludlow caller reported a stranger on their property with a rifle. The stranger appeared to be gearing up to go hunting on the caller's land. The caller did not feel comfortable checking on their property. About five minutes later, the caller made another phone call into dispatch, advising that the stranger was not a stranger, but a friend of the caller, with permission to hunt on the property.

OCT. 12: A deputy stopped a vehicle in the Port Townsend area after observing driving patterns indicative of a possible DUI driver. The driver was found to be under the

influence of alcohol, and was subsequently arrested and booked into jail.

• Deputies located another DUI subject who had hit another vehicle in Port Townsend shortly before locating the suspect just outside of city limits. The vehicle had obvious fresh damage to it, and the driver was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and booked into jail for DUI.

• Deputies responded to, and assisted Washington State Patrol with, a collision on Beaver Valley Road near Egg and I Road. Two vehicles were involved, with one completely disabled in the middle of the southbound lane. Nobody involved was injured.

OCT. 13: A deputy was called to the Lake Leland area for a report of someone dumping trash near some trash cans. The trash reportedly contained drugs. On investigation, the deputy revealed several items indicating that there was definitely some drug usage

occurring, on the part of the litterer, but no narcotics were in with the trash. It was safely relocated a few inches into the provided trash receptacles, evidently a task too great for the dumper to undertake.

• An Irondale resident called into 911 while engaged in a verbal fight with someone at the log dump, after the other person lit off a firework. The caller was upset that the person lit off the firework and ruined his 6 p.m. quiet time. Additional people called in the fight occurring. A deputy responded and found that the offending couple with fireworks left after a growing mob shouted them out of the area. Their license plate was recorded and their descriptions noted.

OCT. 14: At around 3 a.m., a deputy responded to assist Port Townsend Police with a report of "someone losing it" (screaming) near the Haines Place Park and Ride. On arrival, law enforcement encountered a person who frequently causes these

late-night disturbances, claiming he was asleep. He was obviously not asleep when he was spotted. There was no ongoing noise ordinance violation, which is a ticketable offense, at the time the man was contacted. Thus, no further action was taken.

OCT. 15: Deputies responded to a report of a person hunting with a thermal camera. The caller alleged the person was poaching, and was not responsive to their requests they ground their rifle. A Fish and Wildlife officer responded prior to deputies arriving. Deputies met with the parties and assisted as needed. The subject was cited for trespassing.

OCT. 16: A deputy spotted and arrested a man at QFC in Hadlock who had a warrant for his arrest. The man was found to be in possession of cocaine, after a search. He was booked into the jail without incident.

• Deputies responded to a collision which was heard in the Quilcene area. A broken sign was located, and the area was searched

for the offending hit-and-run vehicle. The vehicle was not located, and the County Roads department was notified to replace the broken signage.

OCT. 17: Deputies responded to assist with a report of "threats" being made in Port Townsend. After further investigation, it was determined the person reporting the threats was trespassing in a business, and was being told to leave after making snide comments at the staff. The man and his friend were subsequently issued a trespass admonishment barring them from the business, being warned that, if they returned, they would be arrested.

OCT. 18: A business owner in Hadlock reported several vehicles had gasoline siphoned out of them. The man stated he had surveillance video of the suspect performing the act, and sent it to deputies for further investigation. The incident remains under active investigation.

Calendar:

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SATURDAY, OCT. 26

STAR WARS UNLIMITED PLAY

Grab your friends and stop in to play Star Wars Unlimited! Whether you are new to the game or have created the perfect deck, everyone is welcome to come play! From 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Strange Days Comics and Games.

WARGAMING MEETUP

Into War Games? Enjoy Warhammer 40K, Old World, Mordheim, Mythic Earth, Star Wars Legion, Shatterpoint and more! You can meet fellow players, see who is currently battling, schedule and reserve a table for a pickup game or schedule a learn to play game with one of our seasoned players. Everyone is welcome! Noon to 6 p.m. at Strange Days Comics and Games.

HAUNTED HISTORIES & MYSTERIES OF PORT TOWNSEND - HAUNTED WALKS

The Victorian Seaport of Port Townsend was founded in 1851. Our colorful town has many tales to tell—of shipwrecks, shanghaiing, lost loves, unexplained events and a haunted past that is felt even today. 2-3:30 p.m., meeting at Tyler Plaza.

BILL VOLMUT

With a repertoire that spans choice cuts from the 1960s to the present day, Bill's performances promise a delightful mix of classic hits and a few of his original songs. 5-7 p.m. at the Old Alcohol Plant Inn.

MICHELE D'AMOUR AND THE LOVE DEALERS

Michele D'Amour and the Love Dealers is an award-winning band that delivers an electrifying blend of blues, old-school R&B, funk and soul that transports you to the golden era of music. 6-8 p.m. at the Keg and I.

HAUNTED BORDELLO

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KOMMUNA LUX

Kommuna Lux is a Ukrainian folk band committed to spreading their vibrant, bohemian Odesa folk music and raising awareness and support for Ukraine. Their performances set to reminding audiences of their country's vibrant spirit and enduring fight for freedom. 7-10 p.m. at the Palindrome.



Michele D'Amour and the Love Dealers are set to perform at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Keg & I in Chimacum. Courtesy photo



Tribal elder Rosalee Walz will discuss Chemakum history at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, at the First Presbyterian Church in Port Townsend. Courtesy photo

MEMENTO MORI 2

A Halloween party celebrating the spooky thinning of the veil between worlds. Memento Mori is an ancient Latin phrase which means "Remember Death," a helpful reminder to live life to its fullest, and to enjoy things while they last. Ages 21 and up. 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. at the Manresa Castle Hotel.

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

CHIMACUM FARMERS MARKET SEASON CLOSING CELEBRATION

Bring the whole family for music, pumpkin painting, trick-or-treat with vendors, artisan-prepared foods, fall produce, and more! 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chimacum Corner Farmstand.

TALK BY TRIBAL ELDER OF CHEMAKUM PEOPLE

Come listen to stories wrapped around Chemakum history, as seen through Chemakum eyes and experienced by Chemakum People. Rosalee Walz will share her deep understanding, as tribal elder, of her people's history and the paths they have walked. 10:45 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church.

THE UNSUNG ROLES OF CRAB AND SHRIMP

Crabs and shrimps are some of the most familiar (and tasty) denizens of the deep, yet their lifestyles and the ecological roles that they play are often dramatically different from their public personae. Join for the first lecture of the 2024-2025 Future of Oceans lecture series. 3 p.m. at the Fort Worden Chapel.

MONDAY, OCT. 28

OUTDOOR STORYTIME

Meet near the Rotary Pavilion to hear stories, sing songs and enjoy physical movement to build children's love of reading and learning. Storytimes are created with preschool and toddler-age children in mind. All ages are welcome! 10:30-11 a.m. at the Library's Humphrey Room.

DANCE CLUB

Dance Club is a fitness-style

dance class that incorporates jazz/funk and hip-hop-inspired choreography and "dance club" moves in a low-pressure and supportive, fun environment! 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Ling Hui's Dance Studio.

TUESDAY, OCT. 29

PRESCHOOL AND TODDLER STORYTIME

Hear stories, sing songs and enjoy physical movement to build children's love of reading and learning. Storytimes are created with

preschool and toddler-age children in mind. All ages are welcome! 10:30-11 a.m. at the Quilcene Community Center.

JAZZ

Live Jazz by Jonathan Doyle and Friends. 5-7 p.m. at the Bishop Block Bottle Shop.

OPEN MIC

Come see what Port Townsend locals have to offer. Come show off your skills, and get some stage time. 9-11 p.m. at the Uptown Pub.

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LETTERS

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When we think of Government, we sometimes think of partisan bickering and ineffective legislators. I ask you to consider the ‘other’ government: the thousands of dedicated, non-partisan civil servants doing good work and serving our country.

The nonprofit, nonpartisan Partnership for Public Service each year recognizes 26 federal employees and teams who are doing exceptional work defending our national interests, protecting the environment, ensuring public health and safety, making scientific and medical discoveries, or responding to natural disasters, famine or war.

A few of the 2024 Service to America Medal finalists: Department of Justice (DOJ) prosecutors Kaitlin Sahni, Kate Naseef, and Nhan Nguyen used an unprecedented way to fight the fentanyl and methamphetamine crisis in the U.S. by building the first ever case against individuals supplying precursor chemicals to drug cartels.

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) structural engineers Long Phan and Marc Levitan led the effort to create tornado design standards for new critical facilities like schools, hospitals, and nursing homes. Combined with economic analyses, they proved you can protect people from 97% of tornadoes without excessive building costs.

Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) employees Christopher Johnston, Rachel Han and Ryan Thurlwell led an effort to develop an app that allows veterans to use mobile phones to manage health care appointments, manage claims, obtain vaccine records, message their doctor, and more. Since it became operational the app has had

2.3 million downloads and 990,000 monthly active users.

Read about other nominees at: ServiceToAmericaMedals.org. Our system of government, while imperfect, is what makes us great. Will you vote for the party who will gut federal agencies and fill key positions with partisan supplicants? Will you vote for the party that wants to burn it all down? For the sake of this already great nation, I hope not.

Thomas Schmidt
Port Townsend

VOTE FOR VALUES

Issues tend to come and go. Our values determine to a large extent how we deal with those issues. We all have our pet issues. And, we all have our values that we try to live by and teach our children. When

choosing a political leader, do you consider the candidates’ demonstrated values? Do you think about the kind of role model this candidate will be for our children and the rest of the world?

Here are some of Donald Trump’s clearly demonstrated values:

- He is a clinically diagnosed narcissist. Everything is about him. He wants to dictate everything according to his ideas. This is clearly demonstrated in everything he says and does.
- He thinks it is fine to cheat on his wife and then try to keep it quiet by falsifying business records for a hush money payment. For this he was awarded the title of convicted felon.
- He thinks it is fine to incite a riot at the Capitol when he did not win the election.
- He thinks it is fine to

denigrate and attack anyone who disagrees with him.

• He thinks Vladimir Putin is a great guy and actually sided with Russia when the US intelligence community revealed Russia’s interference with the 2016 election. And he has called Putin smart for invading Ukraine.

• He is a pathological liar. He has no problem lying if it will serve his purposes.

Do these values resonate with you? Are these the values you want to instill in your children? Are these the values your spiritual leader preaches? Do you want a society like Russia? You may think you are voting on particular issues. Really, you are voting on a role model for your values. What are your values?

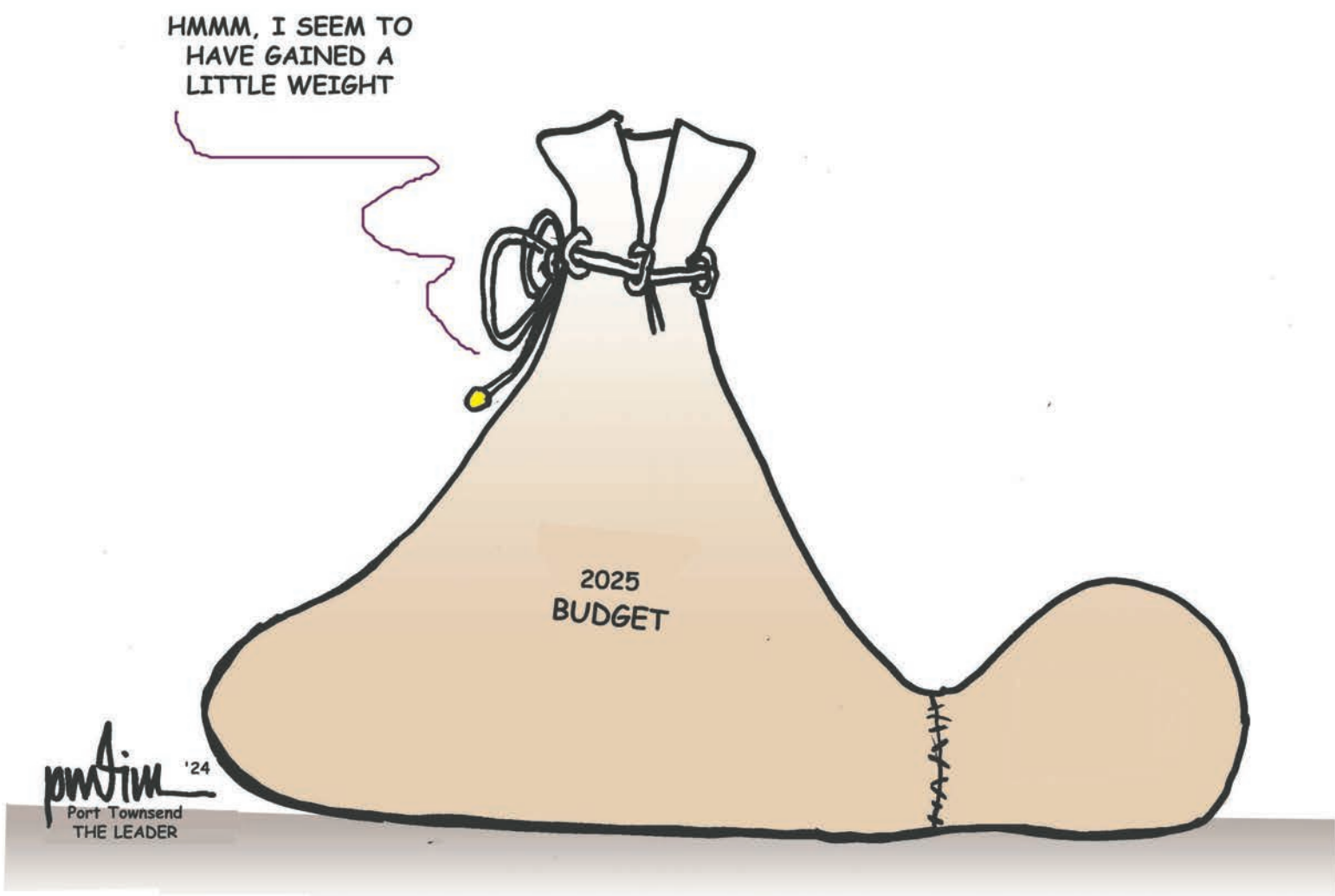
Gary Rygmyr
Port Ludlow

TOY DONATIONS GOING TO OLYCAP THIS YEAR

For eight years I’ve volunteered at the Tri Area Food Bank (TAFB), and for four years I was also buying the toys and other items for Tri Area Food Bank to hand out to families with children at Christmas spending over \$250 each time. I’m telling The Leader this so they understand my dedication to our community’s Food Bank and its wonderful clients that come through weekly.

When Patricia Hennessey first took control of TAFB it was a huge disaster for many of our volunteers and a disruption to the flow of work. She demanded all copies of both buildings’ keys be handed over to her immediately. Patty

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Kilmer, the ‘texting Congressman,’ soon to join Rockefeller Foundation

The only thing I knew about U.S. Rep. Derek Kilmer in my early weeks in Port Townsend was that he decided not to seek reelection to Congress. That was a defining characteristic in my mind because I spent a lot of years in Washington, D.C., and there weren’t/aren’t a lot of successful politicians who retire, without encouragement, as relatively young men.

“Successful” being the operative word, by which I mean, “effective.” More on that in a minute.

I met Kilmer briefly at the jetty celebration on April 24, marking the completion of the beautiful new seawall. The approximately \$12 million replacement of the jetty had been needed for a decade or more. I attended the celebration, which was billed as being “on time and under budget.” I went with the requisite inside-the-beltway skepticism and by the time the story of the jetty had been told in a series of speeches, all cynicism had dispersed. The jetty rebuild



MEREDITH JORDAN
MIXING METAPHORS &
DOUBLING ENTENDRES

which included removing things like creosote logs, which made up for the disruption of wildlife the work required. It reflected the coordinated efforts of a lot of government agencies, which started with voters, who supported the levy. That funding was critical to federal and state funding, which is what it made happen.

This was an example of good government, coordinated efforts from the state house to both houses of Congress and numerous agencies and companies.

Of course, I asked Kilmer why he was leaving Congress, and whether the well-publicized dysfunction of the institution had played



U.S. Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA) addresses a room full of constituents on Jan. 16, 2015, at Fort Worden State Park as part of a series of forums following his re-election to a second term in Congress. *Leader file photo by Nicholas Johnson*

a role in his decision. Other departing members had said as much. Kilmer looked at me warily, as any experienced politician should with a reporter they

don’t know, and essentially replied it was time to do other things, before shifting to things about the day ahead.

We learned on Oct. 21 where Kilmer, 50, will be

going next, which is to a leadership role at the Rockefeller Foundation. As senior vice president, he will lead its newly created U.S. Program & Policy division. In

that role, he is expected to engage high-level players, businesses and institutions to advance the mission of the

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Letters: Reopening lane from Kearney to Sims would prevent accidents in traffic circle

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could not open anything, so she asked Hannah Stai for help. Stai used to manage a storage unit facility and had a lock pick and she helped. Not only did Hennessey not say thank you, she came out yelling at Hannah in front of clients and volunteers, shouting if she used a lock pick again she would have Hannah arrested.

I told Hennessey she would go to jail for filing a false police report and she threw a fit and began arguing, I had to leave. Many more abuses happened in the following days. I was forced to write an eight-page letter of complaint to the JFCBA Board and to Craig Uchida. One week later the police arrived at the Food Bank, whereupon Patty fired me and Stai. We were given letters “explaining” why we were being fired, yet nothing in the letters made sense or was true of us.

Stai has a disability where she will pass out if she gets too stressed or upset. She asked Hennessey in front of the police officer if she could please sit and calm down for a few minutes before she tried driving. Hennessey told her no, and then turned to the officer and said that if Stai wasn’t gone in the next few minutes she wanted her to be arrested. Stai left and got home a few minutes later only to pass out, hitting her head in the process.

Hennessey forgot to ask me for the box truck key back and instead sent several officers to my house to collect it, wasting their time and taxpayer dollars.

Hennessey was unprofessional and lacked even basic people skills. She had many unwarranted outbursts — on video — towards the wonderful volunteers of our small community.

The volunteers deserve better, and the community deserves better — especially when she is being paid \$75,000 a year while getting away with doing such a horrible job. This year Santa’s toys will be at the Library Food Bank on Dec. 12 with OlyCap foundation volunteers! Unfortunately Hennessey will be receiving a lump of coal.

Lisa Storey
Port Hadlock

FELINE ADOPTION IS HEARTWARMING

On August 27th my friend and I drove to the Humane Society Shelter to see if I could find a cat to adopt. In late January I lost my beloved dog Izzy which left me heartbroken for many months. I knew that there was a need to find another furry companion to bring more joy and beauty into my life.

I discovered a tall two year old cat named Rosie who had such beautiful eyes and tortoise shell markings in her cage. I asked to hold her on my lap and she felt so soft and warm. I fell in love with her, knowing that I had to adopt her.

For two days she hid under my bed but gradually she began to trust me and our relationship began to grow day by day.

It’s a big responsibility to adopt a dog or cat or kitten or puppy but sometimes it can be transforming in many ways.

She loves piano music and looking out the window and exploring. She teaches me about patience and makes me laugh with her curiosity about everything.

The Humane Society has many wonderful animals who deserve a second chance for a safe and happy life. If you have the time go out and see if one of them will embrace you and touch your heart in a new way. I am grateful that I let that happen to me. She will be an inside cat who will share my life and gives me hope.

Nan Toby Tyrrell
Port Townsend

OPEN CIRCLE BYPASS

There’s been few accidents at the newer traffic circle entering the downtown area. Why did the by-pass road in front of Chase bank blocked off? If opened again. It would reduce considerable traffic from Kearney street and reduce traffic and accidents in the traffic circle. I was watching from the bank parking lot one day and noticed most of the vehicles were making right turns from Kearney street while traffic was backing up pass the entrance of the bank.

Patrick Omeara
Port Townsend

I-2117 BAD ALL OVER

The importance of voting no on Initiative 2117 goes far beyond Jefferson County and Washington State. Since the 1990s, Washington State cities and counties have been climate leaders, inspiring and supporting other local governments in the U.S. and other countries

to implement climate solutions.

Washington State legislators carefully studied the most economically effective and fair ways to cut greenhouse gas emissions before enacting the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) in 2021. So far, the CCA has raised \$2 billion from auctions for greenhouse gas emission allowances paid for by the state’s largest polluters. The CCA is a model for the nation. Other states are considering implementing cap-and-trade systems and are paying close attention to our Initiative 2117 battle.

Recent Letters to the Editor by Cindy Jayne and Noreen Parks detail some of the hundreds of WA State projects being funded, authorized, or planned in Jefferson County and throughout our state. If the initiative passes, millions of dollars in CCA funding would be slashed for ferries, bridges, roads, forest health and fire prevention, fish barrier removal projects, clean air, and hundreds of other green projects.

A multi-millionaire hedge fund manager wants to kill Washington’s landmark Climate Commitment Act and prevent us from doing anything like it in the future. A broad coalition of over 500 organizations, including businesses, unions, tribal nations, and environmental and community organizations, strongly opposes Initiative 2117.

Soundly rejecting Initiative 2117 will send a clear message that Washington State will continue to lead with BOLD climate

solutions--and it is time for every state to get on board. I urge you to join me in voting NO on Initiative 2117 to protect our forests, fish, ferries, and the global environment we all depend on.

Patti Lowe
Port Townsend

SIGN STEALING, DON'T BE MEAN

I read the “Stolen signs” letter to the editor by Howard McAlpine. It’s an awful thing when people steal campaign signs whether Democrat or Republican. I have had Trump signs stolen and defaced. One was stolen three weeks ago. My second sign is on a high pole and can’t be reached.

In 2020, I had a small Trump sign stolen and the large one on my barn defaced with profanity. The person that did that had to climb over a gate and electric wire to get to the sign. There was also a no trespassing sign that did not make a difference to them. So I say to Howard, “You are not the only one who has had signs taken.” Your last comment referred to a Trump sign and asked, “Who in their right mind would want one.”

That was not a nice thing to say. Was it?

Gary H. Price
Port Ludlow

KAMALA KOED BAIER

Kamala Harris has grit. She demonstrated that in the recent pugilistic event on Fox New with Bret Baier. The event had been designed by Fox and Baier to walk all over Harris, but she didn’t allow that to happen. I learned that she can combat well.

I say “event,” for it wasn’t an interview. Baier constantly tried to interrupt Harris. He did not want to hear her policy or politics. It wasn’t a debate either, for in a debate a moderator would have kept the participants in some kind of lane and let each of them speak. Fox and Baier designed this event not to interview or debate Harris but rather to humiliate her. Instead, she stood strong.

This full-on, talk-over-your-opponent punching was not realistically a scenario where policy was going to come out. But that said, Harris was still able to make some policy points, such as when she described

(despite much interruption) how she and Biden had supported recent bilateral legislation to strengthen immigration policy, which, to America’s misfortune, was killed in Congress at Trump’s urging; Harris, as president, will work to get that legislation moving again.

The Fox and Baier event showed me a critical part of Harris’s character. She entered an arena she knew would be hostile and showed she’s a tough lady who can’t be rolled over. I now know that President Kamala Harris will stand tall and represent America well on domestic and international stages, even when circumstances are difficult.

Michael Maddox
Port Townsend

POETRY

FIVE-SEVEN-FIVE

Swan School fifth grade students from the class of Shasta Berg, adventurer teacher, were part of this year’s Port Townsend Marine Science Center Stewardship Breakfast on Oct. 17. The students wrote the following haikus and read them to the audience.

Fish swimming freely
Orcas splashing so loudly
Fisherman cast lines

— Henry

The ferry is fast
It slows down for the orcas
They always go first

— Theo

Boats sailing the sea
Ocean life swimming around
Folks enjoy the view

— Padden

The rocky beaches
Octopus changing colors
Things that I adore

— Meriel

October salmon
Swimming up
Chimicum Creek
Then back to the sea

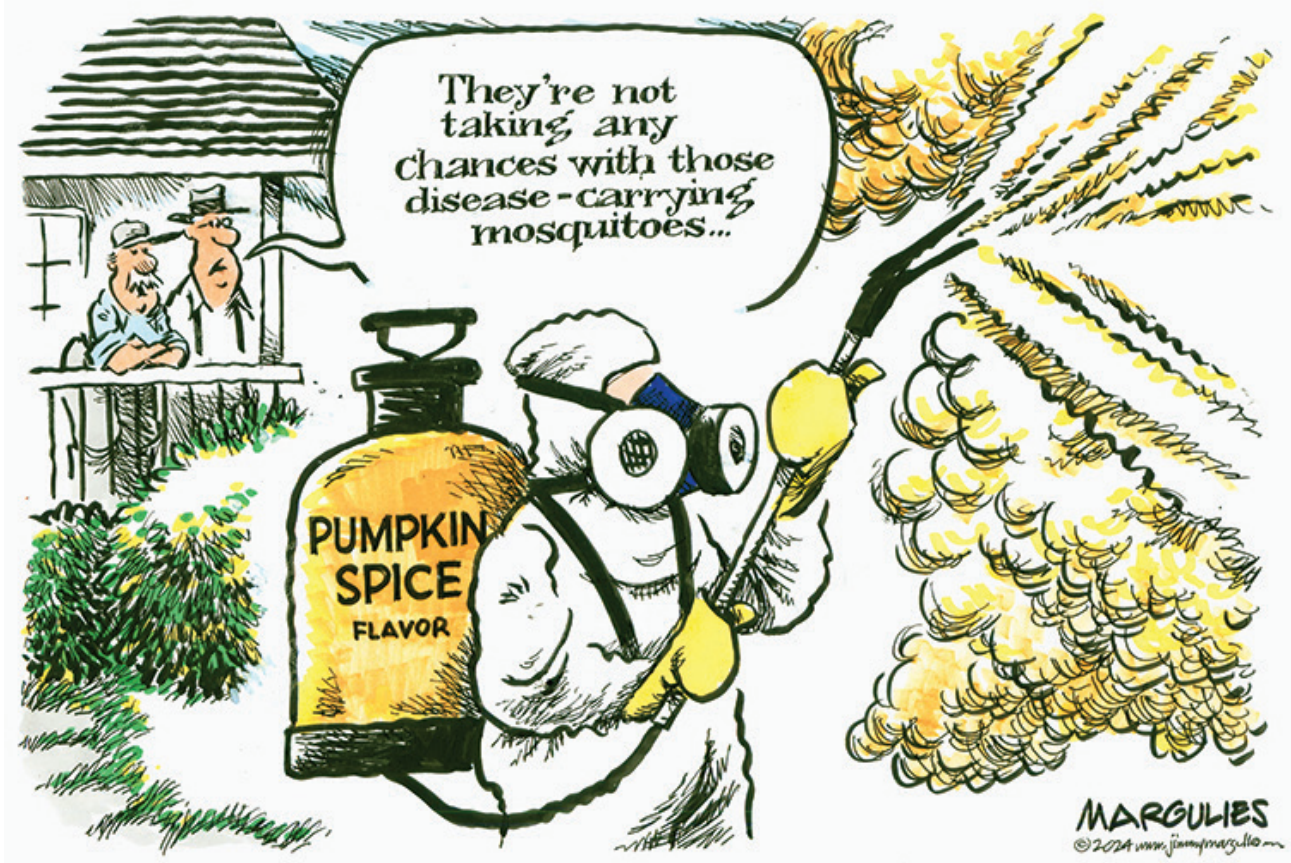
— Merryyn

Seals in the Ocean
Eagles eating a salmon
Crabs underneath rocks

— Crosby

Our good Washington
Full of fish swimming about
In our western coasts

— Aki



Kilmer: Six-term Congressman will be a ‘tough act to follow,’ says Port of PT director

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foundation, which is to make renewable energy equitably accessible in building low-carbon infrastructure, among other things. Kilmer will oversee a number of its strategic partnerships, including the Pro-Working Family Tax Policy Initiative.

Kilmer’s seat in Congress is being pursued by Hilary Franz and Emily Randall. But whoever gets the job has a “tough act to follow,” said Eron Berg, executive director of the Port of Port Townsend.

He noted how tough it is to be effective in Congress.

Just getting there is hard and it takes time to get things done. One needs to work into the system, serve on committees and earn a place in order to leave a mark. That means being reelected, which requires “dialing for dollars,” said Berg. “You can’t get anything done if you don’t get reelected.”

Kilmer, elected to Congress in 2012, did it five times. He spent eight years in the Washington State Legislature before that.

Kilmer got a lot done in that time, participating in big efforts to improve things, like the \$12 million seawall. He will be remembered for

his work on the RECOMPETE Act, or the Rebuilding Economies and Creating Opportunities for More People to Excel. It established a new federal block grant program at the Economic Development Agency (EDA) with flexible grants. Kilmer also chaired the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, a remarkably successful bipartisan group that deserved a lot more credit than it got. They quietly made 202 recommendations to improve how Congress works, most of them simple. A majority of them have been implemented.

Sen. Maria Cantwell noted

Kilmer’s accomplishments in a statement requested for this piece. “From creating the RECOMPETE program to spur economic development and job opportunities in rural areas, to securing historic funding for salmon recovery, to fighting for tribal communities, Derek has been an effective legislator.”

Kilmer’s “leadership will be missed in the Washington delegation,” said Cantwell, who also played a role in getting Washington grant money for the jetty along with other projects.

So what was Kilmer’s secret? “You meet a lot of members

of Congress,” said Berg. “He’s been excellent to work with.”

Kilmer is genuine and personable, cares for the community, and supports it in tangible ways. That makes him a likable guy, and “people want to help someone they like,” Berg said. Kilmer was responsive and he worked hard. And he worked across the aisle to get things done. It was most demonstrated by Kilmer’s accessibility. Berg called him “my texting Congressman,” because Kilmer interacted that way.

“The secret sauce is being a really good guy,” said Berg. Reach Meredith Jordan at editor@ptleader.com.

Quilcene reacts to prospects of book ban with heart and passion

Ah, the best laid plans. Just as it felt time to lighten things up pre-election and write about one of the myriad things that make Jefferson County such a magical place, darkness descended once again upon the Quilcene Public Schools.

During the Oct. 16 regular monthly Quilcene school board meeting, right-wing agenda-driven board member Jim Hodgson introduced a book ban resolution. Although its wording differed from the resolution that he promoted this past summer, it still misidentified the school library as “private.”

After claiming that the previous school board had accepted and purchased books “on sensitive and

controversial sexual topics,” it called for their donation to the “Jefferson County Library” or, if that was not possible, for their removal. It also proposed that “no further books be purchased for our private school library on explicit sexual material without board approval.”

Tipped off in advance, I was among many who sounded the alarm to the LGBTQ+ community and its allies. As a result, over 70 people attended the meeting via Zoom. Others attended in person. Students, parents,



JASON SERINUS
AS I SEE IT

librarians, teachers, counselors, community members... everyone spoke passionately and from the heart. Some read their comments, sometimes haltingly and with fear; others spoke forthrightly.

Rarely have I felt so blessed and grateful to share space with so many open-hearted and passionately committed people as I did during that meeting. I was especially moved by the male teacher who stood up and affirmed that all Quilcene students, regardless of race, sexual

orientation, or gender are welcome and deserving of respect in his class. Comments by the former school librarian, who spoke movingly about how pressure from the board had proven so great that she had resigned, also stood out. Another woman affiliated with the school championed the importance of facts as she cited every Washington state rule and regulation that the proposed resolution would violate, along with the possibility of fines, sanctions, and more. Many pledged that they were poised to file complaints with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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Coexisting: The older I get, the more I get it

Going back to college at age 50 had more meaning than it did starting at 18. I had lived long enough to have some direction, was open to new ideas. Most importantly, I knew I still had a lot to learn.

On the first day of classes, my Ethnic Studies professor, a big, blustery, bear of a man, began his lecture with a comment that guides my decisions and actions to this day. “Native Americans looked at the mountain and said, ‘How can we coexist with you?’ The white men looked at the mountain and said, ‘How can we conquer you?’”

All around me, I see what I define as attempts to conquer. Forests destroyed and replaced by huge, intrusive houses, one person looking to degrade another, plans

devised to develop dwindling greenspace, new residents insisting on change before learning about their community. And one of my biggest pet peeves, people looking to triumph over our beautiful wildlife. It saddens me greatly and serves to reinforce my desire to coexist with the environs.

I moved to this sweet spot almost 30 years ago. My house is small, blocking no one’s view of the bay. I didn’t erect tall fencing or poison the dandelions in the lawn — dandelions being a first stop for the bees in early spring. I spent time in my new environment, talked to folks who had lived here their entire lives and, with an open heart, I observed the daily activity in my yard and surroundings. Deer came by often to eat the fallen apples, in the neighboring meadow

coyotes howled at nightfall, owls hooted, and early morning brought out the bunnies. It was wonderful, and I was ready to make some adjustments. A first task was to assure my cat and dogs would be safe while honoring the wild critters. And where would I plant a small garden?

It wasn’t difficult. Kitty stayed indoors. I put up a low picket fence to corral the dogs while giving the deer yard access. Bunnies and deer quickly learned that my sweet cockers didn’t pose a threat, and they were big boys so coyotes kept their distance. Noisy Westie, Brodie, was a different issue but since I accompanied all of them during yard time, peace was upheld. Vegetables and herbs grew nicely in planters on the deck.

Some people say

they’ve encountered aggressive deer. While I’ve never had that experience, I don’t doubt it has happened. They’re frightened and perhaps defensive. Through no fault of their own, they have no place to go. Let’s give that some thought, dig deep for a bit of empathy. We chop down the pines, erect mansions, put up tall fences and take away safe grazing and resting places for our deer, rabbits, coyotes. If given their rightful space, the wildlife will work out life with us on their own. We attempt to conquer and wind up interfering with nature. Recently, for the first time in all my years here, I spotted a bobcat in my front yard. Displaced from his home by an overblown sense of human entitlement, there is little refuge left.

This morning four deer are in the backyard. They come most days to eat the apples on the ground. They come to rest. I’m delighted to share my space. They belong here as much if not more than any of us. I write this not to stir up controversy but to plant a seed, meet nature halfway, offer something to think about that could give all of us a chance to thrive in unity. Every now and then I have the opportunity to share a piece I’ve written about humans and animals. This is one of those occasions.

How humble the links between all living beings — beating hearts, expanding lungs, pain felt as strongly as pleasure, fear experienced as deeply as joy. Two-legged, four-legged responding to kindness, deserving of love. Each breath, each



CAROLE MARSHALL
AGING IN GOOD SPIRITS

whimper entwined as one spirit enhancing the energy, propelling our universe. A unity of souls, a simplicity of truth — at day’s end we are critters all.

The older I get, the more I get it. We’re not here to conquer, but to coexist.

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Board Continues to Serve and Anticipate Growing Need in Our Community

The Jefferson County Food Bank Association (JCFBA) Board serves people experiencing food insecurity in Jefferson County today, while also delivering on longer-term plans to meet the growing needs of our community in the future. Planning for the future is a critical aspect of a Food Bank Board member’s job. At the heart of our work is our commitment and responsibility to provide food to people who need it.

We are modernizing the operation to both source local foods and ensure our shopping locations, times, and days are more accessible for our clients. We strive to make both the quality of the shopping experience and the work environment of volunteers consistently high. These improvements require a systemic approach of goal setting, measuring against those goals, and refining the strategy as needed, as well as updates to long-held beliefs and behaviors.

Recent allegations by a faction of former volunteers have made it clear that more information is needed about recent activities within the JCFBA. Read on for details on what decisions have been made, by whom, and for what reasons regarding changes in Food Bank operations.

Structural changes enacted by prior board

The prior Board of Directors kicked off these changes. In their 2022 strategic planning, they determined a new organizational structure and focus were needed in order to meet the expanding needs of the community. This planning included input from and discussion with the volunteer managers at each of the area Food Banks who were also voting Board members.

Note: *this process included the board member and*

former volunteer managers currently agitating to discredit these plans and the JCFBA operation. Together, they identified and agreed on the issues ahead, and decided to undertake the following changes:

- A new organizational structure led by a paid Executive Director to run and expand the organization. The job description for this salaried role was discussed with all leadership and approved by the board in December of 2022.
- A new focus on breaking down silos and coordinating functions across facilities. Better recordkeeping and more efficient operations give us access to more opportunities to secure funding and food for our clients across eastern Jefferson county. Nearly a year later, in October of 2023, that same board of directors unanimously voted to hire our Executive Director, Patricia Hennessy.

Over the subsequent four months, due to term limit regulations in the organizational bylaws, the Board’s Executive Team (the Board President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) all left their positions as their terms ended, and new board members were added and elected to these roles by the remaining board members.

What we’ve been doing since then

To make sure that these changes do in fact help us further our core mandate – providing food to those in need—we worked with our Executive Director to identify priorities for the short and long term, and are monitoring progress against those plans.

The most pressing priorities on the list are to ensure the functionality and construction of a flagship food bank in Quilcene, and to increase efficiencies across the organization so that **we can eventually**

expand existing days of operation and services for each location to better serve our clients. To date we have made the following progress:

- We have defined the additional role of Operations/Logistics Coordinator (to further centralize and standardize Food Bank operations for greater efficiency), posted the job, and are now reviewing candidates.
- We have restarted the Quilcene Food Bank building project with better processes and oversight, allowing us to secure outside funds for construction. We have renewed our permits, and will be winterizing the building and kicking off the rework later this fall
- We are continuing our formal financial audit back through the last 4 years to get context for the data we are collecting so we can confirm we are moving forward as an organization.
- We have updated the organizational bylaws to reflect the current organizational structure.
- We have added new volunteers and are always seeking more which would allow us to expand our hours. If you have a passion for helping your friends and neighbors, your community, please join us: <https://jcfba.org/volunteer>

Lastly: We are recruiting new board members to help us reach our goals. If you’d like to help with this important work, you can find information about joining our board here: <https://jcfba.org/news/board>

We as a Board are actively working on governance and support of this organization during this period of change. We are monitoring progress on these plans, and are committed to giving our Executive Director the support, coaching and direction needed to deliver what is needed to feed those in need in our community. We look forward to continued partnership with her in the years to come.

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Teaching artist Margie McDonald passed on her insights at the Bunker on Oct. 11. Photo by Diane Urbani of Northwind Art

Year’s final Bunker art session set Friday

BY KIRK BOXLEITNER

The Bunker, a free art program for teens, returned to Northwind Art School this month, for sixth- through 12th-graders to work on a variety of projects with a team of volunteer teaching artists.

The final Bunker session runs from 4-5:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25, at the art school at Fort Worden State Park, with professional artists volunteering to host the session, as they did when the program began in 2018.

Oct. 25 will be an open art studio in Northwind’s Building 306 classroom, with teaching artists on hand to support participating teens.

“In the open studios, teens can bring their own projects, and hear some feedback from the teaching artists if they choose,” Northwind Art spokesperson Diane Urbani said. “It’s also a great time to collaborate on a project.”

The monthly open studio allows teens to bring in artworks in progress, or work on independent projects alongside their peers.

The Bunker “is near to my heart, as an artist and teacher,” said Margie McDonald, who has facilitated several Friday sessions, in addition to her job teaching art at Port Townsend High School. “We paused Bunker in 2020, and were able to start it up again in May of 2023, with the support of local artists, including Julie Read, who poured her heart and soul into supporting the Bunker kids weekly.”

This program is “a safe

and fun place” for teens to be artists, McDonald added, since they get to explore and develop new skills, with the support of professional artists at Northwind Art’s studios.

“In the open studios, teens can bring their own projects, and hear some feedback from the teaching artists if they choose.”

DIANE URBANI
SPOKESPERSON FOR
NORTHWIND ART

Parents and guardians must fill out the permission form on Northwind Art’s Bunker information page online.

In 2021, the Port Townsend School of the Arts and the Northwind Arts Center merged to form Northwind Art, and online classes for adults were offered at the new Northwind Art School.

Read, as the Bunker’s cofounder, put out a call to other professional artists in 2023, inviting them to volunteer to teach, as well as to help bring the Bunker back.

Urbani noted that several new people came forward, along with some who were there at the beginning, including McDonald and Michele Soderstrom.

After the Bunker returned in the spring of 2023, it went to an every-Friday afternoon schedule.

McDonald works with Soderstrom and other

local Port Townsend artists to plan Bunker projects as part of “PT Artscape,” a nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting professional artists with local school kids.

PT Artscape has received some donations from the community, to compensate the teaching artists.

In return, PT Artscape, along with community members who have donated to the Bunker, provides snacks and art supplies for the teens, and more information can be found about them at PTArtscape.com.

This past summer, the Bunker kids and teaching artists created a floating dragon, and took it out for a walk in the 2024 Rhody Grand Parade, while also carrying a big, streamer-festooned Bunker banner.

Northwind Art School also offers low-cost classes for young people, including “Beginning Sewing: Let’s Make a Satchel,” on the three consecutive Wednesdays of Nov. 6, 13 and 20, with information available at NorthwindArt.org, on the “Take a Class” page. For more information, contact Northwind Art Education Director Kate Lovejoy at education@northwindart.org.

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5 Broody music genre

8 Club welders' org.

11 Fire hydrant attachment

15 Beast of burden

18 Tolkien monsters

19 Flight routes

21 Pizzazz

22 Simian beast

23 Search for hidden objects

25 Owing no money

27 Old Greek region

28 In the past

29 Firearm safety feature

31 Sam Spade's cover-up

34 Spot in la mer

35 See 109-Down

36 Pottery oven

37 Some milk dispensers

40 Stork relative

43 Blue-eyed cat

47 Rolled the dice at a casino, say

50 Loafing sorts

51 Sean of films

52 Dressed in

53 Singer Lana Del —

54 French composer Édouard

55 Purview

57 1860s White House

60 Oprah of TV

62 Statement that might follow "Come on in"

66 1920s White House

67 Part of SST

68 Qatari capital

69 Qatari, e.g.

71 Spanish appetizers

75 Cpl., e.g.

77 2022 Tom Cruise sequel

80 Poseidon and Neptune

84 Step sphere

85 Architect

86 Italian money

87 Young lady

88 T. — Price

90 Young lady

92 Messes (up)

94 Procedure to evaluate heart health

98 Roughly shaped

99 K.P. veggie

100 La Forge of "Star Trek: The Next Generation"

101 Clock datum

102 Be rife (with)

105 Pro bono TV ad, for short

106 Nauseous from motion, to Brits

112 Look at yet again to make sure

116 Barley brew

117 Steve of country rock

118 "Clever plan!"

119 What is found divided at the starts and ends of nine answers in this puzzle

122 Former Fox competitor

123 Pop diva

124 Copying a pig

125 Regarding

126 Lean- (crude sheds)

127 Part of SSE

128 String after Q

129 la. neighbor

130 Plug tightly

1 "Oh, I see"

2 Boo-boo

3 Act division

4 Sprinter Bolt

5 Water, in Lille

6 Wonderwork

7 It's north of Nevada

8 Basketball player Gasol

9 "Peer —" (Ibsen play)

10 Situated on both sides of

11 Borderline of bushes

12 Couturier

13 Duel sword

14 Admission

15 Dueler with Alexander Hamilton

16 Project detail

17 Search out

20 "Easy there!"

24 One looting

26 Thrash about

30 Cole Porter's "Where Is the Life That Late —?"

32 Wam like a snake or cat

33 Go left, e.g.

38 Libyan cash

39 Skiing stuff

41 Frozen drink brand

42 Vodka brand

43 Sediments

44 It's north of Nevada

45 — wrench

46 Copying a cat

47 Small British cafe

48 Actor Close

49 Capitol body

51 Politico Ross

56 Scarlet, say

58 Lover boy

59 Heartfelt

61 Suddenly worsen

63 Harmonious union

64 Look awed

65 Makes docile

70 Drinking site

72 Second-century pope

73 Lot divisions

74 Teensy bit

76 Former Laker Lamar

78 Played Fortnite, e.g.

79 Loudness

80 Cpls.' bosses

81 Frontier sheriff Wyatt

82 Attu's islands

83 Big drink

89 Tusked beast

91 "That so?"

93 Brunch staple

95 Proficient

96 Fail to win

97 Farm vehicle

98 Easily deceived sort

101 "That's what I'm — about!"

103 Skip over, as a syllable

104 Newspapers, TV, etc.

107 Oven shelf

108 Indian wraps

109 With

35-Across, player of Granny on "The Beverly Hillbillies"

110 Actress Bow

111 — One (vodka brand)

112 Certain bolt holder

113 Many a seized auto

114 Co. honchos

115 Reality TV's Jenner

120 Acct. accrual

121 Abbr. of primary colors

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Wildlife at Fort Worden



The Red Footed Booby, a tropical seabird more commonly seen in the Galápagos Islands, is still in town, as spotted on Thursday, Oct. 17 at Fort Worden State Park. Not too far away on the same day, a sea lion caught a salmon, seen at top. They don't have teeth so his method of noshing was to throw it in the air to break off pieces small enough to swallow. *Photos by Alissa Gubelman*



A family of River Otters frolic in the sand at the Marine Science Center at Fort Worden in early October. *Photo by Steve Mullensky/for the Leader*

Serinus: ‘Most of you need to step down ...’

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And then all hell broke loose. Less than a minute after an extremely sensitive father began to speak, malicious hackers disrupted the Zoom by broadcasting pornographic footage and blaming the dad for showing the footage. As the poor man attempted to defend himself and various people expressed dismay, the school’s mortified technical support person shut down the Zoom.

Thanks to dedicated Quilcene community member Anne Bessey, whom Hodgson defeated in the last school board election, and Cortney Beck, Quilcene Teacher’s Union president and teacher, we know what happened next. Beck’s husband, Keith, stood up and said that if Hodgson and some other members of the school board hadn’t put so much focus on LGBTQ+ repression, the hackers would not have felt the need to disrupt the Zoom.

“Most of you need to step down from your positions,” he said, before asking the Quilcene high school freshman who served as the student body representative on the school board if he was okay. When board members tried to shut Beck down, he responded, “He’s a child, and not one of you stopped to see if he’s okay!”

As Hodgson stuck to his guns, the one liberal on the five-person school board, Vivien Kuehl, declared that it wasn’t the board’s job to ban books. When Hodgson claimed that his proposed book ban was not a book ban, Kuehl corrected him and expressed dismay at having to repeatedly deal with the other members’ personal agendas.

Kuehl also countered assertions by board members Shona Davis and Ron Frantz that the books Hodgson wanted to remove contained pornographic material. Undeterred, Hodgson elicited gasps from meeting attendees when he muttered something about people who wish to be called “they” are people who want to neuter themselves,

and that the school staff works for the school board. Needless to say, he was corrected... again.

Finally, Superintendent Ron Moag declared that the board needs to trust librarians and staff to make the best decisions for Quilcene students. He, librarian Carrie Thompson, and Kuehl all affirmed that students under age 13 cannot read young adult books without written parental permission. Hodgson, it seems, was unaware of that school regulation. After Kuehl declared that drawing so much attention to the library’s LGBTQ+ books would only make students more eager to read them, and Moag requested that the district lawyer attend the next meeting, Hodgson tabled the resolution.

“Quilcene teachers are so supportive,” Beck told me after the meeting. “Every teacher, regardless of religious belief, want to make sure that they call their students by their correct pronouns, and make them feel accepted at school.

“Our students are the most accepting, inclusive, loving group of children that I’ve ever been around. If they can learn to love and accept each other’s differences and quirks, then the adults in our community can follow suit.”

Yes, they can. As much as this 79-year-old knows how difficult it can be to remember everyone’s pronouns — with horror and regret, I have discovered myself inadvertently misgendering people on more than one occasion — I know that all who care, regardless of age, can find ways to accept, accommodate, and grow. Hodgson and some of his fellow school board members may not choose to do so, but you and I can.

Here’s to election results that allow us to keep learning, growing, thriving, and loving in our gloriously diverse and endearingly quirky community.

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Tux and gown alert: Washington will have an inaugural ball after all

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STANDARD

The state’s Inaugural Ball is back on. The Thurston County Chamber announced Thursday it will throw the bash on Jan. 15, 2025 at the state Capitol. “We’re endeavoring to have a real nice party to celebrate Washington’s transition in the governor’s office, the Legislature and the [Supreme Court] justices,” said David Schaffert, the chamber’s chief executive officer. This will be the first ball in eight years as the 2021 fete got

canceled due to the COVID pandemic. As of a few weeks ago, there wasn’t going to be one in 2025 either because volunteer directors of the non-profit Inaugural Ball Committee decided in the summer to cancel it and disband. The committee, operating independently of public funds, government officials and campaigns, had planned and conducted the ball honoring the governor, other statewide elected officials, state lawmakers and members of the state Supreme Court since 1957. The event drew thousands of



This archival image shows the crowd at the inaugural ball for former Gov. Ernest Lister, in January 1913, in Olympia. The event has been taking place almost every four years since statehood. *Courtesy of Washington State Historical Society*

attendees to the buildings and grounds of the state Capitol campus in Olympia. With prospects of

they could not pull it off. They notified officials in Gov. Jay Inslee’s office of the cancellation last month. Thurston County Chamber leaders decided Oct. 10 to step in. They launched a website where details will be posted as they become available. This won’t be the first time the chamber’s been involved in the quadrennial event. Founded as a Board of Trade in 1874, the chamber hosted the inaugural ball in Washington’s early years as a state, Schaffert noted. “It’s important. It’s part of our mission. We view this as a celebration

of these important institutions,” Schaffert said. The hope is to “emulate the spirit” of past celebrations though there may be some differences given the short timeline to organize, he said. Ticket sales will be the primary source of revenue to cover expenses, he said. “I think people will be excited about this happening,” he said. He said he looks forward to support from many groups, organizations and businesses but the event will be neutral of politics. “It doesn’t play well to be a political event,” he said.

Spending: Let’s Go Washington fined \$20,000 on Oct. 9 for not reporting some spending

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Republican Dino Rossi by 129 votes following a hand recount. Eight years later, Inslee collected 51.5% of the vote, beating Republican Rob McKenna. Concerns about public safety, cost of living and education appear at the forefront of voter issues for 2024. Citizen initiatives targeting climate and tax policies, and a long-term care insurance program, remain wild cards. Republicans are banking these measures will boost turnout of moderate and conservative voters who will help the GOP in Washington end its losing streak. Should Reichert lose, successful passage of the measures, such as I-2117, would be a rebuke of policies pushed through by Inslee and Democrat lawmakers, leaving the next Democratic governor with significant challenges.

‘NO ON 2117’

Initiative 2117, if passed, would repeal the state’s Climate Commitment Act (CCA), which requires the largest polluters to pay into a fund to compensate for carbon emissions. Opponents of I-2117 say that repealing the climate act will harm the state, resulting in more pollution and a cut in funding for environmental and transportation programs. Supporters of I-2117 blame the CCA for higher gas prices and allege the money from the program isn’t being spent wisely. The Climate Commitment Act was signed into law in 2021. It created a “cap-and-invest” program, placing limits on greenhouse gas pollution and requiring businesses to purchase allowances if they go over that amount. Funding collected is meant to be allocated toward climate-related projects.

The cap-and-invest program applies to certain large emitters of greenhouse gas pollution, including large facilities, fuel suppliers, natural gas and electric utilities, waste-to-energy facilities (starting in 2027), and railroads (starting in 2031). Generally, entities with annual emissions below 25,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent are not required to obtain allowances to cover their emissions. According to state documents, The Department of Ecology is required to provide an annual report to the Legislature summarizing how the auction proceeds have been used and whether each project produced verifiable emissions reductions. In 2023, cap-and-invest auctions raised \$1.8 billion. Brian Heywood, the founder of Let’s Go Washington, which seeks the repeal of CCA, argues

WHAT DOES I-2117 VOTE MEAN?

What does voting “yes” on I-2117 mean? A “yes” vote on I-2117 would mean you’re in support of repealing the Climate Commitment Act. What does voting “no” on I-2117 mean? A “no” vote on I-2117 would keep the Climate Commitment Act in place.

that the state isn’t properly tracking how funding from the climate act is being spent. Its position is that the state exaggerates crises in certain areas and it should fund projects through pre-existing revenues. Let’s Go Washington was fined \$20,000 by the PDA on Oct. 9 for failing to report spending by companies hired to gather signatures for its six statewide initiatives and for

slow-walking delivery of documents to investigators. Clean & Prosperous Institute, a group trying to defeat I-2117, reports that the proposed initiative to repeal the CCA does not include specific language to repeal the state gas tax and therefore would not deliver on one of its basic promises — delivering lower gas prices to its supporters. The Institute works with government agencies and the private sector on behalf of measures meant to address climate change and launched an interactive map to detail projects paid for by the legislation. According to the map, projects in Jefferson County include electric vehicle charging stations, special needs transit grants, geothermal heating for the former Fort Worden Public Development Authority, fish barrier removal, among other items.

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Lawsuit: St. Marie now practices privately

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“While the court’s ruling with respect to the government’s immunity is disappointing, I’m grateful to have moved past a difficult chapter in my life,” wrote St. Marie in an email to the Leader. “My current practice defending individual rights turns out to be deeply rewarding. And I get to practice in accordance with my values. I continue to work for Jefferson County where appointed counsel is needed.”

“I appreciate the current professionalism of the Jefferson County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, and normalized relations in an adversarial system,” St. Marie wrote. “In the end, the court’s ruling is good for the citizens of Jefferson County and I’m good with that.”

In addition to dismissing all of St. Marie’s claims, Estudillo denied her request for \$5 million in sanctions and attorney’s fees.

St. Marie’s civil suit followed her termination in May 2021. The lawsuit named Jefferson County and the Jefferson County Prosecutor’s Office as defendants. Six other county employees, and their spouses, were also individually named as co-defendants.

In addition to the county and the prosecutor’s office, the other defendants listed in the lawsuit at the

time included Jefferson County Prosecutor James Kennedy and Chief Criminal Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Chris Ashcraft.

“The office has been completely vindicated by this ruling,” Kennedy said in a press release. “It has been our position since day one that the allegations against us were nothing more than a work of fiction. It is a relief that this case, which has hounded members of this office and their families for nearly two years is finally over.”

Kennedy said it took a long time to play out because of negotiations between both sides, since the county had some counter claims, which were also dismissed. “The parties worked out a settlement where neither side would appeal,” Kennedy wrote in an email reply to a request for information. “[D]ue to the scheduling of attorneys we were not able to finalize the settlement until now.”

St. Marie, who was 57 at the time she filed suit, is currently a Port Townsend-based attorney in private practice. She served as a chief deputy prosecuting attorney and deputy prosecuting attorney for Jefferson County from June 2015 through May 2021.

In the suit, St. Marie claimed she was demoted from chief deputy prosecuting attorney to deputy prosecuting attorney

in March 2019, when Kennedy, the newly elected prosecutor, hired Ashcraft as the chief criminal deputy.

In the lawsuit, St. Marie called Ashcraft “lesser qualified” and noted he had been a licensed attorney for less than 13 years, while she had nearly 25 years of experience.

Ashcraft’s hiring was linked to St. Marie’s claim of age discrimination. In the lawsuit, she alleged that she was “wrongfully discharged as evidenced by the county hiring a younger less experienced male and paid him more.”

According to court documents, Kennedy alleged the reasons for termination were unprofessional conduct and St. Marie’s failure to subpoena witnesses, leading to one case being dismissed in May of 2021.

St. Marie also alleged in her lawsuit that she had earlier raised concerns of an “inappropriate and unprofessional atmosphere” in the prosecutor’s office, adding the workplace was “full of sexual innuendo, inappropriate sexual gestures, and open favoritism” between other employees.

In his order, Estudillo wrote, “Plaintiff has not put forth specific evidence on the record to show that ‘severe and pervasive’ sex-based commentary created a hostile or abusive work environment.”

OBITUARIES



Diana Margaret Cronin

MAY 10, 1962 - OCTOBER 16, 2024

On October 16, 2024, Diana Cronin came to the end of her journey here on earth. Even in the few days before her death, she was looking forward to whatever the next adventure might be.

Diana Margaret Cronin was born on May 10, 1962, to Robert and Millie Cronin. She is survived by her mother and her two sisters, Janice Pfeffer and Emily Cronin.

Diana was an adventurer at heart whether that be on the Florida coast where she graduated with a degree in Oceanographic Technology or when she was leading bicycle tours

across the country, or hiking and biking the trails near and far from her home in Chimacum, WA.

Diana was a talented ceramic artist. Vivid color was her joy and the trademark of her ceramic creations which she started making in the year 2000. Her work was collected in the Pacific Northwest and beyond and is loved and cherished by many. She was represented by galleries and participated in many art shows and home studio tours. At least once a year, Diana would host open studio events on her own property and invite fellow artists to join her. She was generous in that way..with her space..with her knowledge..with her time. She was a bright light, fun-loving and the spark of any gathering.

Diana was also an avid gardener. Like her ceramics, her garden was filled with color, Dahlias being her favorite. She routinely gifted beautiful bouquets to lucky recipients. Many hours were spent outside with her cat, Max, weeding, watering, and enjoying the spectacular view from her yard. Her home, clothing and even

the art displayed were colorful...indicative of how she lived her life.

In 2008, Diana was diagnosed with breast cancer. A true warrior, she battled the disease with unwavering determination, exemplified by her ascent of Hurricane Ridge on her bicycle after chemotherapy.

Diana was unique and she will be missed by us all. She was a caring daughter and loving sister. She touched many lives and had a large circle of friends and neighbors who, along with her family, loved her. As long as we keep telling the stories of her generous spirit and zest for life..of her adventures in nature..of her bicycle trips..of her love...we will keep her close to us.

To honor Diana’s memory, please consider donating to the Olympic Discovery Trail Organization, fulfilling her dream of seeing this trail completed. <https://olympicdiscoverytrail.org>

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OBITUARIES



Bret Louis Sukert

DECEMBER 30, 1966 - MAY 6, 2024

Bret passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family and friends. He was fifty-seven when he lost his valiant battle to brain cancer.

Bret was born to parents Henry and Priscilla Jo Sukert. By the time he was 8 months old his hometown became Port Townsend WA. He graduated from Port Townsend High School in June 1985. Shortly after, in September he was off to Army Boot Camp. While in boot camp Bret's Captain offered him West Point. At 18 he felt he was not ready for a military career. Most of his 3-year enlistment was spent in Manchaug, Germany. By the end of his enlistment, he became a Drill Sergeant.

Bret's tour of duty ended in May of 1988. He then joined his dad in Suker Construction and eventually he became the sole owner. Bret was truly a financial wizard. He soon realized construction work was just too hard on his body. Next came Pacific Propane.

Not ready to put his hammer down, Bret decided to build a home. Not long after, he met the love of his life, Shar Garten. Shar came with a special package, her toddler son Garrett. Bret became a family person with a wife and son. Even though Bret was running a propane company, he and Shar decided to build another home. This was a 3-story farmhouse. Along with it he built a 3-car garage with an apartment above it.

After a few years in the farmhouse and running Pacific Propane, they

both decided to move to Montesano WA. and created a new propane business from the ground up. Again, his building skills were used, and a successful business was built. The business was Propane Etc. As time passed Propane Etc. grew.

Bret became ill in September 2020. By the end of 2023 he had to sell Propane Etc. and concentrate on his health. For most of his life Bret loved Classic Cars. He restored several classic cars. In the end his two favorites were his 67 Corvette and his 32 Ford Coupe. He won many trophies with his favorites and was even featured in Fuel Curve Magazine. He traveled everywhere to many car shows such as the Good Guys car show in Puyallup WA.

Bret's accomplishments were too many to count. He worked hard and played hard. So many friends and family will miss Bret. Fifty-seven was too soon to say goodbye. When Bret said goodbye to anyone, he always held up two fingers showing the peace sign. Back at you Son... Peace to You.

Preceding Bret in death were Shar - his wife of 28 years, his stepson Garrett, his mother-in-law Cynthia Pentlandn, his aunt Carla Newcomb, and his aunt Annie Mullen. Survivors are his Dad and stepmom Hank and Tammy Sukert of Port Townsend WA., mom & stepdad, Jo & Dan Thomas of Port Townsend, Wa., his sister Kelly Alexander of Marysville WA, stepbrother David Thomas Stepsister Michelle Stimac (Timothy), Stepsister Dana Jameson (Juston), Stepsister Heather Moody (Tez), His aunt Pauline Rogers, his aunt Arlis Whittington, his aunt Pernel Chapman, his aunt and uncle CJ and Leon Dewitt and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Also, his best friend Rich Staph Jr. At Bret's request, no services. See you on the other side, Son. Love, Mom.



Steve Moore

1949 - 2024

Steve Moore unexpectedly and peacefully died in his sleep on October 5, 2024. Steve was born in Lawrence, Kansas in 1949. He was 75 years old at the time of death.



Pat Scott

JUNE 20, 1931 -
DECEMBER 12, 2023

Pat Scott passed away peacefully in her sleep at age 92 on December 12, 2023 in Seattle, WA.

A lifelong Washingtonian, Pat was born in Seattle on June 20, 1931 in Seattle, but her home for the majority of her life was in Port Townsend. She is survived by her two sons Kenneth and Dennis Soapes.

As a member of The Greatest Generation, Pat was an independent woman who lived a life of service. While attending night school, Pat worked at Fort Worden when it was a juvenile diagnostic and treatment center. When Fort Worden closed, Pat began a new career as a labor representative for the Washington Association of State, County and Municipal Employees, a job that involved a great deal of travel around Washington State. Pat was a skillful and persistent negotiator on behalf of state employees

A celebration of his life is being planned for Spring of 2025. Anyone who would like to honor his memory in the interim may do so by donating to the Jefferson Land Trust or Bayside Housing.

Steve moved to Port Townsend in July of 2006 and quickly became involved in many organizations who served the community in areas where he felt passionate. These organizations included The Food Coop, The Jefferson Land Trust, Quimper Mercantile, LION, Finnrivier Farm and Cidery, Bayside Housing, and the Housing Solutions Network. When he wasn't

in various employment segments.

After retirement, Pat returned to Port Townsend, but her work was not done. She became a volunteer as a Guardian Ad Litem for the Jefferson County Court system. Pat used the skills she developed as a union representative during her 20 years in service as a GAL. Pat invested nearly 200 hours in training and spent thousands of hours helping young people, representing them in meetings with the court, social workers, therapists, school personnel, probation officers, counselors, parents, adoptive parents, and attorneys. Pat was known for her ability to ask probing and insightful questions, and her extra effort to attain exceptionally positive outcomes for the children she represented. She was awarded the Court Appointed Special Associates (CASA) Award of Excellence in 2006.

Pat was a life-long learner, avid gardener, and world traveler. She was "Grandma" to many and is also survived by her many wonderful friends and neighbors.

There will be a memorial service /celebration of life for Pat Scott on Saturday October 26th at 3:00pm-4:30pm. Location is the Rec Center 620 Tyler St. Please bring any memories you would like to share.

attending a meeting for one of these organizations, he could be seen walking the family dogs or cleaning up trails along 30th Street.

Prior to coming to Port Townsend he lived in the Denver, Colorado area where he worked as an IT executive and business consultant. Once retired, he threw himself into being a youth mentor, donor, and management consultant for Urban Peak, a shelter for homeless and runaway youth. Through the establishment of a family foundation with his former wife, Buffy Collison, he/they supported many

other organizations and individuals in need in Colorado. Just prior to moving to Port Townsend he completed chef school where he gained a formal education about his other passion, cooking.

Steve's philanthropic impact and wise counsel is felt deeply and widely by the communities in which he lived, loved, laughed, and served.

He is survived by his wife, Gigi Callaizakis, daughter Stephanie Moore, stepdaughters Cassidy and Jody Higgins, sister Elaine Moore, and grandchildren Orion and Nova Sands, and Justice Higgins Kripalani.

Mary Louise Boegehold

AUGUST 27, 1926 -
OCTOBER 18, 2024

Mary Louise Boegehold, 98, widow of Richard A. Boegehold, died October 18th 2024.

Born in Upper Montclair, NJ to William A. and Dorothy Brooks Burner, she was a graduate of Montclair High School and Parsons School of Design.

Resident of Kala Point, Port Townsend since 2000.

She is survived by a daughter, Susan Kerstholt-Boegehold of the Netherlands and two grandchildren, Ziminia Braude of Kirkland, WA and Lisa Kerstholt of the Netherlands. She was preceded in death by two of her children, David A. Boegehold and Karen Boegehold Braude.

At the request of the deceased there will be no service.

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~ **Oct 27** Christina Baldwin "Spiritual Practices for These Times" Workshop 1-3 pm with Finger Food Potluck

Quilcene: Board tables resolution on books

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The rest of the meeting agenda went as planned, said Cooke, who emphasized the school board took seriously the public input it received before the disruption occurred. Although the board went on to discuss the resolution regarding LGBTQ+ library books, it tabled the resolution without taking action during the Oct. 16 meeting. “I believe the resolution will be on the agenda at our work study meeting on Nov. 6.”

“The board listened to more than 30 public comments,” Cooke said. “We appreciate people’s opinions on this issue, and the discussion included parent’s rights to limit the topics their children are exposed to, how our school library is operated, and the board’s role in the selection of curriculum.”

As soon as the public comment period opened several speakers warned against banning LGBTQ+-related books. Ann Jesse and PEARL teacher Julia Kilcullen noted that Washington state passed House Bill 2331 this year, which prohibits schools from banning books based on race, religion, gender identity, or sexual orientation of the author or the subject.

“I ask the board if you are here to serve all the students of this district, to ensure and help facilitate their academic success, to help them become the contributing citizens we need, to help them in their life after graduation with confidence, free from fear

to become whole human beings?” Jesse said. “Or are you here to promote an agenda? Since two of you have taken office, the meetings have been dominated by attacks on teachers, the library, books in the library, the school-based health clinics and Title IX, explicitly targeting transgender youth sports.”

Kilcullen took issue with the phrasing of the board proposal, which she said “describes the books in question as containing controversial sexual topics, and implies that their content is sexually explicit. This is completely misleading and inaccurate. These books have no more sexual content than any other books in the Quilcene Schools Library. The fact that something is about people in the LGBTQ+ community does not mean it is inherently sexually explicit, and to imply that it does is appalling.”

Courtney Beck, who identified herself as a parent, English teacher and union president, asserted that books do not affect young readers’ sexual orientations, as she thanked Eli Allen, one of the Associated Student Body’s two representatives on the Quilcene School Board, for his role in organizing support for her bisexual son, who was recently outed without his prior consent.

“I hate sitting back here and listening to you all talk about something that affects my child,” Beck said. “I wanted him to come tonight, but I didn’t want him to see me. He goes to school, and all he

sees is love. So if you are a teacher, or a staff member, or a student in the crowd, I just want to say thank you for supporting my openly bi son and my other transgender son.”

PEARL special education teacher Jenelle Cleland warned that “the current agenda does not appear to be supportive of all students,” and could further divide a community that had united around the levy.

“The focus seems to be on pushing out anything that does not align with the views of a select few individuals,” Cleland said. “It’s alarming to hear the board mischaracterizing inclusivity, suggesting that even mentioning the word ‘transgender,’ or acknowledging a student’s choice to use certain pronouns, is somehow inappropriate. One board member suggested that if teachers spent less time focusing on the LGBTQ+ issues, our academic performance would improve.”

Cleland said that no teacher in the district was pushing any child to be a certain way, particularly when it comes to gender.

“Our responsibility is to accept all students as they are, and foster an environment that supports each one of their unique needs,” said Cleland. “That is what you entrust us to do, and it is what we work diligently to do every single day. This isn’t about education. It feels like it’s about control, and it feels like we’re on a slippery slope toward an environment where power is prioritized over progress, and I’m worried about what’s next.”



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The high-energy bohemian folk music of the Ukrainian band Kommuna Lux reflects the blended traditional and contemporary culture of its home city of Odesa. *Courtesy photos*

Sounds of communal joy to fill Palindrome

Ukrainian band touring to raise money for countrymen

BY KIRK BOXLEITNER

The Ukrainian folk band Kommuna Lux has made Port Townsend one of the stops on its fall charity tour of the United States and Canada, and the band hopes attendees of its concert at the Palindrome won't forget to bring their dancing shoes.

Kommuna Lux, whose band name roughly translates to “communal joy,” was formed in 2014 in the streets of Odesa on the Black Sea. It has already done summer tours through the East Coast and Midwest, but this fall is the band's first time visiting North America's West Coast.

Since the band has made its way up from California, through Oregon, into Washington state and Canada, Volodymyr Gitin has felt overwhelmed by the experiences and friendships he's accumulated since the start of Kommuna Lux's 2024 tour, which has raised more than \$11,000 in donations since July, enough to fund one of the Rotary Club's hospital beds for burn victims on the front lines.

Through its 501(c)(3) nonprofit KMLX, funds raised by Kommuna Lux will go directly to the Rotary Club's Hospital Beds for Kramatorsk project.

The band's journey has been so hectic that Gitin said he likely wouldn't be able to make sense of it all until he'd had a chance to sit still for a moment. He found California “amazing,” and observed that “the waters were more clear” starting in Oregon, which reminded him of the vibrant culture of his home city on the Black Sea,



Kommuna Lux, a seven-piece Ukrainian folk band, is set to perform Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Palindrome at Eaglemount Winery.

as Odesa has grown more diverse since Kommuna Lux's founding.

“We have met a lot of kind people who are very supportive of Ukraine,” said Gitin, who noted the band is continuing to work with partners and supporters to provide medicine and protective equipment to organizations throughout Ukraine. “Everyone asks how they can help, so we share that with them. We also get to share our culture, through our music.”

The band consists of conservatory-trained musicians Bagrat Tsurkan on vocals, Oleg Vasianovich on accordion, Andrei Okhramovich on trumpet, Yaroslav Besh on trombone, Viktor Kirilov on acoustic guitar, Sergei Poltorak on percussion and Volodymyr Gitin on clarinet, the latter of whom spoke to

The Leader for this story.

“Ten years ago, our songs were largely Russian, but Odesa has gained a mixture of other nationalities, and we've also explored more traditional Ukrainian music,” Gitin said. “Add to that the experiences we have gained since then, and it has given our band a unique style, that includes everything from Jewish to newer waves of influence.”

Among Kommuna Lux's more popular songs is “7:40,” a tune from the late 1800s whose driving, rhythmic pulse evokes the propulsive forward motion of the trains that chugged into the Odesa station at 7:40 a.m. every day, from the Moldovan city of Bendery.

Kommuna Lux's bohemian folk-derived repertoire includes a number of such songs, that seek to impart

the history and spirit of the historic port town of Odesa, that's been the target of shelling and air strikes by Russian forces on multiple occasions since the invasion of Ukraine started in February of 2022.

“Our music is high-energy, but close to the street and the people,” Gitin said. “It makes people want to get on their feet, even in places that might not be perfect for that. So if you come to see us, don't forget your dancing shoes.”

The band sat in for a live radio interview with Buzzy Donahue at KPTZ 91.9 FM on Wednesday, Oct. 16, to help promote the 7 p.m. concert on Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Palindrome at Eaglemount Winery. Doors open at 6 p.m. and tickets are available on eventbrite.com.

Singer-songwriter promotes poetry, aspires to ‘grace’

BY KIRK BOXLEITNER

Midwest singer-songwriter Peter Mulvey is returning to Port Townsend, where he has developed a number of close connections to the community.

He is set to perform at the Palindrome, at Eaglemount Winery and Cidery, his third such collaboration with Rainshadow Concerts, previously at the Rainshadow Recording Studios at Fort Worden State Park.

Mulvey's other Fort Worden connection comes from his associations with the editorial staff of Copper Canyon Press, where he ordered a couple of hundred copies of “Braided Creek: A Conversation in Poetry,” by Jim Harrison and Ted Kooser, to pass on to his own fan base.

Mulvey said his working-class background, from his Catholic upbringing in Milwaukee to his busking tours through Dublin and Boston, has made him sympathetic to those working in low-income but creatively rich professions. He includes his fellow traveling musicians along with schoolteachers and poets in that group.

Mulvey said he seeks to support poets in part because their work has provided examples for him to

“But for those who might find poetry intimidating, I promise my songs won't leave you feeling like you have to write essays about them afterward, and they go well with beer.”

PETER MULVEY
SINGER-SONGWRITER

emulate in his own songwriting.

“I've always tended toward that confessional direction in my writing, of distilling as much as you can into as few words as you can, and hopefully doing it with some beauty,” he said. “But for those who might find poetry intimidating, I promise my songs won't leave you feeling like you have to write essays about them afterward, and they go well with beer.”

Mulvey lamented how poetry is too often taught in ways that can “throw kids under the bus, because they're presented with these poems that it took those poets years to learn how to write, and then, those kids are tasked with understanding them on the spot.”

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Peter Mulvey returns to Port Townsend for his Oct. 25 Palindrome performance having already connected with the community. *Photo courtesy of Misty Lyn Bergeron*

Baldwin to discuss ‘The Seven Whispers’ at Unity

LEADER STAFF

The Unity Center of Port Townsend will be hosting a special guest speaker during the church’s Sunday programs on Oct. 27. Author Christina Baldwin will address the 11 a.m. morning service and lead a two-hour workshop from 1-3 p.m.

Baldwin’s workshop is intended to support the art of listening for guidance in addition to “designing meaningful spiritual practices, and tools for embedding them in our daily lives.”

Baldwin has taught seminars internationally for more than 20 years. She is the author of “One to One: Self-Understanding Through Journal Writing,” “Life’s Companion: Journal Writing as a Spiritual Quest” and New World Library’s “The Seven Whispers: A Spiritual Practice for Times Like These.”



Christine Baldwin, author of “The Seven Whispers: A Spiritual Practice for Times Like These.” *Courtesy photo*

Baldwin also co-founded PeerSpirit, an educational company, with fellow author and naturalist Ann Linnea, with the aim of “building and sustaining a culture of conversation.”

In Baldwin’s view, “all crises are spiritual crises,” whether they’re political, societal, or driven by climate change, natural disasters or a sense of feeling “overloaded” by one’s

technology. She said she sees them all as “disruptions” that “challenge our core values, identities and capacity to hold steady.”

Amid such confusion, Baldwin advocates spiritual practices “that hold us to centeredness,” which she’s outlined as a set of spiritual instructions that she refers to as “The Seven Whispers,” per her book. It encourage readers to consider “their own whispers from the heart,” as well as “how to listen to the soul’s code.”

Now in her 70s, Baldwin synthesizes decades of “gentle guidance” in her writing, speaking and workshops.

All of Baldwin’s books will be for sale at the Unity Center church, at 3918 San Juan Ave. in Port Townsend, on Sunday, Oct. 27, including “The Seven Whispers” and her recently released novel, “The Beekeeper’s Question.”

Mulvey: Midwesterner has developed an affinity for PT

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By contrast, Mulvey hopes that everyone who attends his performances can connect to the common experience of “fighting the unsatisfying parts of existence.” His songs are written in part to serve as “moments of grace, like noticing the way the light shines through your kitchen window, that leave you with a sense of solace, when you think, ‘This is fine.’”

Although Mulvey has opened for larger artists, he appreciates that more intimate venues, such as the Palindrome and Rainshadow Recording, afford a closeness with the audiences to impart a sense of “pervasive grace.” But regardless of the venue, he insisted that “the job is still the same. You speak to the crowds as though you’re speaking to them personally.”

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PETER MULVEY
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“It’s like stepping into a canoe,” he continued. “If you can get over the initial awkwardness, then you can really get somewhere.”

Even though Mulvey remains a Midwesterner, he’s developed an affinity for Port Townsend’s waterfront, as well as for the strong coffee of the Pacific Northwest. He provided an anecdote that has come to define Port Townsend in his mind.

“A friend of mine was hiking and lost their cell phone, so they borrowed

someone else’s phone to call their own phone, to try and find it,” Mulvey said. “When they did, the phone was answered by Bill Porter, a.k.a. Red Pine, the American translator of Chinese Buddhist poetry. It was the most Port Townsend thing I’d ever heard.”

Mulvey’s raconteur knack for such tales can be found in his 19 records, along with an illustrated book, a TEDx talk, guest stints on NPR and opening performances for famous names

such as Ani DiFranco and Emmylou Harris.

In 2019, Mulvey and his band, SistaStrings, spent five days in a tiny back room, and the resulting live record, “Peter Mulvey with SistaStrings: Live at the Cafe Carpe,” is out now on DiFranco’s Righteous Babe Records. Tickets for Mulvey’s Oct. 25 concert at Palindrome, which starts at 7:30, are \$20 online or \$25 in cash or check at the door.

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Fiber arts display is a window into Beatlemania

BY KIRK BOXLEITNER

The Peninsula Fiber Artists’ “Fiber Habit” display window will continue to showcase “Beatlemania” at 675 Tyler St. in Uptown Port Townsend through the month of November.

Port Angeles Beatles fan and textile artist Merrie Jo Schroeder has curated the 24/7 walk-by exhibit of British Invasion-themed textile art and memorabilia from 1960s beat group events, in honor of the 60th anniversary of the first appearance of The Beatles in the United States, on display since Oct. 6.

“Here Comes the Sun” and “Yellow Submarine” were among The Beatles’ hit songs that inspired art quilts and other textile pieces by a collection of artists. The group who currently share space with 1960s concert tickets, posters and other memorabilia includes fellow Port Angeles resident Evette Allerdings, Sequim’s Liisa Fagerlund, and a Port Townsend contingent comprised of Sue Gale, Pat Herkal, Kindy Kemp and Debra E. Olson,

Schroeder’s Beatles fandom nearly predates the British Invasion, as she attended the band’s concert in Detroit in September, 1964, “during which I was among the enthusiastic fans, expressing my dedication with fervent screams and tears.”

To commemorate this anniversary, Schroeder proposed the Beatlemania theme for the Fiber Habit window, which she said was “warmly received” by the rest of the Peninsula Fiber Artists.

While the Peninsula Fiber Artists produced works inspired by The Beatles’ songs, albums and the cultural



Port Angeles textile artist Merrie Jo Schroeder has been the curator for the “Beatlemania” walk-by exhibit at 675 Tyler St. in Port Townsend, whose display of Beatles memorabilia alongside Beatles-themed art quilts and textile pieces continues through November. *Courtesy photo*

phenomena that accompanied their U.S. arrival, Schroeder “thoroughly enjoyed” selecting a few items from her own memorabilia to accompany the 17 fiber art pieces created by the group.

“Evette Allerdings

impressed us with an exceptional Yellow Submarine purse, featuring transparent windows,” Schroeder said. “Sue Gale’s large Union Jack quilt served as a perfect backdrop for the British Invasion theme, while Pat Herkal’s

creation of a special singing Blackbird for the exhibit was particularly noteworthy.”

Other pieces were inspired by Beatles songs such as “Imagine,” “Give Peace a Chance” and “My Guitar Gently Weeps.”

“Curating this show reinforced my admiration for the talent within this group of fiber artists, and left me grateful for their support and encouragement,” Schroeder said.

Although Olson had previously planned for “Home Sweet Home” to be the Peninsula Fiber Artists’ theme for the Fiber Habit display window from December through January, she’s instead opted for a bag-related theme, “to give our members a smaller, less time-consuming piece during such a busy time of the year.”

The theme will be bags of any kind, and the working titles currently being considered include “Bagging Brilliance,” “The Art of Bagging” and “Discover Your Bag Story,” although Olson is encouraging input from her fellow Peninsula Fiber Artists.

Linda Carlson, who handles publicity for the Peninsula Fiber Artists, noted that bags have been part of the group’s projects for years.

“Many members make cross-body bags, often of unusual fabrics,” Carlson said. “Most of us have made tote bags to haul our materials to meetings. We even had an exhibit based on UFOs — in that case, unfinished objects — that had been hidden in large brown paper bags and exchanged anonymously, with each recipient of a bag using the bag contents for a new project.”

The Peninsula Fiber Artists’ next free monthly meeting is set for 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the Gardiner Community Center, with Carlson and Terri Wolf providing an informational presentation.

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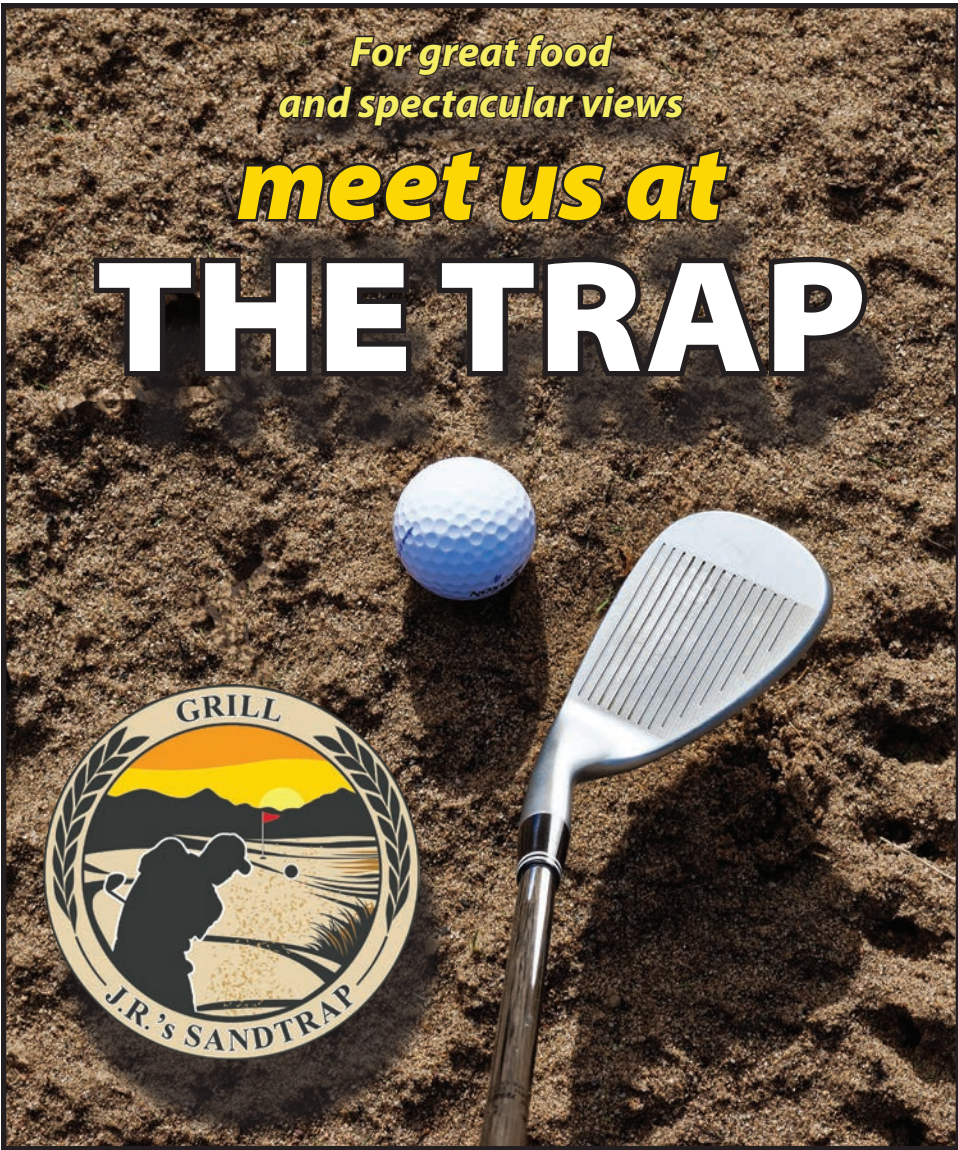
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Quilcene kicker Taylor Boling kicks the extra point after a touchdown against the Darrington Loggers in a game on Saturday, Oct. 18, in Quilcene. Ranger quarterback Andrew Perez holds the ball for the attempt.



Ranger quarterback Andrew Perez crosses the end zone for a touchdown against the Darrington Logger.

Jefferson County STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



PORT TOWNSEND

Zakk Lawson is a standout student known for his kindness, helpfulness, and curiosity. Always seeking new perspectives, Zakk excels in his civics class. He often uses his free time to assist teachers, showcasing his caring and considerate nature. After graduation, Zakk has exciting plans to embark on a road trip with a friend, traveling down the West Coast through California. He plans to explore major cities and national parks, with a special stop in Point Pleasant, North Carolina, to investigate the legend of Mothman. In his future, Zakk intends to help communities through food banks and other service efforts.



CHIMACUM

Leighton Dunn was chosen as student of the week by the CJSHS ASB. Leighton is an 8th grader who has a 3.83 GPA currently. She is a cheerful, energetic, great student, who works hard and is very helpful. Leighton completes all her assignments on time, while also playing softball year round, and wrestling for the junior high.



QUILCENE

Zayne Thompson is an exemplary student who consistently goes above and beyond. He is exceptionally smart and uses his intellect to help others succeed. Zayne is incredibly generous with his time and always lends a helping hand to his peers and teachers. He goes out of his way to make sure everyone around him feels supported and valued. He is the true definition of a good Samaritan and always gives 100% of his time and effort to every task, whether it's graded or not. He is a role model for all students and embodies the very best of our school community.



OCEAN

Sam Shepard is the OCEAN Student of the Week. Sam is an academically driven student with a natural curiosity and love for learning. His easy going and approachable nature makes them a joy to be around, and he has a great sense of humor that brings a fun and lighthearted atmosphere to the classroom. He balances his focus on academics with a playful, engaging spirit. Sam is a positive role model and OCEAN.

'Agatha All Along,' 'Late Night with the Devil' serve up spooky streaming fun

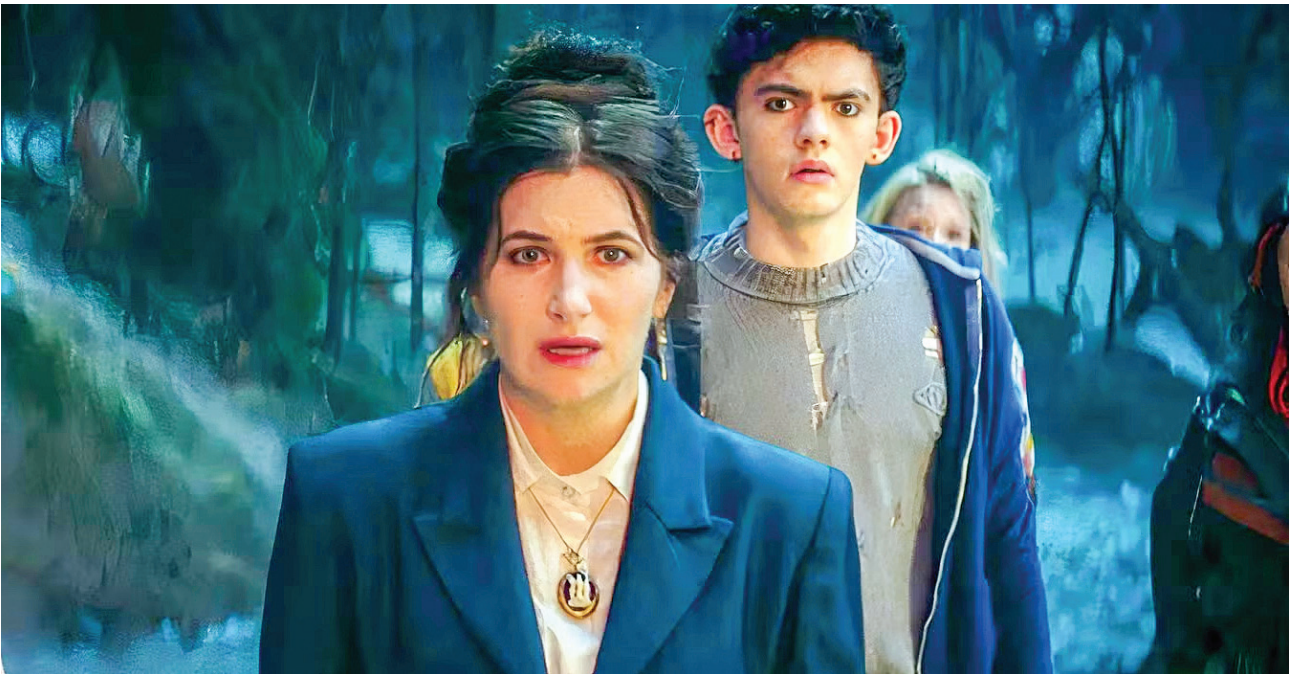
BY KIRK BOXLEITNER



Switching things up, we're taking a week to cater to readers who spend more time streaming media than screening films in the theaters, especially since it allows me to squeeze in a couple of Halloween-themed reviews.

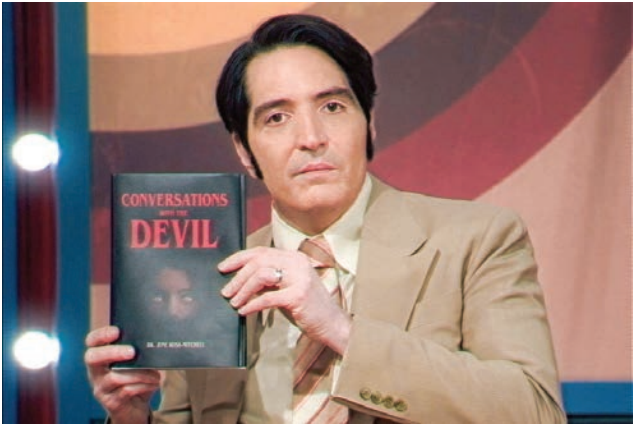
'AGATHA ALL ALONG'

The latest installment in the Marvel Cinematic Universe has been airing new episodes on Disney+ every Wednesday since Sept. 18, and it's scheduled to wrap up its run Oct. 30. As a lifelong Marvel Comics fan, if you'd told me years ago that a nine-episode TV mini-series would be devoted to centuries-old witch Agatha Harkness, I would have laughed in your face. Even in the comics, Agatha is an obscure supporting character, most frequently seen training the Scarlet Witch and babysitting for the Fantastic Four. In "Agatha All Along," she's the star. This puts a lot of pressure on the talented Kathryn Hahn, especially when she's riding herd over a headstrong ensemble cast that



Kathryn Hahn and Joe Locke head down "The Witches' Road" in "Agatha All Along" on Disney+. Courtesy photos

includes Aubrey Plaza, Debra Jo Rupp and Patti LuPone, playing comics characters as esoteric as Jennifer Kale, Lilia Calderu and Alice "Wu" Gulliver, whom even well-read fans might need to look up in the Official Handbook of the Marvel Universe. And yet, even as this series parodies niche storytelling genres ranging from rich housewife reality shows to 1980s teen slasher flicks, it remains a relatively simple Dungeons & Dragons quest narrative with fewer than half a dozen witches traveling the pocket dimension of "The Witches' Road" to regain their lost powers, with the predatory "Salem's Seven" hot on their trail. As in the comics, Agatha's Chaotic Neutral alignment makes her an unreliable narrator at best, so her fellow witches are sensibly wary of her,



David Dastmalchian takes risks with the supernatural as a talk show host in "Late Night with the Devil" on streaming. especially given what she did to her last coven. But the emerging mystery has been the identity of Joe Locke's initially unnamed "teen" sidekick, who's connected to one of the MCU's most powerful magic-users, no doubt heralding that character's inevitable return to the forefront. On one level, "Agatha All Along" is transparently an exercise in advancing the ongoing meta-narrative of

'LATE NIGHT WITH THE DEVIL'

I'd hoped to catch this film in theaters in March, but after having rented it on Amazon Prime Video this past weekend, I can't imagine watching it anywhere but my smaller screens at home. The premise of "Late Night with the Devil" is that it's compiling the found footage from the lost Halloween episode of a fictional late-night talk show, but its pseudo-documentary framing yields an unexpectedly insightful analysis of the societal turmoil that made the 1970s so rich for horror. David Dastmalchian, a compelling character actor who's gained visibility on the periphery of a number of superhero and sci-fi franchises, brings a pitch-perfect

layering of authenticity and artificiality to his role as Jack Delroy, host of the Johnny Carson-esque "Night Owls" talk show. With "Sweeps Week" threatening to make or break Delroy's career, his 1977 Halloween episode boasts not only stand-ins for debunked psychic Uri Geller and magician-turned-skeptic James Randi, but also a parapsychologist author with a case straight out of 1973's "The Exorcist." Anyone who's familiar with the classic horror media being homaged here is unlikely to be surprised by this film's outcome, since it also borrows liberally from 1968's "Rosemary's Baby," and relies on familiarity with Anton LaVey's real-life Church of Satan. What impressed me was how well-executed it all was, with a haunting verisimilitude for the zeitgeist of the era. The "behind the scenes" black-and-white clips that fill in for the show's commercial breaks are the least credible parts of this exercise, since the gory special effects of its final act are hokey by design, in keeping with this film's aesthetic as a 1970s horror period piece. Despite its implausible paranormal phenomena, it feels real for television, if that makes any sense. I must admit to mixed emotions about the hallucinatory conclusion, but the sense of dread that its scattershot collection of scenes evokes ultimately makes it worthwhile.



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Peter Wiant, from Port Townsend, squats in the circle and tosses his boule toward the Jack (little red ball) to improve his or his teammate’s chances during an “end” of pétanque on Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Port Townsend Pétanque Alliance course at Fort Worden State Park. Pétanque is a French game in which players or teams play their boules/balls toward a target ball. Individual games are called ends. *Photos by Steve Mullensky/for The Leader*



Port Townsend is home to an active group of pétanque players, including Bekah Howe, the first American to win a medal for the United States. The 125-year-old French game involves tossing a boule (ball) underhanded towards a smaller target ball (or cochonnet) and lands closer than the competition or knocking it further away from an opponent’s boule. Here are some images from the Oct. 16 competition as well as more casual play in recent weeks. All of it was organized by the Port Townsend Petanque Alliance at Fort Worden.

Bekah Howe, left, and Rob Gruy, use their feet to measure who is closer to the target ball during a game of pétanque played on Sunday, Oct. 13, on the pétanque pitch at Fort Worden State Park. Howe brought home a silver medal from the World Championships in Birmingham, Alabama, earlier this year.



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Pétanque players toss their boules toward the jack, or target ball, the tiny red ball at the bottom, to determine teams for an open practice session on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the pétanque pitch at Fort Worden State Park.



Pétanque is a game of fractions of a centimeter. When in doubt, a tape measure is always handy for accurate measurements of how close each boule lies to the jack.



Sam Cavallaro squats down and watches his boule bounce and roll toward the jack while playing an end on Sunday, Oct. 13, on the Port Townsend Pétanque Alliance pitch at Fort Worden State Park.



Port Townsend Pétanque Alliance trophies wait to be awarded on Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Mixed Triples event at Fort Worden State Park.

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TIGER by BUD BLAKE

HOW DYA LIKE MY HALLOWEEN OUTFIT?

IT'S COLD OUT. MOM SAYS YOU HAVE TO WEAR A SWEATER

I CAN'T! INDIANS DON'T WEAR SWEATERS

A SWEATER WOULD LOOK WRONG!

YOU HAVE TO!

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆
◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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HELEN BASERMAN

JUICE BAR

APPLE
ORANGE
PINEAPPLE
PRUNE
GUAVA

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

JUICE BAR

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GUAVA
PRUNE

Differences: 1. Man is moved, 2. Tie is different, 3. Menu sign is different, 4. Hat is smaller, 5. Hair is different, 6. Stool is different.

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ACROSS

1 Pop singer
Celine
5 "It's c-c-cold!"
8 Cicatrix
12 Vicinity
13 Fib
14 Sharpen
15 Huge kudos
17 Assess
18 Blue
19 Shadowed
21 Pretended
24 Decorate
25 Rapscaillions
26 Campus cafeteria offering
30 Carnival city
31 Long skirts
32 Oklahoma tribe
33 '80s arcade game
35 Castle defense
36 Eyeglass frames
37 Smooths, as wood
38 Source of gum arabic
41 Numerical prefix
42 Composer
Bartok
43 Performance bonus
48 Japanese noodle

DOWN

49 "Rocks"
50 Rights org.
51 Head, to Henri
52 Fine, at NASA
53 Detail
8 Tempura choice
9 Furnace fuel
10 Pay to play
11 Clarinet insert
16 Scepter
20 Feels unwell
21 Mattress option
22 Writer
Kingsley
23 Music genre for BTS
24 Piano's state
26 Abba-inspired musical
27 Lake bird
28 Slightly
29 Forget-me — (flowers)
31 1102, to Nero
34 Esoteric
35 Rum cocktail
37 Hindu honorific
38 Border on
39 Give up
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45 Agt.'s cut
46 Hearty brew
47 "Tasty!"

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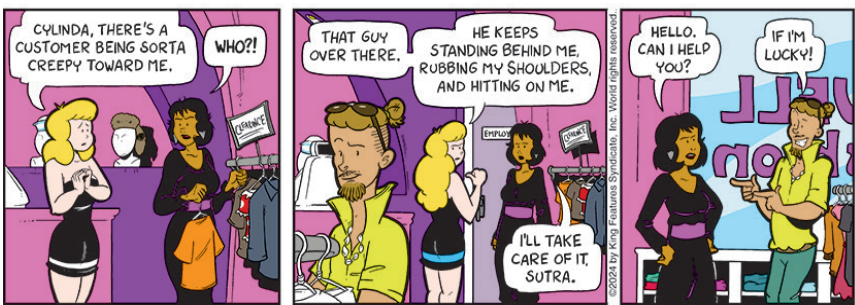
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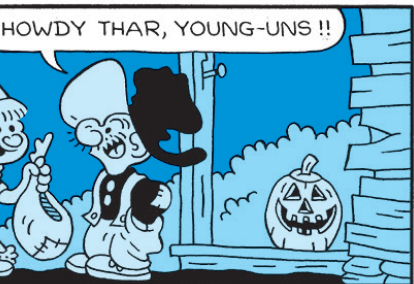
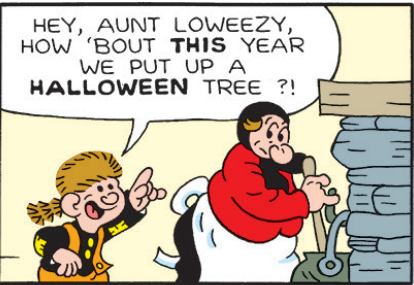
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3. HISTORY: Why is Delaware’s nickname The Diamond State?
4. LITERATURE: Which children’s book features the characters Tweedledee and Tweedledum?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of The Bahamas?
6. MOVIES: What is the name of the villain in “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre”?
7. SCIENCE: Which unit measures food energy?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of swimming ducks called?
9. MUSIC: Where does the pop group name The Bee Gees come from?
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