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Parking firm out of compliance

BY ALEX FRICK

As penalties continue to frustrate Port Townsend Plaza shoppers, the City of Port Townsend has confirmed that the companies behind the paid parking systems have yet to acquire the proper licenses to operate within Port Townsend.

Finance Director Jodi Adams said that Hall Equities Group, Parking Revenue Recovery Services (PRRS), and Honk Mobile all hold Washington state business licenses; however, none has obtained the required city endorsement on their licenses to conduct business in Port Townsend.

Letters were mailed within the last month to the companies informing them of the requirement. However, as of this writing, no applications or endorsements appear in the state's business licensing system, the Washington Department of Revenue's Business Licensing Service (BLS).

"We're working to get the businesses in compliance," Adams said. "Many businesses are unaware of the requirement to obtain an endorsement on their Department of Revenue business license to do business in Port Townsend, so we try to work with them to come into compliance before we begin enforcement action."

Adams said that the city can enforce licensing requirements; however, the

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Closing out the summer

Scott Bradley, guitar player and vocalist for Kevin Smith and the PT All Stars, plays at the final Concerts on the Dock for the 2025 season at Pope Marine Park in downtown Port Townsend. This year's concert series, put on by the Main Street program, spanned eight weeks, opening July 10. *Leader photo by Lloyd Mullen*

More than a thousand here without homes last year

Editor's note: This is part five of a thirteen part series that explores the housing crisis affecting Port Townsend and Jefferson County.

BY ALEX FRICK

The count for people experiencing homelessness or unstable housing in Jefferson County can vary widely, depending on the eye and methodology of the count.

The two federal counts are calculated differently. The Point in Time (PIT) count shows who's homeless on one night; the Annual Snapshot shows how many unique people were homeless or unstably housed during their fiscal 2024. Both counts are generated by the Department of Commerce.

"PIT gives you a picture, but Snapshot gives you a movie. And for rural counties, that difference is huge."

- VIKI SONNTAG

The Annual Snapshot for Jefferson County, released in May 2025, has a wider scope. It identified 1,044 residents who experienced homelessness or unstable housing in state fiscal year 2024, which ran from July 2023 to June 2024. That's nearly seven times the 147 of tally that came from the PIT count, which was a single night in January 2025.

The data for the PIT count is gathered locally by Continuums of Care (CoC), regional planning bodies that coordinate housing and services, and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for federal reporting.

GREATER ACCURACY, MORE DATA

The Annual Snapshot looks at a lot of different things to come up with its figure. It compiles information from linked administrative records, including Medicaid, public assistance data from the state's Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES) and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Instead of tallying every shelter stay or move, the Snapshot records one count per person across the year.

Meanwhile, the PIT count includes people who can be located in shelters or outdoors on one night.

In a rural county like

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Fall sports preview:

Friday night lights to finish-line sprints, Rivals set sights on 2025 court and pool

BY ALEX FRICK

FOOTBALL

Optimism is the message for East Jefferson football as the Rivals look to switch from underdogs to contenders in 2025. Head coach Nick Snyder, a longtime defensive coordinator, says the group is starting to buy in:

"They're showing commitment at practice, now it's about believing in the program."

A strong senior class leads the way, especially along the offensive line. Veterans Isaac Stewart and Charlie Schweitzer provide stability. Quarterback Silas Morford returns with reliable targets in Jackson Dupuis and Anthony Holmes, while running backs Jameson Henry and Alex Garcia bring balance to the offense. On defense, Snyder is stressing fundamentals, from alignment, assignment and tackling to address last year's struggles. Ranked last in the state in the preseason, the Rivals see an opportunity to surprise. Rivalry showdowns with Klahowya and Kingston will test whether East Jefferson can turn hard work into results under the Friday night lights.



Swim Coach Peter Braden demonstrates proper technique to the team. *Leader photo by Alex Frick*

VOLLEYBALL

The Rivals open their volleyball season with an early string of matches at Chimacum before testing themselves against a tough slate of league and private school opponents, including Seattle Christian, Life Christian, Charles Wright and Annie Wright. Klahowya and Vashon Island stand out as dates to circle on the schedule, and October rematches will provide a chance to measure progress. With a full lineup of home and away dates across September and October, East Jefferson will look to build momentum as the season unfolds.

SOCCER

East Jefferson girls soccer enters the season looking to increase momentum on a successful rebuilding year. With many freshmen and sophomores gaining experience last season, the Rivals now rely on senior leaders RJ Spainhower-Oas, Akili Clevenger and Sarah Fisher. Two-time All-League defender Teri Wiley holds the back line, while junior Fern French adds energy in midfield and Gracie Witheridge returns from injury, joining sophomore creators Olivia McClemans and Macy Little, with classmates Rayna Pray and Ellie Anderson expected to deliver a fair share of goals. Freshman keeper Lila Morgan strengthens the squad in net.

"Overall, the girls soccer program is one of team building and fun and spirit," Coach Robert Cantley said. With Bellevue Christian set for the home

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Recreational shellfish harvesting closed in waters surrounding Port Townsend

BY MALLORY KRUML

The Jefferson County Department of Health announced the immediate closure of recreational shellfish harvesting in several areas around Port Townsend due to dangerous levels of a biotoxin that causes Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP).

Testing conducted by the Washington Department of Health revealed elevated levels of the toxin, produced by the naturally occurring marine plankton Alexandrium, which cannot be destroyed by cooking or cleaning the shellfish.

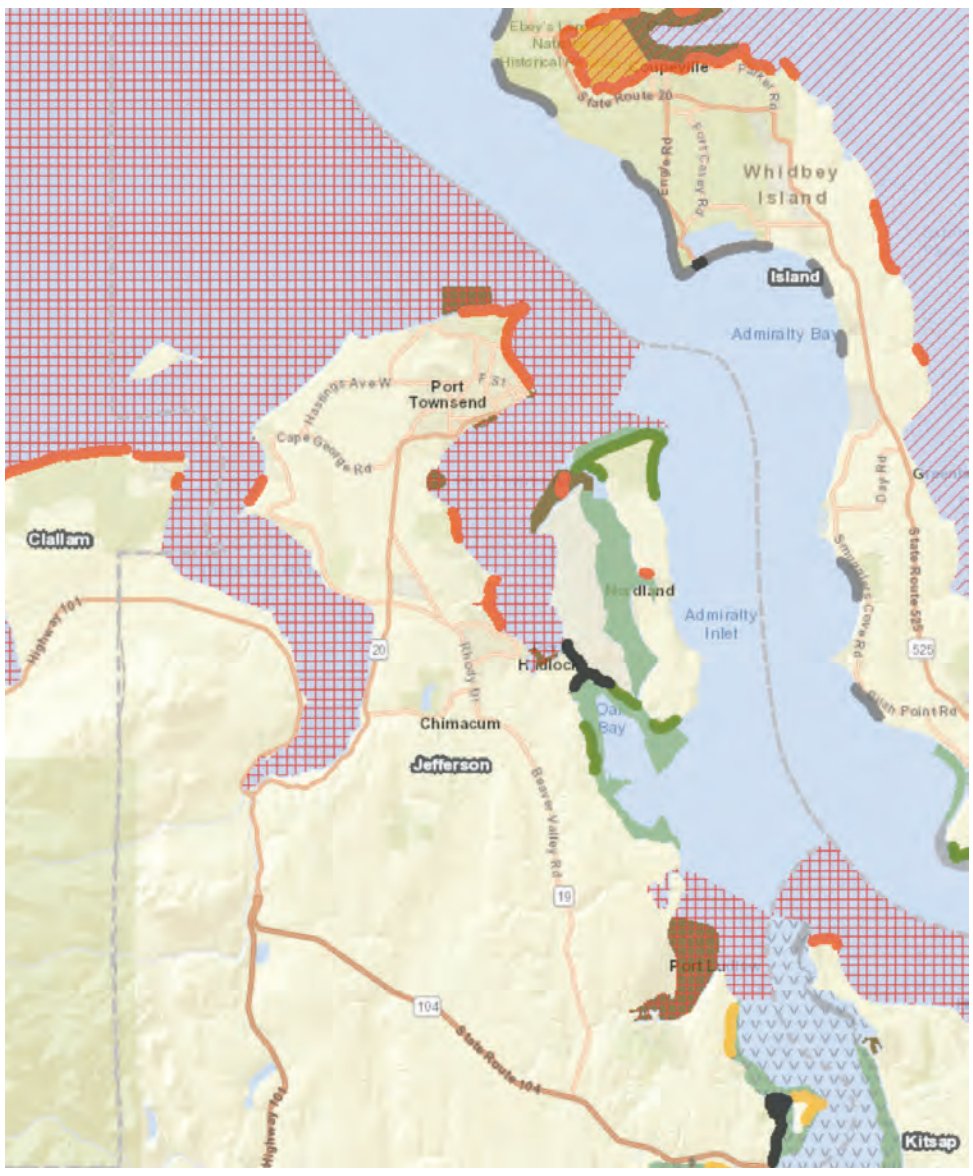
"Levels are monitored every week at a lot of different locations across Puget Sound," said Michael Dawson, water quality manager for Jefferson County. "We help with some of the sampling, and then samples are also collected by tribes, by commercial shellfish companies. There's a whole bunch of people that contribute to the sampling."

As a result of the recent tests, recreational harvesting of all molluscan shellfish — clams, mussels, oysters and scallops — is prohibited in the following locations: Port Townsend Bay, the Northern Quimper Peninsula, including Fort Worden State Park and Point Hudson, Port Ludlow and Mats Mats Bay. Fort Flagler State Park is excluded from the closures.

Crab and shrimp are not included in the closures, but toxins can accumulate in the guts of crabs and in butter. The health department recommends cleaning crab thoroughly and avoiding eating the crab butter and guts.

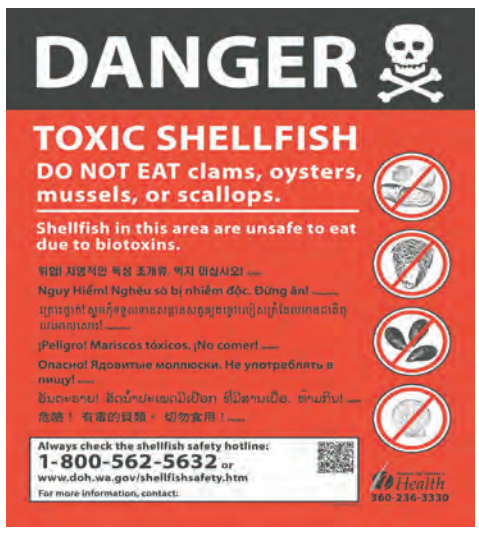
Symptoms of PSP can appear within minutes or hours and typically begin with tingling in the lips and tongue, progressing to the hands and feet, followed by difficulty breathing and paralysis, according to the health department. Individuals experiencing symptoms after consuming shellfish should contact a healthcare provider immediately.

For extreme reactions, the health department recommends calling 911.



The water bodies marked with red cross-hatching and the beaches in red are closed to recreational shellfish harvesting. *Images courtesy of the Jefferson County Department of Health*

East Jefferson County experienced a heightened level of the same biotoxin back in August 2024, resulting in the closure of molluscan shellfish harvesting in Discovery Bay, including the northern Quimper Peninsula around to Point Hudson, Admiralty Inlet and East Marrowstone Island, Kilisut Harbor, including Mystery Bay, Fort Flagler State Park, Oak Bay, Mats Mats Bay and Port Ludlow.



The danger sign posted at the affected public access areas.

"This is pretty typical where we do get some widespread closures," Dawson said. "Much of the summer was fairly good in our county area; we've just recently seen PSP spread from one water body to another."

He said it's hard to say when recreational shellfish harvesting will reopen in the affected areas.

"It used to be that you could count on closures going away in the fall, but then we had a few years where they persisted late, even going into the winter," he said. "People should really just keep checking the shellfish safety map. It's updated as soon as results come in."

To learn which areas are safe to harvest shellfish in Washington, visit www.doh.wa.gov/ShellfishSafety.htm or call the Biotoxin Hotline at 1-800-562-5632.

BRIEFS

Sewing with Guidance

Come Sew, the sewing studio for the general public, will switch from a single advisor to a team of experienced, volunteer, sewing advisors. This free studio provides space while making available four sewing machines, a large fabric cutting table, sewing tools such as scissors, rulers, thread, other notions, some patterns, an ironing board, a serger and most importantly expertise to help you with your project. The studio does not offer sewing classes so some experience is requested. Its regular operating hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 1 until 5 p.m. 810 Water Street #2 in Port Townsend. Visit them at website at http://comesew.com.



A rendering of the new hybrid-electric ferry design that went out to bid last year. The new ferries will first be deployed to the Mukilteo-Clinton run, probably followed by the Seattle-Bremerton route. *Photo courtesy of WSDOT*

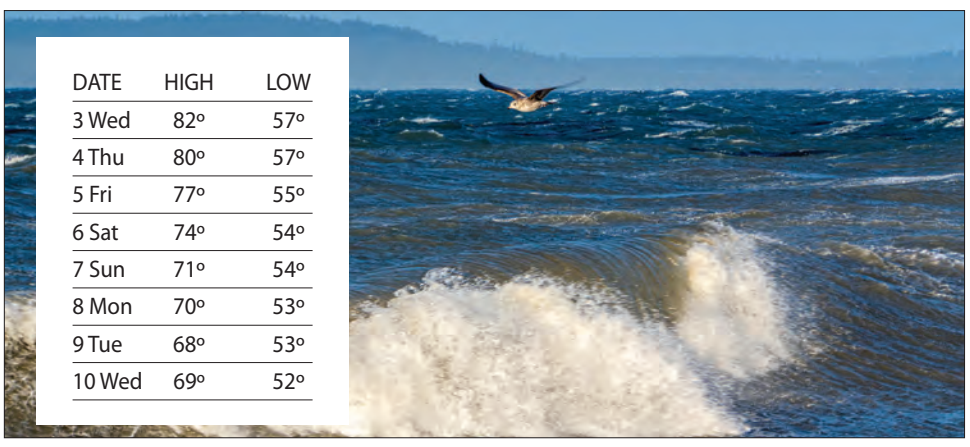
Hybrid-electric ferries coming

Washington State Ferries officials signed a contract with Eastern Shipbuilding Group (ESG) to build three new 160-vehicle hybrid-electric ferries. Ferry officials said the company's bid "was tens of millions of dollars lower than the other bid we received," adding that the savings mean the agency can build three vessels instead of just two. The contract also includes the cost of delivering the boats to Washington.

With the contract signed, ESG will help finish the design of the boats and create a detailed project schedule. The process is estimated to take about a year, followed by construction, which is estimated to take four years.

Ferry officials expect the first vessel to start service as early as 2030, with contract incentives to finish sooner.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3 - SEPTEMBER 10



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3 Wed	82°	57°
4 Thu	80°	57°
5 Fri	77°	55°
6 Sat	74°	54°
7 Sun	71°	54°
8 Mon	70°	53°
9 Tue	68°	53°
10 Wed	69°	52°

PORT TOWNSEND TIDES

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5	Fri	1:45	7.2	4:59	8.2	8:59	-0.5	9:43	5.4	6:33	7:45	
6	Sat	2:48	7.4	5:16	8.3	9:38	-0.5	10:14	4.6	6:35	7:43	
7	Sun	3:49	7.5	5:34	8.4	10:16	-0.2	10:49	3.5	6:36	7:41	
8	Mon	4:49	7.6	5:55	8.5	10:54	0.5	11:29	2.2	6:37	7:39	
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DISCOVERY BAY TIDES

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5	Fri	12:58	6.7	4:12	7.7	8:42	-0.5	9:26	5.1	6:33	7:45	
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10	Wed	6:08	7.0	5:56	8.1	11:56	2.6			6:40	7:35	

PORT LUDLOW TIDES

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Changes coming to public transit routes as Jefferson Transit improves service

BY MALLORY KRUML

Heads up, bus riders: This fall, Jefferson Transit Authority (JTA) will implement several service changes aimed at improving efficiency, expanding coverage and better aligning transit services with community needs.

Changes will go into effect on Sept. 29 and include a new midday trip on Route 1 Brinnon, extending Route 4 Upper Sims and increasing the frequency of Route 11, said JTA Mobility Operations Manager Sara Peck at the Aug. 12 meeting of the JTA board.

"Overall, we've received positive feedback for all of the proposed changes," Peck said. "We are here to respectfully request the approval of these changes."

The changes were prompted by a comprehensive operational analysis and extensive community engagement, according to JTA. The board adopted them on Aug. 12.

The Brinnon route begins at Haines Place Park and Ride and travels through Port Hadlock, Chimacum and Quilcene before reaching Brinnon. The new midday trip will depart the park and ride at 10:25 a.m., Monday through Sunday.



A bus on the soon-to-be-discontinued Route 11B heads into the Haines Place Park and Ride in Port Townsend. *Leader photo by Alex Frick*

"I would just like to say I am so excited about the midday Brinnon run," said Viviann Kuehl, a JTA board member and director on the Quilcene School Board.

Route 4 Upper Sims starts at the park and ride, travels up Sims Way and along Discovery Road, with stops at Jefferson Healthcare and other medical offices. Beginning Sept. 29, the route will extend to include Kearney Street, and two new stops will be added: one on Sims Way near Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park and another on the corner of Blaine Street and San Juan Avenue.

Route 11 is currently divided into two identical routes, both starting at the park and ride, which drive in opposite directions through uptown and downtown Port Townsend. Beginning Sept. 29, the 11B route will no longer run, and the 11A route will be renamed the 11 Shuttle. The 11 Shuttle will depart the park and ride every 20 minutes.

Before the board's vote, Heather Dudley-Nollette, a Jefferson County commissioner and JTA board member, praised transit staff for their work on the public outreach process.

"In my first process of really seeing the public outreach that has happened to get to this point, I've learned a lot from the work that you've done to reach out to the public and both get their input to craft the ideas and look to the future," said Dudley-Nollette. "I've really been impressed by that, so thank you for all that work."

More information regarding the service changes is available on JTA's website.

Jefferson County International Airport
September 11 to 14, 2025
Escort from American Legion to Airport on Tuesday, Sept. 9
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Opening Ceremony
Thursday, Sept. 11 @ 10:00 AM
Agent Orange Ceremony
Friday, Sept. 12 @ 8:00 PM
Closing Ceremony
Sunday, Sept. 14 @ 1:45 PM

The Wall That Heals is the three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.
The Wall memorializes the 58,281 men and women who sacrificed all in the Vietnam War.
Six local men are on The Wall. Join us in honoring those who gave all, and all who have served our country.

Marvin G. Shields
US Navy

Medal of Honor
KIA June 10, 1965
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Stephen R. Lopeman
US Marine Corps

KIA May 11, 1969
Panel 25 West / Line 51

Marine Lance Corporal John Everett Paddock was a RTO—a radio telegraph operator. On September 11, 1966, he was traveling with three other Marines in a lightly armored jeep when they hit a mine. All four were mortally wounded. His brother wrote, "The last two times I saw my brother, John, were in 1966 when he was the Best Man at my wedding to Linda in Spokane, and then when he joined us in San Diego for dinner. Both of us were due to head for Vietnam, me on an LST, Jerome County, and John with the Marines. He was a great brother and we had many wonderful times together growing up. I will always remember my brother, and his service to our country."



LCPL John Paddock graduated from Port Townsend High School in 1962 and is interred in the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon. Panel 10 East / Line 87

Navy Corpsman Third Class (HM3) Timothy James McMahon was killed in action on September 18, 1966, while serving with the First Marine Division. One who was with him wrote, "I talked to him as he lay dying and he was trying to tell me how to help the other wounded, with no thought of himself." A relative wrote, "I was little when you left us but I remember your voice, your laugh and how kind you were. I also remember the family's grief." HM3 Timothy McMahon graduated from Port Townsend High School in 1964 and is interred in the Fort Worden Military Cemetery. Panel 10 East / Line 114



This year—50 years since the end of the Vietnam War—we have remembered each of these men who were our family, our friends, our neighbors. The Wall That Heals is a place to remember them and their brothers and sisters in arms. Remembrance is the Highest Form of Honor.

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Monte Raoul De Vere
US Army

Silver Star, Bronze Star
KIA January 10, 1970
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William T. Smith
US Marine Corps

KIA April 3, 1970
Panel 12 West / Line 90

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Food bank eyes Hadlock as distribution center

BY MALLORY KRUML



The Tri-Area Food Bank in Port Hadlock. *Leader photo by Mallory Kruml*

Facing increased demand and aiming to improve efficiency, the Jefferson County Food Bank Association is taking control of its food distribution network.

"We're positioning ourselves for resilience but bracing for impact," said Patricia Hennessy, the executive director of the Jefferson County Food Bank Association (JCFBA).

Olympic Community Action Program (OlyCAP), the longtime WSDA lead agency responsible for managing state and federal food programs in Jefferson and Clallam counties, began transitioning away from its role in July.

"It was a business line decision that they just decided they didn't want to be the lead agency for WSDA," said Hennessy.

Since OlyCap stepped down, Port Angeles' food bank has taken over as the lead agency for the region, requiring JCFBA staff and volunteers to drive back and forth to Port Angeles to stock their shelves.

"They are a great partner, but it really doesn't make any sense because Food Lifeline, Northwest Harvest, they all deliver out to Port Angeles," Hennessy said. "I mean, why can't they just stop here?"

To that end, and as early as the end of September, JCFBA will begin operating its own distribution hub out of its warehouse at its Tri-Area location in Port Hadlock.

JCFBA is working through phase one of the project, which involved the demolition of a trailer home to make way for additional parking and the installation of a new septic tank.

"The next kind of thing you will be seeing is the freezer and the refrigeration unit; there's going to be some construction there," Hennessy said. "And again, just regrading the property, and then getting the mechanical and the electrical for the freezers up and running."

Roland Faragher-Horwell, the president of the JCFBA Board of Directors, said the move makes sense for several reasons.

"The intention is to have those trucks actually drop everything off directly at our facility in the Tri-Area," he said, "That does a couple of things for us. It affords us to only have to distribute from Port Hadlock to our food banks. More importantly for Tri-Area, which is one of our major food banks, it's in the same facility. Distributing food from the warehouse to the actual food bank will be the function of walking across the street."



An old trailer home was removed from the property to make way for new parking as the food bank revamps its Port Hadlock location. *Photo courtesy of the Jefferson County Food Bank Association*

The reimagined space will enable the food bank to store food long-term and reduce fuel and maintenance costs of its trucks, said Faragher-Horwell.

The change will not affect food bank operation at any of the four JCFBA locations in Port Townsend, Port Hadlock, Quilcene and Brinnon.

"The way we are setting up our food banks, they don't have to receive all the goods at once, and that would be our preference, that they understand and manage their own inventory, and then they can order off of a standardized set list," Hennessy said, "The idea is that we really are trying to do a better job at maintaining our inventory and making sure that all of our food banks have basic necessities."

Later, JCFBA will reconfigure the loading dock for large shipments and improve landscaping at the Port Hadlock location to include an edible demonstration garden, which will supplement the produce it offers.

"Once we get ourselves established and we understand our own distribution, we are looking at different ways to expand access," Hennessy said, "Is it online ordering or a refrigerator system situated in a key location, or do we invest in more mobile pantries? We are looking at all of that. But, first things first, we've got to make sure we manage our resources."

Affordable housing project begins taking applications in Port Townsend

BY ALEX FRICK


Bruce Tipton, left, and Paul Berkshire reroof the historic Pilot's Cottage in Port Townsend. *Leader photo*

Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County is now accepting applications for its next affordable housing development in Port Townsend, with a groundbreaking set for Sept. 25.

The 14-home Landes Terrace neighborhood will be built using a paired-home design that allows for more houses on less land, similar to the model Habitat previously used at its Landes North location.

"This is about more than housing," said Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Jamie Maciejewski. "It's about creating stability, opportunity, and a sense of belonging. We're committed to making the path to homeownership more accessible for people in our community."

The homes will range from two- to three-bedroom units, with the possibility of a four-bedroom unit if a larger family applies.

"This Landes Terrace will be 14 homes, so seven with a paired-home style," said Ellen Michael Caldwell, Habitat's communications director. "We're already bringing together the people that are going to live in this neighborhood... to build a sense of community and bonding before they become neighbors."

Those interested in applying can do so both online or on paper. Caldwell said accessibility is a priority.

"We're trying to make this so there's not a lot of pressure. If you are someone who prefers paper applications, you can pick one up in the store or outside the office," Caldwell said. "We also have an online application, which goes into any language that your browser is set to, and it's really easy to apply online."

Landes Terrace is being sold under a permanent affordability model, where homeowners can purchase the house, but lease the land under a 99-year renewable ground lease. If an owner chooses to sell the house, resale appreciation is capped, ensuring that future buyers can purchase the home at a fair and affordable rate.

Caldwell said that Habitat's program is eligible for more families, open to households earning up to 80% of the area median income, or roughly $83,000 to $86,000 for a family of four.

"A lot of people self-select out because they assume they won't qualify," they said. "But in this market, many working professionals still meet our guidelines."

Habitat anticipates that a two-bedroom home at Landes Terrace will cost about $250,000, including down-payment assistance and a mortgage. If an applicant needs housing but may not be mortgage-ready yet, Habitat staff and trained volunteers can assist in addressing financial hurdles before moving forward.

Habitat is approaching the Landes Terrace project as a "lead-up" to the larger Mason Street neighborhood, which remains in the planning stages.

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Animal rescue breaks ground on new facility to expand wildlife and domestic care

BY MALLORY KRUML

With its foundation dug, Center Valley Animal Rescue (CVAR) is one step closer to meeting the growing need for specialized animal care in Jefferson County.

"Our land work is mostly complete," said Sara Penhallegon, director and founder of the animal rescue. "They're getting ready to pour concrete, so there's rebar in the holes, all the forms are done. In the next week or so, we should have our first concrete floor."

Serving the Olympic Peninsula since 2002, CVAR is committed to "reducing unnecessary euthanasia by providing a safe space and rehabilitation for abandoned, injured or unwanted animals," according to its website. That mission is rooted in the belief that every animal has inherent value and deserves to have its basic needs met. It offers permanent homes to domestic animals that cannot be adopted and provides rehabilitation and release for wild animals.

The Wildlife and Isolation Building — a two-story facility being built on the same property as the animal rescue in Quilcene — will allow staff to provide advanced medical care, safe quarantine and rehabilitation for animals in their care.



Sara Penhallegon examines an eagle at Center Valley Animal Rescue. *Leader file photo*

The building will feature dedicated isolation rooms, specialized areas including a parvo treatment unit, a ringworm room, a neonate care area and a dedicated space for large wildlife.

Plans for the facility have been in the works for nearly five years, said Penhallegon. The need for it has become more urgent due to a recent rise in animal hoarding and cruelty cases.

"It's a challenge and a big stretch of our resources and manpower when we get these big cases, but if it's a peninsula cruelty case, we are going to make it happen, and we are going to do it," Penhallegon said in January. "There's so many animals coming in, and there's no space, so we need to make this happen. We need to make it happen in the very near future."

In January, CVAR announced a fundraising campaign for the new facility with a lofty goal of raising $500,000 by the end of the year. Private donations and endowments make up the other $300,000 of the total project cost of $800,000.

"The facility is a critical next step in expanding CVAR's ability to serve both wildlife and domestics while supporting public safety and conservation efforts," wrote CVAR Fundraising Coordinator Cass Medel. "The campaign will directly impact the lives of countless animals in our community."

So far, CVAR has raised $136,895 and is looking to the community to fill the remaining gap.

"We are going to be able to do it as we go, as donations come in," Penhallegon said. "My goal would be by the end of 2025 to have the downstairs done, and then we might just have to wait on the upstairs and finish it later, but we will still have a functional, operational downstairs." Penhallegon expressed gratitude to the companies that have worked on the project so far, including Van Ness Construction, Rahke Mechanical and Mahan Log & Lumber LLC.

"We're on a roll, it's going really good," she said. "This stage is going to be done in the next month, and we'll be ready to start building the rest of the building. We've just got to get the person to do it."

Project updates and a donation link are available at CVAR's website.

SHERIFF'S LOG

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office responded to a total of 577 calls for service from Aug. 14-27. Deputies conducted 166 traffic stops, of which four resulted in criminal (misdemeanor/felony) charges.

AUG. 14: A littering report was made in Port Hadlock, of a catamaran that had been dumped on property, which was blocking access to the area. At the time of the call, the county roads department was advised, and working on options for removal. Multiple reports of gunshots and revving engines were made between Port Hadlock and Indian Island. Reports stated motorcycles may have been involved. The area was patrolled and Washington State Patrol was advised.

AUG. 15: The Jefferson County Courthouse was broken into, several items were taken and damage was reported. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office was able to track the subject to Forks through some of the equipment they stole. The local man was located, arrested and booked into the Jefferson County Jail.

AUG. 16: In Chimacum, an Amazon delivery driver was bitten on the hand by a dog. The victim went to the ER for the injury, which required stitches. The dog's owner confirmed the dog was vaccinated.

AUG. 17: A deputy responded to the Four Corners Gas Station to assist Washington State Patrol with an uncooperative driver. The subject initially refused to identify themselves, and was eventually placed into custody for physical control of a vehicle while under the influence. Several small bottles of alcohol, both open and unopened, were found in the vehicle and on the driver. After several attempts to try and pull away, and reach for items in their vehicle, law enforcement was able to secure the driver in a patrol car.

AUG. 18: A business owner in Quilcene reported theft from outside of the building. There was suspect information, which was relayed to the Washington State Patrol to attempt to locate them, but the suspect was not located. A Quilcene man was stopped in Port Ludlow for bad driving. The vehicle was traveling slower than the posted speed limit, and for several hundred feet was in the wrong lane of traffic. When the deputy spoke to the driver, they noticed a strong smell of intoxicants, the driver's eyes were red and watery, and their speech was slow. The deputy also saw several opened beers in the vehicle. When asked if he had been drinking, the driver said, "Maybe." He subsequently performed field sobriety tests and was arrested for DUI.

AUG. 19: A Parks employee reported graffiti at HJ Carroll Park in Chimacum and William Hicks Park in Port Ludlow, that most likely occurred over the weekend. A racial slur was used at both locations. Damage is reported to be around $600. No suspects or witnesses, and the graffiti was cleaned up.

AUG. 20: A Parks employee out at HJ Carroll Park reported the theft of a 5-gallon gas can. The employee said that when they returned to their county truck to refill the mower, the can was gone. No suspects or witnesses. Another series of deer versus vehicle collisions were reported over the week of Aug. 14-20. No major damage or driver injuries were reported, but the deer still aren't obeying their "no crossing" signs.

AUG. 21: Deputies assisted the Forks Police Department and Clallam County Sheriff's Office on a pursuit through both counties. A vehicle was reported stolen from Port Townsend, and identified to have been involved in multiple incidents on the Olympic Peninsula. The owners of the vehicle were contacted. A Port Townsend resident reported two people walking on his property. A deputy arrived to find a vehicle parked outside the property's locked gate, and the "visitors" in a ditch, picking grapes. They loaded up in their car and left the property. A report of illegal dumping was made in Port Townsend. The perpetrator, who remains unidentified, discarded a duffel bag containing a swimming cap and goggles, a blood pressure cuff, mail and trash. The reporting party disposed of the items in the trash.

AUG. 22: A Port Ludlow resident reported fraudulent activities, as a loan in the amount of $1,504 was taken in their name with an online university. The university contacted the reporting party to resolve the issue. There are many scams and fraudulent activities happening these days, so do your best to safeguard your information.

AUG. 24: A sheriff's deputy was dispatched to HJ Carroll Park for a malicious mischief report. Damages totaling $300 were reported, as a car had driven through the park, and ran over multiple signs and concrete parking blocks. The park's caregiver did not see the car, and there are no suspects. A possible arson was investigated in Port Townsend, near Four Corners. A small fire, which was swiftly extinguished, was confined to a rotted stump near the transit stop. The responding deputy notified the Fire Marshal for further investigation. A Port Townsend caller reported a party in their neighborhood, and people yelling in what sounded like "fear, not happy sounds." A deputy checked in, and found a party with a band, and nothing suspicious.

AUG. 25: A disturbance was called in at QFC in Port Hadlock, as two panhandlers engaged in an argument. A man and woman were on the street, screaming at each other, and were asked to leave by the reporting party. The situation was diffused, and everyone went their separate ways. A Brinnon resident reported being assaulted by two men on his property. The perpetrators were camping at a nearby campground, and came onto the reporting party's property to fish. When the reporting party questioned them, one yelled at him, and slapped his hat and glasses off his face. A witness reported seeing the suspects pack up into a van and flee. Rangers are reviewing campground footage, to possibly identify the van.

AUG. 27: A Port Ludlow resident reported their vehicle was stolen. The victim discovered their car, with an estimated value of $5,000, was missing when they left for work around 8 p.m. There are no security cameras in the vicinity, and there are no suspects in the theft of the car. Only one deer-versus-vehicle incident was reported on the week of Aug. 21-27. It looks like the deer are finally starting to abide by the rules.

Jefferson Healthcare announces new clinic locations and services in hospital expansion



Photo credit: Deja View Photography

Jefferson Healthcare has opened the doors of its new hospital wing, bringing expanded and enhanced services to residents of East Jefferson County. As part of the expansion, several specialty clinics will move to new locations, and new service lines will open, beginning September 2.

What's moving and what's new
The following clinics have relocated to the new wing of the hospital as of September 2. Patients visiting these clinics should use the new Castle View Entrance and head to the second floor:

- Dermatology (Dr. Kaatz, Dr. Olinger, Leah Layman, ARNP, and Dan Walkowski, PA-C)
- Neurology (Dr. Ramirez)
- Rheumatology (virtual consults continue from the new hospital wing)
- Wound Clinic (Coreen Williams, ARNP)

Also opening on September 2 is a new Pulmonology service line (Dr. Chong), which will be located alongside the above clinics on the second floor. Additionally, an infectious disease clinic will open mid-September. Patients should check in at the Castle View Entrance.

In addition, OBGYN services (Dr. Skorberg, Dr. Luqman, and Sarah Kirkegaard, ARNP) will move to a new location on the first floor of the new wing. Patients should enter through the Main Entrance, turn right down the main hallway, and follow signage to the clinic.

To learn more, visit ***jeffersonhealthcare.org.***

About Jefferson Healthcare
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Library revamps program to encourage early reading

BY MALLORY KRUML





From above: Youth and Outreach Library Manager Emily Rucker and Port Townsend Community Services Director Melody Sky Weaver show off the tote bag and full-color print by Faith Pray. Kids that complete the program have the opportunity to be featured on a wall in the library's children's section. *Leader photos by Mallory Kruml*

Tucked away in the children's section of the Port Townsend Public Library is a wall dedicated to the finishers of the library's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program.

"It's really all about building this lifelong joy of reading and modeling the joys of reading," said Port Townsend Community Services Director Melody Sky Weaver. "A thousand books before kindergarten really seeds that in our families."

Launched at the library in 2014, the program, sponsored by Port Townsend Library Friends, and Foundation, encourages parents and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their children before kindergarten.

Youth and Outreach Library Manager Emily Rucker said that, while it may seem daunting, reaching the 1,000-book mark is definitely achievable. She recommends families start small.

"If you have 10 minutes, use those 10 minutes. If you can come to a story time, come to a story time," Rucker said. "Build it into your daily routine, whether that's at bedtime or snack time. Whatever works for your family."

Weaver agreed, saying, "Little daily habits add up."

Parents will be glad to know that they can count the same book as many times as their child wants to read it.

This year, the library has revamped the program, featuring artwork designed by local author and illustrator Faith Pray.

When designing the program's art, which features a bear reading to its cub on the beach at Fort Worden, Pray said she wanted to capture the feeling of closeness and care.

"I also wanted to pull in a hint of my 2019 PT Library's Summer Reading design. Hence, the bears," Pray said. "And where better to enjoy a book together than a sunny day at Fort Worden?"

The benefits of reading to children, especially before they reach school age, are substantial, Rucker said.

"All of those skills that you are developing, like reading with your child at home or coming to a story time, they help set kids up for school," Rucker said. "There's lots of studies that show that kids that have had that experience in the home or have gone to programs, they are going to transition to a school setting much better. They are set up for success."

Beyond that, Weaver said reading fiction is one of the most effective ways to build empathy.

"If you want to help people understand other people's lived experience or walk a mile in another person's shoes, you read fiction," she said.

Families participating in the program will receive a story tracker and a tote bag featuring Pray's artwork upon signing up.

Once 1,000 books have been read, children who participate will receive a free book from the Port Townsend Library Friends and Foundation, along with a signed certificate from the library staff. If they wish, their picture will be added to the coveted finisher wall. Families will also receive a full-color print of Pray's artwork.

"The big piece that we are hoping to have is making this accessible for all families," Rucker said. "Reading and time spent together is achievable for whatever your family looks like."

For help getting started, Rucker keeps a list of staff recommendations on the library's website. More information regarding the program can also be found there.

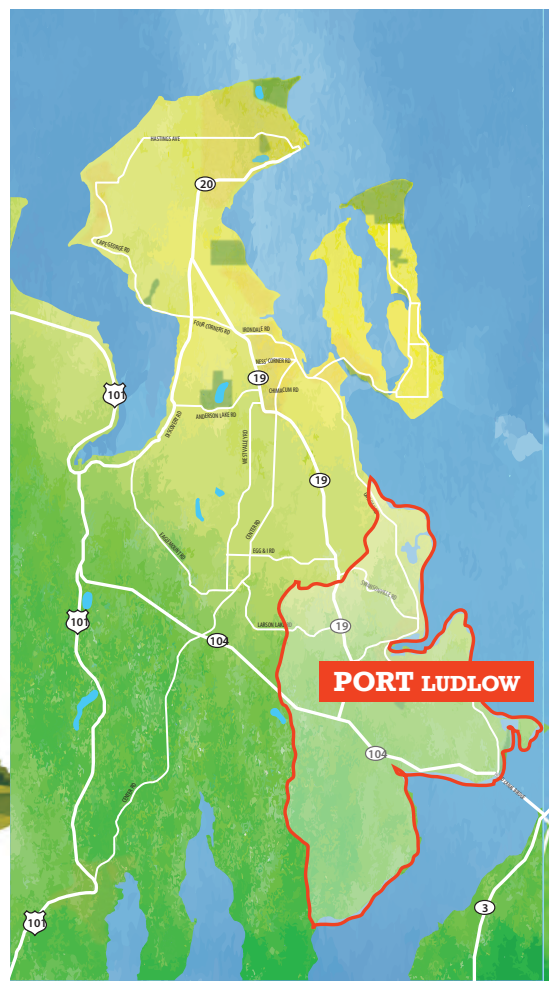
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Housing: *Counts show stark gap; one night's tally misses hundreds living unstable lives*

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Jefferson County, people experiencing homelessness may be sleeping in cars, staying temporarily in motels, couch surfing with friends or living in transitional housing. Not all of these situations are captured the same way: couch surfers are invisible in the PIT count, motels only count if a voucher is used, and while transitional housing and vehicle dwellers are counted, they're easy to miss on a single winter night. The undercount of these populations creates a gap, both in methodology and practice.

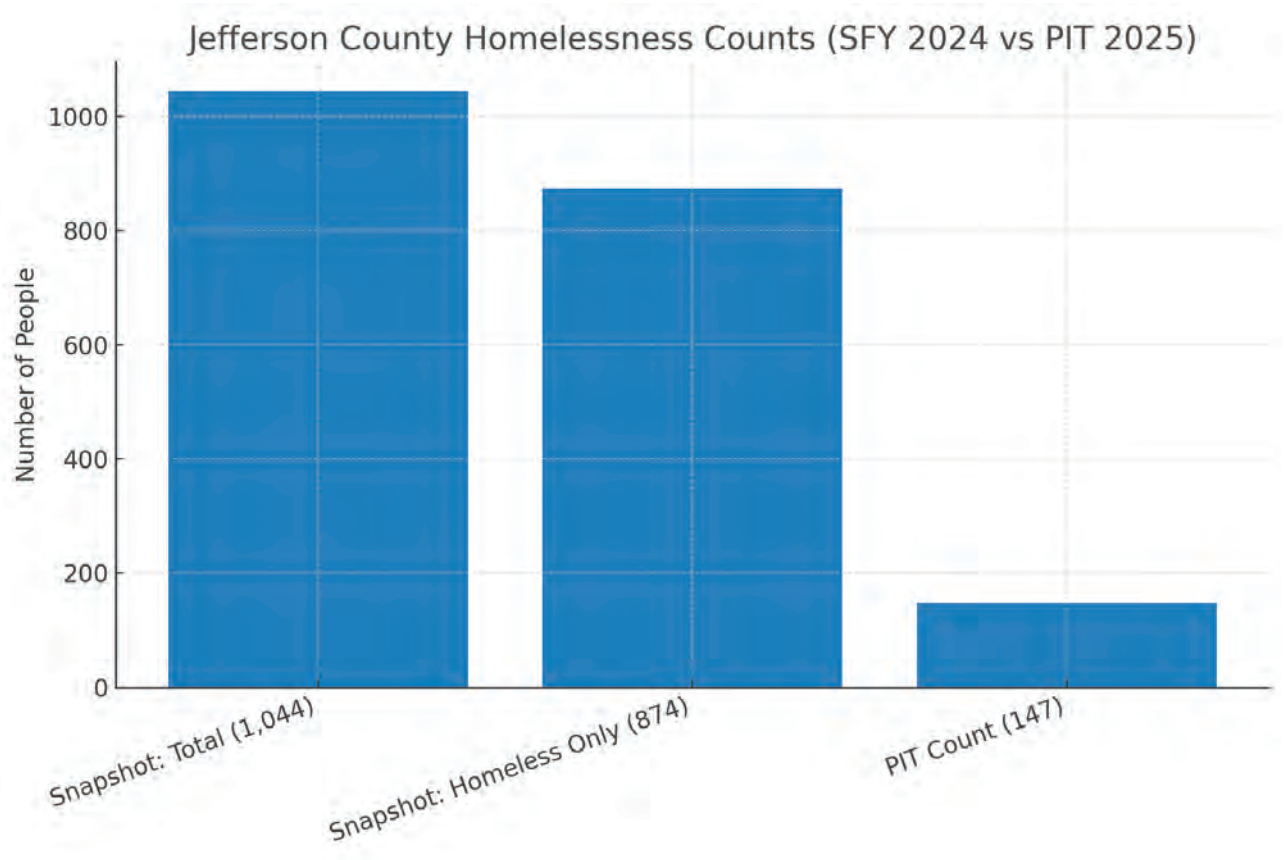
That difference in methodology is something local housing advocates emphasize.

"The Snapshot gets closer to the lived reality because it shows how many unique people touch these systems across a year," said Viki Sonntag. "PIT gives you a picture, but Snapshot gives you a movie. And for rural counties, that difference is huge."

"When the official count is 147, the public thinks that's the problem to solve," Sonntag added. "But service providers know it's actually six or seven times that. It's not that one number is right and the other is wrong — they're answering different questions. But the danger is when decisions get made on the smaller number."

Jefferson County Commissioner Greg Brotherton underscored that same gap from the county's perspective.

"If you only look at the January number, you'd never guess how many families are calling us in June, July, August, trying to find housing," he said.



Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (PIT Count); Washington State Department of Commerce (Annual Snapshot).

The Snapshot separates people into two groups: those considered "homeless only"—unsheltered, in emergency shelter or in transitional housing—and those considered "unstably housed," such as couch surfing or flagged in service records as precariously housed. In comparison, using only the "homeless only" metric in the snapshot, it identifies that homeless rates reach 874 people, nearly six times the amount found in the PIT Count's 147 people.

WHO GETS COUNTED

The count is also broken down into categories, defining who is counted in Jefferson County. Among the 1,044 residents counted in Jefferson County, adults without minors (25+) account for 689 people, about 66%. Single-parent families with minors account for 201 (about 19%), two-parent families for 87 (about 8%) and youth ages 18-24 without minors for 64 (about 6%). Small "minor only" counts are suppressed for privacy.

Narrowing that lens further, of the 874 "homeless only" population, the pattern holds. The population consists of 587 adults without minors (67%), 174 single-parent families (about 20%), 52 two-parent families (6%) and 59 youths aged 18-24 (about 7%). The numbers correspond to service demands in Jefferson County, from the caseloads of housing case managers to school transfers for children and the use of local health care services.

Comparing that to PIT's January figures, it counted 147 people total, with 81 people found in shelters (55%) and 66 unsheltered (45%). PIT counts are necessary, as noted by the CoC Program interim rule. Section 578.7 states that CoCs "must plan and conduct, at least biennially, a Point-in-Time count of persons experiencing homelessness within the geographic area."

Section 578.3 defines the PIT Count as a "count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons carried out on one night in the last 10 calendar days of January or at such other time as required by HUD."

The PIT count does not factor or represent everyone who falls into crisis between counts. For example, if a parent loses housing in March, spends April on a friend's couch, receives a motel voucher in May, and finally reaches transitional housing in June, that family would not be counted in the PIT count and invisible to its methodology. Families may be missed unless they are in shelter, transitional housing or unsheltered on PIT night. The Annual Snapshot captures anyone who interacted with HMIS/ACES/Medicaid any time in the fiscal year.

BETTER BUT IMPERFECT

The contrast between the two measures can have significant practical consequences. If services are planned on PIT alone or are undercounting, they can underestimate demand by a factor of six or seven. With a count of 147, it might suggest spaces for fewer shelters and outreach may be limited, as well as resource allocation, but the year-long data suggests hundreds of families and individuals are moving through unstable housing over the course of a year.

Yet, the Snapshot, too, has its limits. It only counts those who have accessed public systems like Medicaid or housing assistance, excluding those who never seek documented help. In a small county, populations can be suppressed for privacy reasons if the number of returns is too small, such as households made only of minors, making accounting for these groups difficult. The data only accounts for the county where individuals most recently experienced instabilities. Counts are reported in the county of last recorded homelessness or housing instability, which may not reflect people who move between counties.

Service providers say they see the difference week to week. Michael McCutcheon, who runs a Friday meal program for the unhoused, said: "The numbers don't tell the whole story. You can feed a hundred people on a Friday and know right away the need is bigger than the count says."

In addressing and understanding the needs of Jefferson County, it is less about which method is the correct one, but more about what it reveals. The PIT count provides clarity for federal reporting, while the Snapshot provides scale, closer to what schools, health providers and case managers encounter every day.

Parking: *Firm lacks city endorsement*

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city has no jurisdiction over parking fees, signage or policies set by the plaza's owner and its operators. To dispute a parking penalty, residents should direct their complaints to Hall Equities Group, the Washington State Attorney General or the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

The issue of endorsement is the latest conflict in a rollout that has been met with significant public backlash. The paid parking system requires patrons to scan a QR code from their cell phone and register their license plate within 15 minutes of arrival; failure to do so will result in a fee. Since July, mailboxes have been filled with penalties of $102, regardless of the length of stay.

Residents visiting the plaza and the employees who work there said the system is confusing, and some of the practices may not meet the state requirements for private lot signage and notice.

Washington law (RCW 46.55.070 and WAC 308-61-145) requires signage at private parking lots to be "clearly conspicuous and visible to all who park," listing enforcement terms, start times, and contact information in the event of a tow.

At the entrance of the plaza, signs warn that parking charges of up to $250 may apply, but much of the text is printed in half-inch type, which can be challenging to read beyond 10 feet, especially in the evenings, as the signs are not reflective. The Leader conducted an informal visibility test from 25 feet away in July. None of the 15 people questioned said they would consider the signage to be "clearly visible" from that distance, an industry standard for signage. There is also required information missing on the posted signage, including information on grace periods and fee structures, as well as tow retrieval information. That responsibility has been taken up by businesses, who have created visible signage at the entrances of shops.

The lot is owned by California-based Hall Equities Group, which hired PRRS to oversee enforcement and Honk Mobile to provide the QR-based registration system. In a previous response to The Leader in July, Hall Equities CEO Mark Hall defended the system as a necessary response to "poachers," those who leave their vehicles on the lot for days, and compared public resistance to that of the early skepticism about ATMs in the 1980s.

Local businesses say they are bearing the burden of the community's frustrations. Employees are still receiving complaints from customers regarding the penalties, despite some business' attempts to post clear warnings with solutions on its shop windows.

The city is awaiting responses from the companies to its notices before pursuing enforcement of its licensing requirements. For tenants and customers, they continue to be caught in the middle of a situation that is loudly unpopular and, for



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ASTROLOGY

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

You're feeling bold this week, Aries. Use a surge of energy to speak out about something that needs to be said. Be mindful of how others may receive it.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Stability and home life are in the spotlight, Taurus. You may be called to handle something domestic or financial. Use your natural patience to avoid impulsive decisions.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, conversations will flow with ease this week, and you'll be a magnet for interesting ideas. If you have been waiting to pitch an idea, do it right now.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you may assess your value right now, both financially and emotionally. An important decision requires you to have a level head. It's a great week to update a budget.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

This week invites you to step into the spotlight, Leo. This is just where you like to be. Don't be afraid to own your power and reveal something personal to friends and family.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you are more introspective than usual. Take time to reflect and recharge this week. Old memories or unfinished business might resurface and you have to face it head on.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Your social life picks up, and someone in your network may present a useful opportunity. Be open to collaboration, Libra. Just don't say yes to too many things at once.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Currently your ambition is in focus and others are noticing, Scorpio. A professional opportunity may come your way, but don't rush the details. Trust your intuition when negotiating.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

You are craving inspiration and something new, Sagittarius. This is the week to explore new ideas, travel or study something interesting. A philosophical discussion might come up.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, change is in the air whether you invite it or it finds you. Emotional matters may require some extra attention right now.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, all of your partnerships are going smoothly right now. You may need to readjust your expectations to reflect your productivity. A turning point comes into play midweek.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Think about looking at your daily habits, Pisces. Figure out if anything needs to be tweaked. You need to take care of yourself and prioritize your health.

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SEPTEMBER 2 Keanu Reeves, Actor (61)
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The 2026 RFP packet is available online at: www.co.jefferson.wa.us – Services – Laserfiche Web Portal (username and password: public) – Board of Commissioners – Boards & Committees – Housing Fund Board – RFP 2026

Or request a copy by contacting 360-385-9100 or County Administrator, P.O. Box 1220, 1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

Proposal Deadline: On or before 4:00 p.m. October 15, 2025. (received in digital form to carolyn@co.jefferson.wa.us, if you need assistance call 360-385-9122)

PTL.: September 3, 2025
Legal No.213333

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JEFFERSON COUNTY NOTICE OF APPLICATION— REVISED APPLICATION MATERIALS RECEIVED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jefferson County received an application for a preliminary plat for the project described below. On April 16, 2024, Jefferson County determined the application is complete. Project revisions were received on June 23, 2025.

Project Name & File No.: Pleasant Harbor Master Planned Resort, File No. SUB2023-00025

Revised Project Description: Preliminary plat application to develop the Pleasant Harbor Master Planned Resort (PHMPR). PHMPR was approved by Ordinance No. 01-0128-08 on January 28, 2008, and is regulated under a Development Agreement (approved on June 4, 2018) with amendments (dated June 4, 2018 and July 22, 2019). The project includes the construction of up to 890 residential units; up to 56,608 square feet of commercial space; a recreation/community center with indoor swimming pools, hockey rink, soccer field, go-cart track, racket sports, health spa, restaurants, and pub; a farmer's market; a conference center; a nine-hole golf course; and other site amenities. Facilities to serve the development will be provided, including an on-site wastewater treatment system, a community water system, stormwater management, and internal roads and pedestrian pathways. The preliminary plat will create 150 residential lots for various detached and attached dwelling units for both temporary and permanent occupancy and 29 tracts for residential and commercial buildings, golf course fairways, private roads and utilities, open space, storm drainage, and park-and-ride. The preliminary plat has been modified from its initial submission to be consistent with the Phasing Plan in Section 10 of the development agreement, as amended. No construction is authorized as part of the preliminary plat application.

Summary of Revisions: Adjust residential unit allocation (now proposed 225 hotel units, 447 condominium/multifamily units, and 150 detached residential units); eliminate 66 single family lots; eliminate eight tracts; relocate proposed wastewater treatment plant; adjust infrastructure layout to respond to site design changes resulting from lot and tract changes.

Project Location: 308913 US 101, Brinnon, WA 98320 (Parcel Nos.502153020, 502153021, 502153022, 503153023, 503154002, 50215300, 502152005, and 502153003)

Applicant: Ryan Hodges, Project Manager, on behalf of Pleasant Harbor Marina And Golf Resort, LLP, part of the Statesman Group

Other Required Permits and Studies: State Permits and Approvals: Wastewater Treatment Plant approval, Water System Plan Approval, Construction Stormwater General Permit (NPDES Permit), groundwater well permit, WSDOT permit for Highway 101 intersection improvements, modular construction permit, water recreation facility construction permit, Transient Accommodations License, various business licenses.

County Permits and Approvals: demolition permit, Final Subdivision, Class IV Forest Practices permit, clearing and grading permits, stormwater management permits, building permits, temporary use permit, food
services permit, right-of-way permit.

Studies: stormwater drainage report, wetland report, geotechnical report

SEPA Environmental Review: A Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was completed on November 27, 2007, and a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SFEIS) was completed on December 9, 2015. The project as proposed is consistent with the analyses performed in these EISs. These documents are final and no further environmental review is currently required. Changes to the project or potential environmental impacts beyond the scope of the EISs may be subject to additional SEPA review.

Comment Period: A 20-day comment period is being used pursuant to Sec. 8.5 of the Development Agreement, JCC 18.40.220, and RCW 58.17.095(2) to receive written comments on the preliminary plat application. Agencies, Tribes, and the public are invited to submit written comments to the Agency Contact listed below. Comments must be submitted by 4:30 PM on September 16, 2025. The applicant shall be provided all comments and has seven days from receipt of the comments to respond to them. Any person can make a comment, view the application materials, receive notice of and participate in public hearings, and request a copy of the decision once made.

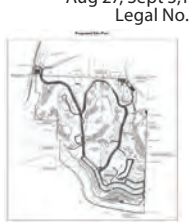
Date of Application:
November 20, 2023
Date of Complete Application:
April 16, 2024
Date of Original Notice of Application:
May 1, 2024
Date of Notice of Revised Application:
August 27, 2025

Consistency Review: The project is regulated by a Development Agreement, two Amendments to the Development Agreement, and other governing documents that set forth applicable development standards, conditions, allowable uses, and mitigation requirements for the project.

Public Hearing and Appeal Rights: This is a Type III permit and pursuant to JCC 18.40.040, Table 8-2, the final decision is made by the Jefferson County Hearing Examiner, after a hearing held on the proposed plat pursuant to RCW 58.17.095, Chapter 2.30 JCC, and the Hearing Examiner Rules of Procedure. Notice requirements for the hearing before the Hearing Examiner shall be in conformance with RCW 58.17.090, Chapter 2.30 JCC, and the Hearing Examiner Rules of Procedure. The ninety-day period for approval or disapproval of the proposed plat provided for in RCW 58.17.140 shall commence with the date of the notice setting the hearing before the Hearing Examiner. Per JCC 18.40.340 and JCC 2.30.130, a party of record with standing may appeal the Hearing Examiner's decision on a preliminary plat to a court of competent jurisdiction consistent with applicable state law. For more information about appeals, please contact the Agency Contact listed below.

Questions and Agency Contact: The application, supporting documents, and studies are available for review at Jefferson County's Department of Community Development, 621 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368, and online at https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/727/Pleasant-Harbor-Master-Planned-Resort. To provide comments, mail or drop off hard copies in person at the address above or email comments to planning@co.jefferson.wa.us. For additional information, contact George Terry at (360) 379-4450.

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Jefferson County Public Health is soliciting applications from residents of county commissioner district 3 to serve on the Clean Water District Advisory Council. If you are interested in assisting the county with the protection and restoration of water quality and shellfish resources in Jefferson County, please contact Michael Dawson at 360-385-9444 x301 or mdawson@co.jefferson.wa.us. The position is unpaid. Applications are available at Jefferson County BOCC office, 1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend or at www.jeffersoncountypublichealth.org by following the link for the Clean Water District. Application deadline is October 14, 2025.

PTL.: Sept 3,10,17,24
October 1,8, 2025
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In The Matter of Amending Chapter 3.65 of the Jefferson County Code (JCC) for the Jefferson County Noxious Weed Control Board Assessment Rate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing is scheduled by the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners for **Monday, September 15, 2025 at 10:00 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 newspaper of Jefferson County.

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend chapter 3.65 JCC in order to reflect reasonable cost of living increases for the Noxious Weed Board's annual Assessment rate codified in section 3.65.030 Rates and update related section 3.65.020 Land classification for consistency with applicable law.

The information is available for viewing on the County website by visiting: www.co.jefferson.wa.us – Board of Commissioners – Boards & Committees – BOCC Agenda Packets – 2025 Weekly Agenda Items – 09 September 2025 – 091525 – HEARING re Noxious Weeds.

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** at the address listed above.

In addition, written testimony is also invited beginning on August 25, 2025, and ending on September 15, 2025, 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 documents and testimony received by visiting: www.co.jefferson.wa.us – Board of Commissioners – Boards & Committees – BOCC Agenda Packets – 2025 Weekly Agenda Items – 09 September 2025 – 091525 – HEARING re Noxious Weeds.

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 25th day
of August, 2025.
JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Heidi Eisenhour, Chair

PTL.: September 3, 2025
Legal No.213304

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

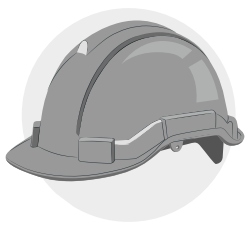
In the Matter of Repealing and Replacing Chapter 3.05 JCC and Ordinance No. 12-1213-99

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing is scheduled by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners for **Monday, September 15, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Commissioners' Chambers, County Courthouse, 1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368 (HYBRID). Notice of said hearing is to be published once in the official newspaper of Jefferson County.

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State AG leads coalition supporting Colorado law that bans conversion therapy for minors

BY JAMES ROBINSON

Washington's Attorney General Nick Brown led a multistate coalition in an amicus brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court Aug. 26, defending a 2019 Colorado law that prohibits licensed health professionals from practicing conversion therapy on minors.

Conversion therapy, also called sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts, are practices that attempt to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity.

In 2018, Washington passed SB 5722, which was also challenged in federal court. Washington's conversion therapy ban was upheld in 2023 when the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit rejected arguments against the law, and the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the case. The Supreme Court recently agreed it would take up a challenge against a ban from a different state – Colorado – which will be heard later this fall.

According to Brown, Colorado's law prohibits licensed health professionals from practicing conversion therapy on children and youth. That statute was challenged in federal court by a licensed counselor who supports conversion therapy. Most recently, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit ruled that Colorado is entitled to regulate professional conduct, particularly where there is evidence of harm. The U.S. Supreme



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Court will hear oral arguments in this case October 7.

"Based on the consensus view of established medical organizations, over twenty states have codified the conclusion that the practice of conversion therapy on minors always falls below the standard of care for the mental health professions," Brown wrote in the brief.

"This ... is based on voluminous studies demonstrating the practice's harms to children and the consensus of all leading medical and mental health organizations that conversion therapy should not be conducted on children."

The brief outlines why the court should reject the arguments against Colorado's ban on the practice, citing First Amendment protections, states' long history of establishing and regulating professional standards and that states have the authority to regulate harmful professional conduct. The law prohibits licensed health care providers from performing conversion therapy on patients under 18.

Colorado's Attorney General Philip Weiser argues that the law protects young people by ensuring that licensed professionals adhere to humane and appropriate standards of care. The practice is widely rejected by major medical and psychological associations such as the American Medical Association, the American Psychological Association and the American Psychiatric Association.

In legal arguments, the attorney general's office has stated that the law regulates professional conduct, not speech, and is therefore a valid regulation of the health care profession.

Many supporters of conversion therapy hold religious beliefs that view same-sex relations and gender non-conformity as morally or spiritually wrong.

Opponents of bans argue that such laws amount to "state-sanctioned viewpoint discrimination" by targeting specific values and not particular therapeutic practices. They claim these bans shut down opposing voices through slander and censorship.

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receiving written comments and verbal testimony about the changes to Chapter 3.05 JCC and Ordinance No. 12-1213-99, which provide authority for imposition of local real estate excise tax as authorized by RCW 82.46.010(2) (REET 1) and RCW 82.46.035(2) (REET 2) to impose a total tax equal to one-half of one percent (or 0.5%) of the selling price with respect to each sale of real property located within the unincorporated limits of this Jefferson County. The changes will not change the amount of tax being collected.

The information is available for viewing on the County website by visiting: www.co.jefferson.wa.us and follow this pathway - Services - Laserfiche Web Portal (usemame and password is: public) - Board of Commissioners - BOCC Agenda Packets – 2025 Weekly Agenda Items – 09 September 2025 – 091525 - HEARING re Ordinance re Sales of Real Estate.

Jefferson County ensures full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, or national origin in the provision of benefits and services resulting from its federally assisted programs & activities. The meeting site is ADA accessible. Accommodations for people with disabilities can be arranged with advance notice by calling 360-385-9100.

You are welcome to participate in this hearing. You will need to join the meeting by 2:30 p.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 September 2, 2025 and ending on September 15, 2025, 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 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 2nd day
of September, 2025,
JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
Heidi Eisenhour, Chair
PTL.: Sept. 3, 2025
Legal No.213320

O3A Notices

Olympic Area Agency on Aging (O3A) Council of Governments (COG) meets Thursday, September 4, 2025 via Zoom/ Conference call at 10:00 a.m. Agenda includes general agency fiscal and business reporting. There will be an executive session at the end of the agenda for a personnel review. O3A posts scheduled COG and Advisory Council volunteer board meeting agendas and information online in the events calendar at www.O3A.org/Events. See this calendar for current meeting info or call 1-866-720-4863. It is O3A policy that public meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. If you need assistance to participate in a meeting due to a disability as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act or Washington Law Against Discrimination, please call O3A's ADA coordinator Carol Ann Laase at above number or email carolann.laase@dshs.wa.gov to request an accommodation at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.
PTL.: September 3, 2025
Legal No.213308

Public Notices

Horizon Tower, LLC is proposing to construct a 150-foot overall height monopole telecommunications structure near Fleet Drive, Port Ludlow, Jefferson County, Washington (47° 56' 14.6" N, 122° 41' 44.9" W). Geist Engineering and Environmental Group invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Comments may be sent to Environmental Corporation of America, ATTN: Annamarie Howell, 1375 Union Hill Industrial Court, Suite A, Alpharetta, GA 30004 or via email to publicnotice@eca-usa.com. Ms. Howell can be reached at (770) 667-2040 x 108 during normal business hours. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice. 25-003285/hjf
PTL.: September 3, 2025
Legal No.213293

Notice to Creditors

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

In RE the matter
of the Estate
John L. Garrett
Deceased
NO. 25-4-00101-16
PROBATE NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
(RCW 11.40.030)
The person named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitation, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.42.070 by serving on or mailing to Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditors as provided under RCW 11.42.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of the first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.42.051 and 11.42.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
Personal Representative:
Aimee D. Garrett
Date of First Publication
August 27, 2025
Attorney for Personal
Representative
Robert G. Bowen WSB # 41382
Address for Mailing Service
Olympic Law Firm PLLC
PO Box 1080
Port Hadlock, WA 98339
Published: The PT Leader
Aug 27, Sept 3,10, 2025
Legal No.213268

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KITSAP COUNTY

In Re The Estate of:
DAVID R. JORDAN,
Deceased.
No. 25-4-00908-18
PROBATE NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
(RCW 11.40.030) (NTCRD)
The person named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of 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: 8/20/2025
Whitney A. Jordan,
Personal Representative
Eric Landeen, WSBA #53824;
Attorney for Whitney A.
Jordan, Personal
Representative
Address for Mailing or Service:
Eric Landeen
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Indianola, WA 98342
Tel: 360-265-3554
Court of probate proceedings
and cause number:
Kitsap County Superior Court
No. 25-4-00908-18
Published: The PT Leader
Aug. 20,27, Sept. 3, 2025
Legal No.213206

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF KITSAP

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
JAMES STEMEN,
DECEASED
NO. 25-4-00946-18
PROBATE NOTICE
TO CREDITORS
THE PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
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Published: The PT Leader
September 3,10,17, 2025
Legal No.213319

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR KING COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
GARRETT W. LARSEN,
Deceased.
Probate No.25-4-05372-2 SCA
PROBATE NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
(RCW 11.40.030)
THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE NAMED BELOW has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of first publication: 8/20/2025
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Summons

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING, JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

IN RE THE
DEPENDENCY OF:
TAMYRAH WILLIAMS
DOB: 09/19/2022
NO:25-7-01066-8 SEA
NOTICE OF HEARING
TO: ***Father, Danyo Williams** , and/or anyone claiming parental/paternal rights or interest in the child and to All Whom It May Concern: On April 16, 2025 , a petition for Dependency was filed in the above entitled Court, pursuant to RCW 13.34.080 and/or RCW 26.33.310 regarding the above named child, whose parents are **Mother, Ruth Abernathy;** *.

[FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL 206-477-2310, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.]

Said Petition will be heard on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 8:30 AM , at Judge Patricia H. Clark Children & Family Justice Center, 1211 E. Alder St., Rm 4-B, Seattle, WA 98122, before a Judge of the above entitled Court, at which time you are directed to appear and answer the said petition or the petition will be granted and action will be taken by the Court such as shall appear to be for the welfare of the said child. Appearance at this hearing is required and may be in person or via telephone by calling (253) 215-8782 and entering the Meeting ID #853 8093 1651.
DATED Monday, July 14, 2025
CATHERINE CORNWALL
KING COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT CLERK
BY: AM, Deputy Clerk
Published: The PT Leader
August 27, Sept 3,10, 2025
Legal No.213260

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR COWLITZ COUNTY JUVENILE DIVISION

In Re the Interest of:
ROSS, AEDAN
JAMES WALKERDOB:
07/07/2015 Minor Child.
Case No.: 22-7-00442-08
NOTICE AND SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION
(Dependency)
TO: HOGAN, JOHN, Parent
A Dependency Petition was filed on October 11, 2022; A Fact Finding hearing will be held on this matter on September 29, 2025 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 7th day
of August, 2025.
STACI L. MYKLEBUST
Cowlitz County Clerk
Published: PT Leader
Aug. 20,27, Sept 3, 2025
Legal No.213194



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Replica Vietnam wall arrives with escort, ceremonies and volunteer call

BY KIRK BOXLEITNER

Before "The Wall That Heals," a traveling three-quarters scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, is temporarily installed at the Jefferson County International Airport from Sept. 11-14, its arrival will receive its own escort on Tuesday, Sept. 9.

Jim Kelly, who's been actively involved in helping to coordinate the event, noted that the escorts are currently slated to include American Legion riders from Marvin G. Shields Post 26 in Port Townsend and Albert C. Kean Post 149 in Bremerton, as well as Elks Riders of Port Townsend and Port Angeles, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Rakers Car Club.

The procession will start at American Legion Post 26 in Port Townsend at 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 9, proceeding down Highways 20 and 19 to the airport, with recommended viewing areas along Sims Way, at the traffic circle at Rainier Street, and at the intersection of Highways 20 and 19.

Kelly emphasized that this procession is not a parade, but a solemn affair, so he requested that observers along the route be appropriately solemn and respectful, removing their hats and placing their hands over their hearts for the procession's passing.

Once "The Wall That Heals" arrives at the airport, Kelly noted that it will take a full day to assemble on site, which is scheduled to be followed by an opening ceremony at 10 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 11, after which it will remain open to the public at the airport, around the clock, until 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, which will be briefly preceded by a closing ceremony at 1:45 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 12, at 8 p.m., an Agent Orange candlelight ceremony is set to be conducted, which Kelly identified as one of the ways in which "The Wall That Heals" is intended to speak to the survivors of the Vietnam war as much as to honor the fallen.

The Port of Port Townsend, which operates the airport, is co-sponsoring this visit by "The Wall That Heals," along with American Legion Post 26 and Port Hadlock Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7498.

The 375-foot replica of the Washington, D.C., wall holds the names of 58,281 service members killed in Vietnam, just like the full-sized permanent memorial.

Those names include six



The procession route for "The Wall That Heals" and its escort of motorcycles and classic cars. *Courtesy image*

Jefferson County service members who were killed in Vietnam, among them Marvin G. Shields of Discovery Bay, the only U.S. Navy Seabee ever to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

Shields was killed in action on June 10, 1965, a date that has its own significance for Kelly, who graduated from the West Point U.S. Military Academy on that date.

While a number of Kelly's fellow West Point graduates also didn't make it back from the war, Kelly noted that many Vietnam veterans returned with lasting physical, mental and emotional wounds, to a "less than welcoming environment" in their home country.

The traveling exhibit, which will include an education center inside the exhibit's trailer, has never before been to this part of Washington state, and has two stops in the state, at Spokane and Ellensburg, before coming to Jefferson County.

Kelly explained that the sponsor of "The Wall That Heals," the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, also aims to honor those Vietnam veterans who suffered from Agent Orange exposure, PTSD and other ailments as a result of their service, through an "In Memory" digital screen that will appear beside the wall.

"It's the same reason people are invited to do rubbings of the names on the wall," Kelly said. "We recognize that this war didn't just affect the veterans, but also their families and close friends. There's a broad range of emotions and reactions, of stories that have been lived with but not talked about for years."

Kelly added that volunteers to assist with the event are still needed, which will include setting up the installation on Sept. 10, starting at 8:30 a.m., and monitoring the wall during its stay, with volunteer training scheduled Sept. 10 at 6 p.m., at the airport site.

Every evening, Taps will be played at sunset.

Volunteers are also needed to take down the installation and load it back up into its trailer, starting at 2 p.m. on Sept. 14.

Visit the American Legion Post 26 site at ptal26.org for more information.

Uptick in COVID in wastewater; downtick in hospitalizations

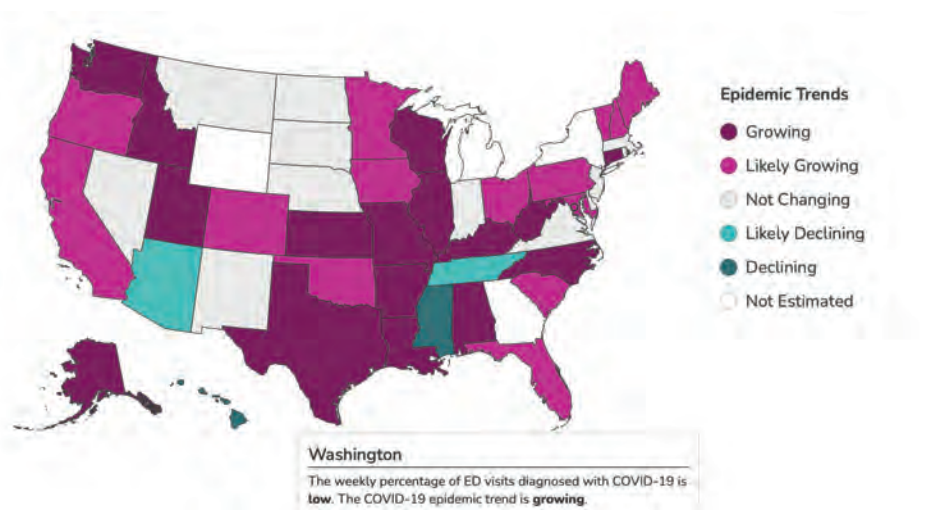
BY JAMES ROBINSON

Regional, state and federal data all point to a seasonal uptick in COVID-19 infections in Washington state and East Jefferson County, with data from the City of Port Townsend's wastewater treatment plant showing very high levels of viral activity, underscoring this trend, according to the Washington State Department of Health (DOH).

Indeed, on July 23, DOH data gathered at Port Townsend's wastewater treatment plant showed 1 million gene copies per liter of wastewater and a seven-day rolling average concentration of 191 million.

By Aug. 20, DOH data indicated viral levels had spiked to 6 million gene copies per liter and a seven-day rolling average concentration for SARS-CoV-2 at more than 2 billion.

By Aug. 27, the DOH classified the waste water viral activity level at the Port Townsend treatment plant as "very high,"which is the agency's highest ranking for a facility's viral activity.



The map shows national COVID-19 trends as forecasted by the CDC. *Map courtesy of the CDC*

According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, people infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, can shed the virus in their feces, which means waste water can be used to detect and track virus trends in a community. Waste water, according to the DOH, includes water from sewers that can contain human urine.

As of Aug. 26, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimated that, in addition to Washington state, COVID-19 infections are growing in 30 other states. Four states, according to the agency appear in decline, with the epidemic's status not changing in 12 states.

While current viral levels in Port Townsend's wastewater appears high, COVID-19 related hospital occupancy for the Olympic Community of Health region shows no hospital occupancy for the week of Aug. 17 to Aug. 23, this, contrasted against a 4.5% hospital occupancy rate for roughly the same time period in August 2023 and 2024.

The Olympic region includes Clallam, Jefferson and Kitsap counties.

Nationally, CDC early indicators for COVID-19 show positive test results at 11.2% of those testing for COVID-19, while 1.5% of those visiting emergency rooms were ultimately diagnosed with COVID-19. Nationally, the hospitalization rate hovers at 1.7 per 100,00 with 0.5% of deaths nationally were due to COVID-19.

As of June, when the CDC updated its variant tracker, the Covid variant NB.1.8.1. — nicknamed "Nimbus" — accounted for the most cases in the United States, around 43 percent. Currently, the dominant variant has changed to XFG, with CDC numbers showing it responsible for upwards of 78% of the cases.

The XFG variant does not appear to make people sicker than other recent strains of the virus, but it does have a few additional mutations that might make it more transmissible and better at evading the immune system's defenses.

Two Port Townsend residents recently stricken with COVID-19 said this time around, "it hit fast and hard."

According to the county health department, free home tests are available for those with symptoms at the Brinnon Fire Department, Discovery Bay Fire Department, the Jefferson County Library, the county public health office and Quilcene Fire Department.

Trails Connections offers updates on state initiative cycling highways

BY KIRK BOXLEITNER

The Friends of the East Jefferson Trails Connections are slated to provide the public with an update on a state initiative to develop "cycle highways."

With the Washington State Department of Transportation publishing the Phase 1 report of the Cycle Highways Action Plan, Brian Wood will be addressing the Friends of the East Jefferson Trails Connections, and any members of the public who attend their meeting, at the Finnriver Farm and Cidery Sept. 11, at 9 a.m.

Wood serves as the state pedestrian and bicycle coordinator for WSDOT's Active Transportation Division.

"I plan on touring him through State Route 20, to Anderson Lake Road, requesting



Women navigate a path while cycling in in Port Townsend in 1898

signage and solar-powered light intervention for cyclists on the road," said Merrily Mount, who serves as a spokesperson for the Friends of the East Jefferson Trails Connections, and has also worked on the Larry Scott Trail, Olympic Discovery Trail and Peninsula Trails Coalition.

Wood summarized his duties as "grant management, plan development, technical assistance, data analysis and policy work," and described himself as "an avid bicycle rider, who's ridden a fair number of miles on the Kitsap and Olympic peninsulas."

Wood explained that, in the 2023-2025 biennium, Washington state legislators funded a provision that could support developing cycle highways, "which would make it easier, safer and more comfortable to travel longer distances using active transportation."

Wood touted cycle highways as "facilitating travel for bicyclists the same way motor vehicle highways do for drivers," making it easier for more people to bike, "use micro-mobility, or incorporate other forms of active travel to reach destinations and connect across communities."

Prior to WSDOT, Wood worked as the transportation planner for Island County, and the Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization.

Previous speakers to address the Friends of the East Jefferson Trails Connections this summer have been Brian Hageman, the Olympic View area manager for Washington State Parks, on June 12; Steve Durrant, program director for the Puget Sound to the Pacific Trails Collaborative, on July 10; and Steve King, director of Public Works for the city of Port Townsend, on Aug. 14.

POLICE LOG

The Port Townsend Police Department had 203 calls for service from Aug. 25 to Sept. 1.

Aug. 25: At 2:50 a.m., officers responded to the 900 block of Kearney Street for a burglary in progress. As officers arrived on scene, it was determined that it was a false alarm due to a cleaning crew.

• At 7:30 a.m., officers responded to the 2000 block of West Sims Way for an unwanted person. The unwanted subject uttered several threats to the reporting party about ending her life. The subject was suffering from a mental health episode. The reporting party did not wish to press charges. As officers arrived, the subject was gone.

• At 1:36 p.m., officers responded to fraud in the 900 block of Thomas Street. The suspect stole more than $500, and charged the items on the reporting party's bank card. Officers are still investigating.

• At 6:04 p.m., officers observed a warrant suspect at the 1900 block of Sherman Street who's been on the run for several months. The suspect ran into an apartment. Officers were able to convince the suspect to turn himself in peacefully. The suspect surrendered and was taken into custody without incident.

Aug. 26: At 2:48 a.m., officers conducted a welfare check at the 2500 block of Evans Vista Boulevard, due to a report of a woman screaming. As officers arrived, the female subject was having a mental health episode. Officers were able to de-escalate the woman and offer her resources.

• At 10:50 a.m., officers responded to a hit-and-run at the 900 block of Sheridan Avenue. According to the reporting party, a vehicle backed into her, and failed to stop to give their information, and left the scene. Officers were able to locate the driver at fault. The driver stated that he was not aware of the accident, but cooperated with the victim and exchanged information.

• At 3:30 p.m., officers located a female suspect at the 2500 block of Evans Vista Boulevard, for probable cause of criminal trespass in the first degree at a local business. She was placed under arrest and transported to Jefferson County Jail.

opinion

PERSPECTIVE & CREATIVITY

Taylor said yes, but the confetti will be purple – NFL Season Preview



ALEX FRICK
SPORTS ANYONE?

Did you hear about Travis Kelce and Taylor Swift? OMG!

Forget the opening slate of NFL games this weekend — the superstar engagement is the real headline this fall. The 2025 season may kick off Thursday night when the defending Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles take on the suddenly Micah Parsons-less Dallas Cowboys, but try to convince anyone that another goal-line Tush
Push is more important than the world's biggest pop star flashing that diamond bling alongside mother-in-law-to-be, Donna Kelce. It's a love story baby, just say yes.

Of course, football still matters — especially around here. Things look a little different this time around. Pete Carroll is now mashing chewing gum in Vegas, Geno Smith left town flashing the bird and the 'Hawks hope a resurgent Sam Darnold brings some wisdom from Minnesota to lead this offense into the future.

Some people like to say Port Townsend is far from a sports town — that we're too busy with art walks, waiting on delayed ferries or endlessly grumbling about roundabouts, to bother with America's game. But anyone gearing up for Friday nights at Memorial Field already knows: under these lights, the roar of the 12th Man carries deep into the peninsula.

This Sunday, the Seahawks take flight, and around here, the only squawking louder than the seagulls downtown comes from living rooms and barstools after the referees blow a call.

At the Anchor, watch parties are already becoming a fall tradition — the kind where you can yell at the TV with strangers who feel like friends by halftime. And even in defeat, two hot dogs and a cold Rainier can taste like victory.

For me, that culture rings familiar. Born in northern Wisconsin, being a Green Bay Packer fan (insert accent here) is less of a hobby than it is a religion. Sundays meant brats and cheese curds, and generations of yelling at Brett Favre, Aaron Rodgers and now finally, Jordan Love. Fast forward to this week: the Packers set the ultimate primer for the 2025 season when they hijacked future Hall-of-Famer Parsons from the Dallas Cowboys — a trade eerily similar to the Reggie White and Charles Woodson moves that brought the Lombardi Trophy home to Titletown twice before.

Growing up in that bubble taught me that sports expand far beyond box scores and fantasy stats (I'm in five leagues — six if anyone in Port Townsend dares to challenge me). Sports are about stories and rituals, but most importantly, they're about community — something Port Townsend and Jefferson County have in abundance.

That is my hope for this column. Some articles will be local, such as Rivals sports, Little League and even recreational events. Other weeks, it'll be national stories — following the 'Hawks season, previewing the Kraken before puck drop or anticipating whether the Mariners can finally put October heartbreak aside and bring home a World Series. And if not, I guess we'll just have no choice but to shake it off.

But a sports column is only as good as its predictions. So here's mine:

Realistically, there are only five teams I see as true Super Bowl contenders: the Baltimore Ravens, Philadelphia Eagles, Kansas City Chiefs, Buffalo Bills, and yes, my Green Bay Packers. The Eagles look just as dangerous on both sides of the ball, with Jalen Hurts capable of carrying them through the NFC. Buffalo lives and dies on Josh Allen's backyard magic, and seeing Green Bay on the schedule will give offensive coordinators fits as they try to game plan against both Parsons and Rashan Gary. And of course, Kansas City. Having reached the Super Bowl three consecutive seasons, including winning two back-to-back. Counting out Patrick Mahomes is almost always a mistake – but let's gamble.

The team I can't shake is the Baltimore Ravens. Lamar Jackson is the reigning MVP and is fully in his prime. The defense is built to ruin afternoons, and this feels like the year they finally run through the AFC's logjam that has plagued them in the past.

Pencil it in: Ravens and Eagles in New Orleans for Super Bowl LIX. The NFL may spend January obsessed with Kelce and Taylor's wedding plans but in February, the only confetti that matters will be purple and black, falling on Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara while Lamar Jackson and his Baltimore Ravens will hoist the Lombardi Trophy.

That's my prediction, and now it's your turn to yell at me about it over a Rainier at the Anchor this Sunday.

LETTERS

Unreasonable

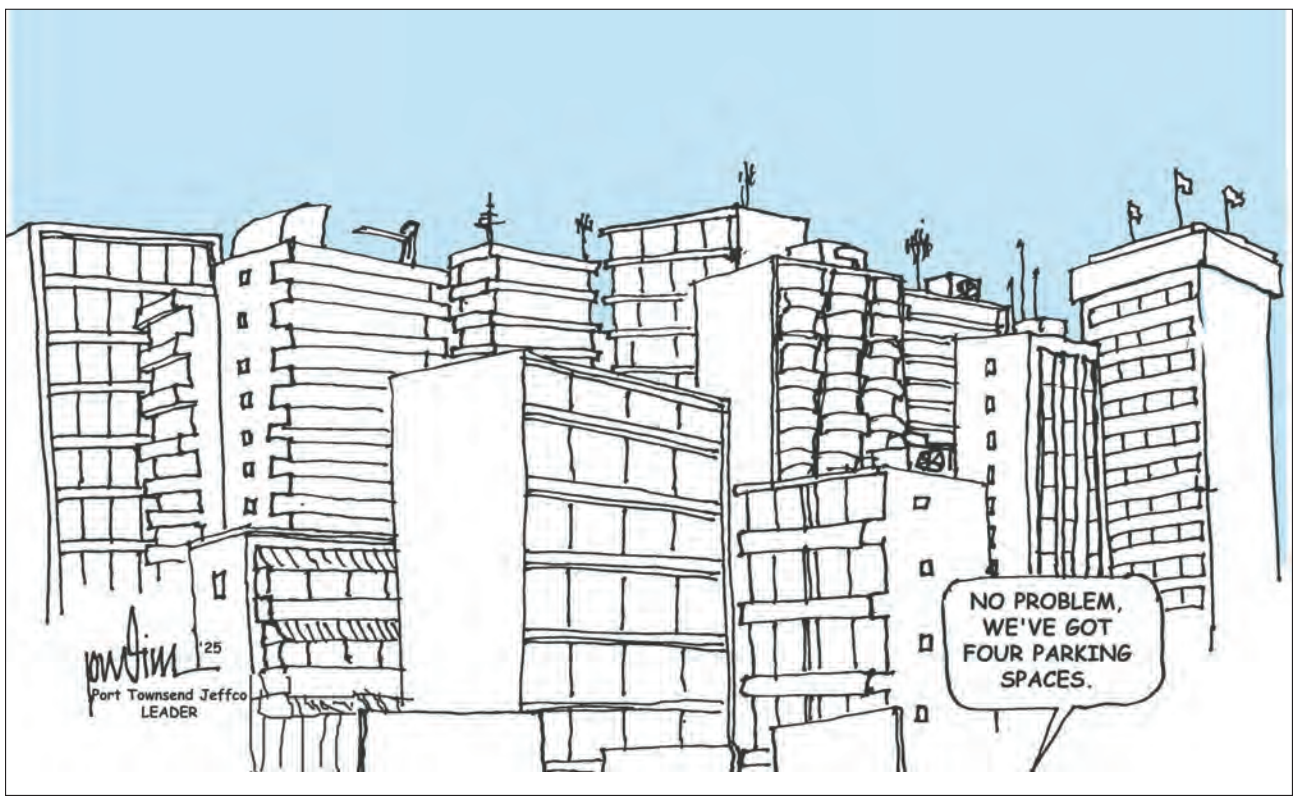
Our Director of Planning and Community states that a proposed 50 room hotel on Water St. with 4 usable spaces will have "no probable significant adverse impact."

Basis for the Director's decision is not based on any study or data, her statement, "it's anecdotal." Definition of personal anecdotal; an account regarded as unreliable.

Any reasonable person knows we have a problem with adequate parking downtown. Any reasonable person would say this proposed 50 room hotel will just add to the downtown parking problem.

Wouldn't a reasonable person require adequate parking for a 50 room hotel?

Ken Thompson



Lies, damn lies and statistics

Marcia Kelbon committed several gross errors in her op-ed in the August 20 issue of the Port Townsend Leader.

First, she claimed the news outlet, the Washington Stand, is part of the National Research Council. That is inaccurate. Washington Stand is part of the Family Research Council, a far-right, Christian advocacy group that opposes gay marriage and the scientific consensus on climate change. The National Research Council was the old name (until 2015) of what is now called The National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, an independent, congressionally chartered nonprofit which publishes reports summarizing scientific evidence on topics of public interest.

Second, citing the Washington Stand, she claimed that Trump administration policies had "more than halved the flow of illicit fentanyl across the Mexican border." That is also not accurate! Rather, the Washington Stand article said seizures of fentanyl on the Mexican border have decreased by more than half. Border seizures are an extremely flawed measure of the actual flow of illicit material, and there are many other possible explanations for the decrease besides stronger border enforcement. For example, demand for fentanyl has likely tapered off, as the same Washington Stand article noted that fentanyl overdose deaths decreased under the Biden administration from 76,282 in 2023 to 48,422 in 2024. The drug cartels could have also adjusted smuggling routes and methods, and the DEA has said that cartels have had increasing difficulty obtaining precursors necessary to manufacture fentanyl.

All this is mostly aside from her main point, which is to cast Washington's Keeping Families Together Act as responsible for an increase in fentanyl overdose deaths in infants. Perhaps there is a connection, but I find it hard to trust her to do an accurate recitation of the facts, or careful analysis of the situation.

Trent Diamanti
Cave Creek, AZ

Tourism win

This summer, in an effort to avoid the Phoenix heat, we decided to spend a month in Victoria and another month on the Olympic Peninsula.

We chose Port Townsend over Port Angeles, Sequim and Port Ludlow for a number of reasons and we're awfully glad we did. It offered the big four, which none of the other towns could offer: A Port, a nice golf course, great location and a city with multiple restaurants and shopping.

Friends actually joined us for golf and the course, and people working there were unusually welcoming. Without the golf venue, we would have spent over $6,000 in Sequim or P. A.

So, thank you P.T. for your considerable hospitality and we will see you again next summer.

Steve Frost

Well done

Thank you to The PT Leader and reporter Alex Frick for the reporting series on Jefferson County's housing crisis. These stories bring much-needed visibility to the realities faced by our neighbors, from aging infrastructure and vanishing rentals to the invisible struggles of those living in RVs, garages, or couch-surfing. The series underscores how deeply housing insecurity affects our community and how urgently we must respond.

At Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County, we believe everyone deserves a safe, stable, and affordable place to live. Our Board and staff are working diligently to meet this moment with bold, people-centered solutions. Projects like the Cliff Street Cottages and Landes Terrace are already creating new opportunities for homeownership in Port Townsend. And our upcoming Mason Street Neighborhood will build on that momentum, offering a model for how we can build for density, affordability, and community.

We know the housing crisis is complex. But we also know that progress is possible when we come together with vision and resolve. Habitat's work is powered by volunteers and future homeowners who share a commitment to building a Jefferson County where everyone can thrive.

Whether you're interested in buying a Habitat home, donating, or volunteering, visit www.habitatejc.org
to learn more and get involved.

Jamie Maciejewski

The real costs

I argue that the externalities of Artificial Intelligence (AI) usage need to be paid upfront, by the average AI user.

AI and the related data centers have a huge pull on electricity and water. As this technology establishes itself in our society, as infrastructure is built to support it, as it becomes an economic sector that could come to be as large and revolutionary as the internet itself, we need to ensure that its resource demands are not allowed to slink their way into being externalized costs that unduly burden regular and underserved communities.

Those costs should be paid upfront. Many specialized AI tools already do cost a subscription fee to use. We should study those costs and consider what free access to AI is frequently being used for. Since AI has a massive pull on electricity and water, we ought to restrict access to it so that AI itself and the resources it demands are put to better use. While AI's water requirement is straining the extant water infrastructure, we are also facing droughts, groundwater depletion, and other climate change related water problems. Do we, as a society really want to exacerbate the water issue so that the immature among can us AI to generate memes and pornography? A rational citizen would say no, not at all.

The same goes for the energy use of AI.

We need to restrict access to general purpose, currently free to use AI, by imposing access fees and other measures. And most likely, it should have age restrictions as well due to the immature ways minors and others use it to generate inappropriate material.

Join me in voicing your concern about the wasteful use of our society's strained resources. I urge you to contact our representatives about this topic.

Rory McDonald

Go Jason!

My favorite columnist is Jason Serinus. I always look first for his pieces. Jason Serinus is

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A taxing county road question: transparency sought on spending



MARCIA KELBON
OUT OF BALANCE

Jeffersonians outside of Port Townsend will see a proposed new sales tax for county road maintenance on their November election ballots. The sales tax increase is being sought in the way that I believe appropriate – by seeking voter approval. That is also the only way this specific sales tax can be imposed, by statute. Because of this, and because I value good roads, the measure may have my support. I say, "may" because I believe we first need more complete transparency and a commitment for related action from our county commissioners.

A Transportation Benefit District (TBD) was formed last December and initially funded with a new $20 vehicle licensing fee and a 0.1% sales tax. These actions were able to be taken by our commissioners without voter approval. The TBD and associated licensing fees and tax apply only within the TBD (county-wide except Port Townsend). Port Townsend has its own sales tax for city roads.

At the December 16th commissioners meeting when the TBD was formed, Public works made a compelling case for new revenue to fund necessary chip sealing. Also cited were maintenance costs increasing faster than the 1% annual limit on raising levies without voter approval, a $100K reduction in yearly timber revenue, and reduced fuel taxes.

It was my impression from presentations at that December meeting that the 0.1% sales tax and vehicle license fee proposed by public works would satisfy the county's road needs. Contrary to such impression, it now appears that the initial tax and fees were inadequate.

At an August 4th meeting, our commissioners approved the ballot measure seeking voter approval to increase the added sales tax within the TBD to 0.3%. This tax would apply to both physical and on-line purchases (e.g., Amazon).

How much higher might TBD taxes go in the future? While the applicable RCW caps added sales taxes at the 0.3% now being sought, the added vehicle license fee could be increased from the current $20 to as high as $50.

I noted at the initial December public meeting that the TBD resolution permitted projects beyond road maintenance. I asked whether the TBD tax and fee revenue would be used solely for road maintenance or also for public transit. I was assured that the revenue would be devoted to road maintenance.

But at the August meeting at which the ballot measure was discussed it was noted that TBD revenue could be used to maintain trails as well as roads. Trails are important, but voters are being asked to fund roads. Voters deserve transparency both as to whether any additional TBD fee increases are anticipated and how TBD revenues will be expended.

I also remain concerned that the county still diverts $520,000 of road levy taxes to fund the sheriff's department, rather than fully funding law enforcement from the general fund. Infrastructure and public safety are two core county government functions. Road taxes should be used for roads, and law enforcement should be a top priority for general funding. Only then should additional road taxes be sought. It is my hope that this fund diversion ends.

Our commissioners have a challenging task parsing out county revenue as we wean ourselves off federal ARPA funding. My hope is that they will prioritize core functions that can only be handled by the county, including infrastructure and law and justice. Less central wants, that can also be handled by the private sector, should be a lower priority and funded only to the extent possible with existing revenue rather than imposing new taxes on many who struggle financially.

In addition to high housing costs and an insufficiency of living wage industrial jobs, the county repeatedly layers on regressive sales taxes.

Current sales taxes charged by the county within the TBD include a 0.5% basic general fund tax, a 0.5% optional general fund tax, a 0.3% special purpose/public safety tax, a 0.9% transit tax, a 0.1% criminal justice tax, a 0.1% E911 tax, a 0.1% mental health tax, a 0.1% housing and related services tax, and the previously approved 0.1% TBD roads tax. In addition, two other sales taxes are paid to the county from the State's 6.5% sales tax: a 0.09% rural counties tax and a 0.0146% affordable housing/supportive housing tax. This adds up to a total sales tax of 9.2%. If the ballot measure of an additional 0.2% TBD tax passes, sales taxes within the county outside of Port Townsend will match the total 9.4% sales taxes charged within Port Townsend.

Given our local economic environment, new taxes should be a last rather than first resort. And we deserve clarity on exactly how those funds will be spent and whether future increases are planned.

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Many visitors and the big news: ferries, festivals, and famous headlines



NED LUCE
LIFE IN LUDLOW

Heck, you already know the big news: Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce got engaged to be married.

Now comes the big question: How much will ESPN pay them to broadcast the marriage? Will it be at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City?

The Olympic Peninsula seems to have some real drawing power this year or I have just been oblivious (probably), to all the people headed our way these days. There seems to be a real effort to keep us "green."

Just take a look at all the traffic coming over on the Hood Canal Bridge every day, not including the 25 Amazon trucks crossing the bridge each morning. Are there no tariffs here? At least we have the new roundabouts facilitating traffic flow from Paradise Bay Road onto the bridge.

My sister from L. A. visited for several days recently. She was treated to no fewer than six ferry rides. Her visit was soon followed by BJ's two sisters from Florida for another several days. They experienced six ferry trips also, three on one day! This week an old friend of BJ's from Indiana is in town. I am telling you we don't normally have to wash the sheets on the guest room beds that often. And it is not just folks coming in to town who are taking up space on the airplanes. I talked to a friend who is going to Ireland. Another friend is going to Scotland. Finally, another friend is headed to Iceland and Croatia. The world as I know it is on the move. My personal big move is to drive folks to and from the airport!

A short aside: on one of the trips from the airport we stopped in Tacoma and had a delightful lunch with the recently relocated local luminaries Terry and Julie Umbriet. Terry even bought!

The nice weather last weekend facilitated the installation of American Flags by the good folks in the East Jefferson Rotary Club with the financial assistance of many local businesses and residents. The net proceeds from this program again provide the foundation for local students' scholarships and really brighten up the neighborhoods during Memorial, Independence, Labor and Veterans Days. The nice weather also bodes well for the start of the new school year. The Chimacum School District had Cowboy Day last week to get the students organized for the year. We have to support our schools as they prepare our young people to navigate this increasingly complex and dangerous world we are leaving them. The local reports are certainly encouraging on academic, athletic and enrollment fronts.

This year's edition of the Port Ludlow Car Show is this coming Saturday. Pre-registrations are strong with the forecast of good weather lobbying even more for a fun event for participants and spectators. I know, there is a real conflict for those with vintage cars and wooden boats since it is also the weekend for the Wooden Boat Festival in Port Townsend. But find a summer weekend around here where this kind of conflict does not exist. I guess we need to have all these events to entertain all the visitors and give them an opportunity to keep the Olympic Peninsula "green".

Love a curmudgeon and have a great week!

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insightful and pays attention to what is happening in our corner of the world and beyond. His stories are exciting and he walks his talk. He attends many meetings and gives us the benefit of what he learned. Just this week his column summarized city-county conversations about housing and restorative justice, which brings me hope for continuing to live with a diverse group of people in, as he says, "Port Townsend, the magical place that it is."

He was the only one to venture an educated opinion about which person he would vote for and why, when three very similar people were vying for a spot in the Washington state legislature. I especially appreciate his nuanced thoughts and responses to the Quilcene school board's anti-transgender actions and to what is happening in Gaza and Israel. And occasionally I get to read about what he was doing in the '60s, and reminisce about what I was doing then.

Thanks, Jason Serinus, for your creative and entertaining column.

Caroline Wildflower

Educated

I learned a great deal from the August 28 Leader articles.

The Director of City Planning, the person directed to rewrite of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan, the guiding document for planning, heard through the grapevine that people headed to Port Townsend on the Keystone Ferry, walk on leaving their autos in the parking lot on Whidbey Island. Thus only 11 parking spaces will be needed at the 50 room hotel proposed for downtown.

Director Bolin states, "I haven't done a study. It's anecdotal. City Code does not require a parking analysis. The code does not require parking studies on a project by project basis." Manager Mauro, known to edit city policies and codes, appears to hire people who will do as they are told, no common sense required.

It appears signage is needed to encourage the "anecdotal" notion that people walk on the ferry. At Keystone the sign might read "All passengers visiting Port Townsend must park here and walk on the ferry."

And for visitors arriving on Highway 20, a parking lot at the infamous Evans Vista property with signage, "Visitors park here. No downtown parking. Local residents must have a parking pass to park downtown. $102 fine strictly enforced."

Another opinion piece leaned in on the Quilcene School Board describing their effort to re-establish sex, male and female, rather than transgender identities - men can be women if they choose, for access to locker and toilet rooms.

The author, Jason Serinus, asserts the separation of students in dressing rooms by sex is draconian, imposing political and religious agendas. The opposite comports with experience i.e. transgender ideology is being imposed through political policies.

It is accepted science that humans are mammals that require male sperm and female ova to procreate.

Well known potential consequences occur by allowing boys and girls to mingle while showering and dressing together. The social and legal implications of such consequences can, and recently have, jeopardized public school health, safety, sports programs and budgets.

A workshop in common sense and an honest community process for planning would be most welcome at city hall. Kudos to Barney Burke for doing the parking research. The Quilcene School Board is making an effort to reinstate common sense, not an ideology, for the health and safety of the kids.

Julie Jaman
Quimper Peninsula

Bravo!

This letter is to applaud the delightful performances this summer presented at the Wheeler Theatre by the musicians at the Olympic Music Festival.

They shared their talent and dedication by devoting many hours of classical music to a wide audience.

This summer for the first time people were a given a chance to pay what you can afford for seats on the day of the performance. The musicians also expressed their thoughts about the compositions they were playing, providing a history of that piece which added to the understanding and appreciation for the audience.

They also left time for questions after the performance. So I wanted to say thank you and Bravo!

Nan Toby Tyrrell

Preposterous

When I tried to imagine why the City of Port Townsend would approve a 50-room hotel on Water Street with only 8 parking spaces, it never occurred to me that the justification would be that most guests would be walking on to the Keystone ferry. It never occurred to me because the idea is preposterous. Most Port Townsend tourists come from the metropolitan Seattle area.

Of the three million people who live there, virtually none come via Whidbey Island. Nobody drives to Mukilteo, to catch a ferry that routinely overloads, only to have to drive to Keystone to catch another ferry. They take the Bainbridge or Kingston ferry, or if they live far enough south, they drive around.

Arguments to the contrary are scarcely credible and difficult to listen to without some measure of cynicism.

Building adequate parking is expensive. Not building it is more so, and it will infuriate a lot of people.

R. C. Coates

JHC lawsuit

Jefferson Healthcare (JHC) is a public hospital district. JHC is being sued. You may have received a postcard titled "COURT AUTHORIZED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT" stating "you are a Settlement Class Member" if you were a patient of JHC and visited the JHC site between 3/19/2020 and 3/19/2024.

Most people who received this postcard will be Settlement Class Members but are also owners of JHC which they pay for through a property tax levy. This is the right hand suing the left.

If you choose to be officially in the Settlement Class, you may receive compensation for JHC allegedly having leaked data through the "meta pixel" addware to Facebook. Compensation is a voucher for a one-year (after one year you will be charged) subscription for the Privacy Shield software by the CYEX company. The Privacy Shield product does not show up on any major software review sites such as CNET, FORBS PC mag. There are instructions on the: "https://malware-guide.com/blog/remove-privacyshield-unwanted-application" site for how to remove the privacy shield software which is potentially dangerous. Read the description there and you will see why any knowledgeable computer user would not allow it to be installed on machines they service.

Look at personal reviews on Reddit. Many are alarming and claim the software will ask for social security numbers and medical account numbers. The company itself is a private company and apparently a subsidiary of another private company Pango Group. The main business activity of CYEX is providing "relief" with less than worthless software to plaintiffs in class actions. The lawyers filing this suit will be paid $125,000.

This case was heard by a Jefferson County court and dismissed, and JHC has made

It's back to guns in school season: reflections on America's contradictions



BILL MANN
MANN OVERBOARD

Last week, after the terrible school gun violence in Minneapolis, the thought occurred: In the U.S., Back-to-School Week is once again Back To School Shootings Week.

Our daughter in Oregon told me that it was terrible she had to deal with our national gun sickness as she hesitatingly sent her 8- and 5-year-old kids, our great grandkids, off to their first day of school.

I've been around lots of guns, all outside school. But most were military in nature. My father was a career Army officer, and there were many guns around. The difference? These guns, big and small, were safe — because they were locked up in the base armory.

But we were once stationed in a place you could accurately call, gun central, and where we had to live, off-base: Oklahoma.

High school Okie classmates would get me to play hooky along with my brother in high school. They'd bring 12-gauge shotguns and we would shoot drive-in movie screens among other things. We'd also fire our shotguns off bridges down into streams so we could see water — and presumably dead frogs — fly up. Yep, pretty stupid.

And road signs? Sure, Oklahoma has them, of course but most have been shot up and ruined by bullet holes. Target practice while driving.

Speaking of targets, we lived next to a large military installation, Tinker Air Force Base, where my father was stationed. My Mom also worked on the base, and she reported seeing bullet holes in the big B-52 and B-47 bombers that landed at Tinker. The backbone of our Strategic Air Command targets for shootin' practice.

But all these guns in Oklahoma didn't make things safer — neither does the state's current ban on Sharia Law (seriously).

At the other extreme from this gun-mania is our current northern neighbor here. Canada has, to its great credit, banned most firearms and handguns. Our son lives there, for which I am most thankful.

When you drive across the border into Canada the first question the customs agents often ask is: "Do you have any firearms?"

Because of this, they should put up billboards as you enter our gun-restricted neighbor which reads, "Welcome to Civilized Society."

How far removed Canada and Canadians are from U.S. gun violence came back me after an incident in 2000.

We were staying in rural Nova Scotia with our Canadian friend, Sheilah, watching TV when then-Canadian Prime Minister, Jean Chretien, was hit in the face with a pie at the airport in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

"Jesus," I told Sheilah, "in the U.S. he probably would have been assassinated."

Our Canadian host insisted, "that just wouldn't happen here." But like most Americans would, I instinctively argued that it could have. But Sheilah was insistent, "this is Canada," she said, "people rarely get shot here. That's the kind of thing that might happen in the U.S. but not here."

She's right, no Canadian leader has ever been assassinated.

Finally, following last week's terrible school shooting, I know what response my New York friends might say to all the trite apologists: "I gotcha thoughts and prayers right here, pal."

I've noticed lately that Channel 4 meteorologist Shannon O'Donnell is now mentioning Port Townsend often on her weather forecasts. She may have either had a pleasant trip out here or a KOMO-TV news exec has asked her to do this. But whatever the reason, it's become quite noticeable.

I've just seen the new Naked Gun movie. Well, about 20 minutes of it. I walked out. Liam Neeson is no Leslie Nielsen. Even worse, Neeson doesn't have Nielsen's talented gag writers. This sequel is pretty lame.

Time for the old ultra violence. Meaning NFL football, whose season begins Sunday. Niners versus Seahawks, sweet!

Think we might see a few pizza, burger, or truck commercials?

Pro football pro tip from a veteran TV columnist: Record the first 30 or 40 minutes of the game, then start playing it back, zipping through all the commercials. You're welcome.

(PT humorist Bill Mann generally avoids both thoughts AND prayers, but not email: Newsmann9@gmail.com.

Plenty land for homes — not for the people who need them



BILL WISE
SOAP BOX

When people say, "there's plenty of land for new houses in Port Townsend," the answer is yes – but only if you're talking about market-rate housing aimed at retirees and out-of-town buyers who can pay cash, often sight unseen. For the average Port Townsend worker, the story is very different. The notion that "enough land" means availability of "an affordable home" is simply a non sequitur.

Over the past decade, nearly all new housing in Port Townsend has been built at market rate, catering to those who can afford ever-climbing prices fueled by our city's attractions: stunning scenery, a temperate climate, and a unique charm. Meanwhile, the local rental market has shrunk drastically – down more than 500 long-term rental units over the past decade. While home prices skyrocket, affordable workforce housing for sale or for rent becomes increasingly scarce.

Organizations like Habitat for Humanity, Bayside Housing, and Olympic Housing Trust (OHT) work hard to create affordable options, but even their leaders admit it's not nearly enough. For our local workforce, the housing costs are daunting and options are few.

While we've seen changes in city zoning with relaxed off-street parking requirements, setback changes and allowing two ADUs per 5,000 square foot lot, these changes have yet to translate into affordable housing options for our workforce.

Consider the numbers: Jefferson County is the third worst county in Washington for housing affordability — defined as the gap between median home price and the wages of the average worker (median wage). The median home price in Port Townsend is over $650,000.

Standard wisdom says a working family shouldn't spend more than a third of their income on housing, including utilities. With current construction costs at $400 per square foot, even a small two bedroom 1,000 square-foot home comes to at least $400,000. Let's assume the cost of land, infrastructure and permitting amount to easily another $200,000. After 10% down, this means a monthly mortgage payment of $3,500 not including real estate tax, homeowners insurance, water & electric. What does that imply for family income, somewhere north of $130,000. This is no where near the median wage in Jefferson County.

I hope we can all agree that the vibrancy of Port Townsend for all of us relies on those who work here. So how do we get more affordable housing for our workforce, and perhaps more importantly, how do we keep it affordable? Here are three pragmatic but demanding steps:

1. City Commitment of Land: The City can lease land on 99-year terms in exchange for permanent affordable housing projects similar to Habitat and OHT models. Continued City ownership removes land from the cost of home ownership. Because the city retains ownership of the land they can ensure adherence to permanent long-term affordability covenants.

As part of the Comprehensive Planning process, City staff is currently taking inventory of its lands to determine which parcels might be classified as available for affordable housing. This effort, while critical, will not be sufficient by itself. There are few actual parcels available for this purpose. The City was able to purchase the Evans Vista property with state grant funding of $1.3 million. Securing more land in this way faces difficult funding times at both state and federal levels.

But the city is not the only one who can bring land to the table. Are you sitting on a vacant parcel? You might just be the solution we need.

2. Public Investment in Infrastructure: The City is seeking state and federal funds to build necessary infrastructure. They're clearly moving in the right direction with the $4.2 million in state and federal grants received for the lift station at Evans Vista.

3. Partnerships with Nonprofits: The City doesn't build housing. Partnering with groups like Habitat, Bayside Housing, and Olympic Housing Trust can help create modest, high-quality homes—600 to 1,200 square feet—the kind of starter homes that formed the backbone of middle-class neighborhoods decades ago. These can take the form of duplexes, triplexes and higher density structures. Volunteer labor within these nonprofits further lowers costs.

By removing land and major infrastructure costs and prioritizing efficient, low-cost design, homes priced between $200,000 and $400,000 can be delivered—well below today's market rates—available to workers firmly rooted in our community.

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LETTERS

a considered and rational decision to admit no fault but to accept the settlement to avoid continued legal expenses and distraction and a potential jury trial which they may not win and could be forced to pay both a settlement and the significant costs of a trial. In my opinion JHC is being extorted through law-fare.

As a Settlement Class Members we have the right to object to this decision. The minimum cost of making an official objection is the cost of serving four different entities with our objection.

If we don't act before the Oct. 17 deadline, we lose. We lose if the hospital district is forced to pay these shady entities. We lose if we accept the settlement and actually install a product that may leak more private information and cause more damage than the original meta-pixel.

Are there people willing to join with me in filing an objection with the court against this heinous extortion.

As Class Members we would like the settlement voided, the case dismissed, the lawyers and CYEX be barred from further suits and ordered to pay our expenses and any incurred by JHC.

Otto Smith

Heroes

I felt a tinge of relief, buoyed by much needed solace when I picked up the Leader and learned that that good hearted people, Pete and Cathy Langley at the PT Foundry will be taking the helm on the mariners memorial.

Being a child of Port Townsend, I remember the day when I was nine, playing in the back yard, and was told that Jason and Erin's Dad, Jay Gould, wasn't coming home from Alaska. I remember the day, not too long after that, I learned Phil Sutherland was lost at sea. I remember the day we lost Matt Pollock to an accident on the FV Loran, my dear friend, Heidi's dad and Donna's husband.

Fishermen were our mentors, bosses; party givers, bringers of food, stories and vessels that needed work over the winter.

They are working class heroes. Going to Alaska, despite the risks, to many of my friends and classmates became a kind of rite of passage, a gamble that could get in your blood. Each spring it's still tantalizing. You could have one good set, or trip, get it to the tender and be able rest your weary bones in Mexico and just have to get up for the good wave. After weaving in and out of the industry for nearly thirty years I'm still astonished and devastated when yet another of us won't be back. These people, Joel, Matt, Jay, and Phil and many more were the best of us and deserve a place in the heart of our town where we can keep their memories alive, if only to remember to live a little more like them.

Hats off to Bernie and Jermaine Arthur, who have championed this idea. Let's all get involved and help Pete and Cathy and crew can get it done!

Pete Gillis

Getting worse

I couldn't believe what I was reading in James Robinson's article about the proposed downtown 50-unit hotel. The four parking spaces provided are not even enough for the projected eight full time staff and four part time workers. If you think you are going to fill those positions with people who live here and can walk or take a bus, good luck with that.

Ask some restaurants and businesses in PT how that are doing with staffing. Even better if you believe most of your guests are going to come here by ferry, ha-ha. Is that a joke?

So, this all leads to worsening our existing downtown parking problem. Maybe the property developers should be required to add a parking structure to their design of the hotel with enough spaces for their guests and other paying visitors who come to visit our lovely downtown. This could kill two birds with one stone instead of adding to the already stressed parking situation in our downtown area.

Frank Saladonis

Parking solutions

A lot of words have been devoted by the Leader lately to the parking situation at Port Townsend Plaza.

I won't be able to go there any more when I visit Port Townsend, because I don't have a smart phone (why should I need a smart phone to be able to park my car? Alexander Graham Bell would be astounded). I don't walk well, so finding free parking half a mile away doesn't help. Plaza businesses lose out.

On the other hand, the owner of the property certainly has the right to charge for parking; open space downtown is a luxury, and there are expenses in maintaining a parking lot (there should have been clear information about parking fees, but that's another issue). Ferry walk-ons parking there, take up spaces intended for business patrons and occupy them for a long time—bad practice.

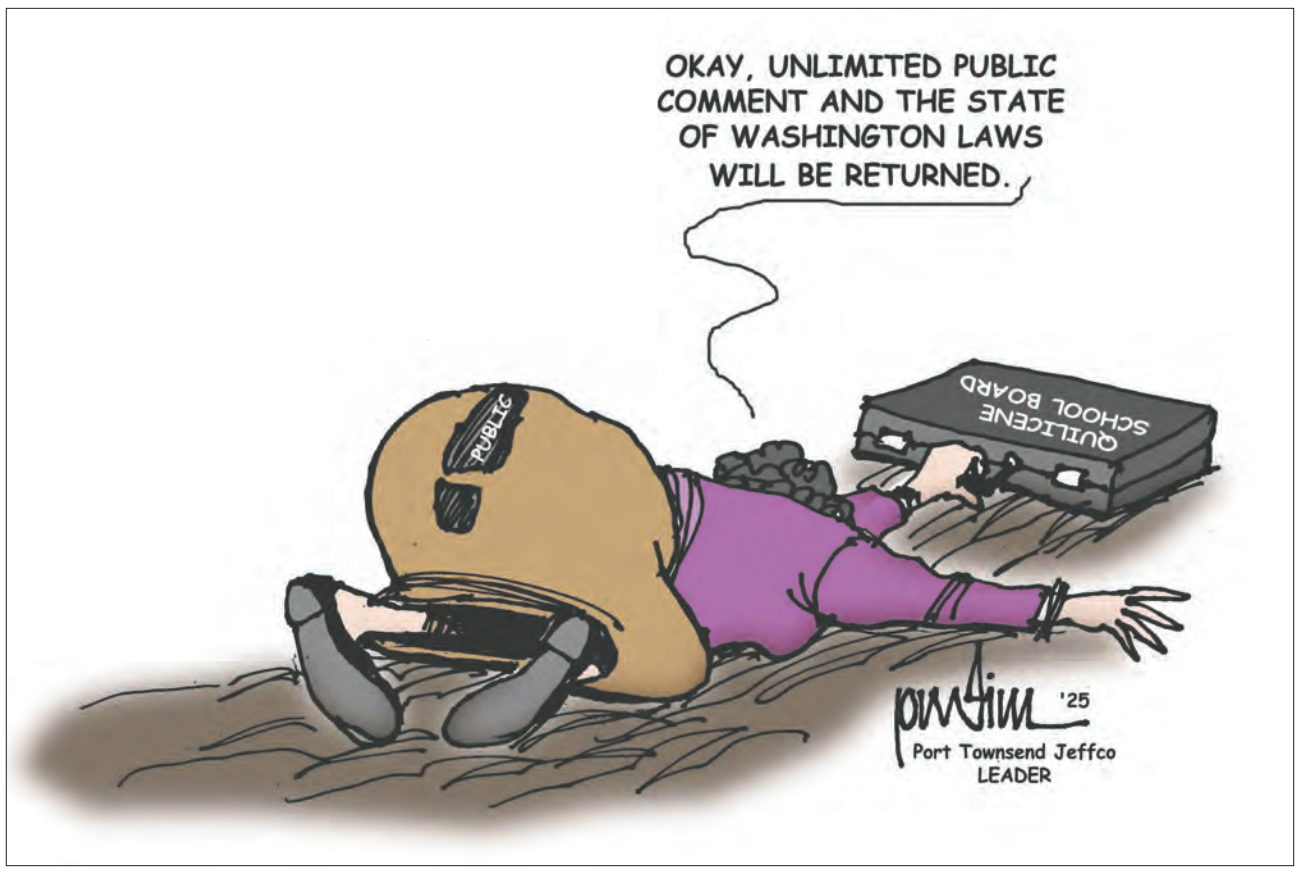
Then there's the (potential) hotel. There isn't space on the property for enough parking for users of 50 rooms and a café. Where can they park? They'll come by ferry as walk-ons? Yeah, right. Having another 50 hotel rooms will be welcome, especially during big events like Wooden Boat. Parking at the plaza at night after the businesses close is a good solution, but what about daytime? Hotel patrons taking up 50 spaces along Water Street is not a good solution. Hotel employees (who can't find housing in Port Townsend and certainly not within walking distance) need parking too. Like it or not, we are not a public transit society.

What is a good solution? Parking for hotel guests and employees and for ferry walk-on patrons could be handled at the Park-and-Ride if there were frequent shuttle service, including operating early and late, but that's expensive. Expanded Jefferson Transit schedules?

The problem isn't just about the plaza and the hotel. There's not enough parking for the Maritime Center, either — or Memorial Field or the Rose. A smart phone won't solve it.

Carolyn Hunt
Tacoma

On Lombardy poplars and Port Townsend's urban forest





RICHARD HEFLEY
SOAP BOX

The Lombardy Poplars flanking Sims Way between the Boat Haven and Kah Tai Lagoon Park are iconic.

These 100-foot columns accent our skyline; the leaves open chartreuse, to dark green, to buttery yellow, rustling with a sound like water over rocks, a memory of their riverside European origins.

In open settings this species spreads quickly. Here they were traditionally used to delineate borders, open areas like farmland and golf courses. Saplings that grew from their extensive and aggressive roots were kept in check by cultivation or mowing.

These trees were sold as bare-root seedlings for less than a dollar at nurseries into the 1990s. I know this because I sold hundreds while working at Eccles Nursery. Anyone wanting to "mark their turf" or "make a bold statement" could do so for a few dollars. As a result, Port Townsend has more than her share of these particular trees. Unfortunately, this tree species does not behave well in dense urban areas.

Urban trees must be adaptable. Issues include limited space above and below ground and a plethora of "targets" like utility lines, homes and businesses, vehicles and pedestrians. Lombardy Poplars are relatively short-lived, reaching a height of 100' in fifty years, then breaking apart for another fifty, fine for rural areas where targets are few but harder to accommodate in a crowded town. Port Townsend has had several spectacular failures of Lombardy Poplars in recent years.

One leading problem in Lombardy Poplars is their unique tree structure. Canopies often consist of multiple leaders that grow from the trunk. Wood expands in diameter every year (note growth rings), trapping bark between the leaders. Unlike interior tree wood, bark does not bind but separates leaders like a wedge in firewood. The canopy expands and catches more wind. This energy is transferred to the weakened connections between leaders, resulting in enormous sections of the tree breaking out like icebergs calving off a glacier. This is known as "included bark failure," a common risk.

When a 100 foot tall trunk falls in an urban area, it's likely to strike a target of value.

Tree risk assessment essentially consists of; how serious are a tree's flaws, how valuable is the target? What's the likelihood of failure AND striking a target? And finally, how much risk are you willing to accept? This is balanced against the attributes large trees provide.

This current stand of Lombardy Poplars adjacent to the Boat Yard appears to be in fair to good health, at this time, and serious visible structural flaws are few (I have not personally examined these trees) but there are other issues that cannot be easily mitigated.

Overhead powerlines contribute to the risk of outages, fires, and even conducting high voltage through the tree to the ground, causing serious harm or death to people. Aggressive Poplar roots buckle pavements and crack building foundations. This species is also prone to decay.

Size may be mitigated in two ways: repeatedly prune the trees or bury the power lines. Pruning is a recurring expense that will not mitigate damage caused by other flaws like aggressive roots.

The current plan buries the lines in a trench close to the tree trunks, likely severing shallow anchoring roots, increasing tree failure in the short term as they lose significant anchors, and in the long term by losing substantial portions of root systems. These Poplar roots are especially vulnerable. Roots of this genus are normally shallow and this soil is compacted beyond 4"-6" deep, as we now know due to a soil survey in the most recent of three Arborist surveys. Compaction keeps the roots near the surface. Roots have already broken the foundation of the PT Brewery building and buckled pavement.

Of all urban forestry tenets, "Right Tree / Right Place" tops the list. Another tenet of growing importance is species diversity. Accelerated climate change accelerates arrival of tree pathogens capable of defoliating and killing entire species of trees, like the American Chestnut blight which killed 3.5 billion trees.

The short-sightedness of planting cheap, fast-growing trees leaves Port Townsend burdened with far too many urban-challenged trees. If the town waits to deal with them one at a time following failures, costs will be prohibitive. Happy Valley has been over-planted with these problematic trees and many are causing expensive problems.

With the Sims Way project, the city has an opportunity to mitigate costs and grow diverse and appropriate tree species. This mixture of genera that perform well in difficult urban situations will not exacerbate the many issues associated with a monoculture of aggressive and problematic Poplars.

These new trees are the Right Trees in the Right Place. With care and planning, new trees should last for many decades, an ecological and aesthetic gem to pass on to future generations.

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To ensure lasting affordability, qualifying buyers would agree to permanent affordability provisions: when reselling, they would receive a modest, predetermined return on their investment, while the home remains affordable for the next qualifying owner under the same terms. Because the underlying land is held by the city, any sale requires city involvement ensuring adherence to the covenants. This approach creates a cycle of permanently affordable homeownership, balancing modest equity gains with sustained housing accessibility for future generations.

Finally, city planners and staff face many challenges with a difficult funding environment, staffing shortages, and some citizens skeptical of increased density. Through their hard work, and with our understanding, we can create well-planned affordable housing communities that are attractive, efficient, and welcoming. Let's commit to building vibrant diverse communities thoughtfully designed and open to those workers who sustain Port Townsend.

Hopefully the article conveys how intractable and difficult this problem is. Recognizing this, it becomes even more important to celebrate each individual victory. Every step forward counts.

Bill Wise has worked with the Housing Solutions Network (HSN) for the past five years and is currently Chair of the HSN Steering Committee.

From Guatemala to Alaska, early reviews set the stage for film festival

BY KIRK BOXLEITNER

It's my second week of advance reviews for films screening at the 26th Annual Port Townsend Film Festival from Sept. 18-21, thanks again to the fine folks at PTFF.

It's another four films by first-time feature directors, many of whom are making their premieres in the Pacific Northwest, but while last week's reviews included one documentary and three fictional narratives, this week's reviews feature three documentaries and one fictional narrative.



Young women in Guatemala use art to show solidarity with burned girls in "Comparsa." *Courtesy photo*

COMPARSA

In the Guatemalan barrio of Peronia, teenage sisters Lesli and Lupe organize their peers to use art to speak out after 41 girls are killed in a state-run "safe home" that was anything but.

The police and the "safe home" guards left 56 girls to burn for nine minutes, ensuring that even the 15 survivors would suffer enduring physical and emotional wounds, and yet, Lesli has chosen to perform skillfully with fire to protest this injustice, both twirling and breathing fire.

The degree of Guatemala's all-too-routine violence against women is illustrated by the harassment to which we see these young women being subjected, as they attempt to organize an artistic festival to honor the burned girls.

The documentary's title, "Comparsa," refers to a group of singers, musicians and dancers that take part in carnivals and other festivities, and what makes this story as uplifting as it is harrowing is the contrast between the striking beauty of the artwork and performances that these young women create, versus the often squalid realities of their day-to-day lives.

Lesli and Lupe were abandoned by their father, and helped their mother make a living by joining her in picking through mountains of trash when they were younger, making them almost literal "diamonds in the rough," for their talents and their spirit of solidarity with other young women.

PIGGY DUSTER

Father-daughter relationships frequently become fraught as daughters approach adulthood, but the playfully named fictional narrative "Piggy Duster" layers compelling complications on top of this preexisting frisson.

Like last week's "Battersea," this film could largely be performed as a two-person stage play, but writer-director Jesse Stewart takes advantage of immersive on-location shooting in the middle of gorgeous wilderness vistas, as well as a number of endearingly novel transitions and framings of flashback sequences, to visually enliven the interpersonal drama.

As she prepares for college, Vivian (Julia Ma) feels constrained by her stepfather Keith (Brian Landis Folkins) still seeing her as the little girl she used to be, while Keith is struggling not to repeat the mistakes of his own emotionally distant father, by taking his stepdaughter on a camping trip that he hopes might bring them closer together.

Both father and daughter wind up disclosing some secrets they'd been keeping from each other, but without spoiling too much, this ultimately allows them to understand and appreciate each other on a deeper level, however awkward and out-of-touch Keith might be as a dad.

Stewart's story is deftly understated and naturalistic in its execution, but it simply wouldn't succeed without Ma and Folkins' lived-in father-daughter chemistry, because every exchange between them feels like we're merely seeing the latest round of conversations that have been carried on over the course of shared lifetimes.

REMAINING NATIVE

A huge part of what makes the documentary "Remaining Native" work is that Ku Stevens is so easy to root for.

A 17-year-old Native American runner from Nevada, Ku carries the weight of his cultural and family history, as the great-grandson of a man who, when he was only eight-years-old, ran 50 miles from the boarding school where so many of his Native American peers would die as children.

Ku's dream is to attend the University of Oregon, but the odds are against him, ironically because he's so far ahead of his

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

The meandering path covering a quarter-century of film enthusiasm

BY KIRK BOXLEITNER

When The Leader sat down with past and present organizers of the Port Townsend Film Festival, memories were shared of an annual event that often seemed to fly by the seat of its pants, while drawing inspirations from fellow film enthusiasts.

Rocky Friedman recalled how he, Linda Yakush, Jim Westall and Jim Ewing decided to start their own film festival during a Labor Day weekend, after attending the Telluride Film Festival in Colorado in 1999.

Although Friedman was inspired by the Telluride Film Festival's "beautiful location" and well-run operations, he admitted that he hadn't initially considered the full implications of staging a similar event.

This admission was echoed by Yakush, who laughed as she recalled how they attended the San Francisco Film Festival in May of 2000, to help them select films for the first Port Townsend Film Festival, which kicked off just a few months later that same year.

"You could write an entire sidebar about all the mistakes we made," Friedman said. "But our enthusiasm and excitement saw us through."

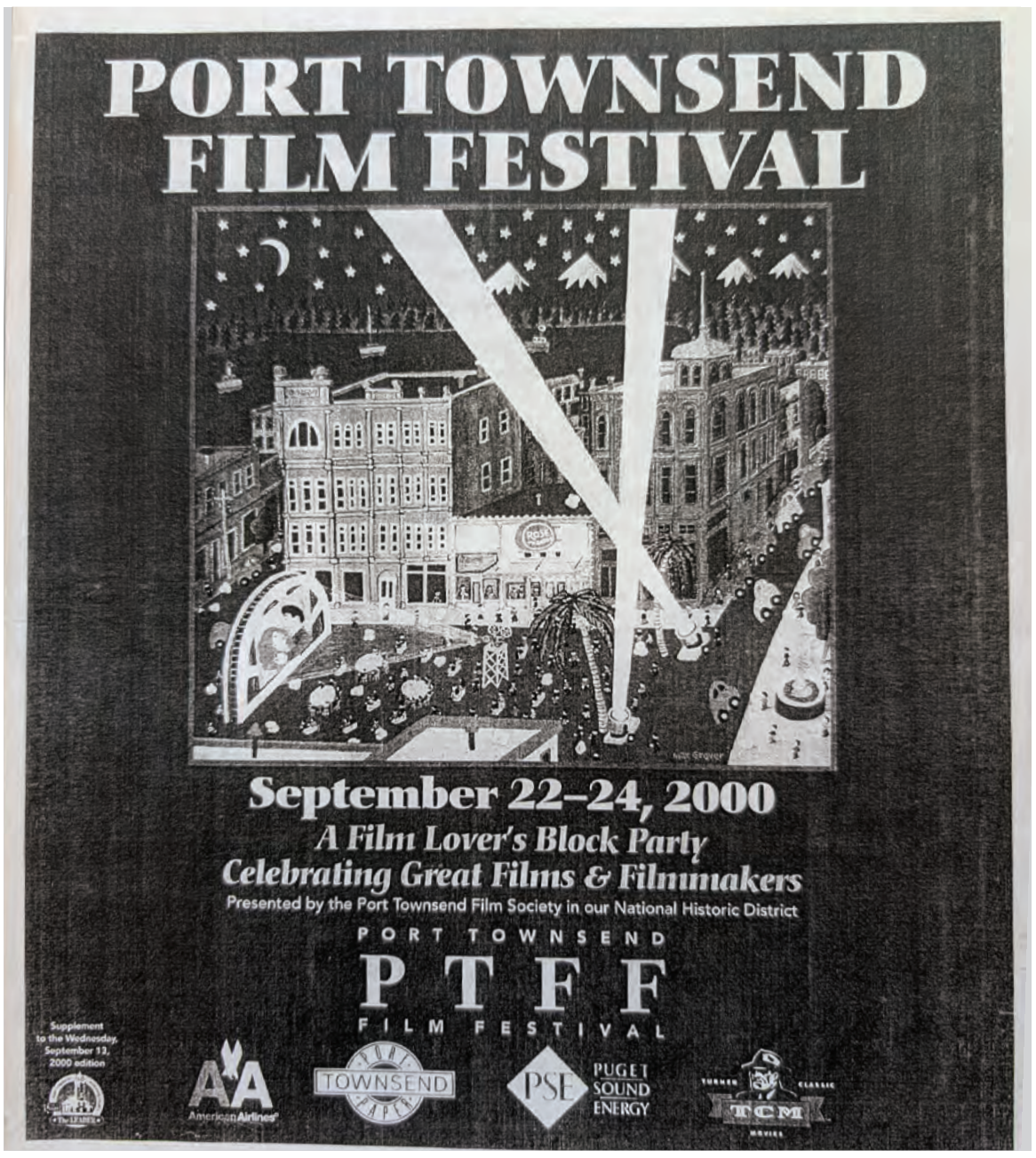
Yakush noted that the technology of a quarter-century ago was nothing like what we now take for granted, since she didn't even acquire her first cell phone until the second year of the Port Townsend Film Festival, and her son had to transport the physical film reels from one screening venue to the next in a garden cart.

"We couldn't schedule screenings too close, because we had to rewind the reels," Yakush said.

Yakush credited Janette Force with drastically straightening out the nonprofit film festival's finances, even though Force came to the film festival with no experience in nonprofits and no knowledge of films.

"You asked me to perform brain surgery with a pocket knife, and I did it," laughed Force, who described her previous background as organizing social events.

Friedman likewise cited the film festival's good fortune in its connections, since one of its original organizers, Peter Simpson, was friends with film historian Robert Osborne, of Turner Classic Movies, which in turn helped secure actor Tony Curtis as PTFF's other high-profile guest-star for its debut in 2000.



The front cover of the first Port Townsend Film Festival in 2000. *Courtesy photo*

From the first, Force said that such famous guests found the atmosphere of the Port Townsend Film Festival to be refreshing, compared to similar events, an assessment with which Friedman and Yakush concurred.

"Robert was really interested in Port Townsend and the people who lived here," Friedman said. "He appreciated the love of movies that we all shared at our festival, which is not always the case with film festivals."

"There are some film festivals you go to, and you'll hear, 'Don't you know who I am?'" Yakush said. "They have a really aggressive atmosphere."

Friedman described Osborne as "a generous gentleman," whose passion for the art form was matched by so many of PTFF's homegrown cinephiles, such as Simpson and Toby Jordan, whom he recalled went for "these dark European films."

Friedman and Force also touted Port Townsend High School as a welcome partner, with teachers such as Chris Pierson hosting question-and-answer sessions with some of the film festival's guests from the film industry.



Film historian Robert Osborne and actor Tony Curtis were the guests of honor at the first Port Townsend Film Festival in 2000, addressing audiences in a converted gymnasium venue. *Courtesy photo*

THE 2001 TERRORIST ATTACK

One of the Port Townsend Film Festival's early unexpected challenges came when they had to decide how to respond to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, scarcely weeks before the second film festival.

"So many filmmakers had already made arrangements that we went ahead with it," Yakush said. "One of our films that year was 'The Man Who Sued God,' a comedy starring Billy Connolly, and all the screenings were absolutely packed. People just needed to laugh."

Celebration has been a recurring element of the film festival, between dance parties that would start on the stage of the Rose Theatre to close out the final night of each year's festival, to the responses that certain screenings received.

"We used to do midnight movies, and one of them was 'The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert,'" Force said. "So many people came in drag, including Brent Shirley, who was the mayor."

Force recalled how divisive the hay bales were, which were used for seating during outdoor screenings on the street, while Yakush remembered her anxieties over losing track of the Edensaw Woods truck that had been lent to the film festival so crews could transport chairs to venues.

"The second year, we had Eva Marie Saint, and I heard we didn't have a seat set up for her," Yakush said. "I still get a knot in my stomach when I think about it. It's wonderful to be able to attend the film festival now and know that work has already been done, by someone else."

Friedman agreed with Yakush that organizing the film festival could feel like "a busman's holiday" for cinephiles, which is one reason why he tried to ensure that his work on the festival didn't detract from his work at the Rose Theatre.

And yet, in spite of the hassles and constant efforts to avert last-minute catastrophes, Force still remembers the moments that renewed her affinity for the event.

"The first year we had Karen Allen here, we were up in the still-under-development Starlight Room," Force said. "It had been pouring rain, but when the rain let up, we looked out onto Taylor Street, and it was packed. It was like everyone rushed out onto the street, as soon as the rain abated."

In addition to the practical considerations of screening films in those early years, such as outfitting gymnasium spaces in community centers with chairs and velvet curtains, but not having any air circulation to keep attendees cool, the Port Townsend Film Festival had to worry about different film formats, even after movie theaters converted to digital.

"There were so many different formats," said Friedman, who noted the Rose Theatre converted to digital in 2012, and who carried a basketball into a first-year screening in honor of the venue.

Force estimated that "format wars" took up much of the 2010s, as a decade, but have mostly settled down into Digital Cinema Package now, with some short films still being submitted in the MP4 video format.

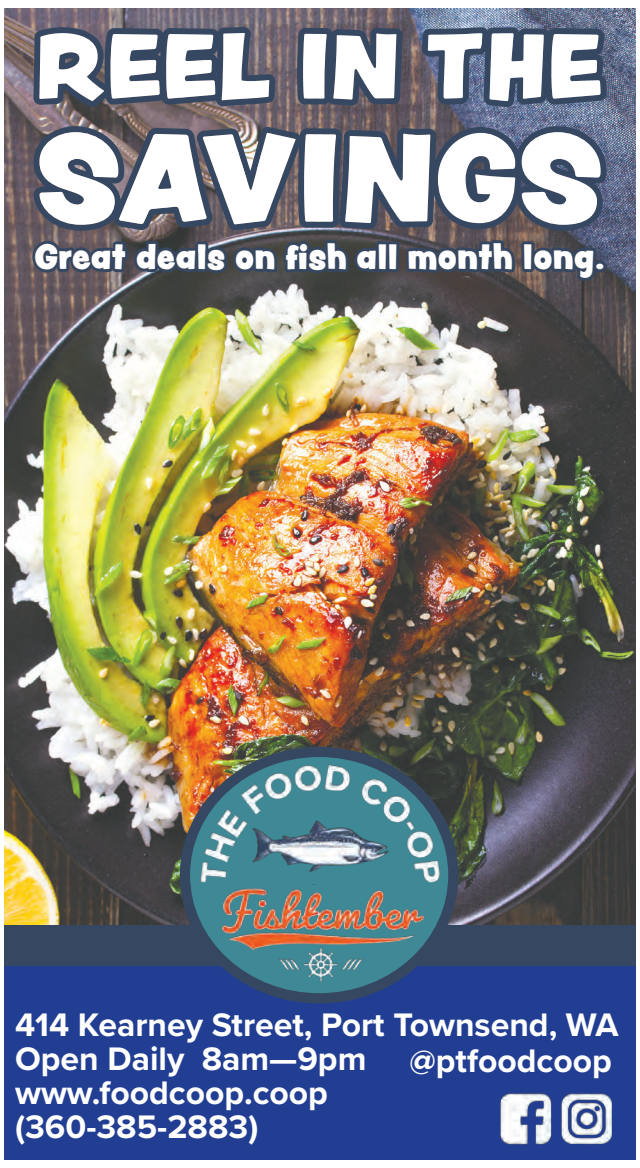
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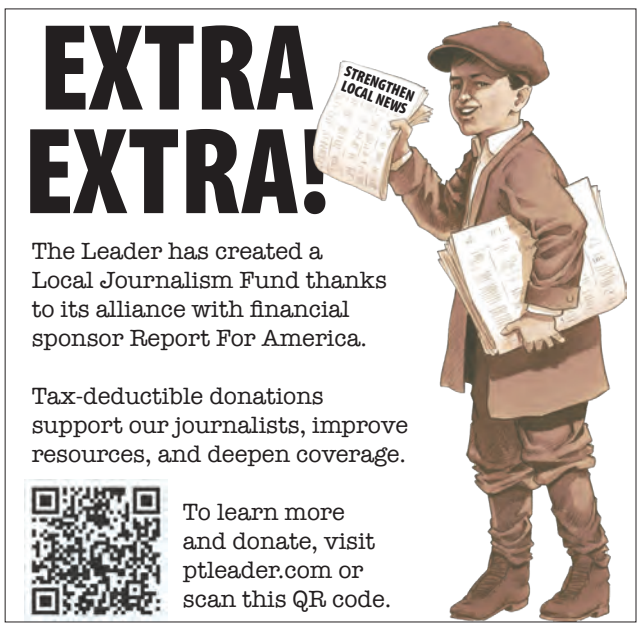
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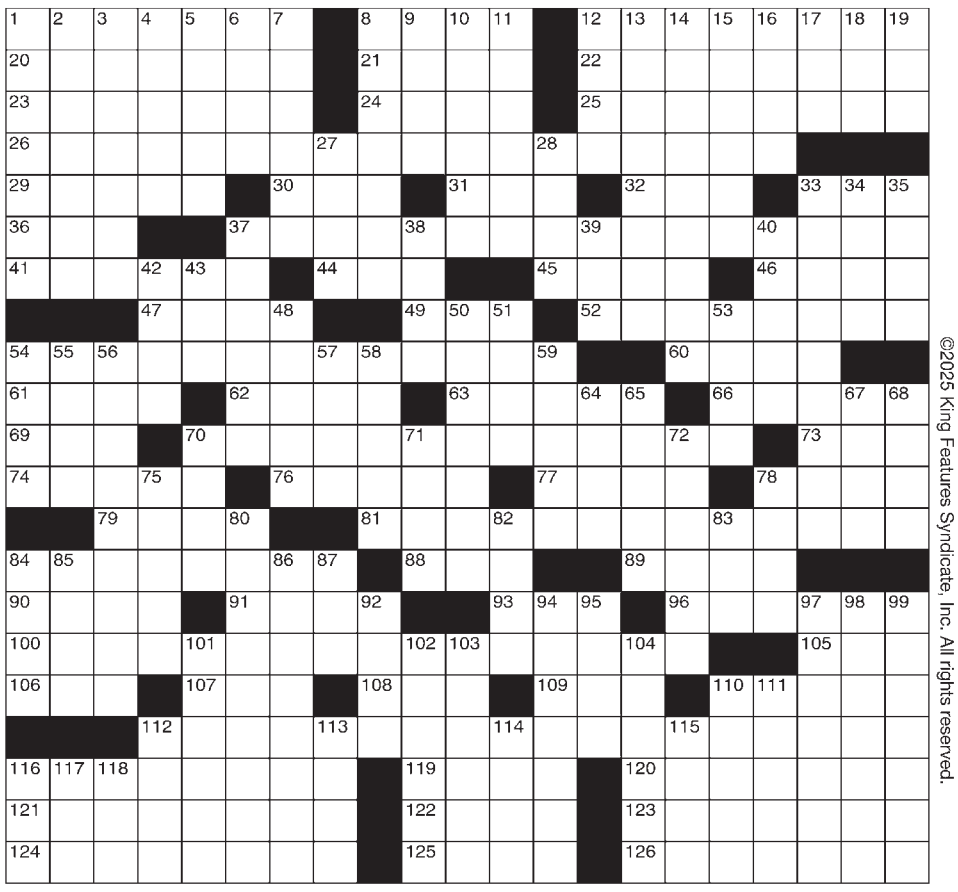
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The Art and Soul of Blackberry Season



SIDONIE MAROON
KITCHEN TO KITCHEN

Is it just me, or are the Himalayan blackberries slow to ripen? It's such an abundant year, with apples and pears hanging thick on the branches. Everywhere I go, I'm seeing fruit. And yet, when I come up to a patch, the blackberries are still more green and red than black.

There's no shortage of blackberry patches along my walks, though I've noticed a few have been cleared—plowed under for development or cut back with bush mowers along trails. Still, plenty remain, and I can't resist stopping to pick a few ripe ones whenever I pass by.

I ordered three kinds of thornless blackberries to plant in 25-gallon pots next spring in my courtyard from Raintree Nursery. I chose Prime Ark Thornless Blackberries, which don't need a trellis and grow on the primocanes of the previous year; Twilight Thornless Blackberry, which has short canes; and Triple Crown, which is supposed to have a bounteous harvest but very high canes. So, we'll see what happens. I've never grown blackberries in pots before, but my fall raspberries are thriving, so I'm optimistic.

CRISPS VS. CRUMBLES: A SWEET DEBATE

Blackberries are the perfect fruit for crisps and crumbles. While often used interchangeably, the two desserts have differences that set them apart.

A crisp features a topping made with oats, butter, flour, and sugar, creating a golden, crunchy layer that contrasts with the bubbling fruit beneath. A crumble skips the oats and relies on a more pastry-like topping—still buttery and sweet, but with a softer texture. Both are simple, rustic, and adaptable, making them perfect for featuring fresh fruit.

For those new to baking, crisps and crumbles offer a doorway into the kitchen. Unlike pies, which require rolling and crimping of dough, these desserts are forgiving. The topping comes together with ease and can be spread over the fruit with carefree abandon.

WHY BLACKBERRIES SHINE

Crisps and crumbles are met with wide smiles at gatherings. The warm, jammy fruit married with the buttery pastry feels nostalgic yet indulgent. Blackberries, with their balance of sweet and tart, seep their purple juices into the topping as they bake, creating a dish layered with spacious hospitality.

HOW TO MAKE A KILLER CRISP OR CRUMBLE

Personalize Your Toppings: Add ingredients you love, like walnuts, almonds, cinnamon, or thick-cut oats.

Butter is Key: Use unsalted butter and pulse it into the other topping ingredients with a food processor.

Pair with High-Pectin Fruits: Apples or pears help the blackberries set and complement their flavor.

Elevate with Vanilla: Use a whole vanilla bean in your dough. Snip it up and grind it into the oats or flour, pod and all.

Brighten with Lemon: Add lemon zest to the pastry and lemon juice to the fruit mixture.

Choose caramel-noted sweeteners: Opt for unrefined brown sugar, coconut-palm sugar, or dates. Keep the sweetness balanced to let the berries shine.

Serve with Creamy Pairings: Vanilla ice cream or whipped cream is the perfect finishing touch.

Bake with Love: Use a casserole dish you love to look at—it makes serving even more satisfying.

Savor the entire process—from picking the berries and smelling the butter and sugar bake, to sharing with family and friends. A blackberry crisp or crumble isn't just a dessert—it's part of the Art and Soul of Summer.

Sidonie Maroon is the culinary educator for the Port Townsend Food Co-op. For more recipes on this topic and others, please visit our website www.foodcoop.coop.



Blackberry and Apple Granola Crisp

SERVES 8

BERRY AND APPLE FILLING:

¾ cup coconut sugar (or brown sugar) ½ cup for a less sweet rendition
2 tablespoons tapioca starch
1 teaspoon cinnamon
3 medium baking apples, cored, peeled, and cut into thin wedges
3 cups fresh blackberries
2 tablespoons lemon juice

GRANOLA TOPPING:

1 1/2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
3/4 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
½ cup plus one tablespoon brown sugar
8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
¼ teaspoon sea salt
Zest of 1 lemon
2 teaspoons vanilla extract or one ground vanilla bean.

Prepare the Oven and Baking Dish:
Set a rack in the middle of the oven and preheat to 400˚F.
Butter an 8- to 10-cup baking dish.

MAKE THE FILLING:

In a large mixing bowl, combine the sugar, tapioca starch, and cinnamon.
Fold in the apple slices and blackberries, ensuring they are evenly coated.

MAKE THE TOPPING:

In a separate bowl, mix the oats, walnuts, sugar, salt, vanilla and lemon zest together. Add the butter pieces and combine until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs.
Note: I snip the vanilla bean into small pieces with scissors, and then grind it up in a spice grinder.

ASSEMBLE AND BAKE:

Spread the fruit filling evenly onto the prepared baking dish.
Scatter the granola topping over the fruit.
Reduce the oven temperature to 375˚F and bake for 45 to 55 minutes, or until the fruit is tender, bubbling, and the topping is a deep golden color.

SERVE:

Allow the crisp to cool slightly before serving.
Serve warm or reheat at 350˚F for 10 minutes before serving if needed.

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PTFF: *Early chaos, famous guests and community grit shaped film festival*

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agreed that none of the film festivals could have happened without all the volunteers who pitched in, and all the attendees who make the act of attending film screenings in person worthwhile.

"It seems like everyone has a film festival now, but we've made this one our own," Yakush said.

"Events like this are more important than people might realize, especially after the pandemic," Friedman said. "The pandemic left the film industry with fewer screens, and fewer opportunities to catch films this way."

"When you can stand in line with other people, and ask what films they've seen so far, that makes everyone part of the filmmaking conversation and community," Force said.

The COVID-19 pandemic did inhibit that conversation, however, as Force recalled how 2020 felt like "watching dominoes fall," with the scheduled spring "Women and Film" festival being canceled, before the fall festival was converted to digital streaming, a format that organizers had previously resisted.

In spite of the lockdown, the film festival was able to record introductions in the Rose Theatre, while Force, who'd previously planned to step away from the festival in 2020, stuck around for another couple of years.

Enter Danni McClelland, a relative newcomer to town, who'd nonetheless been visiting for much of the duration of the Port Townsend Film Festival, and who felt as welcomed by the long-term players as they were by their family who lived in the area.



Rocky Friedman and Janette Force reminisce over old times, reviewing old photos and previous programs in the Port Townsend Film Festival offices. *Leader photo by Kirk Boxleitner*

As executive director of PTFF, McClelland has seen further evolutions in film screening, while Keith Hitchcock, who serves as the festival's marketing and development director, observed the stark initial difference between pre-and-post-COVID participation in the film festival.

"I attended in 2019, and in 2022, I was like, 'Where is everybody?'" Hitchcock said. "A lot of people weren't even ready to go back to the supermarket yet. The pandemic disrupted a lot of the event's sponsors and donors."

McClelland noted how many festival sponsors are in the hospitality industry, which was hit especially hard by the pandemic, while Force touted The Leader itself as a key supporter, both as a sponsor and a supplier of editorial space devoted to the festival.

Fortunately, McClelland reiterated that last year's festival attendance had surpassed both its 2023 and its pre-COVID numbers, and moving forward, they see an emerging future in Port Townsend and Jefferson County becoming a hub for regional filmmaking.

"All these pieces are coming together," McClelland said. "Schools are directly connecting students to technical training in the film industry. There's a big world of filmmaking that the film festival brings to town every year, and a Port Townsend filmmaking community is developing to meet it."

Both former and current film festival organizers have sought to foster that community, as the "Film Fellowship" program that the festival began in 2014 was revamped into the "Filmmaker in Residence" program in 2021.

Likewise, while the festival offered annual scholarships to film and journalism students from 2013-2019, 2024 saw the debut of "Glampire," winner of the festival's inaugural short screenplay competition, which was filmed in Port Townsend.

When Hitchcock asked the PTFF founders and original organizers how they felt about the current film festival, they all expressed gratitude that it's been able to continue, and be carried on by capable hands, even as they echoed Yakush's relief that they no longer have to worry about making it happen.

Preview: *Nature serves as backdrop for cultural heritage, family confessions*

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high school competitors in Nevada that he has to compete against himself, to meet the qualifying requirements for Oregon.

What's striking about Ku are traits that are not necessarily common to young men in adolescence; he's humble, hard-working and scrupulously conscious of the past.

Although we see brief flashes of impatience from Ku, his overall temperament is almost ideally suited to running, because he pushes himself while keeping his eyes firmly fixed on the prize.

Ku's parents couldn't help but win me over as well, since they wholeheartedly want him to achieve his dreams, but they can't help but worry that he might leave his old home behind.

The synthesis that Ku achieves, between honoring his heritage and moving forward with his adult goals, inspired me for the same reasons it likely gratified his father.



Salmon fishing brothers Dunedin and Auberin Strickland seek to protect their livelihood in Alaska's Bristol Bay from corporate mining operations in "Unearth." *Courtesy photo*

UNEARTH

It's not surprising to see Erin Brockovich executive producing a documentary about corporations making profit-minded moves which critics warn could have environmentally catastrophic consequences.

But the paradox at the heart of "Unearth" — which is acknowledged even by the onscreen activists who oppose the proposed Pebble Mine in Alaska, for the damage it could do to the surrounding ecosystem — is that copper is essential to shift the world toward renewable energy.

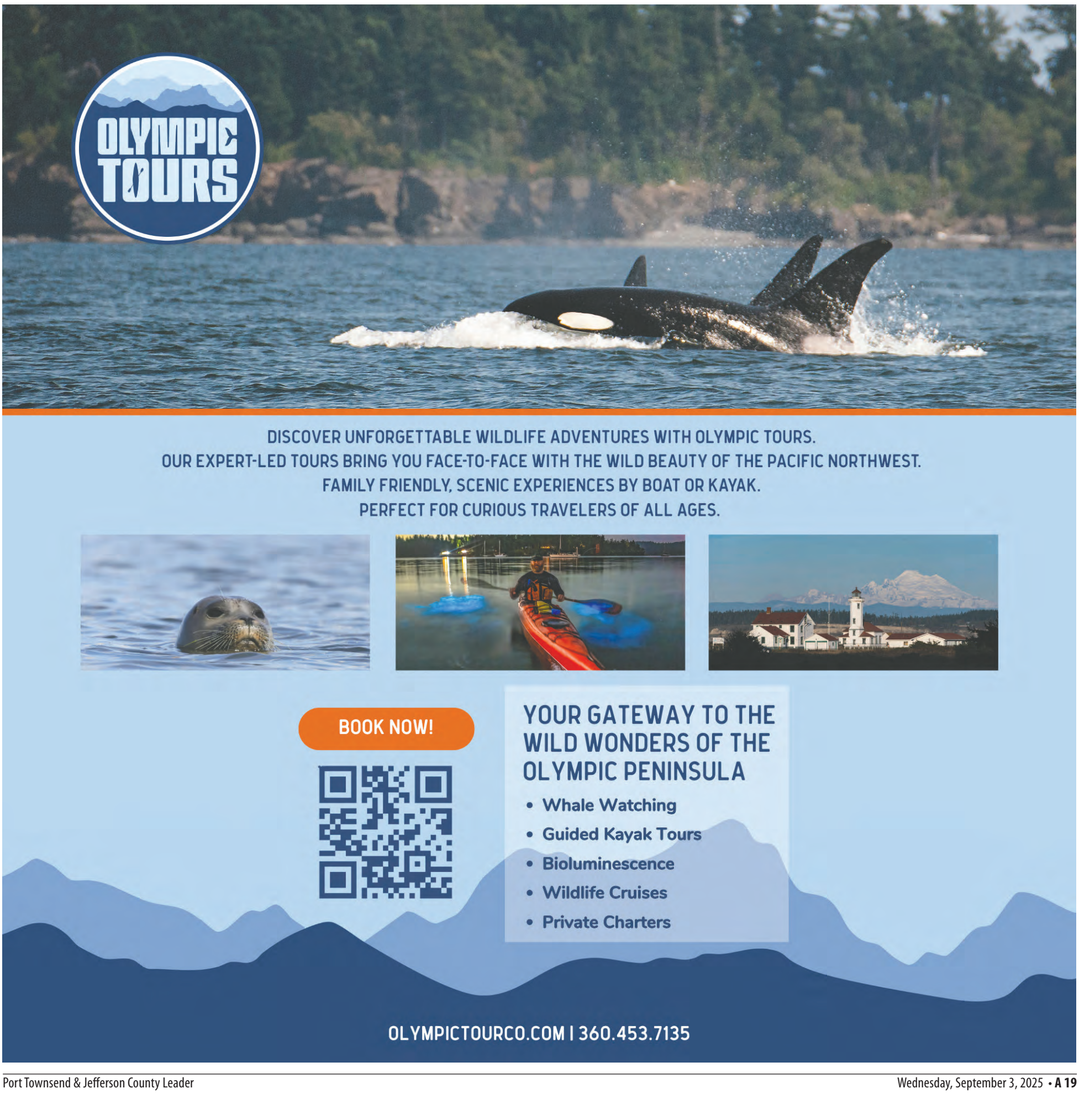
"Unearth" follows two sets of siblings, the Strickland brothers and the Salmon sisters, whose livelihoods are tied to fishing in and around Alaska's Bristol Bay, which remains a rare pristine watershed.

While the sisters attest to the importance of fishing and the environment to their Indigenous culture, the brothers engage in some guerrilla filmmaking to find out for themselves how well such supposedly safe mining operations have gone, in communities similar to their own.

The Strickland brothers' single-van, occasionally hidden-camera odyssey takes them through British Columbia, down into Butte, Montana, as well as Idaho's Silver Valley and Salt Lake City, Utah, and back up into Vancouver for a mining conference, at which they pose as investors.

It's not spoiling anything to reveal that the news the brothers receive from those other communities is not encouraging, but even as they prepare their compact filming equipment, they note how much of it is battery-powered, and they concede that protecting the ecosystem of Bristol Bay could simply subject a different community to the attentions of corporate miners.

Stay tuned in the next two weeks for more preview-reviews of films from the upcoming festival: Same Bat-time, same Bat-channel.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*Submit Community Events to editor@ptleader.com with the word **CALENDAR** in the header. To be included in The Leader calendar, events should be "live" in or near Jefferson County. Listings will vary in length based on the type of submission and at the discretion of editors.*

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3

TRANSFORMATIVE ALIGNMENT-BASED YOGA THERAPY

Debra Wolfe offers personalized, accessible yoga therapy for chronic pain, injury recovery, stress and anxiety. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9-10:15 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. to noon.

BABYTIME AT THE LIBRARY

Meet in the Humphrey Room for simple stories, rhymes, songs and playful movements designed to stimulate your baby's brain development. This program is for infants and early toddlers. 10:30-11 a.m. at the Jefferson County Library.

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BIRDING BLITZ: MIGRATORY SHORE BIRD COUNT

Join birder Steve Hampton at Lower Oak Bay County Park to look for shorebirds. Meet us in the parking lot (look for the library sign). Dress for the weather. 2:30 p.m.

TRIVIAL PURSUIT

Engage your brain on a variety of topics, with two rounds of questions across multiple subjects. 7-8:30 p.m. at the Keg and I.

BAR STOOL BINGO

Every Wednesday, the Hilltop Tavern has bingo, with 100% of the proceeds going to benefit community groups. 7-9 p.m.

CIVIC CALENDAR

CITY:

Arts Commission:

Commissioners will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 4, in the council chambers at city hall.

Council Finance and Budget Committee:

Committee members will meet at 3 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 8, in the council chambers at city hall.

City Council:

Council members will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 8, in the council chambers at city hall.

COUNTY:

Board of County Commissioners:

Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 8, in the commissioners' chambers at the county courthouse.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4

ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS CLASS

No experience necessary. Any fitness level is welcome. 9 a.m. at 9572 Rhody Drive in Chimacum.

MICROSOFT EXCEL BASICS

Join us on Thursday afternoons in September for a fun, stress-free introduction to Excel. This class is designed especially for beginners. No registration is required. Loaner laptops will be available. 10:30 a.m. at the Jefferson County Library.

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ARTIST RESOURCE HELP DESK

The Artist Resource Help Desk provides professional guidance for artists seeking assistance with grants, proposals, presentations, marketing such as newsletters and flyers, and connections to resources



Kathy Fridstein is one of the artists to be featured in Northwind Art's "Showcase 2025."
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to support their creative practices. The program offers guidance and access to some cloud-based tools. Artists may bring their own computers and materials, or use public computers and resources provided. Noon to 2 p.m. at the Port Townsend Public Library.

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BIKE FIX-IT DAY WITH THE RECYCLERY

Ever wanted to take a bike apart and put it back together? Is your bike in need of some repairs, or do you need advice on how to get it back on track? Teens and young adults are invited to swing by the Nest from noon to 4 p.m. for a hands-on bike fix-it session with the ReCyclery. Tools and support provided. No experience required.

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BOSSA NOVA JAZZ

Live bossa nova jazz from 5-7 p.m. at the Bishop Block Bottle Shop and Garden.

LINE DANCING WITH BAILEY BEE

Join Bailey Bee for a donation-based line dance lesson to get you moving. Line dancing is often associated with country western music, but there's a whole wide world of music available to explore, from classic country to funk, Latin and Middle Eastern songs. No experience necessary. 5:30-7 p.m. at Finnriver.

MUSIC TRIVIA

Every Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Uptown Pub. Forms teams of up to five people.

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LAUGHTER CLUB

Laughter yoga sessions involve simulated laughter that quickly becomes genuine laughter. 1120 Walker St. 2-3 p.m.

PIZZA AND PIANO FRIDAYS AT THE BISHOP

Friday is Pizza and Piano Night at the Bishop Block Bottle Shop in downtown Port Townsend. Enjoy Detroit-style pizza, and request songs from local pianist and singer-songwriter Jonas Myers. 5-7 p.m.

LIVE MUSIC: FUSION, FOLK AND ROCK

Three veterans of the North Olympic Peninsula music scene return to Finnriver with Trio Santiago, playing a mix of folk, rock and light fusion jazz. Listeners will be treated to an afternoon and evening of authentic Northwest grooves. 6-8 p.m. in the Cider Garden.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

KITSAP BANK'S 'FROM SHRED TO FED' EVENT

Kitsap Bank is pleased to partner with the Port Townsend Food Bank in hosting a shredding event. Make a monetary donation of your choosing to get your documents shredded. All donations raised will go toward supporting the Port Townsend Food Bank. Maximum of 75 pounds per vehicle. 9 a.m. to noon at Kitsap Bank's Port Townsend Branch.

SIXTH-ANNUAL 'SWINGING FORE THE ARTS' GOLF TOURNAMENT

We're back for another year on the green. Join Field Arts and Events Hall in Port Angeles for our sixth-annual "Swinging FORE the Arts" golf

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT 2PM
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 45 Redeemer Way, Chimacum
FREE. Seating is limited. No tickets or reservations required. Donations accepted at the door.

YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION
SPRING 2026, DATE TO BE DETERMINED
Open to Jefferson County musicians ages 4-22 years old who play strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion or piano. Questions? Contact YAC Coordinator at ptsoyac@gmail.com.

UPCOMING PORT TOWNSEND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERTS

Sundays at 2 PM. FREE. Chimacum School Auditorium, 91 West Valley Rd, Chimacum. Open dress rehearsals are at 7PM the Friday before each concert — same location.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025 AT 2PM
Still: Threnody in Memory of Jan Sibelius
PREMIERE Sou Chef: Pas un Monde Mais un Miroir for keyboard, piano, electronics and orchestra
Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 2

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025 AT 2PM
Offenbach: Overture to La Belle Hélène
Bizet: Farandole from L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2, with Dana Odell, guest conductor
Tchaikovsky: Sleeping Beauty Suite
Price: Concert Overture No. 2

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026 AT 2PM
Gerassimez: Asventuras for snare drum
Steven Woolbright, 2025 YAC winner, soloist
Copland: A Lincoln Portrait, with Stanford Thompson, narrator
Dvorák: Symphony No. 6

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026 AT 2PM
PREMIERE Nightfall, a violin concerto composed and performed by Luke Fitzpatrick
Movie scores from Les Miserables, Fiddler on the Roof, Titanic and Phantom of the Opera



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

tournament at Cedars at Dungeness, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds for this event support the Field Arts and Events Hall all-in capital campaign. For more information, to become an event sponsor or to register as an individual, please contact Jen Swanson at jen@fieldhallevents.org.

BRUNCH TIME

The Bishop Block Shop and Garden offers local ingredients and refreshing drinks in a cozy atmosphere. Call for reservations at 360-302-6984. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TOMATO TASTE-OFF

Join us for the fifth-annual Tomato Taste-Off at the Port Townsend Farmers Market stage, from 11 a.m. to noon. This fun, free event invites the whole community to sample and vote on a dozen delicious, locally grown tomato varieties. Take your time tasting each tomato's unique flavor, whether you're drawn to sweetness, tang, texture or that perfect tomato-iness, and vote for your favorites.

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PARANORMAL KINDRED

Sacred Portal is hosting an adult anomalous phenomena discussion group. All of our meetings have open discussions that are free and open to the public. During these discussions, anyone is welcome to suggest topics or share their stories regarding all things paranormal. 12:30 p.m. at 211 Taylor St.

CHEESE AND CIDER TASTING

Savor a delicious collaboration between Jasper Hill Farm, Town and Country, and Finnriver. We'll be sampling Harbison Mini, a raw-milk cheese ripened in underground caves, washed with our very own Blush Cider, and wrapped in spruce bark. Enjoy a taste of Harbison Mini alongside a pour of Blush Cider. 5-7 p.m. at Finnriver.

SATURDAY SOUNDS

Featuring local music at the Bishop Block Bottle Shop and Garden. Check out our website to see who's playing this coming Saturday. 5-7 p.m.

FIRST SATURDAY ART WALK

The first Saturday of each month, more than 20 galleries and alternative spaces across Port Townsend keep their doors open late for Art Walk from 5-8 p.m. Many venues offer light refreshments, share demonstrations and invite visitors to meet artists, while diving deeper into the creative process.

LIVE MUSIC

Come party with In Da House band, playing their rock, blues and reggae for dancing, or just singing along to the songs you know. Enjoy the sounds on the back patio, along with a great craft beverage. With 20 taps to choose from, we have at least one for you. 6-8 p.m. at the Keg and I.

LIVE MUSIC: POP, SOUL, INDIE ROCK

Finnriver invites you to come enjoy RUB and Cold Comfort in the Cider Garden. RUB, formed in 2022, is a six-piece band that's made a name for themselves as purveyors of feel-good music with uplifting call-to-action lyrics. Port Townsend natives Cold Comfort are an alternative indie rock band that emerged organically from a collaboration of five longtime friends, after they moved to Seattle in 2011. 6-8 p.m.

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SEAHAWKS ON THE BIG SCREEN

It's football season, and we have the Seahawks on the big screen. Sunday, we'll be kicking off the season, hosting the 49ers. Cheer on the team in a comfortable setting, and enjoy great craft beverages and yummy snacks. 1-4 p.m. at the Keg and I.

LIVE MUSIC: FUSION, FOLK AND ROCK

Trio Santiago plays the Port Townsend Vineyards Winery from 3-5 p.m. to help wind down the Wooden Boat Festival. Their musical journey of original fusion, folk and rock tunes is perfectly timed, with its nautical theme of an oceanic creation story, landings on a Polynesian Island, and the struggles and joys of the sail, as we navigate our lives.

DANCE CLUB WITH MARY PURDY

Dance Club is a weekly dance class that includes jazz, funk and hip-hop-inspired choreography and "dance club" moves that will allow you to shake that booty in a low-pressure, supportive and fun environment. 5-6 p.m. at 1030 Lawrence St.

LIVE MUSIC: RAGTIME AND EARLY JAZZ

Finnriver is happy to host Dumpster Joe with Kit Stymee Stovepipe. Dumpster Joe and Taylor "The Boys" Thomas play rags, jazz, hokum and country blues from the 1920s and '30s on res-o-phonic guitar and cello. They are sometimes joined by friends on fiddle, washboard, washtub and saw. A good time is guaranteed to be had by all once they get to serenadin' and syncopatin'. 5-7 p.m. in the Cider Garden.

LIVE OLD-TIME FIDDLE MUSIC

The Mississippi Hotdogs, featuring Joe Fulton, Jack Dwyer and friends, play old-time fiddle music and more at the Uptown Pub. 7-8 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 8

CREATIVE IPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY

This class begins with an inspiring and interactive morning session in Northwind's Art School, in Building 306 at Fort Worden, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. John and Lisa Merrill will introduce you to the keys to compelling images: light, design, and moment. You will learn how to make the most of your iPhone's powerful features, as well as apps that extend its capabilities and boost your creativity. After a midday break, the class continues at 4 p.m. with an on-location photography session around Port Townsend and Fort Worden.

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MONDAYS AT THE CASTLE

Bobby Winstead and Jack Dwyer perform bluegrass, old-time, classic country and more on mandolin, guitar and vocals. 5-7 p.m. at the Enchanted Castle Restaurant at Manresa.

IMPROV NIGHT

Saltfire has rekindled community improv nights. Come play. 6 p.m. at 1948 Blaine St.

FOOLS BOWL PUB TRIVIA

At the Uptown Pub. 8-9 p.m. Free to play.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9

CYANOTYPE: CLOTH, PAPER AND SCISSORS WORKSHOP

Get ready to play with sun, shadows and shades of deep, dreamy blue in this joy-filled workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m in Northwind's Art School, in Building 324 at Fort Worden. Under the guidance of artist Fruma Markowitz, you'll explore the magical world of cyanotype, a 19th-century photographic printing process that transforms light and everyday objects into striking blue-and-white prints on paper and fabric. No experience is needed, just curiosity and a love for getting your hands in the mix. All essential materials are provided.

OUTDOOR STORYTIME IN CHIMACUM

Join us for an energetic outdoor storytime near the Rotary Pavilion at H.J. Carroll Park, rain or shine. Hear stories, sing songs, and enjoy physical movement to help spark children's love of reading and learning. Storytimes are created with preschool and toddler-age children in mind, but all ages are welcome. Please dress for the weather. 10:30-11 a.m.

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CHESS NIGHT

Every Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at Aldrich's Market, upstairs, at 940 Lawrence St. in Port Townsend. Open to all ages, skill levels and interests.

CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

At the Uptown Pub starting at 6 p.m.

DRUM AND PERCUSSION FUN

Come and learn some African drumming techniques, or just bring your own percussion to join in a drum circle. Get away from the usual by trying something new, and engaging with your friends and neighbors. 6-8 p.m. at the Keg and I.

SEED SAVING FOR BEGINNERS

Now is the time to collect those vegetable seeds from your garden As plants start to die back, their seeds will start to ripen or brown, which is perfect for collecting and preparing to start in the spring. Learn a variety of methods to collect, process and store your seeds for next year. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Quimper Grange.

NINE BALL TOURNAMENT

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Sports: Across every competition, Rivals aim to turn preparation into results

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opener Sept. 9 at Memorial Field, East Jefferson hopes its youthful roster can surprise opponents while continuing to develop on and off the field.

GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY

The Rivals' girls squad will be led by a trio of seniors making their fourth cross-country campaign — Michael Gregg, Leah Ferland and Hilina Taylor-Lenz. Their leadership sets the tone for a roster that brings experience and new talent. The most intriguing addition is junior Arden Moore, who shifts from sprinting in track to testing her endurance in the 5K.

"She is very talented and it's worth keeping an eye on her performances," head coach Alice Fraser said. With steady veterans and a promising newcomer, the Rivals aim to compete well in league meets while eyeing individual qualifications for state.

BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY

East Jefferson's boys team could be in the mix for hardware this fall thanks to junior standout Joshua Yearian.

"Joshua Yearian (junior) would be the male to watch. He is coming into the season in really good shape, and I expect will run very well," head coach Alice Fraser said. Yearian's potential gives the Rivals a legitimate shot to compete near the top of the league and qualify as a team for state. With the squad's solid depth, Fraser said she believes "the boys team could be a contender for a podium spot at state depending on how the season plays out."





Senior co-captains Leah Ferland and Michael Gregg run alongside sophomore Louis Sanborn and alumni Indigo Gould, now a sophomore at Western Washington University. On the right, rivals prepare for opening night by exchanging paint during a classic Oklahoma drill. *Leader photos by Alex Frick*

SWIM AND DIVE

Youth will lead East Jefferson swimming this fall as the Rivals reload after graduating five seniors from last year's state squad. Coach Peter Braden points to Ursula Schmidt, Bella Ferland, and Stella Bosley as swimmers ready to lead relays and individual events, with senior Zella Mack anchoring a roster that also features rapid improvement from underclassmen. Newcomers like Thea Barnett and three freshmen round out a team focused on steady growth. The dive program, revived under Erica Nixon-Mack, trains in Port Angeles with the goal of competing in dual meets.

"Some of our swimmers have the goal of qualifying for state in an individual event and/or relay. Others are going for District 3 qualifying time and many are working to learn to swim all four strokes well," Braden said. The Rivals' lone home meet is Oct. 22 against Olympic.

TENNIS

With multiple home dates at Port Townsend High School and early tests on the road, East Jefferson's lineup will blend veteran doubles pairs with singles players ready to climb the ranks. The Rivals open at Clarks Creek before a home swing that can anchor the record. Key away challenges include Vashon, Annie Wright, Lakewood Racquet Club, Northwest Christian and Klahowya. Compared to last year, the goals are clearer: raise first-serve percentages, finish more points at net in doubles, and turn close tiebreaks. If the top four can hold serve at home and split the marquee road trips, East Jefferson should be in the league mix by mid-October.

SEASON OPENERS THIS WEEK

With the first whistles of fall echoing across Jefferson County fields and gyms, East Jefferson athletes are back in action. From the gridiron to the pool, seven varsity teams are gearing up for another season of competition — and here's what fans can look forward to this week:

Football — Sept. 5 vs. Granite Falls High School at Port Townsend Memorial Stadium at 4 p.m.

Volleyball — Sept. 8 vs. Crescent High School in Chimacum at 6:30 p.m.

Soccer — Sept. 9 vs. Bellevue Christian High School at Port Townsend Memorial Stadium at 5 p.m.

Tennis — Sept. 11 vs. Life Christian Academy at Port Townsend High School 3:30 p.m.

Girls Cross-Country — Sept. 16 at Port Townsend Golf Club at 4:15 p.m.

Boys Cross-Country — Sept. 16 at Port Townsend Golf Club at 3:30 p.m.

Swim & Dive — Oct. 22 vs. Olympic High School at Mountain View Pool at 3:30 p.m.

Season winds down with championships and memorial honors at local courses

BY BARBARA ALDRICH
FOR THE LEADER

August represents the last full summer month of women's golf events and competitions at Discovery Bay Women's Golf Club and Camas Prairie Women's Golf Club of Port Townsend.

It has been a full month of club championship play and annual tournaments, with more to come as we begin the final month of the season in September.

Camas Prairie Golf Club hosted the annual Memorial Women's Golf tournament Aug 26. This tournament, which honors the women members who have passed, is held alternately with each club acting as hosts. This year the clubs honored Barbara Bailey, Pat Burns, Irene Helander, Joanne Seller, Arlina Brown, Vivian Chapin, Bev Parks, Mary Norwood and mother and daughter Naomi and Janie Marcus.

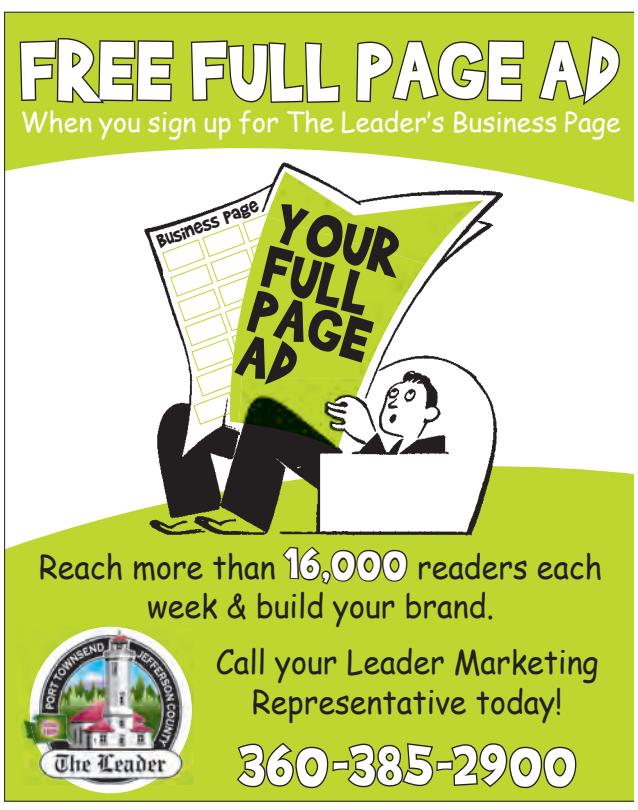
An amazing group of 30 current members equally represented both clubs in playing a team scramble followed by a luncheon at Coyote and Crow, the newly opened restaurant at Camas Prairie Golf Park in Port Townsend. Two teams tied for first place with a score of 36, one over par. Teams were composed of members from both clubs. The winners were Barb Matters, Jerri Torsen, Katherine Buchanan and Wanda Synnestvedt in the first group and Marianne Ott, Lynn Pierle, Jodi Stone and Vicki Young in the second group. Winners of the Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin (KP) were, respectively, Jodi Stone and Vicki Young.

Discovery Bay Women's Golf Club completed their Club Championship rounds Aug. 28. The winners of the 36-hole tournament were Terry Graham, 1st Place Gross with a score of 170; 2nd Place Gross winner was Jane Peoples with a score of 173. 1st Place Net winner was Sherilyn Ulland with a net score of 138; 2nd Place Net winner had a score of 142 was Suzie Piper. The Camas Prairie Club Championship rounds will take place on Sept. 2, 9, and 16 with the best two out of three rounds (36 holes). Both clubs will continue their weekly play through September on Tuesdays (Port Townsend) and Thursdays (Discovery Bay). If you are interested in learning more about these clubs and meeting the women players, you can contact the pro-shops at both courses. Discovery Bay women tee off at 9 a.m. on Thursdays and Camas Prairie at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays. Happy Golfing while the sun still shines.

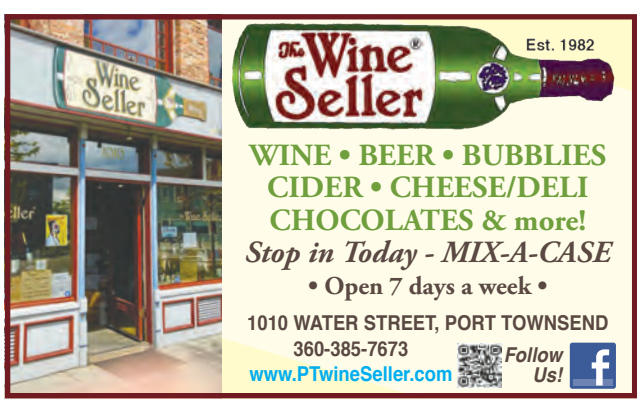
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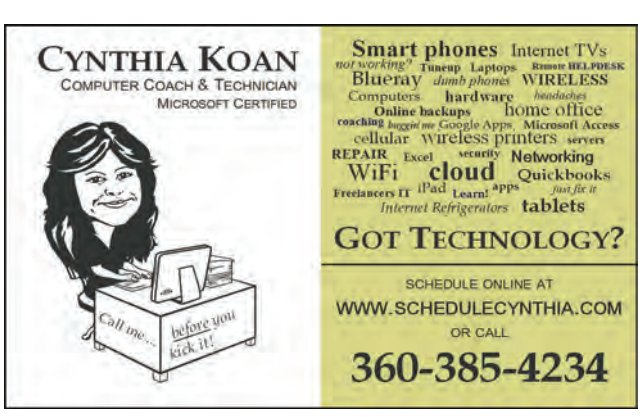














Hallelujah! Rehearsals for Handel's 'Messiah' are underway

BY LYNN NOWAK

The Community Chorus of Port Townsend and East Jefferson County has big plans for its 50th anniversary this fall.

It's set to collaborate with the RainShadow Chorale to bring the oratorio "Messiah," by George Frideric Handel, to local audiences Nov. 22-23.

An expected combined choir of 100 voices will work with a select orchestra to present everything from choral pieces such as "For Unto Us a Child Is Born" to the famous "Hallelujah" chorus, complete with solos and instrumental interludes.

RainShadow Chorale artistic director Laurie de Leonne has been tapped to conduct the singers.

Rehearsals for the anniversary "Messiah" concerts began on Aug. 31, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church, at 1335 Blaine St. in Port Townsend, and will continue on Sundays going forward.



The choir from the Community Chorus' spring concerts is expected to swell to 100 for "Messiah" this fall. *Photo courtesy of Lynn Nowak*

Registration continues at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7, and includes a registration fee.

For singers who do not have their own scores of the Watkins-Shaw edition, music will be provided.

"It is a real honor to belong to an organization that is celebrating its 50th anniversary, especially to bring the joy and love of song to our friends, family and the community," said Linda Atkins, president of the chorus.

The Community Chorus began with a performance of Handel's "Messiah" in 1975, and has presented it every five years during its history, except in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The Messiah production this fall is important to the community," said Rebecca Nerison, president of the RainShadow Chorale. "It is a gift to local people who can stay in our community to hear a classic and much-beloved work performed live. That just doesn't happen often around here. Audiences, and the community, need opportunities to experience classical works; it's an aspect of cultural literacy that deserves to be kept alive for future generations."

Nerison said that RainShadow agreed to co-sponsor these concerts because it supports the Community Chorus as a sister organization in the arts.

"The 'Messiah' performance is a huge undertaking, so combining our efforts just makes sense," Nerison said. "We share the larger mission of providing opportunities for singers as well as audiences, and everyone benefits. We're thrilled that our RainShadow artistic director, Laurie de Leonne, is eager to conduct the resulting community-based choir and small orchestra that will accompany it."

No auditions are required to join the Community Chorus.

Men are particularly encouraged to participate.

Many forms of assistance are offered, including bonus rehearsals, sectional rehearsals of individual voice parts, and sound files for individual practice.

"Our goal has always been to encourage singers who want to sing but have been away from singing and need support to get back into it," Atkins said.

Germaine Arthur, one of the original singers in the chorus in 1975, and possibly the only continuous member in the organization's 50-year history, said that when she sings "Messiah," "I feel a connection to choral singers across the centuries. Although we sing in a small church, you can imagine yourself singing in Notre Dame."

She added that each rehearsal is like a mini voice lesson.

"We're always learning new skills and techniques," Arthur said. "You meet people from the community that you might otherwise not encounter in your everyday life, all with a shared love of choral music."

Lynn Nowak serves as publicity chair for the Community Chorus of Port Townsend.

Potluck Banquet aims to offer artistic nourishment

LEADER STAFF

Pineapple upside-down cake, a mint chocolate cupcake, fried eggs and bacon, and a salmon steak with lemon slices are all part of "Northwest Expressions: Potluck Banquet," an art show about food and drink.

The exhibition opened Aug. 28 at Northwind Art's Jeanette Best Gallery, bringing together more than 50 Pacific Northwest artists at the gallery at 701 Water St. in downtown Port Townsend, through creations ranging from quilts and photos to watercolors and glazed ceramics.

Northwind Art invited artists from across Washington state and Oregon to enter the "Potluck Banquet," and more than 100 responded.

In turn, jurors and artists Suzanne Lamon and Frank Samuelson made their selections based on what they thought would create a well-rounded feast of visual art.

Lamon and Samuelson plan to announce the winners of one $500 Jurors' Choice Award, and three $300 Merit Awards.

Throughout the exhibit's run, gallery visitors can vote for their favorites for the remaining $150 People's Choice Award.

"Potluck Banquet" will remain on view through Oct. 13, after which the People's Choice Award winner will be announced.

"The artwork celebrating food is gorgeous and, at times, comical," Northwind spokesperson Diane Urbani said.

"Just looking at glazed ceramic eggs on toast made me laugh," she added, referring to a piece by Lucy Congdon Hanson, a Port Townsend-based artist who also entered small ceramic versions of apple, rhubarb, pecan, cherry and pumpkin pie.

"She even made clay salmon steaks, filet mignon, a chocolate tart and a full chicken dinner," Urbani said.

Two eggs and a strip of bacon appear to be frying on the pavement at a skate park in Joshua Phelps' photograph, while a pineapple upside-down cake glistens in Virginia Ashby's painting, and a surrealistic scene splashes across Linda Okazaki's 60-by-40-inch watercolor entitled "The Red Table."

"This banquet covers all of the courses, from hors d'oeuvres to dessert," Urbani said. "We believe art feeds the soul, and these works are certainly rich in nutrients and heart-healthy fats. Most of all, this show is meant to be fun. We invite everyone to come and dive in."







Market Moments

While summer winds down and classrooms fill up, the Port Townsend Farmers Market marches on.

This year, the Wednesday market returned to Tyler Street. Through Sept. 24, the 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. market supplies customers with fresh fruit, baked goods and treats to last them through the week.

"Food isn't just ready one day a week," Amanda Milholland, the executive director of Jefferson County Farmers Markets, told The Leader in June. "Having a middle-of-the-week and end-of-the-week market really allows farmers to harvest when food is at its peak and beautiful, and to get it to people super fresh."

The ever-popular Saturday market will continue through Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come Nov. 1, the market hours will shift slightly to being open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The final Saturday market is expected to be on Dec. 20.



Flowers from Forest Elf Farm wait to be picked. *Leader photos by Mallory Kruml*



Aleta Greenway from Corona Farm teaches the younger generation how to use bubble strings.





Bell Tower Brokers paint faces at the Wednesday market.



Weston Pratt, also known as DJ Lunch Lady, rolls around the Port Townsend Farmers Market on Wednesday, Aug. 27. On the right, one of the market's youngest attendants loving the bubbles.

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First Saturdays spotlight artists working in variety of media at local galleries

BY KIRK BOXLEITNER

The "First Saturday" Art Walk for this month falls on Sept. 6, so a number of downtown Port Townsend art galleries will be hosting meet-and-greet sessions with their featured artists for the month from 5-8 p.m.

AURORA LOOP GALLERY

"Who What When" is a collaborative body of work from Cluster, a group of eight "media diverse" artists who work in their own studios and together.

According to the artists, the project was "designed to foster thoughtful and creative responses to prompts and each others' work," by adding or altering previous stages of individual works of art, before handing them off to other artists.

"This involved trust, letting go of perceived outcomes and embracing the mystery of the process," the artists said in a statement, adding that their body of work was developed over an eight-month period.

The show was curated by June Sekiguchi, and its contributing artists include Carolyn Authenrieth, Marilyn Charlat Dix, Dawn Endean, Rosalie Frankel, Stephanie Hargrave, Ellen Hochberg and Eliaichi Kimaro.

The Aurora Loop Gallery is located at 971 Aurora Loop in Port Townsend.

GALLERY-9

Gallery-9 features the oil paintings of Susan Martin Spar, and the ceramic tiles and sculptures of Sarah Fitch.

Spar first studied at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, and her exposure to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City inspired her earlier work.





Gallery-9 features the paintings of Susan Martin Spar and the tiles and sculptures of Sarah Fitch, both of which focus frequently on wild creatures. *Courtesy photos*

Spar graduated from Georgetown Atelier in Seattle while still specializing in classical realism, before she began experimenting with her approach.

Gallery-9 is showcasing both Spar's earlier classical work and her more expressionist and mixed-media work.

"My work isn't about unrestrained emotion and expression," Spar said. "It's about feeling that is focused and tempered by the knowledge and command of my materials and craft, which in turn allows me to bring a vision to life on a canvas or paper. The subject is immaterial. It doesn't matter because it's the light that I'm painting. While I'm a romantic, and landscapes enable me to express grander feelings and drama, it's still life and the figure that entertains my nature to look at things closely, and fill me with wonder at the beauty of simple things which surround and sustain us in our everyday life."

Fitch is a self-taught artist, making bas relief stoneware ceramic tiles and sculptures.

Her goal is to create a sense of liveliness, character and expression in animal-themed works. Each of the detailed tiles is created one at a time, and are stoneware fired to 2,200 degrees Fahrenheit, which makes them more durable than raku or terra cotta.

"Was it imagining in my bones something timeless, whispering through my dreams that drew me in?" Fitch said of her animal-themed work. "Or was it sourced from fairytales, this vision that was calling to be made? A vision of a deep, long-ago, dark wood-dweller that had me reaching for the wild."



Gallery-9 is located at 1012 Water St. in Port Townsend.

PT GALLERY

The Port Townsend Gallery is again featuring Tom Saknit's unique "Redacted Photography," presenting 10 new pieces from his Pacific Rim suite.

Saknit's stylized photography is intended to be viewed as "an impression of a memory," with images from the current addition to the collection including Kyoto and Tokyo, Japan, as well as Hong Kong and Vietnam.

"My grandfather was a world traveler, back when that was something special," Saknit said. "I remember sitting on the floor in his crowded living room, with 25 or more family members, watching his carefully curated carousel tray slideshows in his darkened living room. We listened in wonder and awe to his stories of people, places and adventures which we had only seen in magazines. I have no doubt that instilled in me a wanderlust, a profound desire to experience other cultures, sites and views."

The PT Gallery is also featuring Martha Collins, who uses the colors and grain patterns of hardwoods and natural or dyed veneers to make small, intricate bowls, jewelry and tableware.

Collins was trained as a cabinetmaker in Michigan during the 1970s, and was the first woman trained through that state's program, because Title IX had been passed by Congress, giving women the same opportunities as men.

Apprenticing in a shop where wooden jewelry was made, Collins was immediately hooked on lamination. She currently uses sustainably yielded hardwoods from around the world, and maple veneer that's been dyed, to create blocks of striped material, which are then sliced, mitered, rearranged, re-laminated and lathe-turned into items such as bowls and bracelets.

Collins' newest project is the "Odyesse" series, which combines different patterns of lamination, and which she regards as the culmination of her journey. She's been accepted to the Smithsonian Craft Show for the past five years, and is preparing for the Philadelphia Craft Show in November.

The Port Townsend Gallery is located at 715 Water St. in Port Townsend.





“Daylight” ushers in a new era for longtime friends turned musicians

BY ALEX FRICK

Cold Comfort's new single, "Daylight," didn't start as a serious project.

"It started out kind of as a joke to write a pop song," said Dustin Ryerson, vocalist and keyboardist for Cold Comfort, the Port Townsend-born band of longtime friends. "Then of course you have five creative minds that get together, it kind of turned into this beautiful pop song."

"Daylight," with its hook — "love in the daylight, sex on the weekend" — is about gripping onto a relationship that is already falling apart. The single is part of what the band calls its most anticipated and refined work yet, produced at Rainshadow Recording with sound engineer Conor Sisk. The record has roots stretching back nearly a decade.

"We went back through voice memos and songs we'd written eight or 10 years ago," Ryerson said. "We realized these weren't jokes; they were actually good songs. We just had to rewrite the lyrics and make them relatable."

“It's kind of like shedding our skin, letting go of our old selves and opening a window for growth."

The group, Andrew Jauhola, Dakota Lupton, Dekker Dean, Ryan Crace and Ryerson, are childhood friends who began jamming around Port Townsend's parks and in living rooms. This process feels like coming full circle.

"We're all now in our 30s and kind of more of a concrete lifestyle and just like comfortability and maturity within the music and knowing exactly what we want," Ryerson said. "This new album is more or less letting go of our old selves and opening up a window for new opportunities."









Cold Comfort, featuring Dustin Ryerson on keyboards and lead vocals; Andrew Jauhola on guitar and lead vocals; Dakota Lupton on keyboards, guitar, and backup vocals; Dekker Dean on drums and Ryan Crace on bass Guitar. *Leader photos by Lloyd Mullen*

Musically, the evolution of Cold Comfort has never stayed in the same lane. The band has gone from "finger-picking, knee-slapping folk songs" to synth-heavy tracks, and Ryerson insists this process is intentional, but entirely natural.

"It's all about emotion," he said. "We've found the right formula for songwriting for us, but the sound will forever change with where our heads are."

Cold Comfort has always experimented visually. Earlier this year, they released a music video for their track, "Heart to Harbor." While the process endured months of filming and retakes, the band said they would do it all over again.

"We all love just writing these little stories already through music," Ryerson said. "To make it come to life is something really beautiful to see."

Cold Comfort, who played on July 31 as part of the "Concert on the Dock" music series at Pope Marine Park in their hometown of Port Townsend, has a stage presence that the band calls "live, energetic, danceable, and full of harmonies."

Ryerson said the band always enjoys playing in front of the unique atmosphere of "Concerts on the Dock."

"When we play here in town, it seems like everybody gets down and starts dancing," he said.

Cold Comfort will next be bringing their signature sound back to Jefferson County on Saturday, Sept. 6, at Finnriver Farm & Cidery. Until that day arrives, listeners can stream "Daylight" across all major streaming platforms.

A new bus lift arrives just ahead of first day for the school district

BY MALLORY KRUML

School bus reliability is an essential service in Jefferson County.

For 44 years, the Port Townsend and Chimacum school districts have worked together through a Transportation Support Cooperative.

The joint venture enables the districts to share buses and the associated costs of servicing their students’ transportation needs.

“We’ve been running this transportation cooperative for all those years and it benefits the districts immensely,” said Scott Mauk, the superintendent of the Chimacum School District.

The cooperative’s depot is located in Chimacum, with day-to-day operations overseen by the Chimacum School District.

“What’s great about the co-op is the shared resources — the same mechanics, same bus parts, same bus models, same dispatcher, same director,” said Mauk. This year, the cooperative purchased a new bus lift to replace one that had aged out of reliable use.

Designed to lift a bus off the ground, bus lifts allow mechanics to work underneath them safely.

Priced at approximately $250,000, the districts split the cost evenly.

With school buses requiring regular maintenance, such as oil changes and headlight replacements, having the right tools is imperative, Mauk said.

> **“The lift enables us to just be more efficient.”**
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“Trying to run a shop for two school districts, plus adding on Brinnon and Quilcene sometimes, it’s just a lot for two mechanics to handle without having that lift,” he said. “The lift enables us to just be more efficient.”

Linda Rosenbury, superintendent of the Port Townsend School District, wrote that she is thrilled that the bus drivers now have access to modern equipment.



The new lift in the Chimcacum transportation depot. *Photo courtesy of the Chimacum School District*

“Reliable transportation is crucial for students and families,” she wrote.

Mauk said several variables cause rural students — like those in Port Townsend and Chimacum — to rely on school buses more than students living in urban areas, with longer distances between home and school being one of them.

“Our runs are super long," he said. “We have runs that do 45 miles a day. So like in Bellevue, those buses are going to run 10 miles a day, but in Chimacum they are going to run much more.”

Not only does the cooperative save the district money, but it also generates funding from the state, which compensates schools for establishing a cooperative.

Mauk estimated Port Townsend received $300,000 from the state last year, while Chimcacum received $150,000.

“It fluctuates every year, but it’s substantial,” he said.

The state also funds half of the cost of new construction for transportation cooperatives.

“If we were to build a new bus depot or do any capital projects of the bus depot, the state would cover at least half,” he said. “So, again, it’s a real benefit to have a co-op.”

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Eva Bjorkman Coffin

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Early on August 12, 2025, Eva Bjorkman Coffin passed from this world into the sunny gardens and wild places beyond. She died peacefully in her sleep, knowing she was enveloped by the love of her family and friends. Eva was an adventurer, a creative artist, a student of many disciplines, a teacher and a very involved community member. At 91 years old, Eva lived a full life, the last 30 of which were spent in Port Townsend.

Eva was born in the small town of Skelleftea in northern Sweden in 1934. Her father Henrik Axel Bjorkman was a Forest Economist and Wildlife Specialist who worked for the Swedish Forest Service. Eva was a daddy's girl, and her father taught her a love for animals, their habitats and nature in general. Her mother, Ingeborg Von Schwerin, was a language instructor, who acted as a translator for German refugees during World War II; she was also the family disciplinarian. Eva had a challenging relationship with her mother but would grow up to embrace the values of learning, teaching, helping others, and loving the natural world. She had an older brother, Goran, and a younger brother named Bo, both of whom lived their lives in Sweden, and preceded her in death. She had a younger half-brother, Janne, from her father's second marriage who also preceded her in death.

At the ripe old age of 15, after her parents divorced, Eva was asked to leave her mother's home and went to work in a factory. She later entered secretarial school, then moved to England as a nanny, before returning to Sweden and working in the emergency room of a hospital in Stockholm. She worked extra night shifts to save money to travel. At the age of 23, she applied to an ad in the paper for an au pair position in Pacific Palisades, California. Once there, she met Arthur William Coffin, a student at UCLA. They married and had three children: Steven Keith Coffin, Bengt Arthur Coffin, and Karen Anne Coffin. The family lived primarily in the Bay Area of California until she and Art divorced in 1978.

Eva got her Nursing degree in 1974 from Cabrillo College in Aptos, California. She worked as a Registered Nurse in the emergency and operating rooms of hospitals around the Bay Area. In 1985 she became involved with Interplast, an organization of surgeons and nurses who donated their time and expertise to perform life-changing surgeries in developing countries. Over the next decade, Eva made numerous trips with this group to Central and South American countries including Ecuador, Galapagos, Peru, Guatemala and Jamaica. Seeing the extreme need for medical treatments in that part of the world, Eva joined a yet smaller group of surgeons and nurses who would take weekend trips back to these areas to perform as many surgeries as they could complete in the weekend before returning to their regular jobs in the U.S.. Much of their work would be done on hastily constructed tables right on or near the tarmac they landed on to save time!

After moving to Seattle and working for several years, Eva retired from nursing in 2000 and moved to North Beach, Port Townsend. She converted a modest one-bedroom house into a beautiful living space and turned the non-descript yard into a lively ornamental garden which was featured on the Secret Garden Tour at least twice; it was one of the most admired gardens on the tour. Many of the plants in her garden were started from "cuttings" she would take by pinching off a small piece of plant she'd see on her walks, or while "snooping" around the back roads of Jefferson County in her little red Honda.

Throughout her life, animals were a big part of Eva's life. While living with her family in California, there was always at least one dog in Eva's home, and at any given time there would also be cats, horses, chickens, guinea pigs, tortoise, snakes, pigeons and other birds, and fish. Hers was the home that neighbors would come to for treatment of injured birds or other wildlife. Later in life, Eva would fall in love with miniature dachshunds, and while in Port Townsend had a few. Lotta and Sofia are memorialized along with mom in two bricks that are part of the terrace at the Northwest Maritime Center in downtown Port Townsend. Mariah was her latest, and her life partner until 2020 when Mariah passed away. Eva never fully recovered from the loss of Mariah.

Eva loved Port Townsend and was deeply involved in the community. She was a Master Gardener and volunteered for various organizations and events including Centrum, the Marine Science Center, the Wooden Boat School, Northwest Maritime Center, Wooden Boat Show, Sail Races, Port Townsend Film Fest, Reading to Rover at the Library, and serving Thanksgiving meals at Chimacum Community Center. She was also involved with the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Eva's life became more difficult after an initial stroke in 2017; her active world and community shrank due to challenges with speaking, mobility and driving. In 2024 she was diagnosed with dementia and moved from the home that she created and so loved, to San Juan Villa where she remained until her passing. Eva is survived by her three children: Steven Coffin, Bengt Coffin, and Karen Hogan; three grandchildren: Mitchell Winslow, Kyle Winslow, and Finn Coffin; and one great grandchild, Callum Winslow.

A celebration of life for Eva will be held Saturday, October 11 at 2:00 pm at Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 2333 San Juan Ave, in Port Townsend.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to one of Eva's favorite organizations:

Northwest Maritime Center (nwmaritime.org/donate)

or

Jefferson County Master Gardener Foundation (https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLYXCR7WSFP19/checkout/

Michael David DeLong

9/29/1962 - 8/3/2025

Mike was born to Mary Ann and Richard DeLong in Tacoma and grew up in the Tacoma and Puyallup areas. He graduated from Puyallup high school and took classes at Green River Community College. During his childhood he was involved in Cub and Boy Scouts where his Dad was a Scout Master. He enjoyed his travels with his family to various countries around the Pacific. Mike loved playing Dungeons and Dragons with friends and family, and also ran the Friendly Dragon Inn at local SCA events in the mid to late 90's. He worked in a variety of jobs, including delivery, innkeeping, car sales, cook and janitorial. Mike was known for his humor, supportive nature and cooking for family. He is survived by his loving wife, Sue, three daughters Savan, Jade and Nicole, his Mom, Mary Ann, and siblings Mary Jane (Tim), Doug, and Jaci. Mike was a dreamer, and the world a little poorer without his kindness, supportiveness, and creativity.

There will not be any services in accordance with Mike's wishes.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



The Real Demetropoulos Wedding

Gabrielle Wood (Port Orchard) & Demetrios Demetropoulos (Spring Hill, FL) exchanged vows on June 22, 2025 in Spring Hill Florida. Both attended Tarpon Springs High School in Florida & are honeymooning on a cross country road trip from Florida to Washinton.

SAYING GOODBYE How can we help?

The Leader offers several ways to mark the passage of a loved one. • Obituaries describe a person's life in detail, with a photograph if desired. They are prepared by the family or funeral home, and appear at a modest cost based on published length. • Paid tributes also describe a loved one's life, with the precise wording, photographs, borders and other design elements remaining within the family's control. They can include color, and are handled by the Advertising Department. • Memorial notices summarize information, including memorial service and mortuary, with details limited to 50 words. Photographs are not included. These are published free of charge. • Obituaries & Memorial Notices can be viewed online at ptleader.com/obituaries • For more information or to submit, visit ptleader.com/forms/obituary, email frontoffice@ptleader.com, call 360-385-2900, or visit our office at 226 Adams St., Port Townsend.

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RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY

Bahá'í Faith

360-385-0169 to contact Jefferson County Bahá'ís.
National and International information and contact:
www.bahai.us and www.bahai.org or 1-800-22-UNITE
Upcoming Events —
World Peace Devotions Mondays, August 18, September 15, October 20. An artistic series of monthly musical devotions for World Peace. Noon to 1pm at Unity Spiritual Enrichment Center. The theme for August is 'The Environment'.
Month of Names (Asmá) begins at sunset on Mon, Aug 18
Month of 'Izzat (Might) begins at sunset on Sat, Sept 6.
Month of Mashíyyat (Will) begins at sunset Sept 25.
Month of Ilm (Knowledge) begins at sunset Oct 14.

Unit Convention is Saturday, October 4 in Port Ludlow. Baha'is of NW Washington gather to consult and elect a representative to the annual National Convention, held in Apr.
The **Birth of the Bab** and the **Birth of Bahá'u'lláh** will be celebrated on Oct 22 and 23. Details of a public meeting to honor the holy days will be announced.

Weekly meetings, open to the public, all are video-conferences. Call the local contact number above and a link will be provided.
• Wednesday morning prayers at 9:00 am
• Sunday morning prayers at 10:00 am.

"Be fair to yourselves and to others, that the evidences of justice may be revealed, through your deeds, among Our faithful servants. Beware lest ye encroach upon the substance of your neighbor. Prove yourselves worthy of his trust and confidence in you, and withhold not from the poor the gifts which the grace of God hath bestowed upon you. He is the Great Giver, the Most Generous, the Benevolent."
— Bahá'u'lláh,

First Baptist Church of Port Townsend

Loving God and Loving Port Townsend • Pastor: Skip Cadorette
1202 Lawrence St., Port Townsend WA 98368
Phone: 360-385-2752 • E-mail: firstbaptistpt@gmail.com
On the web: www.firstbaptistpt.org
Find us on Facebook at FirstBaptistChurchofPT

Sunday Worship: 9:30am A relaxed, come-as-you-are, blend of contemporary and traditional styles of music, traditional and emerging styles of worship, prayer and honest Biblical teaching. Nursery care is provided.

11:00am Classes for kids and youth; sermon discussion and coffee hour for adults.

Christian Science Society, Port Townsend

275 Umatilla Ave. • 360-379-1139
GOD IS LOVE
Join Us – All are welcome!

Sunday 10am – 11am Church Service and Sunday School
Sunday school classes for children, teens, and young adults up to the age of 20.
Wednesday 12pm – 1pm Testimony Meetings
Saturday 11:30am – 2pm and by appointment, Christian Science Reading Room
Follow us on Facebook at Christian Science Church PT

*Christian Science is not associated with Scientology

First Presbyterian Church, PT

Rev. Paul Heins, 1111 Franklin St., Port Townsend • 360-385-2525
www.fpcpt.org • welcome@fpcpt.org
Spirit, Compassion, Justice
9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
Live Streaming worship service at 9:30 am each Sunday at fpcpt.org

San Juan Baptist Church

1704 Discovery Rd. Port Townsend • www.sanjuanbaptist.com
Office Email: office@sanjuanbaptist.com
Office Phone: 360-385-2545
Pastor Noel Muscutt • Email: ndmuscutt@sanjuanbaptist.com

Join us at 10:00am on Sundays for our worship service.
Prayer Meetings: Wednesdays 7 pm online and Thursdays 10 am in-person
Forge Youth Group: (Middle and high schoolers): Thursdays at the pastor's house
Thrive Youth Group:(ages 8 and up): Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Ladies Bible Study: Thursdays 6:30 pm

We're on Facebook and Instagram! Search for San Juan Baptist Church.
Email the church office for more information and to get connected! office@sanjuanbaptist.com

St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church

Pastor: Fr. Jacob Maurer
Vicars: Fr. Naresh Gali & Fr. Ed White
1335 Blaine Street (Harrison & Blaine) Port Townsend
(360)385-3700 www.stmaryss.com

Daily Mass: Mon, Thurs, First & Third Fridays 12 PM; Wed, 5:30PM
Friday Adoration 12 PM to 8 PM

Saturday 5PM; **Sunday** 8:30 AM Spanish Mass; 11 AM English Mass

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Church welcomes you. We are an open and inclusive congregation - worship with us in Washington's oldest Episcopal church building in continuous use. We welcome everyone without exception.

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stpauls_pt@outlook.com

SUNDAYS Holy Eucharist
8:00 am Rite I
10:30 am Rite II with music
WEDNESDAY Healing & Eucharist
10:30 am
MON-WED-FRI Centering Prayer
9:00-9:30 Online

Join us as www.stpaulspt.org for live-streamed services.

Peace Lutheran Fellowship

"A Call to Worship"
The Beach Club 121 Marina View Dr., Port Ludlow
Weekly on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
Visit us online at **www.peacelutheranfellowship.com**
Pastorpeacepl@gmail.com | 360.447.8254

The Salish Sea Fellowship

A Free Faith Community growing out of Unitarian and Universalist culture and tradition

When: Sundays, 4pm
Where: Sunday Services are held at 130 Church Lane, Hadlock
Discover the **Salish Sea Fellowship**, a free faith community growing out of Unitarian and Universalist culture and tradition. The SSF is an independent, educational, spiritual and liberal community, emphasizing support and respect. All are welcome!

Our members and friends gather together in community several Sundays a month at 130 Church Lane in Port Hadlock. Come enjoy a Sunday Service, our community potluck, or game night. We look forward to you joining us soon!

Please check out our website **(salishseafellowship.org)** regularly for updates on all of our special offerings. Our popular and free **Adult Learning Programs (ALPs)** will resume in the fall with new and exciting classes!

Trinity United Methodist Church

"Imperfect People Strengthened by God's Perfect Love"
609 Taylor St,. Port Townsend
Pastor Tony Brown (360) 385-0484

***Sunday** 10 AM Worship (ADA accessible & Childcare Available)*

Watch Live services Sunday mornings on our website trinityumcpt.org/
*We welcome **ALL** persons equally*

Programs include Wacky Wednesday Youth Group &
Handy Helper Community Outreach

Quakers – Religious Society of Friends

Accessible building, inclusive and welcoming community
Port Townsend Friends MEETINGHOUSE
19th & Sheridan, Port Townsend

Sunday, 10 am Silent Worship followed by:
1st Sunday of the month Query Worship Sharing
2nd Sunday business meeting
3rd Sunday Potluck
4th Sunday Religious Education

Masks optional
Contact us for information about joining these activities:
360-797-5372 or https://ptquaker.org/
More info: https://quakerspeak.com/collections/

Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

A Loving, Spirited, and Inclusive Community
Sunday Service & Children's Religious Education at 10 am and on-line
Beau Ohlgren, Director of Family Services, dfm@quuf.org
Children & Youth Programs offered year round
For more information: quuf.org
2333 San Juan Ave, Port Townsend
360-379-0609

Unity Spiritual Enrichment Center

3918 San Juan Avenue, Port Townsend, WA 98368
360-385-6519

AUGUST 2025: SUMMER CAMP SUNDAYS: Enlightened Fun

Sun, Aug 3 Mythos and Spirituality
Sun, Aug 10 The Magic of Harry Potter
Sun, Aug 17 The Wonders of Oz
Sun, Aug 24 Suzanne De Masso: Soul Contracts
Sun, Aug 31 David Goldsmith: The Tao of Pooh

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