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Autumn Grasses.

Photo by Steve Deligan

News & Community

Editors' Note

After another month and another series of hair-raising events on the national and global scenes, we have some good news for you: In Port Ludlow and Jefferson County, life appears to be inching back to quasi-normal. In September, we saw a resurgent farm tour with many new offerings, a bustling wooden boat show, concerts of all sorts, ice cream galas, plays—all the things that were sorely missed or restricted during the worst of Covid.

But that's last month. How about October? Check out this issue of the *Voice* and you'll find:

- Inspiration for life-changing experiences as an excellent article from Dave Cunningham highlights Mike and Elaine Raymond's months-long adventure hiking the legendary Pacific Crest Trail. Along the way they crossed lava fields, braved roaring waters and discovered a wealth of kindness. (Page 13)
- Some useful information for the politicians among you. First off is a missive from the internationally respected League of Women Voters reporting on their latest election fraud watch in Jefferson County. (Page 5) In addition, an article on how to submit questions to the League's upcoming candidate forum is on this page.
- A look at the work of Jefferson County's food angels as we investigate the food security efforts of the Jefferson County Food Bank Association. (Page 10).
- A whole spate of upcoming presentations featuring: property-sale decisions, boat racing, estate planning, horticulture, and regional firefighting lore. You'll find these articles and more scattered throughout the magazine. Plus, this month offers a look at the photos of renowned tribal photographer Matika Wilbur. Entitled "Natural Wanderment," the exhibit can be seen at Jefferson County Library. You'll find more information on page 7.
- And don't forget Arts and Entertainment. There are concerts and other activities to check out (beginning on Page 21)
- An important masthead change (page 3). Lisa Taylor and Mary Beth Sabine regretfully resigned as Sport Editors. We're sorry to see them go, but we understand that life has a way of changing our plans. Thank you, Lisa and Mary Beth, for all your work. We wish you the best. We are fortunate to be able to welcome Donna Geer to our staff as our new Sports Editor. You can reach her at sports@plvoice.org. Thank you, Donna, for stepping up.

There is, of course, a whole lot more in this October issue. So come on in and browse. And if you have any ideas on things we should take a look at, just drop us a line at editor@plvoice.org.

Submit your articles by email to
newseditor@plvoice.org by the 8th of the preceding month.

Maritime Theme for First Wednesday Event

Daniel Evans, whose role is race boss for the Northwest Maritime Center and the Wooden Boat Festival, will speak at the First Wednesday Luncheon on **October 5**. He will share films of the Race to Alaska (R2AK) from the past few years, as well as his insights into future races.

The event, which will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., will again be held at the Beach Club. Participants are asked to bring donations in the form of checks made payable to Tri-Area Food Bank. Cash, non-perishable food, or hygiene products for the food bank are also welcome. The luncheon will include a raffle, with proceeds used to support the food bank during the two summer months the luncheon is on hiatus.

Due to continued uncertainty regarding the Covid pandemic, the organization is asking attendees to bring their own lunch and any needed utensils. The First Wednesday group will provide cookies, coffee, tea, and water. Reservations can be made by emailing firstwednesdayluncheon@gmail.com or by signing up at either the Bay Club or the Beach Club by **October 3**.

Questions Sought for Candidate Forum

The League of Women Voters of Jefferson County (LWVJC) is inviting questions for an **October 11** candidate forum for the Board of County Commissioners, Position 3. Beginning at 6 p.m., the hour-long event will feature candidates Greg Brotherton and Marcia Kelbon.

Questions must be submitted to lwvjefcowa@gmail.com no later than noon on **Saturday, October 8**. Concise and unbiased questions directly related to the job and its policies will be given priority, and similar questions will be combined. The organization strives to ensure that questions reflect a wide range of concerns from across the county, and notes that questions in LWVJC forums are never released to the candidates in advance.

Links to the event, which can be accessed by computer, tablet, or phone, will be posted on the League's website at lwvwa.org/Jefferson on **October 1**. Media partner KPTZ (91.9 FM) will simulcast the panel discussion and livestream it at kptz.org.

The forum will also be recorded, edited solely for brevity, and linked on the League's website. For additional information, please contact the League of Women Voters of Jefferson County at lwvjefcowa@gmail.com.

Independent Group Eyes Voting Activity

Members of the League of Women Voters-Jefferson County who recently served as election observers have commended the work of the Jefferson County elections staff. The monitors reported that, while often sitting next to observers from the Republican and Democratic parties, they witnessed every aspect of the regulation-driven process, starting with the opening of the ballot boxes and ending with the actual counting of the ballots.

They said county elections staff was diligent in their procedures, consulting the appropriate handbooks, regulations, and state-level resources at their disposal. Observers found the elections staff to be quick in their shared assessments of (e.g.) “that signature does not match,” tagging it, logging it, and moving it to a box designated for later contacting the voter. And they reported that the procedures for improperly marked or torn/damaged ballots were also strictly followed.

A representative of the monitoring group concluded, “Transparency is at the root of our democracy, and our League observers—Angela, Toyoko, Debbi, Jackie, and Mado—all walked away from the process with 100-percent faith in our local elections officials.”

Volunteers Needed to Support the Foster Care Community

by April Thompson, Olympic Angels

There are two fostering families in your Port Ludlow community who need support, and we at Olympic Angels have seen everyday people like you change the way children experience foster care.

Consider this:

- When a child enters the foster care system, they have likely experienced abuse or profound neglect.
- Studies show that children in foster care experience PTSD at twice the rate of combat veterans.

It can be overwhelming to serve these children as a foster caregiver. Not only is there trauma, but also an incredible amount of responsibility including reporting and appointments (court, doctors, school, visits, therapies).

Because of these challenges, the majority of foster homes close within the first year of caring for children experiencing foster care. They are often underprepared and undersupported. But we know that community members can come together to support children and families and create a stable home.

Our vision is to ensure that every child and family in the foster care community has healthy, affirming, and lasting relationships. We do this by empowering local communities through two programs: Love Box and Dare to Dream.

A **Love Box** is a small group of volunteers who commit to a year of walking alongside a family and the children they are caring for. Oftentimes, each volunteer plays a different role—some act as babysitters or surrogate grandparents, some tutor the children,

others deliver occasional family meals—it all depends on the specific needs of the supported family. You can join with a group of friends or join by yourself and be matched with other interested volunteers to wrap around a fostering family.

Dare to Dream is a one-on-one mentorship program for youth in foster care where the pair work toward self-sufficiency and success as they grow into adulthood.

So many people fail these kids or show up in very temporary roles. We ask our volunteers to consider being more than a “just for now” person in the life of a child experiencing foster care.

Healthy relationships are the turning point for kids in foster care. Our volunteers see firsthand how consistent, healthy relationships change the trajectory of a young person’s life.

These relationships influence graduation rates and college attendance—and decrease poverty and homelessness. Intentional giving and relationships provide stability to children and families, and consistent support from their community can ensure better outcomes.

Children and families experiencing foster care in Port Ludlow need you. See how you can be a part of community-supported foster care by visiting olympicangels.org/get-involved.

Not everyone is called to foster, but anyone can make a difference in the life of a child.

Olympic Angels is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, EIN 84-4233503.

Horticulture Expert To Address Garden Club

Gardening educator and author Marianne Binetti will speak to the Port Ludlow Garden Club (PLGC) during their luncheon on **Wednesday, October 12**, at the Bay Club, 120 Spinnaker Place. Socializing will start at 11 a.m., followed by an 11:30 a.m. short business meeting.

Binetti’s talk will begin at noon, and all are invited to attend. She has a degree in horticulture from Washington State University and writes a weekly syndicated gardening column that runs in over a dozen newspapers including the *Tacoma News Tribune* (Sundays) and *The Olympian* (Saturdays). She has also written or co-written 10 gardening books, including *Easy Answers for Great Gardens* and her latest book, *Edible Gardening for Washington and Oregon*.

Binetti lectures and gives seminars on a variety of topics, has appeared on HGTV, and hosts radio and TV programs. She leads garden tours around the world with her husband Joe. She lives with her family in Enumclaw, near Seattle.

The event is free to PLGC members and \$5 for non-members. Attendees can bring a sack lunch. Coffee, tea, and desserts will be provided by the garden club. For more information or to RSVP, contact Michelle Pelkey at portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com.

Speaker Program Explores Fire Topics



Firefighter Amanda Monthei.

Submitted photo

The Jefferson County Historical Society has begun its First Friday Speaker Series, featuring presenters with regional knowledge of fire, fire safety, fire practices, fire ecology, and firefighting.

The series coincides with East Jefferson Fire Rescue's 150th anniversary celebration in October. Upcoming talks will include these topics:

- October: *Wildland Firefighting* with Amanda Monthei.
- November: *Fire Prevention* with Jordan Pollack.
- December: *Traditional Ecological Knowledge in Fire Ecology and Management* with Dr. Ernesto Alvarado.

The 7 p.m. presentations will be livestreamed from program sponsor Northwest Maritime Center, where in-person attendance will be limited to 35, with proof of Covid vaccination required. For more information and program registration, see jchsmuseum.org/EducationPrograms/FirstFridaySpeakerSeries.html. Suggested donation for each talk is \$10.

Free Life-Care Planning Seminars

Attorney Tony Hinson will host a discussion of estate and life-care planning on **Tuesdays, October 4 and 18**, at 11:30 a.m. The seminars, presented via Zoom, will focus on solutions that preserve wealth, minimize taxes, and optimize legacy.

Topics will include estate tax issues and retirement accounts; healthcare, Medicare and Medicaid; long-term care insurance; maintaining quality of life; aging in place; and supplemental-needs trusts. To register, visit sherrardlaw.com/seminars, or call 360-779-5551.

Become A Tax-Aide Volunteer

Are you good with forms and instructions, have strong basic computer skills and enjoy helping people? Then consider becoming an IRS-certified Tax-Aide volunteer!. The Tax-Aide program is sponsored by AARP and the IRS.

Complete an online application at aarp.org/taxaide. For questions, contact Russ Fish, District 3 Communications Coordinator, russfishk7ina@gmail.com, 360-452-6147. Application deadline is November 24.

History Hike to Feature Irondale Beach

Jefferson County Historical Society's final History Hike of the season will explore Irondale Beach. It will take place on **Saturday, October 22**, with a choice of starting times at either 11 a.m. or 2 p.m.

Hike guide will be David Brownell, executive director of the North Olympic History Center, which is the cosponsor of the hike series. Brownell has led historic preservation efforts for the Seminole tribe of Florida and the local Jamestown S'Klallam tribe. He is a member of the Clallam County Heritage Advisory Board and the Jefferson Land Trust board.

The History Hikes, which started in the spring, have featured a variety of historically significant places in Jefferson County, including qatáy Lagoon, Fort Flagler, and Indian Island. Participants for the Irondale Beach event—limited to groups of 12—will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the departure site.

The hike, which will last about 90 minutes, will cost \$45 for historical society or history center members and \$60 for nonmembers. Registration is being handled by Simpletix, with a link from the Calendar page of jchsmuseum.org.

New Pastor Comes to Community Church

Port Ludlow Community Church is welcoming a new pastor, the Rev. Dr. Kevin Hall. He has pastored for over 25 years in a variety of settings and recently taught practical theology at Northwest University in Kirkland, Washington. He completed his master of divinity degree at Regent College in Vancouver B.C. and his doctor of ministry at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Hamilton, Massachusetts.



The Rev. Dr. Kevin Hall and his wife Josie.

Submitted photo

Pastor Hall and his wife Josie have served overseas and led churches in the Pacific Northwest. She has a degree in psychology and has taught in Christian schools, led an Ellensburg Habitat for Humanity Store, and worked for Catholic Community Services in Bellingham. The couple met in 1987 while teaching Palestinian children in the West Bank of Israel. They have three adult daughters.

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

Alarm Statistics July 2022

Alarms

Fires	2
Rescue/Emergency Medical	80
Service Call/Cancelled En Route	26
False Alarms	7

Total Alarms 115

Ambulance Transports

Jefferson Healthcare	17
St. Michael's	26
Medevac	3

Total Transports 46

Aid

Aid Given	25
Aid Received	5

Lights and Sirens Help Save Lives

It happens on occasion in Port Ludlow and it happened on August 24. Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue responded to back-to-back priority calls in the core of Port Ludlow. Upon arriving at the first call with sirens and flashing lights, medics determined the patient would need to be air-lifted to a Seattle-area hospital in order to save a life. This required additional help to set up a landing zone for the helicopter, which was only 15 minutes away from Port Ludlow at the time of the call. That engine came from Naval Magazine Indian Island with sirens and flashing lights.

A short time later, a second Port Ludlow resident called 911 for help in an area close to the first call, requiring another engine and medic unit. Crews from East Jefferson Fire Rescue responded down Oak Bay Road to assist.

Emergency vehicle lights and sirens are regulated by the state under Washington Law RCW 46.61.210. All firefighters and EMS personnel go through extensive training on emergency vehicle operations which includes the use of lights and sirens. Emergency vehicles can weigh 20,000 to 60,000 pounds; they are not maneuverable and take a long time to stop.

“Fire and EMS vehicles respond to high priority calls with lights and sirens when lives are at risk. Warning and clearing the roadway with our lights and sirens is essential to a safe and timely response in order to reduce injuries or even save a life,” said Port Ludlow Fire Chief Bret Black. “When there are vehicles, pedestrians or other hazards on the road our training and associated regulations dictate siren usage.” He added, “All fire and EMS vehicles in Jefferson County and the fire service are obliged to follow the same regulations.”

Residents are welcome to join Board of Fire Commissioners meetings to comment on any issues of concern. Meeting dates can be found at plfr.org.

Major Tribal Photographer Featured at Library

The works of nationally renowned tribal photographer Matika Wilbur will be on display at Jefferson County Library through **October 14**. The exhibition, called *Natural Wanderment*, highlights the significance of the natural world and the original Native American stewards of the land.

According to the library’s web site, the images depict ancestral ways of life and their ongoing presence in North America. “Despite western ideologies and systems that undermine this living truth, there remain the ‘people of the blue-green water,’ the ‘people of the tall pine trees,’ and the ‘people of the tide,’” says the promotion.

Ten years ago Wilbur embarked upon an ambitious project: to photograph members of 562 federally recognized Native American tribes across the U.S. She has also been collecting oral histories to document contemporary Native American life.

A long-time advocate of social justice, Wilbur was raised in the Swinomish Tribal community and is enrolled in the Tulalip Tribe. She holds a bachelor of fine arts degree from Brooks Institute of Photography.

Also at the library ...

The library is offering a hybrid online and in-person family conversation series called Uplift. The weekly sessions will include discussions around social awareness and values. All ages can participate, with content focused on ages 7 to 11. Talking points and activities will draw from modern science and ancient wisdom. – **Thursdays starting October 6**, from 3 to 4 p.m.

The library’s literary agenda includes two live online author talks:

Dr. Aziz Gazipura, one of the world’s leading experts on social confidence, will discuss how to stop being “too nice and worrying about what others might think.” Gazipura, a clinical psychologist, also hosts a podcast called “Shrink for the Shy Guy” and has written three best-selling books. – **Thursday, October 13**, from 1 to 2 p.m.

CNN anchor Zain E. Asher will discuss *Where the Children Take Us*, the story of her mother’s journey from war-torn Africa to the streets of South London, and eventually to the halls of Buckingham Palace. It’s the account of a widowed immigrant mother of four, overcoming genocide, famine, poverty, and grief. – **Tuesday, October 18**, from 4 to 5 p.m.

Registration and additional details for the above programs can be found at jclibrary.info.

The library, located at 620 Cedar Avenue, Port Hadlock, can be contacted at 360-385-6544 or information@jclibrary.info. View the full event calendar at jclibrary.info.

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Harvest Dinner Supports Farm-to-School Effort



Students at Chimacum Creek Primary study beneficial insects in the garden.
Photo by Valerie Randall

The Community Wellness Project will hold its sixth annual “Nourishing Kids, Flourishing Schools” Harvest Dinner on **Wednesday, October 19**, at 5:30 p.m. The fund-raising event, to be held at Finnriver Farm & Cidery, will help supply nutritious food to Jefferson County schools and students, with all proceeds used to bring fresh local food into school meals.

This year the dinner will return to an in-person community celebration featuring a fresh and healthy meal prepared by

local school food service directors along with students from the various culinary arts classes. Seats will be limited to prioritize space and air flow. An option will be available for those who cannot join in person, with a take-out meal and Zoom program allowing remote participation from any location.

Programming will include photos and stories of progress, updates from the Community Wellness Project and partner schools, and plans for future success. Contributions at the Harvest Dinner will support student well-being through healthy school meals, local ingredient sourcing, and school garden programs. By sourcing locally, food service directors are able to purchase the freshest, most flavorful, and most nutrient-dense food, and to support the local food and farm producers that sustain the community.

Last year’s Harvest Dinner brought over 4,000 pounds of locally produced fruit, vegetables, meat, and dairy to school cafeterias. Tickets can be purchased at jccwp.org.

Zoom Seminar on Property Decisions

“What are we going to do with Mom’s house?” That’s a question many have grappled with and Compass & Clock will explore answers on **Thursday, October 20**, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Vicki Fazzini of Sound Equity Investments is a professional real estate advisor who helps educate families and individuals needing to make big decisions about their property. Fazzini will help break it down by asking questions like, “What is it you need from your real estate?” and “Which is more important, immediate income or cash flow?” The presentation will be geared to attendees’ responses. Devising win-win investment strategies is an established area of Fazzini’s expertise.

The monthly Compass Points seminars are presented live, to give attendees a chance to interact directly with experts in their field. For more information and registration visit compassandclock.com/registration.

Meet Your Firefighters

by Ron Dawson, Contributing Writer

Meet Josh Boe, resident Firefighter at Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue (PLF&R). A resident is a probationary Firefighter, essentially in an internship position. At the end of September, Josh will have been in this position for a year. Josh is originally from Port Angeles, where he still lives. His parents are there, and he has an older sister, 24, who lives in Oregon.

Lieutenant Wicus McGuffey learned of Josh’s interest in becoming a Firefighter and reached out to him. Josh wanted a vocation where he could help people and give back to the community. The thing Josh likes the most about his job is seeing the changes he can help to make in people’s lives, going from low points to back to normal. The hardest part of the job is the physical exertion required during some calls. Carrying gurneys up and down stairs, carrying someone out of the woods, and fighting difficult fires. A memorable positive event was when Josh saw a heart attack victim, who had made a complete recovery. Graciously, the former patient thanked PLF&R for the assistance he had been given. Josh has said his goals are to become a firefighter first, then possibly pursue the paramedic path within the department.



Away from work, Josh has started hunting, is active in soccer, the outdoors, and wrestling, which he has participated in since high school. Josh says he is an open book. Something people may not know about Josh is that he coached Pee Wee soccer for two years, working with kids eight and under.

Josh is very pleased with the career path he has chosen.

Candidates’ Meeting

The Honesty Forum will sponsor a Candidates’ meeting on **Wednesday, October 5**, from 3 – 5 p.m. at the Bay Club. Candidates for County Sheriff, Commissioner and State Legislature have been invited to present their platforms in a moderated question and answer setting.

Features & Stories

Petroglyphs and Pictograms Across America

by Tim Rensema, Staff Writer



Orca at Wrangell, AK Petroglyph Beach.

Photo by Tim Rensema

In the January issue, I wrote an article on the carvings on rock of noted (and not so noted) travelers across the United States during the 1800s. I would like to do a follow-up with an article on the Native Indigenous tribes who settled across the Western Hemisphere. Interestingly enough, while not certain, recent findings in New Mexico have identified the time of settlement to be 21 to 23,000 years ago, quite a bit more than we were educated to believe while growing up (see the Economist, pg 70, Sept. 25, 2021). While we have the “Mounds” of the eastern United States that indicate that early natives were also well versed in construction, like the Mayans and Incas, west of the Mississippi we can find carvings and pictures of various events done by natives.

We have both pictograms and petroglyphs from the arid uplands of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado to the beaches of Wrangell, Alaska to the lava fields of the big island (Hawaii).

Pictographs are when some type of “paint” is applied to stone. Especially well-known pictograms are those found in the caves of Lascaux, near Montignac, France, paintings that are around 17,000 years old. Some pictograms may still exist in protected sites in the west, but they are subject to the elements in unprotected areas. This is why petroglyphs, or the chipping of the patina covering the rocks to make a picture, is much more common. In some cases, the chipping is deep enough in the rock to ensure its longevity. What is important to realize is the time it must have taken to complete these petroglyphs, given in many cases these inhabitants were hunter-gatherers concerned with survival. It indicates how important this recording of history was to the tribes who supported this artwork and communication.

Utah is an excellent place to see petroglyphs. At Nine Mile Canyon the road dead ends at the head of a remote canyon surrounded by ranches. Deep within the walls you can see the petroglyphs of animals, hunters and other designs. Near Santa Fe there are some tremendous examples of the chipping of the patina to produce petroglyphs. Designs that may be snakes, and others of geometric shapes, and of course easily identifiable animals (and hunting) are very common. These examples may all be remnants of the Anasazi who inhabited northern Arizona and New Mexico and southern Utah and Colorado.

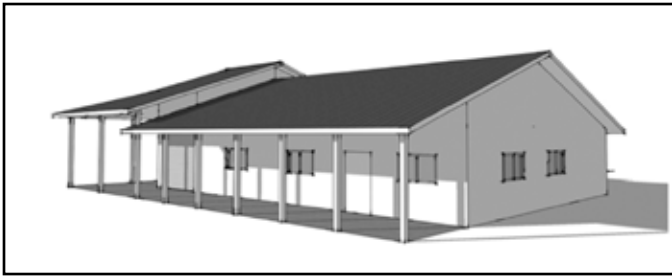
Not all sites are in the cowboy west of America, as we have many in Alaska, Hawaii, and here on the Olympic Peninsula of Washington. I am sure others who have visited Alaska have found various areas where petroglyphs exist. I was in Wrangell in 2016 and (in a torrential rainstorm) came upon Petroglyph Beach. Large stones along the shoreline carried carved pictures of spirals, and an obvious image of an Orca whale. Even with the effects of the tides, they are still very clear. Retired US Forest Service Archaeologist Larry Roberts believes the petroglyphs were carved by the Stikine Tlingit over 1,000 years ago (Wrangell Guide Visitor Guide and Vacation Planner, 2014 p.28). On a visit to Volcano National Park, on the island of Hawaii (the Big Island), we were fortunate enough to see the volcanic activity at Kilauea Caldera. However, if you take the Park Road down to the Natural Arch along the cliffs, a turnoff allows you to visit a site where the native Hawaiians carved pictures into the lava called Pu’uola between 400 and 700 years ago. A walkway protects the drawings. They are very visible and great interpretive signs provide more information.

We also have petroglyphs here on the Olympic Peninsula. One day my daughter and I decided to hike the Ozette triangle (about seven miles) in the Olympic National Park. You talk about serendipity: as we came onto the two-mile shore part of the hike, we spied someone above the high tide line in some rocks. I of course asked what they were looking at and they explained that there were petroglyphs left by natives on the rocks along the shore. Sure enough, there were carvings of Orcas and other figures. These petroglyphs are entitled “Wedding Rocks” and are part of over 50 petroglyphs. They are about a mile south along the beach from the Cape Alcava entry. They were carved in the rocks approximately 300 years ago (Molvar, Erik. 1995. *Hiking Olympic National Park*, p.231).

So, history is not always recorded on paper or in books. Native indigenous people have been recording their tribal histories for millennia, well before Gutenberg’s printing press. For the communities to support this “extravagance” when all members were required to search for food indicates how much importance they gave to the immortality of the recording of their history in the most inert media form available...rock.

Food Insecurity: A Big Problem, Even Here

by Evie Maxwell, Staff Writer



Among their many projects to improve food security in Jefferson County, the Jefferson County Food Bank Association is now in the midst of planning a brand new food bank center in Quilcene. To be located at 161 Herbert St, the proposed new center is almost ready for building to start and, says Bach, "We hope to have it ready by this time next year."

Submitted photo

First the good news: When it comes to food – fresh, healthy and abundant – Jefferson County sits smack dab in a veritable cornucopia. As amply demonstrated by last month's farm tour, the farms in our midst (well over 200 of them at last count) produce everything from honey to grains, meat products to fresh seafood, berries to beans, eggplants, tomatoes

It's delicious. But you knew that.

Now for the bad news: Despite the plenty around us, there is also hunger. Lots of it. According to the most recent statistics available, more than two in every 10 children in our county live every day with food insecurity. For adults, that number is more than one in every 10, which puts us pretty low on the scale for folks who have reliable access to nutritious food. In fact, on a state-wide basis, Jefferson County occupies the seventh worst spot for food insecurity.

To be sure, this is nothing compared to global need. There are countries in the world, most notably sub-Saharan Africa, where one out of four, one out of three and even one out of every two people are at risk of going hungry. But given our little corner of cornucopia, hunger should not be an issue here. And, thanks to a phalanx of food angels, it doesn't have to be.

Within Jefferson County, several organizations devote their time, money and energies to keeping people fed. Perhaps the best known of them is the Jefferson County Food Bank Association (jeffersoncountyfoodbanks.org/index.html). Providing food for four separate food banks (in Brinnon, Quilcene, Tri-Area and Port Townsend), this mostly volunteer group (99%) is a powerhouse for providing nutrition and other essentials for Jefferson County families.

"If people are needy, we'll serve them," says Food Bank Vice President Deisy Bach. With the help of numerous local businesses and farms, plus an army of volunteers (at last count around 230), the organization provides food boxes with fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products, canned goods, juices, infant formula and more at regularly scheduled pickup times. Plus the group stocks every-day necessities like toilet paper, diapers and soap to those in need. And all of this on an annual budget in the low six figures.

It's a great organization, serving around 2,300 households, or 5,500 people, every month. But the need is growing, especially now as the air begins to cool.

"Winter is really tough on food banks," Bach says. "In the summer many of our local farms donate foods, including starters." Plus, the organization receives food from community gardens and even local gardeners who donate their surplus.

In winter, much of that dries up. Equally important, the quality of available food goes down.

"We're not just about providing food to survive," Bach says, "but also about getting healthy food. With winter coming on, we want to get the word out to people with gardens. There are lots of things you can grow during the winters here, like kale and spinach."

Another big need that looms with the onset of winter comes in the form of the holidays such as Thanksgiving.

"People want to be able to have family come over for the holidays, but they might not have the means to provide enough food," says Bach. "We're really lucky in that Arrow Lumber buys turkeys for the Port Townsend Food Bank but we also have a turkey drive" asking folks who have the means to donate for those who don't. Plus the group works to round up enough hams for December holiday dinners and it provides all the additional foods like stuffing, celery, cranberry sauce and the like.

In short, the need is there. The organization is there. And as winter approaches, the key to success will be more folks willing to lend a hand. For more information on how to help, check out their website (jeffersoncountyfoodbanks.org/index.html) or email info@jcfba.org. That way we can all eat healthy as the weather turns cold.

Octoberrrrrr!

by Scott W. Rosekrans, Pastor, Community United Methodist Church

Community United Methodist Church in Port Hadlock has designated the month of October as OCTOBERRRRR, when we put out the call for warm clothing for those who come to shop at our General Store and Clothes Closet. For those who don't know, we have been operating our clothes closet and food pantry out of the church for the past couple of years and have been open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. since January of 2021. In the month of August, we had 48 visits with an average of 12 people each Saturday.

Some of the items we are looking for as the weather turns cooler and wetter are sweatshirts in both hoodie and regular pullover, and zip up styles. Warm undergarments are also popular, such as the 32 Degrees Heat clothing you see at Costco. Leggings are always in demand with our female clients. We're in good shape on socks, but the heavier boot socks are popular. We're also in good shape as far as hats and scarves go, but warm gloves are in short supply. Our supply of blankets is low, so warm and durable blankets would be appreciated. If you are wondering what size to get, just get the size you or a loved one would wear, as our

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clients come in all shapes and sizes. Very gently used is what we are looking for, but new is also great. Remember, the quality of what you give us to hand out to our clients speaks volumes as to what you think about them.

As I said, we also operate a food pantry and can always use nonperishable food items such as beef stews, canned meat, SpaghettiOs, ravioli, chili, corned beef hash, Vienna sausages, potted meat, macaroni and cheese, and soups. You know - the stuff that tastes good and fills you up.

Saturday mornings between ten and one is the best time to drop off your donated items. If you have any questions regarding what we need or how to help out, send us an email to: *CUMC.donate@gmail.com*, and one of our volunteers will get right back to you.

A Cacophony of Crows

by Milton Lum, Staff Writer

The noisy chatter of crows outside my bedroom window was distressing when I wasn't ready to waken on a lazy summer morning. Crows had been frequent visitors in the past, but this year they seemed more intrusive and noisier. For the first time, I noticed a crow hanging on the suet feeder pecking through the tiny mesh openings designed for smaller songbirds. Having never observed one hanging from the suet feeder or attempting to perch on the squirrel-proof feeder to eke out seeds, this bird aroused my curiosity.

Prior to the pandemic Dr. John Marzluff, a University of Washington Professor of Wildlife Science, spoke at a Dine and Discover program. His presentation captivated the audience as he discussed his research on the behavior of crows and showed a video on their ability to fashion tools to get food. By the end of the evening I had an increased understanding of crows and the rest of the Corvidae family including jays, ravens, and magpies.

In Marzluff's book, *Gifts of the Crow - How Perception, Emotion, and Thought Allow Smart Birds to Behave like Humans*, he provides anecdotes of how ravens mimic speech with amazing clarity. Historical documents from the court of Augustus Caesar record a citizen presenting Caesar a raven which congratulated him on his victory over Mark Anthony saying, "Hail Caesar, the victorious commander." Charles Dickens, author of *A Tale of Two Cities* and *A Christmas Carol*, had a beloved pet raven which was taught to say, "Polly put the kettle on, and we'll all have tea."

This ability to imitate speech is in part due to a unique voice box common to all birds called the syrinx. The unique configuration of this muscular organ with four lips at the bifurcation of the trachea allows birds to form the twitter, whistles, chirps, and melodies that serenade us during mating season. But song birds do not say words or phrases in either Latin or English like those uttered by Augustus' or Dickens' ravens. It is the size and structure of raven brains that make it possible for them to remember, process, and form the words. Indeed, the ratio of brain mass to body size of a crow or raven is much larger than that of the other birds. If ravens were taught to speak Latin and the King's

English, I wonder if some ancestors of our local ravens were taught to speak Tsimshian or Haida.

The raven is a prominent figure in all of the creation stories among the indigenous tribes of the Pacific Northwest. In these tales, the raven is portrayed as a benevolent messenger bringing light and wisdom, but is also depicted as a trickster. These attributes were ascribed to the raven because they were probably observed by the story tellers of these tribes. Ravens may have warned them of danger, announced the return of salmon, or seemed to be always present at auspicious events. These actions by ravens were interpreted as being messages from the creator, and the shamans honored the messenger in affording them an esteemed position in their natural traditions.

An alternative symbol of the crow as a busybody or harbinger of evil is prevalent in contemporary culture. As a child growing up on an island where the native Hawaiian crow, 'alalā, was rare and bordering on extinction, I learned about crows indirectly by seeing them portrayed with witches in Halloween stories or being a nuisance in a farmer's corn field. Since they're a bland black bird with an annoying cry, I was not drawn to crows. I was attracted instead to the tropical song birds because of their colorful plumage and pleasant songs. Encountering a huge flock of crows, a true murder of them, while on a canal cruise in France, I was reminded of the scene in Hitchcock's film, *The Birds*, and felt quite anxious as they perched in the trees. Though enlightened by Marzluff's talk, I felt no affection for crows until they started coming around more often this summer.

I had purchased Dr. Marzluff's book after his presentation, intending to read it in the near future. Instead, it gathered dust on the shelf. Now it was time I read it. I discovered my knowledge of crows and ravens was sparse and filled with misconceptions. I had become too complacent with half-truths. It took the cacophonous stirrings of the crows to rouse me from my indifference and be more attentive to them, a lesson people who had lived here centuries ago had already learned.

The Day I Shook JFK's Hand

by Janet Fiedler, Guest Writer

When I was a child, my father decided that we should start camping for our summer vacations. He was not a beach person, as his skin burned too easily. So, that meant we would head for the mountains or other attractions, away from beaches. As the rest of my family, grandparents, aunt, uncle and cousins, all went to Stone Harbor, New Jersey, for two weeks, this definitely set us apart. But that's another story.

Of course, we didn't camp in luxury as my husband Jerry and I do now, in our motorhome. My parents' first camping equipment consisted of an umbrella tent for sleeping and a Coleman stove for cooking. We then got a different tent, progressed to a small pop-up one bed trailer and finally, a trailer with slide out beds. Compared to where we had begun, it was plush.

During the summer of 1960, we took our annual summer camping vacation, that year to New England. As my mother was

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particularly fond of Massachusetts, we traveled to Cape Cod. I don't know if it was just a stroke of luck or whether my father had heard something on the car radio, but he decided to go to Hyannis Port to see if we could spot John F. Kennedy, who was, by that time, the Democratic candidate for president.

As we approached the Kennedy compound, police with barricades were blocking our way. As presidential candidate security was practically nonexistent in those days, my father was able to convince the police to let us in.

The Kennedy home was a comfortable house with a split rail fence surrounding the lawn. Arrayed around that fence were at least 100 people, all hoping to see a glimpse of JFK, just as we were.

And then, suddenly, he was there. I had never been in the presence of someone who exuded charisma the way he did. It is not an exaggeration to say that there was something akin to electricity in the air. The very fact that we could see him and be in his presence was amazing. And then he came over to the fence and began shaking hands.

I would like to say that as he approached, he looked deep into my awestruck eyes as he shook my hand. The truth is, he was shaking a disembodied hand stuck through a mass of many other hands.

And then he was gone, leaving me with an unforgettable memory.

Edibles

by Carol Riley, Staff Writer

Sometimes you come across a recipe that is just SO good you have to make it again and again. It's so addictive that every time you go near the plate on the counter, where a fork at the ready is balanced on top of the plastic wrap, you take a piece. I'm going to share that recipe for Date and Walnut Cake. Some of you may have made it, but those of you who haven't, and decide to try it, will be sending me thank you notes and flowers. Yes, it's that good.

Ingredients:

Dates, pitted and chopped, 1 cup; boiling water, 1 ¼ cup; baking soda, 1 tsp.

Put the dates in a bowl, cover with the boiling water, and stir in the baking soda. Let the dates soak while you make the cake batter.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Butter or spray a 9" round cake pan with high sides. Note: this cake is very moist so best to use a round of parchment paper in the pan. Spray or grease that as well.

Butter, softened, ½ cup; 1 cup sugar; 1 egg; vanilla, 1 tsp; flour, 1 ½ cup; baking powder, 1 tsp; salt, ½ tsp; chopped walnuts, ½ cup.

Note: I made this most recent version of the cake mostly by hand. I did use my stick blender to cream the butter and sugar, but everything else was done by hand using a wooden spoon. I highly recommend you do the same. I have made this cake many times, but this one was incredible, delicate, and light, and I think it was due to hand mixing.

Cream together the butter and sugar. Add egg and vanilla, and mix well. Add the dry ingredients (flour, baking powder, and salt which you have whisked together in a separate bowl) and stir to incorporate. Now pour in the date mixture (yes, water and all) and stir well while adding nuts.

Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake for 25 – 35 minutes until golden brown and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Be patient, this cake can take a minute or two longer. Remove the cake from the oven and let cool on a rack for at least 25 minutes.

While the cake is cooling, make the glaze.

Brown sugar, 5 tbsp; heavy cream (yes, heavy cream and it's worth it), 5 tbsp; butter, 2 tbsp. Place all ingredients in a small saucepan and boil 2 – 3 minutes. Remove and let cool.

Glaze the cake and top with slivered almonds or coconut.

Now, I am not a frosting person. I usually scrape it off. This is not frosting. This glaze raises the cake to a new level. It's amazing and worth every calorie. Plan to walk a little more to make up for it and enjoy!

Fabaceae Lupine

by Eline Lybarger, Staff Writer

Most gardeners enjoy our native Lupine in the wild, but avoid them in their garden where they grow for a year then bloom for a year. When they have finished blooming, they randomly spread their seeds where you may not want them. To deal with this you can let them go to seed, then pull out the unwanted plants or don't let the plant go to seed, purchase seeds and plant them where you want them.

Aside from their beautiful, usually blue flowers, why would you want them in your garden? They have lovely green foliage that looks like fingers at the end of a stem which remains green well into the fall. These leaves repel water so every drop goes to the roots. Also, they are in the pea family so they fix nitrogen in nodules on their roots that goes into the soil. Plant them in your vegetable garden next to heavy feeding plants like squash and cucumbers. Some commercial spinach fields are planting Lupine to successfully supplement their soil, thus reducing fertilizer expenses. Lupines prefer well drained, rich, slightly acid mulch, and regular watering in full sun.

The Russell hybrids have been on the market for many years and come in white, cream, yellow, pink, red, orange, blue, purple and bi-colors. There are even smaller strains, Little Lulu and Minarette that get only one and a half feet tall and wide. Unfortunately, these hybrids are short-lived and prone to powdery mildew. The English have also developed hybrids from our northwest natives. These are more disease resistant, but still require regular watering.

Some natives you might want to consider are *L. nanas* Sky Lupine which has rich blue flowers marked with white, eight to 24 inches high and nine to 12 inches wide in ranges from

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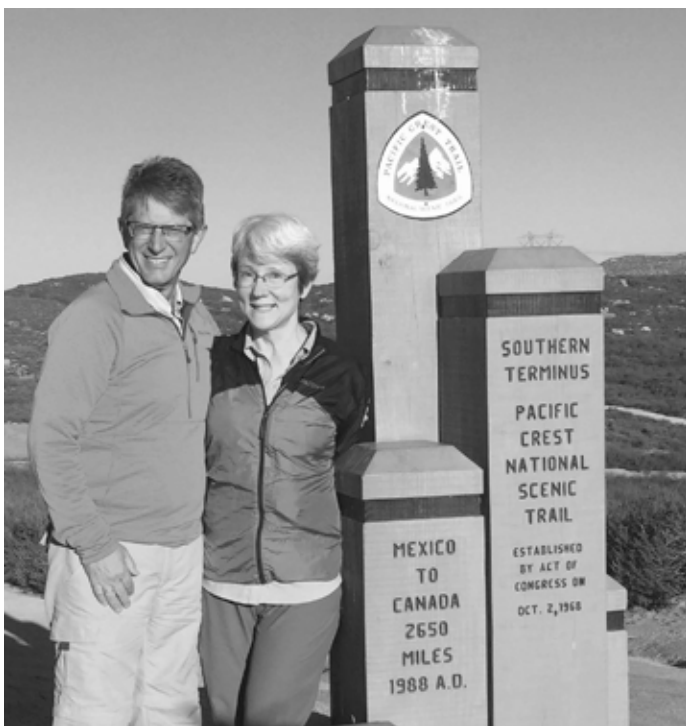
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California to British Columbia. *L. polyphyllus* in the same range is smaller at one and a half to four feet tall, two to two and a half feet wide. The flowers are blue, purple or reddish, in clusters towering six to 24 inches. It does need regular watering.

All Lupine flowers make spectacular cut flowers, but you must be selective. Ideally when one-fourth of the row of tiny pea-like buds have opened, it is time to cut the flower, which will last well in the vase. If you wait longer the flowers that have already bloomed will fall off before the plant has finished blooming.

Port Ludlow Retirees Tell Their Story Of Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail

by Dave Cunningham, Staff Writer



Mike and Carol Raymond set out at the Southern Terminus of the Pacific Coast Trail.

Mike and Elaine Raymond, retired teachers living in Port Ludlow, are seasoned hikers with a passion for high-altitude adventure. The *Voice* recently interviewed them about their experience walking the legendary Pacific Crest Trail, which comprises 2,650 miles of rugged terrain. Less than four-tenths of one percent of hikers who start at the Mexican border have completed the journey at the Canadian border, and more than a dozen have died trying.

The Raymonds, 61 and 63, got as far as the Washington-Oregon border and, after walking 1,800 miles, they were forced to leave the trail because Mike had been hobbled by sciatica nerve pain. They were disappointed but still came home with life-changing memories and lots of stories to tell. Here are some highlights, in their own words:

Voice: As it turns out, even if you hadn't had health issues, you still wouldn't have been able to complete the entire Pacific Crest Trail. Tell us why.

Mike: It is now common to have a lot of fire closures on the Pacific Crest Trail, and there were three different closures on the Washington portion. We could get around one, but the other two would have been difficult to manage, and the last one, toward the Canadian border, they weren't allowing hikers to go through there. So, we would have possibly gotten that far, but then been stopped, and unable to complete the whole trail anyway.

Voice: Are you thinking about going back to the last part someday, just so you can say, "We hiked the entire Pacific Crest Trail"?

Elaine: Oh, for sure. It's too late this year, but that's definitely in our plans.

Voice: Was it easier or harder than you expected?

Mike: I think it was harder. The amount of time we were walking and carrying our loads, 10 to 12 hours a day, not knowing what was going to be in front of us ... some of the conditions were not what we expected, but then that's what you get when you take on that kind of adventure.

Elaine: I also thought it was harder. One thing that surprised me was that I expected carrying those heavy loads up steeper and longer hills would get easier as we got into better shape, but three months in, it was still quite an effort.

Voice: I can't even imagine what that would be like because I have hiked 20 miles—once—and it was hard, and I took a week to recover. You were doing, what, 20 miles every day, wasn't that the regimen?

Elaine: Yes, pretty much. We started out with a 20-mile day, and I thought if I could get through that first 20-mile day, then I could continue. We ended up averaging about 18 miles a day.

Voice: Oh, only 18? No big deal.

Elaine: Some of our days ended up being 24 miles. And we had some much shorter days as we were coming into our re-supply towns.

Voice: But you did take occasional days off, yes?

Mike: We took five days off.

Voice: Out of how many total days that you were gone?

Mike: 113 days. We called the days we took off zero days. Some of them were in south Lake Tahoe, Bishop, Timberline in Oregon.

Voice: Other than sciatica, what about additional aches and pains?

Elaine: We had our share of expected foot injuries. I think we both lost toenails in the first week.

Voice: Yikes!

Elaine: We went through a series of blisters, and blisters under the blisters, but—maybe it's from all our other physical activities—it really wasn't as bad as it might sound. We talked to many people who left the trail because of things like blisters, but we just kept going.

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The Raymonds, near the end of their adventure.

Submitted photos

Voice: What moments stand out in your mind the most?

Mike: I think the one that stands out for me was when we were walking across this very high area where you could see the high Sierras very clearly, you could see this lake, and there was no one else around. We were at 11,000 feet, the air was thin, we had heavy backpacks on, and I'm thinking, "oh my gosh, this is what we wanted to see." It was unlike anything we had ever experienced.

Voice: Any frightening moments?

Elaine: Not very many, but a particular stream crossing really stands out. There are no bridges over the many streams and creeks that you must cross. One was notorious because it was so deep and swift. Someone died last year crossing it. I was scared approaching it, I was scared getting across, and very glad to get it done.

Voice: Tell me how this works. The trail goes through a river, there's no bridge, and you must wade through it or swim across it ... and are you dressed for that sort of thing?

Mike: You have to walk across with your backpack. I think the one Elaine's referring to is Bear Creek, and the water was right up to her waist.

Voice: How heavy were these backpacks?

Elaine: They were between 35 and 40 pounds.

Voice: Tell us about some of the trail angels that you met along the way.

Elaine: There are amazing people who enjoy helping hikers, say by giving rides or sharing cold drinks in a shady spot. Some trail angels even cook for you. On *Cinco de Mayo* a group had set up a whole Mexican fiesta with decorations and food for the hikers. It's amazing how many kind people you come across on the Pacific Crest Trail.

Voice: At one point during the hike, you were warned about an aggressive bear in the area. Did you have any memorable encounters with wildlife during the hike?

Elaine: Surprisingly, we had few encounters with wildlife. We didn't ever see a bear. Probably the scariest encounters were with rattlesnakes. We came across six or seven. Some were big and aggressive.

Mike: Ask her about the one that chased her.

Elaine: Well, we're hiking down the middle of a road, and I hear a rattle behind me, and I turn around, and the fattest rattlesnake we'd seen is coming at me. So, I did kind of a little run, saying "It's chasing me!" Finally, it went off into the bushes.

Voice: How about happy surprises?

Elaine: I think the most surprising thing was the people helping others. It is not an isolated adventure out in the wilderness—there are a lot of very nice and interesting people along the way.

Mike: We would learn people's trail names. Everybody has a trail name. We were Mr. and Mrs. Doglegger. That's because we live on Dogleg Lane in Port Ludlow. It was also interesting to meet tons of people from all over the world—Great Britain, France, Spain, and even Asian countries.

Voice: Do most hikers complete the trail from start to finish, or just do a piece of it?

Mike: I think the majority start out with the intent to hike the entire trail, from the Mexican border to the Canadian border, but it's quite rare that people do. And that was our intent, too, but unfortunately, we couldn't make it.

Voice: You walked through lots of different terrains and climates. Tell us about that.

Mike: The first 700 miles were pretty hot, dry, and rocky. Then there was the Sierra. That was probably the most beautiful part of our trip.

Elaine: And once you get to Oregon, there's a lot of lava, so we hiked several days on that. We went through lots of different altitudes, up as high as 13,000 feet, and down as low as almost sea level. From desert to snow, trees and rock, everything imaginable.

Voice: After this, do you think you will be hiking less, more, or the same?

Elaine: While we were out there, we enjoyed the whole experience and were very sad when it was over, but on the other hand, being away from our family, friends, and home for that long was just too much. I don't think we will ever do another that long. But we are definitely up for a 500-mile hike for a month or something like that in the future.

Voice: Just a little 500-mile hike, no big deal. Do you think you were changed by this adventure, and if so, how?

Mike: I think we took this on as a way of approaching the change in our lives, going from our professional working lives to our retirement lives. And I had a lot of time to reflect on that. I have a much greater appreciation for the generosity and openness of people, rather than being suspicious. It's amazing how people looked out for us and were always smiling. It renewed my faith in humankind.

Proposed Fire District Merger

The public is invited to attend an informational meeting under the tent at the Port Ludlow Marina.

Residents have three opportunities to hear Chief Brett Black share information about the proposed merger, answer questions, and solicit opinions and feedback.

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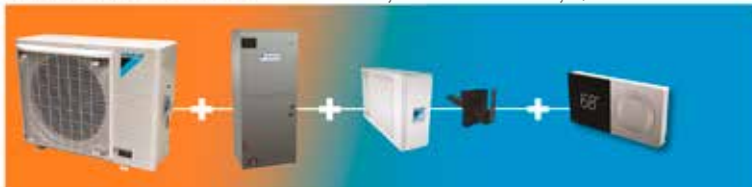
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Spotlight

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue—Then and Now

by Bret Black, Fire Chief



Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue responds to a variety of emergencies which include firefighting (both structural and wildland), medical emergencies, vehicle accidents, technical rescue, marine responses, hazardous materials releases and major disasters. We also have a robust fire safety program that performs life safety inspections, teaches home and wildfire safety and installs smoke detectors upon request for residents in need. Maintaining our skills and competencies for these varied missions is a constant challenge for a small fire district such as PLFR.

Currently, the District is funded for 13 career firefighters, which includes four paramedics and nine EMTs. Augmenting our 911 services is our terrific group of volunteers and firefighter interns. Rounding out our team is our fantastic administrative staff, Tanya Cray and Kindra Sanders. Through the past 57 years, Port Ludlow Fire District 3 has had 15 fire chiefs and now operates out of three stations.

Our community is growing and so are the emergency service demands. With an increase in families and visitors, these changes have transformed the community's demographics and increased our growth, which necessitates adapting our emergency service capabilities. With almost 1,000 emergency calls in 2021, we are on track to break another record this year. Year-to-date to September 1, 2021 PLFR had 695 calls. In the same period this year, we have had 822 calls, an 18.5 percent increase, which is unprecedented.

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue has formal mutual aid agreements with all Jefferson County fire service agencies including NAVMAG Indian Island and neighboring counties. PLFR also participates in the Washington State Mobilization Plan, which provides our equipment and personnel for regional, state or national disasters.

The fire service is heavily regulated, dictating our standards for operations, training and equipment. Like many small fire districts, PLFR is challenged to meet these standards. Compliance with industry standards and our minimal staffing magnifies the importance of mutual aid agree-

ments among local fire districts. But dependence on mutual aid is a limited solution. Mutual aid is not automatic and is dependent on the agencies' availability and subject to extended travel times.

Answering the Call

Our medical training and continuing education is overseen by our medical program director, Dr. David Carlhom. With his oversight and personal dedication to our agency, we deliver exceptional medical services to our community which require extensive levels of training and competency. Effective CPR is extremely labor-intensive and exhausting, which demands frequent personnel rotations during the 911 response and usually requires mutual aid resources. Ideally, we need at least eight personnel to perform the various tasks on a high acuity 911 call, such as chest compressions, cardiac rhythm analysis, documentation, IV medication, breathing tube, shocks and assistance with loading the patient.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Washington State Rating Bureau (WSRB), and L&I are some of the organizations that have established statutory standards that apply to PLFR. One example is the minimum personnel needed to respond to a structure fire at a moderately sized home. The mandates dictate that we need a minimum of four qualified firefighting personnel at the scene of a structure fire before we can enter a burning structure, with only a few exceptions. PLFR's current minimum staffing of qualified firefighting/EMS personnel is three per day.

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Volunteers

We often see several PLFR emergency vehicles responding to an emergency with numerous personnel. It is important to note PLFR maintains a robust volunteer and intern program. These programs are primarily focused on training and mentoring new firefighters. While many regional fire districts have dissolved their volunteer and intern programs, both East Jefferson and Port Ludlow Fire Districts continue to support these important programs that provide a pathway into the fire service. Both fire districts benefit from these programs, recruiting our full-time, professional firefighters from our volunteer and intern programs. Our volunteers augment our medical response and qualified firefighting force, but they are usually in the midst of their training. The next time you see extra PLFR personnel at an emergency scene, keep in mind that some of them are probably in training and do not yet meet the mandate for our EMS standards and/or firefighting efforts.

Facilities and Equipment

Our personnel take great pride in our fleet and facilities. Station 31 on Oak Bay Road is our newest station. On any given day, they are working on the yard or polishing the fire engines. However, some of PLFR's facilities and equipment are also below established standards. Repairs and upgrades to our stations have been repeatedly postponed. We have emergency vehicles older than some employees. Expenditures for vehicle repairs are posing a significant financial strain on the organization. At this writing, we have two of our three ambulances in the shop undergoing major repairs. EJFR is currently loaning one to PLFR. Facilities and fleet expenses, along with other capital expenses have been postponed to the maximum extent possible.

The PLFR Board is evaluating the impact of increasing our revenue in order to sustain service levels and increase capital funds to comply with current safety practices. PLFR has not raised its levy rate in 14 years. Although PLFR did pursue a short-term increase with an M&O levy in 2014, it was not permanent and inflation continues to rise beyond our annual revenue cap of 1 percent.



PLFR staff actively participate in the community, like those pictured above at the August 3 Community Opportunity Fair at the Port Ludlow Bay Club.

The Past Year

In March of 2021, the commissioners of Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue recognized the need for an array of management and operational services and reached out to East Jefferson Fire Rescue. Negotiations resulted in the creation of a Fire Management Interlocal Agreement (ILA). The arrangement allows PLFR to offset some of the costs associated with meeting needs in-house, such as executive staff. This temporary agreement is one of several efforts by EJFR and PLFR to improve efficiencies, while optimizing service levels for both agencies.

Today both agencies routinely train together and respond to emergencies seamlessly across our boundaries. PLFR and EJFR now have 24/7 Battalion Chief coverage, administrative chiefs and MSO services. In the practical sense, both agencies are operating as one organization at all levels with the exception of finance and board of commissioners. Although the ILA increases the efficient emergency response to our collective communities, at the administrative level the agreement is labor-intensive. The ILA was intended to be an interim solution due to the demands on district leaders who manage two staffs with two budgets overseen by two boards of commissioners.

Merge?

Staff and commissioners from both districts have identified a two-step process to increase efficiencies and better serve the respective communities:

The first step is to formalize the current "merger by contractual agreement," proposing a formal merger.

The second is to identify the necessary revenue post-merger and develop a levy lid-lift proposal. If merged, there will be one combined levy rate for the entire district.

Inflation is especially high now averaging 2.48 percent over the past 10 years. State law prevents fire districts from increasing their levies more than 1 percent annually without voter approval. As assessed valuations rise, levy rates decline to keep revenue increases under the 1 percent cap. Both districts, whether together or separately, will have to ask voters to lift the fire levy lid in order to meet

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the demands of inflation and maintain current levels of service. If voters approve the merger in November, it will go into effect in January 2023.

Our People

In any emergency service organization, our most valued asset is our people. This is especially true in a small organization where we routinely do more with less. According to Fire Chief Black, "As the new fire chief I am continually astounded at the level of performance and work ethic by the PLFR firefighters. In a small agency, we need everyone to keep their skills sharp and take on extra duties; there is not a lot of time to rest. My expectations are routinely exceeded. As a resident of Port Ludlow, I sleep well at night knowing they are protecting our community."



Structure fire in District 3 (PLFR) on Oak Bay Road in December, 2021. The response required over two dozen firefighters, including four chiefs, three water tenders and several fire investigators. The incident was supported beyond the typical mutual aid response with numerous EJFR career and volunteer members.

Beginning in September, a leadership academy is being delivered to junior members in both Port Ludlow and East Jefferson Fire Districts. Senior members will be mentoring a cohort of our future leaders; the lieutenants, captains and chiefs of tomorrow's fire service. Chief Black added, "The time and energy we invest today in our future leaders will pay dividends as we look towards new opportunities to enhance and optimize our services. Providing fire and EMS services has been challenging over the past few years. Yet, I am inspired by our people and their ability to adapt and excel. We have amazing people..."

More information can be found on the districts' websites at plfr.org and ejfr.org. If you have questions please contact Chief Bret Black at bblack@ejfr.org.

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Arts & Entertainment

Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons Tribute Band Comes to Port Ludlow

by Dave Cunningham, Staff Writer



Sixty-two years ago, a little-known band called Frankie Valli and the Four Lovers performed at a bowling alley in Union, New Jersey. The name of that bowling alley was the Four Seasons, and Valli liked it so much that he changed his band's name to the Four Seasons. The rest is classic rock history.

You can hear all those great songs again, right here in Port Ludlow, when The Four C Notes take the stage in the Bay Club for the second concert of the Port Ludlow Performing Arts season.

The Four C Notes were formed to honor the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, whose rags-to-riches story was the basis of the smash hit Broadway stage show *Jersey Boys*.

The Four C Notes were pioneered by John Michael Coppola—who is best known for his stage performances as Frankie Valli in *Jersey Boys*. The band calls Chicago home, but they have performed at arts centers and outdoor festivals all over the country, from Des Moines to Milwaukee, Omaha to Baltimore, Washington D.C. to Maine, and now Port Ludlow. They have packed the house wherever they've played.

The Sunday matinee performance at the Bay Club starts at 2 p.m. on **November 6**. Tickets are priced at \$35 each and are available online at portludlowperformingarts.com

For three years, the Four C Notes were headliners at Chicago's famous Taylor Street *Festa Italiana*, which is appropriate because The Four Seasons were of Italian descent.

Perhaps we shouldn't use past-tense verbs when referring to the Four Seasons because the band is still performing occasionally, although Frankie Valli is the only remaining member of the original group, and Valli is 88 years old. While the Four Seasons were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990, the Four C Notes are amassing heaps of praise as well.

Here are some of the comments from their recent shows:

"There are few words to convey the quality of this show ... Truthfully nothing short of amazing! We have had difficulty over the years finding quality entertainment, and boy did we hit it out of the park with the Four C Notes! I feel fortunate to have

found them." – Amy Osterman, Illinois Bankers Association, Springfield, Illinois.

"Sensational! The Four C Notes rocked the house and had the audience in the palm of their hands. Oh, what a night!" – George Dvorsky, Former Creative Director, Vinegar Hill Music Theater, Arundel, Maine.

"The Four C Notes delivered a high-energy tribute to the Four Seasons with great vocals, classy dress and choreography, and all the energy that it takes to hold a crowd!" – John Ertl, Entertainment Buyer, Watertown River Fest, Watertown, Wisconsin.

"The Bloomingdale Park District was proud to host one of the top tribute bands we've ever seen. With a crowd of over 1,000 people, the Four C Notes rocked the house!" – Nicole Ginger, Recreation Supervisor, Village of Bloomingdale.

"A wonderful evening! With his falsetto voice, Mr. Coppola has what it takes!" – Bobby Franklin, Boxing Over Broadway, Online Entertainment Review.

A new art show will be displayed on the Bay Club walls, which attendees can enjoy before, during and after the show. For more information on art exhibits at the Bay Club, email Alan Ahtow at info@portludlowart.org.

This Port Ludlow concert is sponsored by Terri Ross in memory of Lanny, and by Peggy Ponto in memory of Roger.

Audition Opportunities With the Ludlow Village Players (LVP)

Wouldn't you enjoy the opportunity to try your luck onstage, beneath the lights, with a welcoming company of experienced actors? Well, now is your OPPORTUNITY! On **Wednesday, November 16**, LVP will be hosting a murder-mystery-dinner audition. Each participant will, in fact, be auditioning for a role in our spring production of *Night Watch*, a play of suspense in two acts by Lucille Fletcher. *The New York Times* says, "A most superior thriller...which from its first blood-curdling scream to its last charming surprise is a first-class example of its genre."

We will be casting four women and five men, ages 30 to 80, for our soon-to-be-great cast. Dinner will be served promptly at 6 p.m. Your character for the "opportunity" will be assigned and you will get to be that character, utilizing script suggestions in an improvisational setting. Lots of fun and easier than memorizing a monologue or cold reading. Interested parties must reserve a spot by **Monday, October 24**. We will then send an invitation and character instructions. There will be no chance to audition without a reservation. We ask that you also plan on possibly coming back on **Thursday, November 17** for call-backs and rehearsal details, including scripts. You may email your audition reservation anytime until October 24 to Susan Abrahamson at abeland2@yahoo.com.

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The Ludlow Village Players has been bringing you top-notch community theater since 2007. Join us and help us continue the tradition. Beginning this October 2022, we will change our format from one show a year to two shows annually. Our fall production this year is *Broadway on the Bay*, on **October 7 and 8** at 7 p.m. at the Beach Club. Tickets are limited, so reserve now at brownpapertickets.com. Next October will be a full show musical! For any questions, or if you need further information, email Randy Powell, Artistic Director, at rpowell25@earthlink.

Port Ludlow Art League

Artist of the Month – Larry Davidson



Serenity, by Larry Davidson.

After many years in the architectural profession, Larry decided to devote time to his artistic and creative interests. Larry's paintings are created in part by using a multitude of digital brushes and other tools that enable him to paint directly into a digital image. Other areas of the painting are composed of extractions from his photographs and watercolors that are arranged to form a cohesive composition. Images are then printed on metal, high luster art paper, or canvas, and are framed to present the final painting.

Larry considers his art ever-evolving, and frequently shows some aspect of nature, landscapes, still life, or other genre. His art exhibit is meant to create a particular mood, ambiance, and "sense of place" that embraces the colors of October, offering a sense of shelter from the winter to come.

During October you can view Larry's artwork at Sound Community Bank and online at portludlowart.org. The bank is located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. Email info@portludlowart.org for more information.

Jeweler of the Month – Katie Jablonski

Katie Jablonski is inspired by nature and the expressions of life that flow from the materials she uses. She spreads her message of peace through artistic expression and love of all northwestern inhabitants of the land and sea.

Katie works with a variety of precious and semiprecious minerals and gems from raw opals to crystals. Silver, copper, and bronze

are cast using the lost wax process in a kiln and sometimes included in her wire wrapping and beading. Enamels are layered to create earrings, pins, and uniquely inspired objects of art. Repoussé is used to create depth, textures, and details.

You can view Katie's jewelry at the Port Ludlow Art Gallery, online at portludlowart.org, and in person at Sound Community Bank. The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. The Gallery is open every Thursday and Friday from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, email info@portludlowart.org.



Necklace by Katie Jablonski.
Submitted photos

Port Ludlow Art League (PLAL) Program Meeting: *The Business Side of Art*

While some artists create art just for the fun of it, other artists not only enjoy the creative process, but also the challenge of selling their art. Join us **Wednesday, October 19** at 1 p.m. for a panel discussion on how to navigate the business of selling art on the Olympic Peninsula and beyond.

The PLAL's program meeting is held at the Bay Club located at 120 Spinnaker Place in Port Ludlow. Guests are welcome to attend for a small fee of \$5. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit portludlowart.org.

Quilters by The Bay

There will be a quilt show during the month of October to be held by Quilters by The Bay—some quilts are for viewing and some for sale. The group has not been active during the pandemic so the materials and creative styles are new. Be sure to put your name on the quilt that you love!

In addition, the Quilters will hold a craft sale in the craft room at the Bay Club on **Wednesday, October 12** from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. It will be a perfect opportunity to do some early holiday shopping. The sale will include unique hand-knitted hats. A percentage of the profits will be donated to our local food bank. There will be free books, magazines, patterns, and garage sale items at a low, low price.

Fiber Artists Show Work

Art quilts, assemblages, jewelry, collages and felted hangings are being shown at the Mead Werks, Wilderbee Farm, Port Townsend through October by members of Peninsula Fiber Artists. The exhibit is open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. Some pieces were inspired by local landmarks, vistas and wildlife. Many are hand-dyed and created with leftover materials.

Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra (PTSO)

PTSO returns with a concert on **Sunday, October 30** at 2 p.m. at Chimacum High School Auditorium. Maestro Tigran Arakelyan will be leading this free concert.

This concert features Seattle Symphony Orchestra Principal Tuba John DiCesare performing the *Tuba Concerto* by Ralph Vaughan Williams and the *Gaelic Symphony in E minor* by Amy Beach. Written in 1894, the *Gaelic Symphony* was the first symphony composed by an American woman and debuted by a major U.S. symphony orchestra.

Prior to joining the Seattle Symphony, John DiCesare was the Principal Tuba for the Louisville Orchestra. He has performed with the Cleveland Orchestra, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the St. Louis Symphony and the Cincinnati Symphony. He is currently the Artist in Residence at the University of Washington.

Friday, October 28 at 7 p.m., there will be an open dress rehearsal at Chimacum High School Auditorium. See the website, ptsymphony.org, for details, including Covid protocols.

The Choral Belles

The Choral Belles of Port Ludlow are looking for singers to join us in our sisterhood of song. Founded in 1996, The Choral Belles are an all-female choir whose repertoire encompasses a wide range of music that is constantly updated to be seasonal, inspirational, memorable, and just plain fun for both the Belles and the audience.

From Silverdale to Sequim, The Choral Belles entertain at numerous special events as well as retirement, assisted living, and nursing home facilities. Weekly rehearsals are on Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. at the Beach Club. There are three performances scheduled for this holiday season.

For more information, contact Judi Smith at 360-437-7660 or judi_richard@msn.com.

Habitat for Humanity Store to Host Autumn Art Show

Habitat for Humanity East Jefferson County (Habitat EJC) will host an art show featuring a selection of paintings, lithographs, posters, photographs, wall hangings, and other works of art from its collection of more than 500 pieces. The show's theme is autumn in the mountains, autumn by the sea, and other works inspired by the colors of fall. The event will be held **Saturday, October 1** at the Habitat store, 2001 W. Sims Way in Port Townsend from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parking is available behind the store. All sales help support affordable housing in East Jefferson County. The public is invited and welcome to attend.

Founded in 1998, Habitat EJC is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, and operates to serve East Jefferson County. Habitat EJC has since completed nearly 100 home builds, renovations and repairs. To learn more, visit habitatejc.org.

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Beach Club / North Bay

Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

September 30 was the last day that the outdoor pool was open for this year's summer swim season here at the Beach Club. By all accounts it was a good year.

For the first time in three years, LMC will host our annual Polar Plunge event on **Saturday, December 31**. LMC members and their guests are invited to get an early start on the New Year with an invigorating leap into the chilly outdoor pool. While not quite the frigid temperatures that many "Polar Plunges" boast, our pool will be in the upper 40s which should still be cold enough to get your attention.

The brave souls willing to take the plunge in the unheated outdoor pool will be rewarded with hot coffee and hot chocolate as well as a few sweets. The current plan is that the "Plunge" will take place at 11 a.m., and it will probably be over by 11:01. For some reason our participants don't linger in the pool.

Bring your suits, fluffy towels, and a warm change of clothes to the Beach Club. Don't forget your cameras too since there should be plenty of memorable moments. Brrrr!

Everyone will be asked to sign a waiver, and we will ask Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue to be onsite just in case. Mark your calendar!

LMC has an opening for a fulltime maintenance position. For more information visit our website at lmcbeachclub.org.

I want to remind our gym users that clean shoes are required while working out. Please bring a change of shoes with you and don't forget to wipe down the equipment after using it. Thank you.

As always, if you have questions or comments about this article or the on-going work at the Beach Club, I can be reached at 360-437-9201 or by email at beachclub@olympus.net.

LOA Invites Volunteers

The Lot Owners Association (LOA) is seeking North Bay residents to help plan, organize, and host events. After a hiatus of two years due to the pandemic, LOA meetings have resumed at the Beach Club, the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m.

LOA events have typically included a Veterans Day coffee, Christmas breakfast, community garage sale, yard waste pickup, and summer barbeques with music. The group has also hosted a welcome group.

The volunteer time commitment is small and newcomers are welcome to join. Interested North Bay neighbors can contact Lauri Watson at djljwats@aol.com for more information.

LMC and the Beach Club

Phone: 360-437-9201

Email: BeachClub@Olympus.net

Sign up for our monthly e-*Navigator* by emailing the above address.

Visit LMCBeachClub.org for more information about your North Bay HOA

Packet Distribution a BIG Success

by Allan Kiesler, Chair, Emergency Preparedness Committee



The Emergency Preparedness Committee's great North Bay emergency packet distribution is now complete, and we had a phenomenal delivery rate of 79.5%. The 30-plus volunteers braved the extreme August heat, questions on Nextdoor and owners not home, but ultimately delivered to 679 homes and condominiums out of a total of 854 within the LMC boundaries. A big thank

you goes to all of the committee members, volunteers and block captains who made this possible.

If you were not home and did not get a packet we have one waiting for you at the Beach Club Front Desk.

What's in the packet and why do you need it? The packet contains a cover letter, an Emergency Alerts and General Emergency Information Resource guide, "Think, Plan, Do! Repeat" from Jefferson County and, most importantly, HELP and OK signs.



This information will provide you with the guidance you need to get ready for an emergency or



disaster, tells you where to tune your radios to get local news, and provides a means of getting help should you need it. This information can also be found on the LMC EPC website under Emergency Preparedness (lmcbeachclub.org).

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Bay Club / South Bay

South Bay Community Association Update

by Gil Skinner, President, SBCA Board of Directors

The SBCA Board has its seventh member, Randy Edwards. He was appointed in August to fill the remaining open seat on the Board. If you remember, at the annual meeting in July we had seven write-in candidates for the last open seat with one vote each. Five of the seven write-in candidates withdrew from consideration. We selected one of the remaining two by lot to fill the position, but that person resigned due to time commitments. We then appointed the last write-in candidate, Randy, in August to fill that seat on the Board. Randy is a fine addition to the Board and brings many notable skills and experiences. He is a soon-to-be retired Captain of the Seattle Fire Department, and we welcome him to the Board.

One additional thing I want to mention about Randy is his enthusiasm about volunteering his time in service to his community. We need more Randys! Without volunteers little would get done around here. At the most recent Board meeting I mentioned how some of our Board members volunteer beyond their Board duties. This includes board members who also serve on their village boards, or work at the local food bank, or mix up pancake batter for our first Friday breakfasts, or oversee the wood shop. The list goes on and, throughout our great community, we have a small cohort group who carry a disproportionate load of volunteering. These folks ask for nothing and vocally say their reward is volunteering. We need more members to jump in and help out. The fun is getting to know other people, developing new friendships, and serving your community. Soon our General Manager will be sending out an activities calendar. Please look it over and call the Club if you want to volunteer at any of the listed events.

A slight jog from volunteering is participating. Today's Board meeting was the Board talking to itself with only one other SBCA member in attendance. An HOA is a genuine form of participatory democracy. The key word is participatory. If you can't quite bring yourself to sign up as a volunteer, please take some time to attend Board or committee meetings (listed on the website and open to members) to let us know what you think, or attend events (Friday social, Pancake breakfast, concerts, lectures, etc.), or come to the Club and look around (great artwork that changes monthly, free coffee, newspapers, books to read, fitness activities, crafts, or just socializing with friends and neighbors). In our discussion this morning we weren't sure if the lack of SBCA members in attendance at the Board meeting meant we were doing well, or doing poorly, or people just don't care about their own HOA. The Board works very hard to be transparent and open. We encourage you to participate. It is your HOA!

I have mentioned activities several times, so what are we doing, and what's coming up?

Well, first I must mention the Pig Roast. Great event for everyone except the poor pig of course. Mark Torres cooked up some special sauce, made the coleslaw, beans, and chopped up the

SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting
Thursday, October 13, 9:30 a.m.

Unless there are changes to county requirements, meetings are in person.
All SBCA members are welcome

To keep informed of meeting dates and times, please visit: sbca.club/home/schedule-sbca

Committee Meeting minutes are posted at sbca.club, then click on Board Minutes Page

melon. Once again, Mark went above and beyond in helping out. The band was awesome, and we had a rocking and rolling crowd on the dance floor. Special thanks to Mike and Rachael Boock for using their "pig box" to roast the pig. This was a huge time commitment, and the end result was greatly appreciated by all.

Our Health Care series continues, and we had roughly 60-70 people at the last program on degenerative joint pain. The folks at Jefferson Healthcare have been awesome in responding to our requests, and the speakers provided have all been knowledgeable and committed to serving our community. We are continuing to add programs, so watch your emails. These health care programs are open to the entire community, so bring your LMC friends (and even your big-city friends from Port Townsend).

The next big event coming up is Oktoberfest scheduled for **Friday, October 28**. Beer and brats in a beer garden setting. What's not to love? We will have some music, lots of fun and laughter. More details will be coming and signup is required.

Stay safe, stay healthy and keep smiling. You live in a GREAT community!

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Village Council

PLVC Board Meeting Summary

by Tam McDearmid, Secretary

At the September 1, Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Board Meeting, the following reports were given.

Port Ludlow Associates, Diana Smeland, President

Busy with the summer activities. Staffing continues to be an issue. **Golf Course:** Mitch Black Memorial Golf Tournament for the Chimacum golf coach will be held this month. Provides scholarships. **Inn:** Guardian Wine dinner on Thursday, September 22, and Red Dog Farm dinner the following week. **Real Estate:** Still working on clearing OT2, phase 2. Also getting the road profile in place.

Q: When will the slash piles be cleared in the OT2, phase 2 area?
A: Will be hauled off site and used as paper.

Jefferson County, Greg Brotherton, County Commissioner, District 3

Tourism Coordinating Council meeting this month. Sending a letter through the Olympic Peninsula Tourism Council to WSDOT about the **Hood Canal Bridge closures** scheduled for summer 2023, trying to be part of the planning process. Also asking the County Commission (BoCC) for a letter of support and would like the Village Council to be part of this communication process. **Staffing** is really challenging all over. Looking for a General Manager for Jefferson Transit, and the Central Services Manager in the County has been vacant for several months, plus an executive search for the County Administrator. A program about **seniors living alone**, through the Environmental Public Health has a \$500,000 grant to help people that income-qualify to update a failing septic system or install a brand-new septic system. Based on 60% AMI up to \$35,000 per property owner is available. Trying to get these funds distributed, help the community and our streams be safer. Met with **DNR**, had a great tour of some of their forestlands, and different kinds of resource lands and learned a lot about the challenges in management they have. Had dinner with Commissioner Franz, think a lot of our values are well-aligned. The Beaver Valley sorts sale (minus Unit One) sold for more than expected: over \$2 million. It will be over a year before the contract is done. **Hybrid meetings:** BoCC going back to hybrid meetings.

PLVC Committee Reports

VolksWalk: Jane Holmes did a great job spearheading this event. The three-day event registered 186 walks. Some signed up for multiple walks. About 100 people participated, including some Port Ludlow residents who were interested in the trails. Heard great stuff about the Port Ludlow area and the trails. A lot of appreciation and thanks to the board and trails committee. Expenses were about \$694, excluding the Porta-Potties. Big expense was printing the maps in color. People enjoyed stopping by the Dusty Greens Café which was about halfway through one of the walks. People from Surrey, Canada, Oregon, and Idaho participated. Forty people did the Anderson Lake walk, the remainder of the 186 walks were in Port Ludlow.

Village Council Meetings

Board Meeting Thursday, October 6

3:00 p.m., Zoom Video Conference Call

Workshop Meeting Tuesday, October 18

3:00 p.m., Zoom Video Conference Call

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Q: Did we have any walkers that stayed in the Inn? A: (Diana Smeland) Don't have a good number, weekends have been selling out so perhaps they were unable to stay at the Inn.

Q: Any problems with the Anderson Lake walk? A: Some people got lost, trail wasn't as well-marked as in Port Ludlow.

Great American Shakeout, Jay Bakst, Event Coordinator

The Great Washington Shakeout will occur on **Thursday, October 20**, at 10:20 a.m. Port Ludlow will again be participating in this year's Shakeout. The Shakeout is about living in an earthquake zone. Not living in a heavily populated area, we will probably be on our own for some time after a disaster. Goal is to be better prepared. An all-hands-on-deck event. Fire and Sheriff's office all part of the Shakeout, as are local businesses and residents. Block captains play a key role. Every year try to add more inroads to our preparedness.

The County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) will set up an Emergency Disaster Center. Port Ludlow will have North and South Bay communications centers, plus block captains will go throughout our neighborhoods with hand-held radios and communicate with the local communication centers. These centers will communicate with the DEM center. Neighbors can help participate by putting TEST or OK signs on display. Block captains will check their neighborhood for these signs and transfer the information to the local communication centers. The communication centers will compile the information and communicate with the DEM Emergency Center. Knowing how to turn off water and gas at your residence and how much water you need is in the *Think, Plan, Do!* workbook. North and South Bay have been distributing the *Think, Plan, Do!* workbook, a good resource for households to use in preparing for a disaster.

Asking PLVC, LMC, and SBCA to send out eBlasts to prepare the community for this event. Have developed the eBlasts for all three organizations, so will provide this information to them.

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Have been in touch with all block captains. Will be using all four communication centers this year, so in case the Beach or Bay Clubs are unavailable during an emergency, the other two will be ready to go as back-up centers.

Q: Will the Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue unit be participating in this Shake Out? A: The DEM will be coordinating with the fire and sheriff departments.

Q: Do you know if LMC will be doing anything independent of this exercise? A: Believe they are doing something supplemental to this exercise on their own.

Q: Do PLA operations plan to participate in these exercises? A: The Development Office will participate in the drill, not sure if the Marina, Golf Course, or Inn will participate. Does want to use the radio this year.

Election Ballots: Sent out on August 30, started receiving them on August 31. Counting committee ready to go and will run September 10 through October 4, which is the last day ballots can be counted. Everything went very smoothly with The Printery. Did have some increase in costs this year due to increase in paper costs. Had received an email earlier this year about this situation. Estimated cost this year is \$4700, while cost was \$3733.78 last year. Moffitt spoke of looking into having our elections done electronically, or by email. Is unsure if this is even legal for us to do. Would have to amend our bylaws.

The board held a **vote for consent without a meeting** last month, which couldn't be completed because we were meeting virtually and thus unable to sign the approval. We will entertain this motion again now. It is regarding the **development, design, and maintenance of the new PLVC website**. A quorum of nine approved the vote. Took a verbal motion to approve, seconded and passed. Mike Towner added that the \$2000 consulting fee for this update can be made in monthly or quarterly payments if that would be helpful.

EV Charging Station Presentation, Dave McDermid, Community Development Committee Chair

- State of Washington Tourism (SWT) has grants available to 501(c)(3) Non-Profits for recovery of the tourism sector in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic
- PLA wants access to grant money to install a Level 2 EV Charging Station at the Inn to promote tourism in Port Ludlow
- PLA proposes to have PLVC submit a grant application for this project (grant applications must be received by SWT by September 15)
- Messrs. Jurca, McDermid and Moffit have met with PLA and support the proposed project subject to an appropriate contractual arrangement with PLA that includes:
 - PLVC would be the Grantee and contract the execution of the work to PLA.
 - PLA will be responsible for all
 - Permitting, Design, purchasing and installation
 - Maintenance
 - Operation on a not-for-profit basis, as may be required, for a period to be determined.

- The contract will include:
 - Performance to the schedule required under the grant (completion by **August 1, 2023**, and evaluation by **October 1, 2023**)
 - PLA financial and/or in-kind contributions in accordance with the grant application
 - PLVC named as an additional insured and held harmless for all matters associated with the project
 - Transfer of title for the EV Charging Station to PLA upon completion of the contract.

A motion was made for PLVC to establish a contract with PLA as outlined above and submit a grant application in its name for the installation of an EV Charging Station at the Inn. Motion seconded and passed.

Next PLVC Board Meeting: **Thursday, October 6**, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

(Note: this will be the Annual Voting Members Meeting)

Next PLVC Board Workshop: **Tuesday, October 18**, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

Can We Talk?

by Richard Schurman, KB7NES, WREY447

For many years, Port Ludlow has relied on emergency communications by block captains using handheld radios to relay information to emergency communications centers located at the Bay Club, the Beach Club, and Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue Station 31. Clear communication was very spotty due to the surrounding terrain.

In 2019, a plan to redesign the system was developed. The first step was to conduct a neighborhood analysis to identify areas with poor transmission or reception. Next was a review of the three communications centers at the clubs and fire station.

Due to location, the fire station could not reliably communicate with many of the North Bay block captains nor the Bay Club. Because of this reception problem and the possibility of both clubs being damaged or inaccessible, two backup locations located at least 140 feet above sea level were identified.

In 2021, Port Ludlow Brokers graciously consented to having communication antennas installed on their chimney. This location could be heard clearly by North Bay block captains, but not South Bay captains. The Broker's office has been designated the backup North Bay communications center. In 2022, the Port Ludlow Community Church approved installation of an identical pair of antennas and



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allocation of a conference room to serve as a backup South Bay communications center with radios and computers.

Each new location can serve as a Neighborhood Operations Center (NOC) where all Port Ludlow communications could be consolidated and relayed to Jefferson County. Testing of the Port Ludlow Community Church and the Port Ludlow Brokers locations began with a full community radio drill in September in preparation for the 2022 annual Great Washington ShakeOut.

A new training program for block captains was developed and has been distributed. Training for the communication center radio operators was conducted in September.

The final phase is to supply all four locations with alternative power sources in the event of a major outage. Research is underway to identify the most reliable method of backup power.

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Let's Get Ready

by Jay Bakst, Port Ludlow Great Washington Shakeout Coordinator



participating in the Great Washington Shakeout on October 20. Are you willing to join us? We could use your help.

How can you participate? The members of the EM team will be testing communication with the coordinating agencies. The first step is hearing from you, the members of Port Ludlow community. Your Block Captains may be getting in touch with you to ask you to take part in the exercise and give you an OK/TEST sign. On the day of the Shakeout, at 10:20 a.m., after you Drop, Cover,

and Hold On, put the sign out somewhere where it is visible from the street. Your Block Captain can explain what else you could do. If you do not have a Block Captain, go to the website in the Shake Out logo above.

All of us can use the event to check on some basic emergency preparation: Find where to turn off the propane and water to your house, check that you have sufficient water, one gallon per day per person, to last 30 days, review where your family and neighborhood meeting places are, and be sure that your go bag is stocked and under your bed.

We encourage all to participate. You can contact your block captain or email Jay Bakst at ludlowshakeout@gmail.com.

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Port Ludlow Women's Golf Leagues 2022 Update

by Kathy Traci, PLWGA and Lady Niners Publicity Chairperson



Captain Elaine Raymond and Cyndy Kelly, Low Net Champion of the Field.

Submitted photo

The Port Ludlow Women's Golf League's (PLWGA) annual three-day Club Championship for 18-hole golfers was played in late August and early September. It culminated with a delicious early dinner celebration at Beth Weaver's home overlooking Port Ludlow Bay. The winners of the tournament were announced in the following categories: Club Champion (low gross winner)

was Bonnie Vahcic, and Low Net Champion of the Field was Cyndy Kelly. (Net scores result from the deduction of the person's GHIN handicap from the person's gross scores.)

The Club Championship results also included the following flight awards: first flight Low Gross Champion was Debi Bozanich, and first flight Low Net Champion was Peggy Selby; second flight Low Gross Champion was Sue Fechner, and second flight Low Net Champion was Linda Aho; third flight Low Gross Champion was Elaine Raymond, and third flight Low Net Champion was Diane Kobz. (Flights are organized by handicaps, with the lowest handicap players in the first flight.)

The All Star 27 Hole Tournament was played on September 13. After points are totaled, the team winner will be announced at the Awards Banquet on **Wednesday, October 19** by All Star Tournament Chairperson Grace Allen. Captain Elaine Raymond will announce winners in the following categories: Most Birdies of the Season, Spring and Summer Eclectic winners (eclectic awards go to members who improved the most on each individual hole), and Most Improved Member 2022 (lowering of her handicap during season). All winners will be honored with a trophy/gift at the Awards Banquet on October 19. Additionally, the 2023 slate of PLWGA officers will be announced.

Chairperson Turney Oswald announced that The PLWGA Fall Gals Getaway took place as scheduled in the Lake Chelan area. A great time was had by all. Members should watch their Golf Genius emails for information about a possible 18-hole couples'

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event this fall. PLWGA's "closing day" activities are scheduled for October 25 and will feature a 9-hole shotgun, followed by a "spooky surprise luncheon" planned by Chairperson Mandy Whipple at the Dusty Green Café.

The Lady Niners (9-hole golf league) held outdoor impromptu luncheons at the Dusty Green Café most Thursdays after golf, and Nifty Niners members also enjoyed luncheon opportunities following couples golf events. The final Nifty Niners couples golf event will be a shotgun on **Thursday, October 20**. An "end-of-the-season Captain's Luncheon" is being planned to honor Lady Niners' Captain Barbara Burke on **Thursday, October 13**. At the luncheon Captain Burke will announce the winners of the Lady Niner's 2021 golf awards: Eclectic winner(s), Captain's Cup winner(s). The 2023 slate of Lady Niners officers will be approved. The "end-of-the-season Niners' banquet" is still in the planning stages, and details will be announced soon via Golf Genius.

Women's Leagues members need to watch their email for announcements of postseason opportunities for casual play and events. They should continue to use Golf Genius to sign up to play and/or attend events.

Dove House Golf Benefit

by Barbara Berthiaume, Staff Writer



Mixed 1st Place Winners: Shelly Washburn, Lucinda Thompson, Dave Jackson, and Roger Haskins.

Submitted photo

The 10th Annual Dove House Golf Benefit sponsored by the PSO Bluebills was held on Friday, August 19 at the Port Ludlow Golf Course. The event raised \$28,811 to benefit clients of Dove House to give them hope and a better future. There were 19 major sponsors, 24 tee sponsors, and 25 volunteers this year with 128 golfers teeing off for a noon shotgun. Raffle tickets were sold throughout the day and drawings were held at the Awards Ceremony along with a Silent Auction. A Special Certificate was given to Garry Caven for volunteering to cater the bag lunch and spaghetti dinner at the Bay Club. Donna Etchey, publisher of the Port Townsend *Leader*, was given special recognition for

the full-page ad the *Leader* ran to promote the Benefit. It took a village to make all of this happen and Myron Vogt's presence was felt by all as he was the architect of this event from the start.

Mixed Division winners were:

- 1st place: Roger Haskins, David Jackson, Shelly Washburn, and Lucinda Thompson
- 2nd place: David Aho, Linda Aho, Mike Raymond, and Elaine Raymond
- 3rd place: Curtis Patnode, Mark Stone, Jon Anderson, and Ramona Anderson
- 4th place: Bob Bertoia, Connie Norman, Bruce Yoshida and Carrie Yoshida
- 5th place: Victoria Barri, John Griffith, Joe Vozaik, and Peter Wagner

Women's Division winners were:

- 1st place: Wanda Synnestvedt, Jane Peoples, Jane Guilttau, and Cindy Breed

Men's Division winners were:

- 1st place: George Cave, Greg Miller, Mike Martin, and T.J. Durner
- 2nd place: Mark Ajax, Doug Cehorn, Bobby Deen, and Mike Lux
- 3rd place: Nelson Atkin, Allen Wolf, Chris McDaniel, and Rick Smith

Chipping Contest Winner: Brandon Ash

John Filler was the photographer and created a link to view the Benefit:

<https://jdfillers.smugmug.com/2022-08-19-Bluebills-Golf-Tournament/n-tsLqCD/i-jmqGFR7/A>

Port Ludlow Hiking

by John Nuerenberg, Hiking Club

Unless otherwise noted, hikers meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:15 a.m. to get directions to the trailheads, and depart at 8:30 a.m.

Hikers abide by the "Stay Healthy" recommendations and follow CDC guidelines for outdoor recreation.

Those on the hiking email roster receive an update the week of a scheduled outing. If you would like to be added to the email roster, send a note to plhikingclub@yahoo.com, or go to the club's website portludlowhikingclub.com and click on "Contact" to send a message.

Friday, October 14 – Bloedel Reserve

Enjoy nature on an easy tour of the gardens and woodlands of this 155-acre estate on Bainbridge Island. Advance purchase timed tickets are required to visit the Reserve. Admission for a non-member is \$20 (\$15 for seniors). Note that we will meet at the Bridge Deck at 9 a.m. to arrange carpools and get directions. A link to the Bloedel Reserve, if interested, is bloedelreserve.org. Hike leaders: Sarah and Denny Schuch, 360-215-4065.

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Friday, October 28 – North Kitsap Heritage Park

Celebrate the Halloween season! No costumes required! This is an easy hike of approximately 3 to 6 miles, depending on the routes. Explore this Kitsap County Park of more than 800 acres located off Miller Bay Rd. The group will choose from trails named Spine Line, Ravine Run, Forked Tongue, and Beaver Ridge. There is a privy at the trailhead. No parking pass is required. Consider stopping in Port Gamble for lunch after the excursion. Hike leader: Dan Darrow, 360-427-9208.

Wednesdays – Timberton Loop – 9:00 a.m. Walk the 4.2-mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains. This is a no-leader hike. Meet other walkers at the parking lot trailhead on Timberton Drive.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday – 8:00 a.m. Join the “Trail Club Group” that meets at the golf club parking lot for a self-led walk on the abandoned golf cart path trail or other alternative route.

For more hiking information, map of the Port Ludlow Trails, and descriptions with pictures of previous hikes and other destinations, go to portludlowhikingclub.com.

Commodore’s Cruise 2022

by Lori Longo, Immediate Past Commodore



the San Juan Distillery and enjoyed a private tour and tasting—
Commodore Bryan Gilbreath and his crew can be seen at the Crab Feed on Sucia.

Submitted photo

The wonders of the San Juan Islands were in their full glory this July as Port Ludlow Yacht Club (PLYC) cruisers and land cruisers visited four marinas (Roche, Deer, Friday, and Rosario) and several anchorages (Parks Bay, Reid Harbor, Garrison, Sucia, and Hunter Bay) over a two-week period of time on the Commodore’s Cruise. Each location brought its own special delight. At Roche a group walked to the end. Westcott Bay Shellfish Company is

a beautiful hideaway not to be missed. Several of us took our dinghies through Mosquito Pass to get there and enjoyed a fabulous lunch of fresh oysters, clams and, gorgeous salads. Deer Harbor boasts Matthew’s Smoke House with outstanding brisket, ribs and prime rib along with delicious cocktails. For your entertainment a friendly competitive game of corn hole or bocce is available on the lawn. Friday Harbor is always lively. Ice cream and dinner at Down Riggers were the culinary highlights. Rosario is a beautiful resort with old time charm, gracious spa, pool, and fine dining. Once again, the group went to Buck Bay Bistro for an early dinner. This place is magical and I hate to let the secret

out. Enjoy casual dining on the water’s edge with outstanding fresh oysters and crab right off the beach with organic salads from their own gardens. On Sucia, Commodore Bryan Gilbreath hosted a street taco and crab feed dinner—with beach Jenga for entertainment! If you think all we do is feast on these cruises you may well be right, as we had sumptuous appetizers on the dock each evening we were not at a restaurant. YUM!

To work off the amazing food, many of us were on the water in kayaks or on paddleboards at each port. The bays are beautiful, and nothing is cuter than watching the baby seals playing in the surf. Hiking is outstanding on many of the islands, with Sucia being the most remote with fabulous views and easy to moderate hikes.

In addition to outstanding cruises, PLYC has started a monthly golf outing for members followed by burgers at the club. Something for everyone!

Whether you are new to Port Ludlow or simply seeking your next adventure, please consider joining us. Your first meal will be free, hosted by one of our officers for the evening. To express interest in visiting PLYC, please complete the form on our website plyc.us/visit.

Trail Mix

by Larry Scott

What was Trails up to in August and early September? (Yep, we write this in September for publication in October so it’s always 2 months out of date.) Well, besides putting the final touches on the vegetation for the Volkswalk route, a dedicated crew finished (over the past 4 months) installing the new rock pathway for the Interpretive Trail. That task followed the installation of new posts and logging boom chains completed earlier this year. The entire project to upgrade the Interpretive Trail has really improved the experience for users of this trail. As the next step in improvements, Trails also replaced the deteriorating alder parking lot bumpers with western red cedar and douglas fir logs for a longer life span. Parking at the trailhead entrance has increased since and we have received many positive comments from both local and distant visitors. If you haven’t been to see our local small waterfall and running-creek rapids lately, you should make the quick trip for the short 1/2-mile hike in the woods and check out the educational interpretive signs. There will be one more task for the Interpretive Trail upgrade. David Gurnee has donated a cedar arbor to Trails and we will be installing it at the back of the temporary garden just before the entrance to the Interpretive Trail. That task will complete our focus on this trail and we can move on to some of the others on our to-do list. One such to-do is already underway on Timberton Loop. Dean Morgan and Adele Govert are repainting/refreshing the rock directional markers along the more than 4 mile route. Another to-do is replacing old log seating benches that have reached the end of their life span. Jim Mueller and John Fillers are replacing them (three on the Estuary Trail alone) with the newly designed composite material benches built with a grant from the Lodging Tax Advisory Council (LTAC). Soon however, we will be on to our newer trail development projects: McCormick Railroad Trail and McCormick Loop. If you would like to help, give me a shout at mclgscott@cablespeed.com. “Let’s Keep Improving our Trails” is our motto.

Book Group to Explore Ordeals of a Maid

Martha's Book Group will discuss *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive* at their October 11 meeting. The author, Stephanie Land, worked as a maid while existing on food stamps and raising a child as a single parent. The discussion will start at 4 p.m. at the Bay Club.

Land's best-selling memoir was published in 2019 and features Port Townsend as a backdrop. In relating her experiences working for minimum wage, she exposes the hypocrisy of what minimum wage and food stamps can actually buy in contemporary society.

Martha's Book Group meets monthly on the second Tuesday at the Bay Club. Members select the ongoing roster of books, which are not restricted by genre. The November selection is David Grann's, *Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*. Contact Sarah Schuch at bookclub@plvoice.org for questions or the list of books for upcoming discussions.

Ajax Wins Historic Preservation Award



The Jefferson County Historical Society has chosen the Port Hadlock Ajax Café renovation for its annual Mary P. Johnson award. That designation is conferred upon a historic-structure project that meets the standards of the U.S. Secretary of Interior for preservation, restoration, and historic treatment. The Ajax building, also known as the Galster House, was erected in 1890 as the home of Samuel Hadlock.


The awards have been ongoing annually since 1978, in honor of Mary P. Johnson, who was a force for arts and culture in the local area. Certificates of merit for historical preservation were awarded to these recipients:

- The Port Townsend Maritime Project
- Van Buren St. Victorian Home upgrade
- Jefferson St. Victorian Cottage update
- Willow Whoops, by Alexis Younglove Erickson and illustrated by Katherine Zecca

- Clay St. Victorian Home upgrade
- Fort Worden Guardhouse renovation
- Still Here: Portraits of the Chemakum photography project
- Jefferson St. Victorian Home redux
- Updates to the Terry Building
- Trinity Methodist Church new entrance

Consideration was given to works that included the documenting, protecting, or restoring of regional architecture, the preservation of sites from the recent past, the protection of cultural heritage such as stories, traditions, and language, or projects that share the stories of often-underrepresented communities.

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