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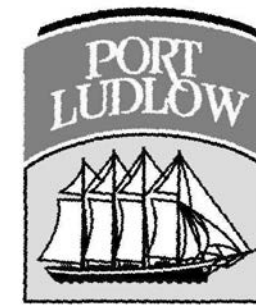
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From the Editor's Desk

by Carol Riley, Staff Writer

January is a month where many people pause to reflect on the past year, take stock of their lives, think about the future, and perhaps reset their goals. A recent article in the November *AARP Bulletin* talks about “super agers,” people who live meaningful, active lives well into their 90s, and many reach the milestone of living 100 years. There are many factors to be considered when talking about “super agers,” diet, exercise, level of education, genes – but they all have one thing in common: these people really live, embracing each day with energy and a positive outlook, managing change, dealing with physical limitations, and making social interaction a priority. I think Port Ludlow is the perfect breeding ground for “super agers.”

Do you play the NYT game Connections? It's a 16-word grid where you are tasked with finding four groups of four words that are connected in some way. It's challenging and tricky and fun. Some of the words can fit into more than one category – just like us. We are sons and daughters, uncles and aunts, grandfathers and grandmothers, spouses and widows and widowers, friends, working, retired, and volunteers – and aspiring “super agers.”

"The February issue will contain an appeal to you to join us. We need you."

Just such a group put this issue of the *Voice* together this month, just like every month of the year. An unexpected event caused our editor to be absent, but people donned different hats, found ways to be creative, stepped into unfamiliar territory, and produced another terrific issue of the magazine you have come to love and “read cover to cover” in your own words. The February issue will contain an appeal to you to join us. We need you.

In the meantime, please enjoy the articles about exciting new trails, positive changes to our fire department, the triumph of the robotics teams at Chimacum Elementary, a letter from Mark Twain, world class entertainment, and much more. Please also peruse the advertisements of the wonderful businesses and service providers that support the *Voice* each month. You will find some new advertisers among them, and we are excited to have El Molcajete, Hard Hat Winery, and First Security Bank on board.

Jefferson County Library District Rings in a New Year of Programs

Happy New Year from the Jefferson County Library District! As we turn the page to a brand-new chapter, the Library District would like to extend warm wishes to our incredible community. In the spirit of the New Year, let us make resolutions to learn something new, share stories with one another, and foster a sense of togetherness.

We want to take a moment to express our gratitude for your donations to the Winter Giving campaign. Because of your generosity, we are one step closer to achieving our goal of adding solar panels to the library. Your support means the world to us, and your dedication has been nothing short of inspiring! We are extending our campaign until **January 7**, so please visit jclibrary.info/jclgiving if you would still like to contribute. Thank you for being champions of progress, sustainability, and community.

The JCLD Adult Winter Read begins **Tuesday, January 2!** This year's title is *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride, a novel about small-town secrets and the people who keep them. Read the book, then sign up for one of our February book discussions to share your insights with fellow book lovers. Visit the events calendar at jclibrary.info for complete details.

On **Thursday, January 4**, from 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., adults ages 18 and over are invited for a peaceful morning of Art & Music Meditation. Hear a short, inspirational reading before you mix colors and create, letting art take shape while you listen to peaceful music. Supplies will be provided, but space is limited. Please register at jclibrary.info or call the Library before **January 4**.

Avid shepherd and fiber artist Dean Hyden will return to the library to host a three-part Introduction to Spinning Wool. The class takes place from 6 – 7:30 p.m. on **Wednesdays**, beginning **January 17**. Dean will teach you about the structure, properties, and types of wool fiber, discuss wool preparation, demonstrate drop spindle and spinning techniques, and more. All supplies will be provided for this hands-on workshop. Visit the events calendar at jclibrary.info to register.

Kids ages 7 – 18 are encouraged to sign up for the IditaRead Winter Reading Challenge! Follow the Iditarod Sled Dog Race trail from Anchorage to Nome by reading. Track your progress at cleoreads.beanstack.com or use the free *Beanstack* app. A paper tracker is also available at the library or bookmobile. Challenge yourself to read 1125 minutes (about 19 hours) by **February 26**.

The district's monthly LEGO® at the library program takes place on **Thursday, January 11**, from 4 – 4:45 p.m. Bring your friends and build LEGO creations in an open, imaginative space. This program is designed for children 7-11 years old, but kids of all

ages are welcome.

For complete program details and our calendar of events, please see our website, jclibrary.info. Visit the Jefferson County Library District at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock. For questions or assistance, call 360-385-6544 or email information@jclibrary.info.

Martha's Book Group: A Debut Novel by a Seattle Writer Makes It Big

by Milt Lum, Staff Writer

Bonnie Garmus still considers Seattle her home though she has lived in London for the past 12 years. While living in London through a confluence of fortunate circumstances plus innate talent, she produced her debut novel, *Lessons in Chemistry*, which by now most readers have seen sitting atop the *New York Times* best seller lists for a long, long time.

Her major protagonist, Elizabeth Zott, is a talented chemist whose career is thwarted by the sexism of the sixties. How Garmus translates that all too familiar experience for women during the 1960s into an international best seller will be explored by members of Martha's Book Group as they kick start their 2024 reading year.

All are welcome to join this discussion on **Tuesday, January 9**, at 4 p.m. at the Bay Club. Contact Sarah Schuch at bookclub@plvoice.org for information about obtaining a copy of this book from the Jefferson County Library book club kit, or about future selections. February's book selection will be *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver.

Port Ludlow Garden Club Tackles Noxious Weeds

Noxious weeds are non-native plants that are invasive, competitive, and extremely hard to control once established. They become everyone's problem and impact recreational areas, your home garden, threaten native plants, degrade wildlife habitat, and create public health hazards.

Sophie DeGroot, Jefferson County Noxious Weeds Coordinator, will identify noxious weeds in our county and discuss best management practices.

There are native alternatives to combat the noxious weeds seen in Port Ludlow (such as English Ivy, Yellow Archangel, and Butterfly Bush.) Some other invasive weeds host invasive insects which are even more of a threat to our local area. With so many beautiful alternative plants, there are perennial and native species ideal for growing in rain gardens, along pond edges, in the sun, in a variety of soils, and along forest edges.

Bring your questions, then take the answers home to scan your gardens and make plans to support the ecology of Jefferson County.

Hosted by the Port Ludlow Garden Club, this session starts at 11 a.m., **January 10**, at the Beach Club, Port Ludlow.

Guests are welcome with a \$5 donation. The Port Ludlow Garden Club is open to, and welcomes, all area residents.

Because seating is limited, all PLGC members and guests must RSVP no less than two days prior to the event. RSVP to Michelle Pelky at (260) 710-3547 or to portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com.

First Wednesday Luncheon

Following the whirlwind of December activities, many of us are looking forward to a slower-paced, relaxing January. With that in mind, First Wednesday Luncheon will be following suit as we offer “Bingo with Friends,” complete with prizes. This will be a BYOL (bring your own lunch) event. Cookies, coffee, and tea will be available.

We hope you'll join us on Wednesday, January 3, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Beach Club.

We appreciate the generosity of our guests' donations to the Food Bank throughout the holidays. However, don't forget that the need continues into the new year. We do ask attendees to bring donations in the form of cash, checks made payable to the Tri-Area Food Bank, or non-perishable food and hygiene products.

Please RSVP to firstwednesdayluncheon.com or sign up at either the Bay or Beach Club by January 1. This is a courtesy to the club and luncheon coordinators so we can have the appropriate number of tables set up in advance. We appreciate your cooperation.

Bring a few extra dollars for the fun raffle which helps us support the Food Bank during the summer when we are on hiatus.

Mark your calendars for our February 7 luncheon at the Bay Club when we'll be serenaded by a barbershop quartet as an early observance of Valentine's Day.

Free Estate Planning Seminar: What to do after a loved one passes.

Come join us for a free presentation by Amanda Wilson, attorney from Northwest Estate Planning & Probate, P.S., locally based at 21 Shine Rd., Port Ludlow.

Wilson will give a talk on what steps to take when a loved one passes away. She will talk about what to do to prepare for someone's death, what to do in the 30 days after death to protect assets, and what is required for estate administration.

The event will be held on **Thursday, January 25**, noon to 1 p.m., at the Beach Club.

Please RSVP to Jenni at info@nwpepp.com or call (360) 437-4172.

Dine and Discover Soars High

by Allan and Nancy Kiesler, Guest Writers

Most of us have had the experience of finding an injured wild animal or bird and not known what to do about it. For injured birds, Discovery Bay Wild Bird Rescue is there to help. Located in Port Townsend, they rescue, rehabilitate and release hundreds of birds every year.

Their Director, Cynthia Daily, has been a bird rehabilitator for 30 years, initially in Albuquerque, New Mexico and then in Port Townsend where she founded Discovery Bay Raptor Rehabilitation and Education Center in 1994. Cynthia, along with several of her ambassadors, will join us **Monday, February 5**, at the Bay Club to explain in detail the amazing work that she and her volunteers do on a daily basis.



This event is open to North and South Bay members and their guests. We know that many of you will want to join us on **February 5** to learn more about the Discovery Bay Wild Bird Rescue and the work that is being done there, so we recommend that you sign up early as seating will be limited. Sign-up sheets will be available by **January 5** at both clubs. The presentation will be held at the Bay Club and doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

Please put a note on your dish if it contains any of the following allergens: wheat, soy, eggs, milk, tree nuts, peanuts, fish, or shellfish. For those bringing an appetizer, please bring one that can be passed and arrive a few minutes early.

You will also need to bring \$3 per person, your place setting (plates, napkins, eating utensils, glasses), a plastic bag for your dirty dishes, and a beverage if you want something other than coffee, tea, or water which will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Port Ludlow Tangle Club News

As a reminder, the Port Ludlow Tangle Club will hold its first meeting on **Thursday, January 11**, from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Beach Club's Bridge Deck. Certified Zentangle teacher Alice Clive will introduce participants to the Zentangle Method, a mindful approach to drawing structured patterns, called tangles, that is fun and easy to learn. Watch your beautiful image emerge, one stroke at a time!



Mark your calendars now for these scheduled 2024 Club meeting dates:

March 14, May 9, July 11, September 12, and November 14.

No experience is required to attend a meeting.

Each month's kit of tools and supplies will be available for \$5. Non-residents are welcome; bring \$1 for the fee.

Due to limited space, RSVPs are required and accepted on a first come, first served basis. There are still some seats left, but hurry! Contact Alice at: foureyes22@outlook.com.

Meet Your Firefighters

by Ron Dawson, Guest Writer

Meet Jeff Woods, firefighter, paramedic, and specialist as part of the Fire CARES (Community Assistance, Referral, and Education Services) team for East Jefferson Fire Rescue. Fire CARES is a new program that launched on January 1, 2023. In this article, I will describe what the program does and the services it offers to our community.

Jeff has been a part of East Jefferson Fire Rescue since 2004. In 2002 he became a paramedic. Originally from Bremerton, he and his family now live in Kingston. He has been married to his wife Jeanie for 27 years. They have two children – Samantha, 19, and Joe, 17.

November 2023 Statistics for East Jefferson Fire Rescue

Effective 01/01/2023 Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue merged with East Jefferson Fire Rescue. Our monthly statistics will now include information for the entire Fire District.

Communities served include: Port Townsend, Cape George, Kala Point, Marrowstone Is., Port Hadlock, Chimacum, Irondale, Port Ludlow MPR (North and South Bay), Paradise Bay, Beaver Valley, Bridgehaven, Mats Mats, Shine, South Point and other areas located within our boundaries.

Alarms	
Fires.....	4
Rescue/Emergency Medical	338
Good Intent	29
Hazardous Conditions	10
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat.....	1
False Alarms	23
Service Call	68
Total Alarms	473

Ambulance Transports	
911 Transports	229
Non-transports	121
Total Transports	229

CARES Contacts.....	100
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Away from the job, Jeff builds cars and motorcycles, and he is an accomplished welder.

He always wanted to be a paramedic and able to be personally involved in rendering medical assistance. In his job as a CARES unit specialist, he is in a position to help those he has contact with and to be a problem solver. The hardest part of the job is determining how to best help struggling, reluctant patients. Jeff has sharpened his people skills to gain the confidence of his patients, and give people stuck in their situation a positive direction to improve it.

The Fire CARES vehicle is staffed with a full-time firefighter/EMT or a firefighter/paramedic. Also in the vehicle is a full-time prevention/intervention specialist employed by Believe in Recovery. The team also has access to substance use disorder professionals who will assist with calls related to drug and alcohol use.

Fire CARES is primarily a follow-up intervention service focused on referring and providing appropriate services but will also serve as a specialty unit responding to behavioral health related crisis calls and behavioral health related needs. It's an approach that focuses on mental health and social/lifestyle interventions, which reduces the need for emergency services over time. The team tries to ensure that community members in need gain access to the most appropriate resources following a crisis, or when identified



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as high frequency utilizers of the Emergency Medical and Law Enforcement systems.

Jeff hopes that he can build his team to enhance services and follow-through. His role with EJFR is unique, and Jeff is very qualified.

Fire Department to See Many Changes in 2024

With an abundance of gratitude to the residents and businesses served by East Jefferson Fire Rescue (EJFR), 2024 will see several overdue changes to the District.

Three new firefighters joined the department on January 1 bringing the total number of career firefighters to 59. EJFR staffs five fire stations with full-time firefighters. In addition, four new "Firefighters in Training" (FITs) are in training and four new volunteers have joined the department.

Beginning **January 1**, EJFR will have our first dedicated Training Captain. The Training Captain will ensure training and continuing education efforts are coordinated and formalized. There will also be two firefighters promoted to Lieutenants.

EJFR is known for having the oldest fleet in the region. The District's need for new vehicles will be filled with the purchase of equipment to include a rescue vehicle, structural firefighting engines, wildland firefighting apparatuses, and staff vehicles.

The remodeling of Station 5 on Marrowstone Island has been completed. The crew quarters will support our island volunteers in their training efforts and serve as a disaster hub. The island has four volunteers and one new FIT.

Features & Stories

One of the District's rescue vessels, *Marine 7*, which was originally on loan from North Kitsap Fire Rescue is now owned by EJFR. The vessel is docked at the Port Ludlow Marina.

For community members, EJFR provides "hands only" CPR courses and training for using an AED. To sign up for the next course, go to ejfr.org.

If you have questions about the services provided by East Jefferson Fire Rescue, call 360-385-2626 or visit our webpage at ejfr.org.

Chimacum Elementary Robotics Succeed in Competition

by Dr. Scott Mauk, Superintendent

On December 3, our two elementary school robotics teams, the Cyber Eagles, along with their coaches and families traveled to Bellarmine Preparatory School in Tacoma to compete against 30 other schools. We are proud that both Chimacum teams made the top ten, qualifying them to represent and compete again in January at the semifinals!

Robotics is a valuable opportunity for our students to not only learn computer science skills, but also teamwork, organization, and persistence. Through the First Lego League program, our Chimacum Elementary students are encouraged to express their creativity and imagine and innovate new ways to create and communicate across the globe through the school's robotics program.

Chimacum Elementary School teachers Josette Mendoza and Kristen Johnson coach two robotics teams of 19 fifth- and sixth-grade students. The teams research robot designs, and then plan prototyping, programming, and testing their robots to complete different "missions." These student teams also invest time collaborating and creating an Innovation Project, captivating judges with their ideas through a prepared presentation and project demonstration.



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Practice started before the school year, and the team's commitment was fierce. The teams gathered each morning before school, Monday through Friday, to prepare!

We are grateful to the Friends of Chimacum Schools for their generous contribution to our Robotics team.



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What's Up, Neighbor?

by Donna Geer, Staff Writer

I've been doing a lot of thinking lately. I know, it happens to the best of us, generally after busy holidays too focused on material things and not enough on what really matters, like family, friends, and helping those in need. January is always a good time for reflection, so I've been thinking about all the neighbors who've shared their stories with me as we've sat at the Bay Club, often meeting for the first time. It's been amazing.

When we first started this column last spring, the initial premise was to showcase neighborhoods and introduce some of the people who lived there. But as the column has progressed, it's become more and more about the people, with less focus on their neighborhoods. Indeed, the last few stories barely covered neighborhood statistics, and I'm good with that. After all, people are the backbone of Port Ludlow and that's what matters most.

Everyone has a story to tell, and I've heard some fascinating anecdotes, sometimes unexpected. Conversations can go lots of places, and in an hour or two, we can cover a lot of territory. Invariably, people are like icebergs. (And no, I don't mean icy cold and hard as, well, ice!) What you see above water is only the public persona. I have found that the full measure of a person includes the largest part of the iceberg underneath the water, the invisible part. That's what shapes a person's character and sometimes, I get the privilege of hearing those stories too. So, this is a shoutout to all the people who've contributed to this column. I continue to be inspired by their stories. I hope you find some inspiration as well.

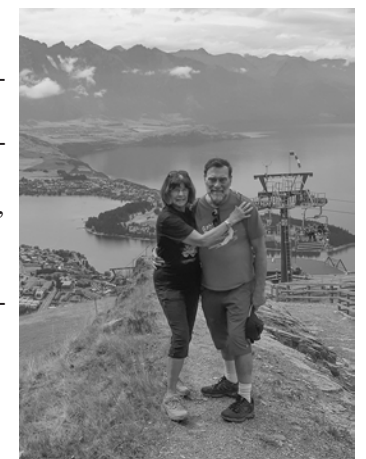
April 2023 – Alice Oliver, my next-door neighbor, who volunteered to be the very first person featured in this column, a brave act when no one was exactly sure how it would turn out. Alice moved here in 2001, and quickly immersed herself in the community, learning how to belly dance and swim. She's been the HOA president and emergency preparedness coordinator. She's still an avid hiker.



June 2023 – Gail Wellenstein, who moved here in 2021 with her husband Nick De Chadenedes, when we had a historic heatwave that killed the oyster beds in the cove behind their home, causing a ruckus with the smell. Gail's neighbors exposed her to different volunteer opportunities, and she joined the Beach Naturalists program and the Marine Science Center. Now she leads beach walks.



July 2023 – John and Sally Nuerenberg, who shared their love of hiking, comparing trails in Arizona, replete with lots of cacti and an overabundance of heat, to those in Washington, with cooler, greener and densely treed woods. They've volunteered throughout their lives, continuing that service with Habitat for Humanity and the Tri-Area Food Bank. They lead area hikes and John writes the Port Ludlow Hiking article for our magazine.



August 2023 – David Blessing, whose first real date with his future wife was a three-day Sierras backpacking trip, met Nancy when their parents got together. When David retired from a long career, he just found something else to do, continuing to pursue his passion for energy by working on energy policy with local engineers and technical educators. He's a hike leader for the hiking club.



September 2023 – Jane Navone, who insisted she hadn't done anything interesting, which was not true, and then shared funny stories, like the one about the melodrama *Last*

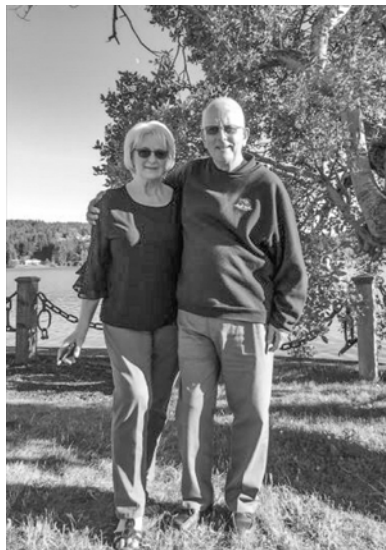
Chance Inn at Calamity Gulch when she was a props volunteer with the Ludlow Village Players. Jane has volunteered with the Center Valley Animal Rescue, Trails Committee, Port Ludlow Performing Arts. She plays bunco.



October 2023 – Dan and Soozie Darrow, who immersed themselves in different cultures during trips to foreign countries. Dan shared his love of sailing and how he’s moved on from large sailboats requiring crews to smaller models operated by radio control. They’re citizen scientists, volunteering with the SoundToxins group and the Marine Science Center. They collect and test water samples from Mystery Bay.



November 2023 – Mark Schwendener, who walks between the Bay and Beach clubs picking up everyone else’s trash, and volunteers with his wife Katie at the pancake breakfast to raise money for good causes. Mark’s childhood was rocked when he was given away by his mother at the age of nine to a childless couple, and that experience ignited a passion for family and friends. He does Mensa level four Sudoku puzzles.



December 2023 – Jack Rigen, who never made it big in Little League but rose high in his company, would go all over the world *after* he retired, called up to lead or support projects for man-made and natural disasters. He and his wife Karen share a love of Paris and split their time between there and Port Ludlow. Jack volunteers with the Trails Committee and the LMC Greenbelt Committee. He can hook rugs.



As you are already aware, we have wonderful and interesting people in our community. It’s not easy to share stories about yourself, so I appreciate everyone who’s been willing to take that first step. I find our conversations quite inspiring. If you want to swap some stories about things that are important to you, or you want to nominate someone, reach out to me at sports@plvoice.org to start the conversation. I can’t wait to hear from you!

Swan and the Smithsonian

by Milt Lum, Staff Writer

It’s not clear why James Smithson, a British nobleman, bequeathed to the United States of America a gift of approximately \$500,000 to establish an institution in his name for “the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men,” in Washington D.C. His largesse provided the foundation for Congress to approve, in 1846, the formation of the Smithsonian Institution, which has expanded to the 11 museums that surround the National Mall today. In its early years the Smithsonian, was managed by a Director, Joseph Henry, and a naturalist, Spencer Baird, who were interested in obtaining specimens of the flora, fauna, and cultural artifacts of the indigenous peoples west of the Mississippi River. To this end James Gilchrist Swan, resident of Port Townsend, proved to be one of the most important contributors.

Swan was born in Medford, Massachusetts. His father, a ship’s captain, was lost at sea when he was five. William Tufts, his maternal uncle, assumed the role of surrogate father and regaled the Swan children with tales of his adventures among the Indians living on the Pacific coast. Swan moved to Boston at 16 to train as a clerk for a shipping company and learned to keep legible and meticulous notes. His first overseas trip to London, at age 23, fortified his desire to travel. Returning home, he married Matilda Loring of Boston and sired two children, a son and a daughter. For eight years he remained a family man, but his restless spirit had not been quenched. The California gold rush provided an excuse for him to liquidate his business and seek his fortune on the Pacific coast. Rather than moving inland to mine, he found employment on the wharfs of San Francisco where, in 1851, he met Chief Chetzemoka of the S’Klallam tribe, who had travelled there accompanying a cargo of timber. Swan guided Chetzemoka around the area, and over the two weeks together they became fast friends.

His appetite whetted for travel farther north was satisfied by an offer to visit Shoalwater Bay (modern day Willapa Bay) and start an oyster exporting business. Swan spent time exploring, befriending the Chinooks, and learning their language. He collected artifacts, learned their customs, listened to their stories, and gained their trust and friendship. His growing familiarity with the local inhabitants, and knowledge of the local tribes, made him a valuable asset to the territorial governor, Isaac Stevens, as he discussed the treaty options with the tribes. Four years later Swan returned to the East coast, a failure as an oyster exporter, but with a treasure trove of notes about the northwest region and its

inhabitants. In 1857 he published *The Northwest Coast or Three Years’ Residence in Washington Territory*.

His earlier acquaintance with Stevens proved fruitful, as he was hired to be a part of Steven’s staff in securing funds for the new territory and developing a plan for negotiating treaties with the indigenous nations. Through Stevens, Swan met both Henry and Baird from the Smithsonian. Baird’s enthusiasm for establishing a collection of biological specimens and cultural artifacts struck a responsive chord with Swan, who was preparing to return to the Washington territory.

In 1859, at the age of 41, Swan arrived in Port Townsend which, from the ship, appeared as “a cluster of buildings on a level sandpit at the foot of a steep cliff.” The town consisted of a two-story brick hotel, a courthouse, warehouse, wharf, and 50 other buildings located on the waterfront and on the bluff overlooking the town. Swan renewed his acquaintance with Chief Chetzemoka and was invited to fish with the chief’s family at Chimacum Creek where he dined with them that evening. Later that spring, he attended a potlatch, including entry into the ceremonial longhouse, to witness ceremonial rites which no white man had ever seen. All of these events he recorded in the diaries he fastidiously kept throughout his life.

From Port Townsend, Swan moved to Cape Flattery, where he lived for three years among the Makah Indians. He learned their language, participated in their ceremonies, treated their illnesses, helped to bury their dead, sketched their art, and tried to educate their children. He had amassed a significant collection of shells, biological specimens, and cultural artifacts, when Dr. George Suckley, a surgeon and naturalist for the Pacific Railroad, met with him in the winter and urged him to contribute some of the collection to the Smithsonian. That was all the incentive that Swan needed to begin his long and sometimes contentious collaboration with Professor Baird of the Smithsonian.

Swan collected for the Smithsonian for the duration of his life, providing natural history specimens and cultural artifacts, despite not being compensated for the expense of acquiring nor for shipping them. His persistence was richly rewarded in 1875 when he was awarded a salary and a grant of \$4,000 and appointed as the collector of indigenous artifacts for the coming national centennial celebration in Philadelphia. That sum provided him with the means to purchase and ship a canoe, a 40-foot carved post, a 30 by 20-foot lodge house, and numerous other items reflecting the ceremonies and lifestyle of the indigenous tribes of the Pacific Northwest.

Swan’s last foray into the field was a fulfillment of his dream to explore the Queen Charlotte Islands in British Columbia, home of the Haida. When Baird introduced the prospect in 1883, Swan, at age 65, leapt at the opportunity, but only if he would be provided with a salary and sufficient funds. Baird supplied the funds. Swan, accompanied by Johnny Kit Elswa, a Haida artist and guide, spent the summer visiting villages collecting specimens and stories. The climax of his journey was a visit to the villages on the western side of the Islands, a region not previously explored

by any white person. Swan detailed his travels and experiences that summer in a monograph which the Smithsonian Institution published in 1874 as *The Haidah Indians of Queen Charlotte’s Islands, British Columbia with a Brief Description of their Carvings, Tattoo Designs, etc.*

Swan died on May 19, 1900, in Port Townsend and was interred at the Laurel Grove Cemetery. At his funeral in Port Townsend, a delegation from the Makah tribe asked permission to attend, where it was reported by the Port Townsend Morning Leader: “The Indians as they gazed upon the rigid features gave expressions of their grief in low moans and each affectionately patted the face of the dead man.” Swan’s association with the Smithsonian insured that the artifacts he gathered would be preserved for posterity. He’d be pleased that generations later, the Makah would have their own museum to display those artifacts in honor of their ancestors, whom he counted as friends.

A Letter to Higbie

by Randy G. Powell, Guest Writer

From “Letters Mark Twain Never Wrote”

Dear Higbie,

I look back fondly, if not disgracefully, on our days as prospectors for that elusive ore known as silver. Needless to say, our efforts at extracting that spurious metal from Mother Earth can easily be the subject of defeat and adventure, as well as misery and jubilation. I remember only too well our first meeting through a written introduction by my brother Orion, another character type that felt I needed a source of income other than dipping into the modest salary of \$1,800 a year he received as the first and only Secretary of the Nevada Territory. He decided I should join you in developing the mining claim that you and he shared in the Nevada foothills. This, of course, led to you and I filing our own claim.

Who knew or even had the audacity to conceive such a notion that we might strike it rich? Indeed, we did! We struck a “blind lead” and filed a claim. We were so excited, and all we were obliged to do was a reasonable amount of work on the claim over the next ten days. I know we agreed to start work that next afternoon, but our friend Captain John Nye came down with a powerful sickness and I rushed to his sick bed. I left you a note, but you, too, had an obligation and threw a note through that darn broken pane and it rolled into a corner. We didn’t find those notes until the ten days had expired. We were millionaires for ten days and never got to spend a dime!

I do believe the true foolhardiness of our venture was when I allowed you to talk me into trying it again. Climbing far up the mountainside above our cabin, we dug and toiled until we had an eight-foot-deep hole in the earth that would have fittingly served as a final resting place. In fact, it almost did for me! You were

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Arts & Entertainment

A New, Unique Kind of Music is Coming to the Bay Club: Call It Electro Swing

by Dave Cunningham, Staff Writer

The band selected for Port Ludlow Performing Arts' upcoming concert at the Bay Club on **Saturday, February 10**, at 7 p.m. is like a box of chocolates – you never know what you're going to get.



Good Co Electro Swing Band

They might call themselves Good Co Electro Swing Band, or just Good Co, and there might be five musicians, or six or seven, or maybe six men and two women, one of whom plays the saxophone, with possibly a woman on the drums. There might be multiple female vocalists, or not.

But this much is certain: it will be unusually entertaining. We say "unusual" because Good Co is the first and only Electro Swing Band in the United States, performing a genre that was recently born in Europe. The band is based in Seattle, and by now you're probably wondering: "Just what exactly *is* Electro Swing?"

It's a unique, new combination of the sounds of 1920s and '30s jazz mixed with the electronic music of today. Good Co uses live horns, vintage samples, and funky beats to create a whole new type of dance party. Since 2012, Good Co has released three albums and has performed throughout the US, Canada, and Europe for music festivals, conventions, burlesque performances, and anywhere else they can sneak into.

It all started in the dingy basement of a Seattle house meant for two (and shared by five), where Carey Rayburn started writing

music as an escape from what he calls his "directionless career as a trumpet sideman."

"Writing my own music gave me something I could control in my life, something that was mine," Rayburn said. But it wasn't until a friend introduced him to the new sounds of Electro Swing filtering in from Europe, that Rayburn felt a real direction for his creativity.

A huge fan of electronica and jazz, it was a perfect fit. And having spent so many nights playing jazz, rock, salsa, and classical in Seattle, he knew just who to call to assemble the band that would go on to become Good Co, the United States' first live Electro Swing band.

At least eight members of the band are listed on their website, including Rayburn, Katrina Kope, Peter Daniel, Joe Eck, Jake Sele, Tim Carey, Shannon O'Bent, and Jessa Campbell.

If you were to ask Rayburn what genre the band plays, he would say, "Electro Swing, Electronica, Dance, Funk, Swing Traversing Funk, Pop, Electro Swing, and everything danceable." And he would name his musical influences as "Caravan Palace, Daft Punk, Parovoz Stelar, Fats Waller, Louis Prima, Cab Calloway, Trombone Shorty."

Born in the backwoods of Seabeck, Washington, a young Rayburn made his escape to the big city of Seattle at the young age of 18 to enroll in the music department at the University of Washington. After receiving his bachelor's degree in "Trumpet Performance" and what he calls his "masters in accruing student debt," Carey struck out to make his fortune in music and started composing his own arrangements, while also managing the band as well as maintaining a trumpet studio in Seattle and performing as a freelance musician and composer.

Katrina Kope studied music performance at Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle, has graced some of the largest stages in the Northwest and has eight albums under her belt. In addition to Good Co, you can hear Katrina in her band Purr Gato and Blood Moon Orchestra.

Peter Daniel is a Seattle native who attended Gonzaga University to earn a degree in physics but spends his time now exploring the relationship between funky jams and dancing crowds. As a musician he plays and tours with several groups, Common Market, ODESZA, and Father John Misty being just a few.

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Joe Eck was born in the frozen tundra of La Crescent, Minnesota, and soon made his way west to Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle where he got a degree in "Percussion." An in-demand drummer here in Seattle, Joe plays for several bands, most notably the metal band Witch Ripper.

Jake Sele graduated with a bachelor's degree in Piano Performance from Cornish College of the Arts and quickly became an established performer in the Seattle music scene. In addition to keyboards, Jake plays trombone, French horn, and tuba.

Tim Carey is a multi-instrumentalist, bassist and composer who received his bachelor's degree in music from Cornish College of the Arts and later taught at the school for nearly a decade. Tim has given clinics and workshops at colleges and high schools around the country and is also an active composer and arranger.

Jessa Campbell is a female songstress making waves in the Portland music scene. Along with her solo work, she also currently fronts the award-winning children's music project, 'Jessa Campbell & the Saplings.' She has toured the world singing with Wayne Newton, performed as a singer on Holland America Line world cruises, and worked with several nationally touring theatre companies.

Brassy, flashy and always a little sassy, Good Co is reimagining the dance music of today by taking the sound and style of the past and flipping it on its head. Get ready for a brand-new sound custom-made to make you feel good.

Happy New Year from Ludlow Village Players (LVP)

by Randy G. Powell, Guest Writer

My New Year's Resolution for 2024 is to get more involved with the Port Ludlow Community that means so much to me – by volunteering!

Wait, I already put in over 500 hours in show planning, prep, meetings, promotion, and performances! I need help! I am seeing a therapist, but if you adopt my resolution, you can help me achieve even more.

Yes, we always need actors, but we need production help even more. You won't be doing any 500 hours. In fact, you will set your own schedules and how much time you are able to contribute. We need a sound person, a light person, a costumer – as well as set, props, and makeup people. We need you! Any of these positions can be shared.

What is a volunteer? Someone who gives of their time freely and enjoys success as their compensation. My involvement in LVP had nothing to do with why I helped find Santa for the Port



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Ludlow Christmas Tree Lighting. I knew that Santa has a big heart and loves Port Ludlow people. I bet you have a big heart as well. Contact me at my personal email shakesbear51@gmail.com and let's talk. Ask me how you can help, and we will figure it out together. Please... we need you!

On another note, we are offering LVP season tickets for the first time. You can buy a season ticket for only \$35 and see both our April and September shows. You not only get a discount, but you also get priority seating with early entry, and you choose which performances you want to attend. Visit our website ludlowvillageplayers.org and order yours today. We are only selling 100 season tickets this season, and the sale ends **Wednesday, January 31**.

Our first show is the blockbuster stage show of *Nunsense* which also became a movie. Trust me, our Little Sisters of Hoboken nuns are the best! The show opens **Friday, April 12** with an opening night gala, silent auction, special refreshments, limited table seating, and is guaranteed to sell out early. Tickets are already available on brownpapertickets.com.

Happy New Year! 2024 is going to be great!

Key City Public Theatre's Professional Theatre Training

by Kat Agudo, Guest Writer

Key City Public Theatre's Professional Theatre training program is back and better than ever, offering winter and spring sessions for all aspiring young actors in Port Townsend and Chimacum.



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Thanks to Kristin Manwaring Insurance, The Law Offices of Steve Dowdell, and the Christa Holbrook Youth Education Fund, we are able to offer scholarships and financial aid on a sliding scale for those who apply. We believe that no student should be turned away due to lack of funds, and we are committed to making theatre education accessible for all.

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Want to Feel Like a Kid Again?

In a way, that's what improv comedy offers. It's when a couple of chairs can become the cockpit of an airplane, a raft traveling down a jungle river, or a covered wagon heading west. The only limit is your imagination. Improv is to traditional theater what jazz is to classical music; there is structure, but with a tremendous freedom to create based upon individual inspiration. The actors take suggestions from the audience and create scenes on the spot in the context of improvised "games" which are often hilarious. No two performances are ever alike.

Disorderly Conduct, Port Ludlow's resident improv troupe, is part of the Ludlow Village Players family. The group meets every other week to hone performance skills and learn new games. There is always plenty of laughter, and it's a terrific way to bolster self-confidence.

The next performance of Disorderly Conduct is on **Saturday, January 27**, 7 p.m. at the Beach Club. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Bring your imagination and a desire to leave reality behind for a couple of hours and prepare to have fun! Oh, and there will be cookies!

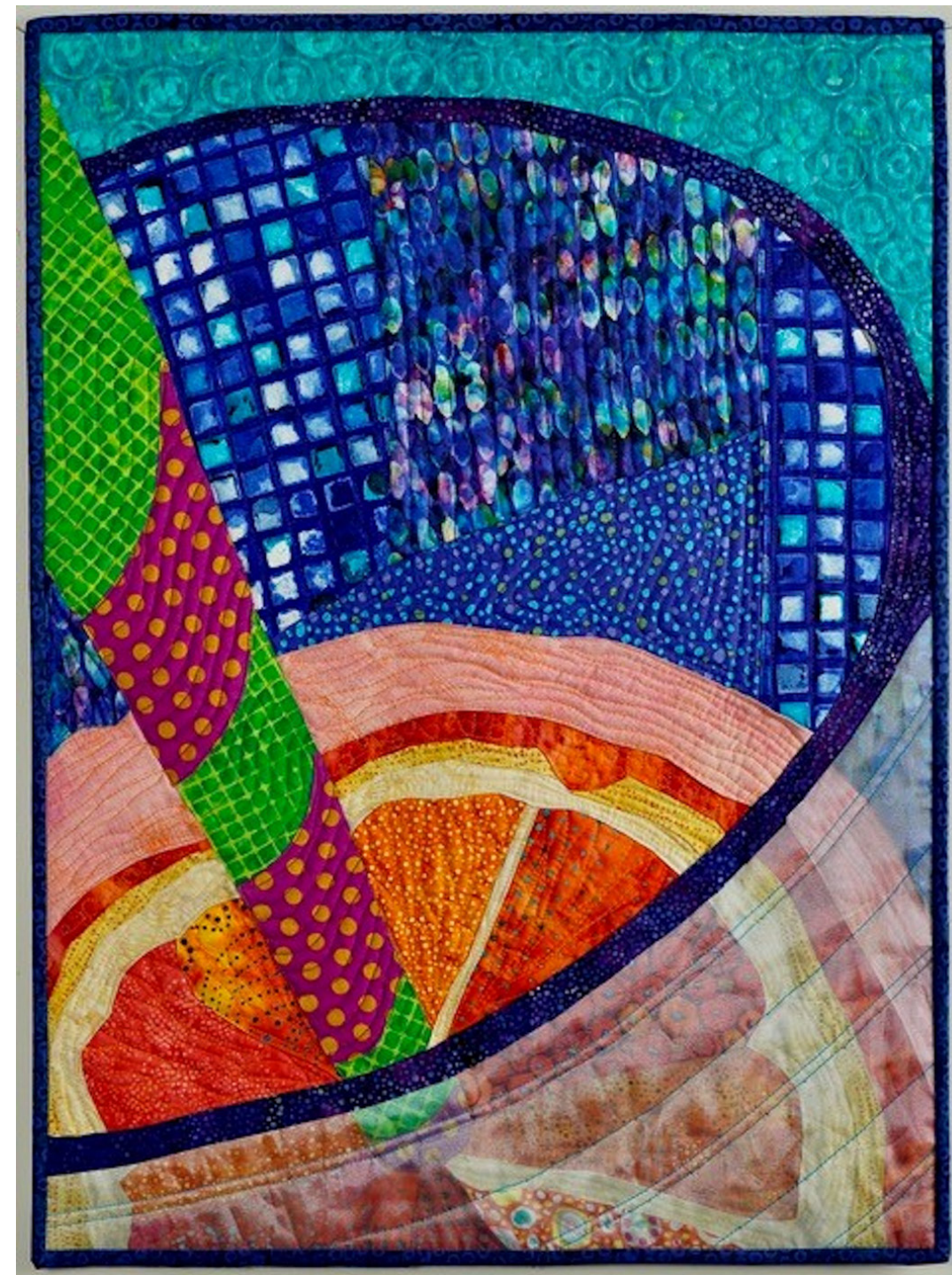
The New Year Brings New Activities at Northwind Art

"To start off 2024, the art exhibition 'Burst of Color' will dazzle people who visit our gallery," said Diane Urbani, Northwind Art's communications manager.

About 100 works of fiber art — quilts, textile "paintings," even a pair of overalls — will fill the Northwind Art Jeanette Best Gallery from **January 5** through **February 11**.



Teaching artist Jim Bradrick, at left, teaches *Intro to Gesture Drawing* at Northwind Art School in Port Townsend. Photo courtesy of Northwind Art



Terri Wolf's "Orange Spritz" quilt is part of the "Burst of Color" fiber art exhibition at Northwind Art's gallery in Port Townsend. Photo courtesy of Northwind Art.

"This showcase of creations from the Peninsula Fiber Artists association has practically every color you can imagine," Urbani said. "Violet, crimson, gold, mauve, orange, aqua, and whole arrays of blues and greens are here."

Northwind Art's gallery at 701 Water St. in downtown Port Townsend is open from noon to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays. On the first Saturday of the month, including **January 6** and **February 3**, the venue stays open until 8 p.m. for Art

Walk. More about exhibits and events presented by Northwind Art, a nonprofit organization born of the Port Townsend School of the Arts-Northwind Arts Center merger in 2021, is found at NorthwindArt.org.

A burst of light, meanwhile, has happened at the nonprofit Northwind Art School at Fort Worden State Park. The classrooms there have newly installed brighter lighting to illuminate the dozens of courses offered this season. For information about all of the classes and teaching artists, see the Courses page at NorthwindArt.org.

Among the classes coming up:

- "Wrap/Unravel" life stories via visual art with Cole Askevold, **Sundays, January 14** and **21**, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- "The Joy of Abstract Art" an online class with Xin Xin, **Saturday, January 20**, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- "Quilting Birds with Abandon" with Robin O'Neil of Portland, **Saturday and Sunday, January 27 – 28**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- "Collage Valentine Cards" with Anne Schneider and Carol Nielsen, **Thursday, February 1**, 1 – 4 p.m.

- "Introduction to Gesture Drawing" with Jim Bradrick, **Fridays, February 2 – 23**, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

- "Make a Zip-it-up Bag" with Evette Allerdings, **Saturday, February 10**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- "Clarifying Your Vision" a hybrid (part online, part in person) course for aspiring and established artists with Jody Joldersma, **Saturdays, February 17 – March 9**.

Port Ludlow Art League

Art at the Bay Club - Metallic Touches

During January and February, the Port Ludlow Bay Club's art exhibit, *Metallic Touches*, will feature artwork created with metal, wire, beads, metallic paint, ink, or leaf. Because metallics catch the light differently at different angles, artists often use metallics to create depth and texture.



Hidden Treasures, by Pamela Raine

The art exhibit is sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League. Be sure to stop by the Bay Club and vote for your favorite artwork.

The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Lane in Port Ludlow. For more information on art exhibits at the Bay Club, please email Alan Ahtow at info@portludlowart.org.

Submit A&E events in Port Ludlow and surrounding communities in Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap counties to brothenborg@plvoice.org by the 8th of the month.

Artists of the Month - The Port Ludlow Art League Board of Directors



Board of Directors and Volunteers

You'd be surprised how many hands it takes to keep an art league alive and thriving. The Board of Directors consists of eight officers and additional volunteers who help install art exhibits and maintain our member communications and website. In alphabetical order, these talented volunteers include Alan Ahtow, Laura Axiotis, Fran Bodman, Shirley Bomgaars, Larry Davidson, Sheryl Goldsberry, Janice Gruber, Jeanne Joseph, Mara Mauch, Georganne Muse, Pamela Raine, Christine Spagle, Cathy Thomas, and Diane Walker.

During January, you can view the group's artwork at the Sound Community Bank and online at portludlowart.org. A reception for the group is set for 4 – 5 p.m., **Wednesday, January 10**, in the lobby of the bank and 5 – 6 p.m. at the adjacent Port Ludlow Art League Gallery. The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. The gallery is open Tuesday through Friday, noon – 4 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit portludlowart.org.

Jeweler of the Month - Mary Lynn Laker

Mary Lynn designs necklaces, earrings, and bracelets in a wide variety of styles and materials, including silver, bronze, gems, felt, crystals, and stones. She favors Asian-themed designs and has fashioned fish, kimonos, and Buddha figurines into a striking collection of jewelry.

During January, Mary Lynn's jewelry will be on display at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery, the Sound Community Bank, and online at portludlowart.org. The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow.



Necklace, by Mary Lynn Laker

The gallery is open Tuesday through Friday, noon – 4 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit portludlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Art League - Upcoming Events

Art Chat – Wednesday, January 3, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Bay Club Conference Room

All members using any medium and at any skill level are invited to share their artwork (in progress or completed), ask questions and/or request advice, and learn tips and techniques used in completed artwork on display.

Share & Explore: Assemblage – Friday, January 5, 10 a.m. – noon

All supplies and instructions are provided so you can see if you'd like to invest in the supplies for this technique. To sign up for this hands-on try it session, please send an email to info@portludlowart.org.

Artists Reception – Wednesday, January 10, 4 p.m. at Sound Community Bank

Meet the artists and jeweler of the month at Sound Community Bank from 4 to 5 p.m. and at the adjacent Port Ludlow Art League Gallery from 5 to 6 p.m.

Acrylic Paint Class – Friday, January 19, 5:30 – 8 p.m.

Join us for a fun evening of painting with artist Shirley Bomgaars. The class provides all supplies and step-by-step instructions to complete the acrylic painting titled *Midwinter Moon*. To sign up for this class, please send an email to info@portludlowart.org.



Midnight Moon, by Shirley Bomgaars

Visit the Port Ludlow Art League at www.portludlowart.org or by scanning the QR code below with your smartphone or tablet.



Recreation & Sports

Exciting Updates to Port Ludlow Trails

by Tim Rensema, Staff Writer

Our two new trails in Port Ludlow are getting much use in the short time they have been open. The new trails are the Oak Bay Trail and the McCormick network made up of the Loop and Rail Trail. Trails folks have put in over 1,900 hours this year to bring these trail concepts to fruition. We have also renovated the Timberton-ABT Connector Trail which was transferred to Trails by the Timberton HOA community for maintenance. Also, the Mt. Wilder-DNR Connector Trail was closed in 2022 due to PLA construction and timber harvest by DNR. We have constructed trails at both ends of the connector to create a new and enjoyable experience.



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Hopefully, folks have had a chance to hike the new Oak Bay Trail. It was a demanding trail to construct with switchbacks and the infamous blackberry wars. Many of us came out of that experience a bit bloodied, but luckily everyone survived. It is listed as a 0.9-mile trail but feels much longer. We worked on that trail

from May to August. It begins on Swansonville Road, and then continues parallel to Oak Bay Road to the fire station and up from the ravine, via switchbacks, to Pioneer Drive, across from McCurdy Lane. If you want peace and quiet, and some really good views of Ludlow Bay, then this would be a great trail to try. It is, however, not for biking, given switchbacks, narrow trails, and some obstacles.

We began the year building the access trails to the McCormick Rail, which we call the McCormick Loop. You can access the trail at Rock 20 off the Timberton Homes Connector. The two legs of the Loop connect into the ends of the Rail Trail. The Loop follows old logging roads wherever possible. The McCormick Rail Trail parallels Ludlow Creek the entire way and was originally a lumber railroad until the late 1930s. While we are not sure when it was demolished, it is possible the rail was removed for steel during WWII. Also at this time, logging truck transport became the principal way to haul logs from the woods to the mill. The cut for the railroad is still visible and, in some places, old pieces of rail can be found. The remnants of the trestle bridge (posts) are still visible on the south side of Ludlow Creek. The railroad then went by the present-day PLA buildings and down to the end of Picnic Point. It is a beautiful trail with some fantastic views of Ludlow Creek. We have installed interpretive signs that provide some historic perspective about Port Ludlow and the railroad. We are in the process of installing benches in key areas along the trail and plan to install a picnic table at the far end of the Rail Trail sometime in the future. In our long-term plan, we hope to build a pedestrian bridge across Ludlow Creek to connect North Bay and South Bay trails without hikers having to walk on the ABT along Paradise Bay Road. This project will take enormous coordination and patience, so don't expect to see it anytime soon.

Our most valued success might be the publishing of a new trails map, due out later this year. We were funded by the Jefferson County Lodging Tax Advisory Council (LTAC) through a grant from 2022. John Fillers, a member of PLVC Trails, has spent hundreds of hours correcting and massaging the old map we had inherited. The revised map will include all the new trails we have constructed as well as more accurate information. One of the key inclusions is a QR code that will be on the map for those who wish to use their smart phones to follow the trail. This will reduce the need to take a paper map along on the hike. At some point we will post the QR code for the trails at every entrance to our extensive trail network. This will take time but will ultimately be of tremendous benefit to the users of the trails.

QR code to access the updated Trails Map



Probably the best outcome from this year's Trails Committee work has been the large increase in our volunteer numbers. This was not just one or two days of participation but, for many, the constant once or twice weekly calling for Fun Day volunteers. Trails has been very fortunate to have the dedication of these folks, and you can thank these new members of Trails for the quality of Oak Bay Trail and the McCormick system. These trails should complete our trails construction (there just is no more room to put a trail!).

Diana Smeland of PLA has been instrumental in her support of us on the construction of the McCormick Trail. The LMC Board provided tremendous support for the Oak Bay Trail. We already have stewards to help report on and maintain these trails, but this should not stop you from clipping those nasty blackberry canes that are reaching out to draw more unauthorized blood. Any help you can provide would be great. When you see a downed tree on a trail, please email Jane Navone, our Chief Steward, at jenpl@olympen.com, who will make sure the right folks can then remove the tree. Our trails are some of the best in Jefferson County, so please use them.

Cruising Season Isn't Over Yet!

by Greg Buscher, PLYC Communications Officer

By simply setting foot outdoors, we know winter is not just coming, it's here. But that doesn't mean there aren't still good opportunities to cruise (by boat or via car) this chilly season. As I write this, a band of hardy Port Ludlow Yacht Club (PLYC) boaters and land cruisers prepare to set off on the Club's annual week-long Bell Harbor cruise. It's beautiful there this time of year. Sure, sometimes it snows, but boating in the snow and clearing your decks of the fluffy stuff is a uniquely fun seasonal experience.



2021 Bell Harbor Cruise, M/V Serenity decorated for the holidays

Photo by Dan Land

PLYC started setting up its yearly cruise calendar in a meeting held December 9. All indications so far are that 2024 will be full of fun cruises, accessible to all members whether boaters or not. PLYC welcomes new members, and we'd love to have you join

us now and engage in the camaraderie and fun of our extensive cruising season. It's a great way to make new friends and use your boat too!

If you are interested in visiting PLYC, please complete the form on our website at plyc.us/visit.



Holiday Lights 2022, M/V Cheryl Lee

Photo by Lori Longo

Winter Golf 101

by Jim Mancill, PGA Head Professional, Port Ludlow GC

It's the never-ending search for more distance. So, let's sift through all those online videos you have been watching in search of the "magic" answer to better contact, more distance, and lower scores. There is some great content out there but let's not get caught being pulled down the rabbit hole. Let's work on some easy areas that WILL work!

There are a number of factors that determine distance, but none is more important than clubhead speed. Try the following this winter for 15 minutes a day. Added speed means added distance.

Stretching – this is the #1 area to work on, and it's a program that we all can do, regardless of our personal limitations. Areas to focus on are our hips and shoulders.

Speed drills – to increase speed, we need to train the muscles to move faster and react quicker. Swinging a slightly weighted club

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will help with strength and lengthening the swing and, coupled with the aggressive swinging of a lighter than normal driver (even just an old driver shaft), will begin to help build the speed necessary to increase clubhead speed.

As always, if you are going to start on a fitness program, check with your doctor first.

Next month we'll focus on your equipment and how it can help or, in some cases, hinder your performance.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! See you on the trails!

Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Chair

A new year already. WOW. This Trail mix will be short because we encourage you to read a separate article by Tim Rensema on page 18.

completion of the wider (stump removal) maintenance pathway.

Also, we are in the process of jumping through any necessary hoops for permits to build a pedestrian bridge connecting the Interpretive Trail to the McCormick Rail Trail. In the meantime, you are encouraged to use the Timberton Homes Trail at rock 20 to access McCormick Loop for a very relaxing hike of approximately two miles. The attached picture is just one of many short waterfalls along the Rail Trail that you can enjoy as well as the sounds of a running stream so appreciated by hikers.

Like to help? Send me an email at mclgscott@cablespeed.com. "Let's Keep Improving our Trails."

Port Ludlow Hiking Club

by John Nuereberg, Hiking Club

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

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. Anyone may join in the hikes; you don't have to be a member of the email roster or club.

Friday, January 5 – Lords Knob and Cedar Creek

Lords Knob and Cedar Creek trails can only be found with local knowledge. These are some of the hundreds of fishing, mushrooming, and exploring paths throughout the National Forest that are not on a map. Lords Knob and Cedar Creek are in the vicinity of Lords Lake near Quilcene. Also, these trails are accessible almost year-round.

Lords knob is a short 1-1/8 miles to the top with a 700-foot elevation gain with territorial views of Hood Canal, Mt. Walker, and Mt. Townsend. The spur trail off Lords Knob trail accesses an old Forest Service road no longer used along Cedar Creek. Cedar Creek is a quiet trail through a forested area that has recovered from a massive forest fire in 1926. It is interesting to see the story the forest is telling, should a person look close enough. Mileage depends on time and weather, with only a couple hundred feet of elevation gain on the old roadway. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. No parking pass is required. Hike Leader: Ken Nelson, 206-369-3561.

Friday, January 19 – Mt. Walker

Mt. Walker is a few miles south of Quilcene, just beyond the fish hatchery. The road into the parking area is closed for the winter, so parking is at the turnoff and on either side of Highway 101. We



Submitted photo

Tim and John Fillers have led crews (without power equipment) to finish developing a hiking route through McCormick Loop and McCormick Rail Trail. Beginning in spring, we hope to begin the

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Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

Happy New Year!

We held our Annual Polar Plunge in the outdoor pool on December 30, and I hope to include some pictures of all the pre-plunge smiling faces in our January LMC e-Navigator newsletter, so check your email.

As we ring in the New Year, there will be a lot of activity in and around the Beach Club. The new heating system is being installed in the gym and should be nearing completion by the end of January. The new system will provide heat and air conditioning as needed and will also include a Heat Recovery Ventilator (HRV) unit that will supply fresh air to the gym while exhausting stale air.

While the new system is being installed in the gym, we are also updating the heating systems in the Bay View room and the two locker rooms. Both systems will have HRV units added. Retrofitting the existing heating systems has created a few challenges, but our contractor Miller Sheetmetal is up to the task.

In December the Accessibility Design Committee (ADC) reviewed architectural drawings that include two options for improved handicap parking near the entrance to the Beach Club, two elevator options for the building, and two ramp options downstairs that will allow for an easy transition from the elevator floor level to the pool and locker room level.

After the ADC has had a chance to discuss the pros and cons of the presented options, the Committee will provide the LMC Board with their recommendations for the project.

Later this year, we have plans to purchase a lift device that will assist indoor pool users in getting in and out of the pool. We have found that there are members that would like to use the pool but climbing up and down the pool ladder makes it too difficult. The new lift will be mounted on the pool deck.

The improved parking, the elevator, lower-level ramp, and the addition of the pool lift is consistent with the Board's goal of making the Beach Club accessible to all LMC members.

We will use future *Voice* and e-Navigator articles to keep our LMC members informed of these and other projects so stay tuned.

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 GM@LMCBeachClub.org.

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South Bay Community Association Update

by Christine Spagle, President, SBCA Board of Directors

And so it begins. A new year has arrived with all its accompanying resolutions (I seem to make the same ones every year), ideas, and most importantly (at least for me), new beginnings. But before looking to future SBCA events, I'd like to take a look, just for a moment, at the past year.

Let's see: monthly pancake breakfasts in support of local charities; food events that included chocolate and prosecco, pasta extraordinary, a salmon feast, and the Holiday Gala; several Jefferson Health Care presentations on medical issues; a Jefferson County Deputy Sheriff gave two talks on safety issues; a talk about the state parks and some hiking safety tips; a presentation on the last potlatch in Port Hadlock; and a really informative presentation by the superintendent of the Chimacum School District on the state of the District. We had a great Memorial Day service that was very moving, a townhall to discuss the area behind the Bay Club building, started the SBCA Members Lounge (that has been very well received and attended), and put a new roof on the Club during July and August ... whew, a lot of activity. A big thank you to all who helped to make these events possible.

The mid-November salmon feast was a big success and the food (prepared by our own GM, Mark Torres) received rave reviews. It couldn't have happened without the help of volunteers who decorated the tables and staffed the buffet line.

The December 8 SBCA Holiday Gala was a festive event with wonderful food and drink. The great room and auditorium were decorated with trees, poinsettias, and a really cool snowman and reindeer - both twinkled! There were many compliments from attendees about the food (thank you Mark Torres), music (cellist Sage Coy and violinist Marina Rosenquist), and general ambiance. Our team of volunteers spent two days decorating: Debbie Cacho, Katie and Mark Schwendener, Peggy Thuotte, Nelson Atkin, Jill Bryson, and Lynn Maier - thanks to all.

What's up next? January events include our monthly Pancake Breakfast, **January 5**, in support of PSO Bluebells; SBCA member Ted Ross giving a presentation about the Naval Undersea Museum on **January 17** - Ted is a retired Navy diver with amazing experiences and stories; Jefferson Health Care on **January 24** talking about nutrition and cooking for one, and the SBCA Members Lounge will reconvene on **January 10**.

Not only do we all live in a beautiful area, but also we have so many local activities available that are interesting, informative, or tantalizing to the taste buds. Come on down to the Bay Club to socialize, learn, or enjoy the atmosphere. And if you'd like to help out, contact GM Mark Torres at gm@sbca.club, we'd love to see you.

Happy New Year to all.

SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting
Thursday, January 11th, 9:30am

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.

Committee meetings minutes are posted at sbca.club, then click on the Board Minutes page.



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Village Council

PLVC Board Meeting Summary

by Tamra McDearmid, Vice President

Board Members attending: Randy Edwards, John Goldwood, Paul Hinton, Dave Jurca, Tam McDearmid, Carol Prisson-Reed, Jason Wright. Absent: Adina Rivers.

Call to Order

President Jason Wright called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. A quorum was present. Robert's Rules for Small Boards is the protocol used, and the meeting is being recorded. Agenda was changed to indicate Jameson Hawn with PUD would not be attending, and the agenda was approved as amended.

Stakeholders Reports

a. Greg Brotherton, Jefferson County Commissioner, District 3

The County 2024 budget has been approved. The budget is \$109 million, the first time ever for a budget over \$100 million. General Funds a little over \$27 million, which are collected from property and sales taxes. A 12% increase for staff compensation over 3 years. County is back to staffing levels for the first time since 2018. Aquatic Center discussions continue. City Council approved an idea that the Aquatic Center steering committee use a county-wide PFD. Commissioner Eisenhower interested in locations outside of Port Townsend.

b. Port Ludlow Associates, Diana Smeland, President

OWSI: the WUTC Commissioners met today and voted to make the water rate increase permanent. **Holiday Lights on the Bay** start December 16. There will be judging of the decorated boats.

The **Parade in the Bay** is December 22. Office or restaurant spaces are available in the Village. The pizza place restaurant will be opening soon.

Committee Reports

a. Holiday Lights, Dave McDearmid

The Holiday Lights on the Paradise Bay Road islands were put up on November 17 with support from Astound, Lakeside Industries, and community volunteers. The Village Center Christmas tree lighting celebration was held on December 2. This was a collaborative effort between PLA and the Village Council and was enjoyed by the 150 – 200 people who attended.

b. Utilities, Dave Jurca

OWSI water rate investigation ad hoc committee reported on today's WUTC Commissioner's Open Meeting.

Board Business

a. Secretarial – Tam McDearmid

Made motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 2. Motion seconded and passed.

b. Financial – Paul Hinton

Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report for November. Motion seconded and passed.

c. Derrel Triplett was approved to become a member of the Utilities committee. Motion made, seconded, and passed.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Features & Stories Continued

Letter from Higbie continued from page 11

the wise one because you would climb down in that pit of deception and work diligently with your pick, loosening that rock and dirt and then giving me the privilege of taking your place and shoveling it out with an infernal long-handled shovel. Perdition awaits that dry goods merchant who sold that shovel to me for shaft mining. You had to practically stand on your head to scoop up a shovelful (half fell out on the uptake) and throw it over your shoulder where the five-foot length of that shovel would successfully hit the edge of the eight-foot shaft and rain down upon your head and the back of your neck. It was after that experience that I resolved I would starve to death before I buried myself alive with a long-handled shovel. I was done mining.

As fate would have it, a letter awaited me at the post office from an editor whose selection of articles had long left me questioning his understanding of what a person is willing to read. He offered me a position as the city editor of The Virginia Daily Territorial Enterprise! Who was I to question his poor judgement further? Therefore, I write you this letter and enclose one dollar as an installment payment of the ten million dollars I may have or may not have lost us by not filing our claim in a timely fashion. Please expect future installments on a monthly basis.

Your friend, partner, and scourge of miners,

Mark Twain, aka Samuel L. Clemens

(Note: Calvin Higbie is a real person that was a lifelong friend for Samuel Clemens. He was a civil engineer that died in 1914. He and Samuel Clemens, aka Mark Twain, lived together in a dirt floor cabin in Aurora, Nevada, while prospecting for silver. Mark Twain, the writer's pen name, was born in Aurora, while Samuel Clemens, the person, was actually born in Florida, Missouri.)

A Gift From God, Memories of a Rescue at Sea

by Peter Joseph, Guest Writer

On March 12, 1983, I was privileged to be the commanding officer of the Coast Guard high endurance cutter *Boutwell* during a Bering Sea patrol. At about 1330 we received a Mayday relay from the sister ship of the F/V *Seahawk* with a last known position off Inanudak Bay on Umnak Island in the Aleutian chain. Once the distress position was plotted on the chart, we transitioned to gas turbines to increase our maximum speed from 17 to 29 knots. Upon rounding the northeast tip of Umnak, we encountered heavy snow flurries with periods of severely reduced visibility, 10 – 12' seas, and a relative wind exceeding 50 knots. As we set the SAR bill throughout the ship preparing to search for the overdue fishing vessel, I noticed, during a short period

of increased visibility, what appeared to be a large black rock to seaward broad off our starboard bow. As the waves dashed against this uncharted object, they went 30 feet or more into the air making it visible to the naked eye but not on radar. Being only four miles offshore the Umnak shoreline and not having a lot of faith in the Bering Sea charts, I opted to turn right and head out to sea leaving the rock between me and the beach. Just as we steadied on our new course, the flying bridge lookout reported through the voice tube that he had people in the water off our starboard bow at a range of 200 yards. With the luxury of gas turbines and variable pitch propellers, we were able to slow and then stop the ship just upwind of their position and close aboard. While recovering the five survivors, I was anxious about being between the rock and the survivors who were being brought aboard two at a time. But as I focused my attention away from the rescue efforts and toward the rock, I realized, looking through the binoculars, that it was not a rock, it was the corner of the stern transom of the *Seahawk* being kept just above water by an air bubble in the vessel. As I returned my attention to the rescue effort, we had recovered all but one of the crew members, I again looked to my left to check on the vessel transom – it was gone! Had it not been for the transom remaining above water, we would have gone right past the survivors toward the initial distress position some 20 miles away. Having been in the 30-degree water clinging to flotsam and each other for over 13 hours in survival suits, their core body temperature was only slightly above 86 degrees, just about the temperature when the lights go out.

This was not a heroic rescue, but one just like many others that the Coast Guard performs whenever the need arises. Nevertheless, how is it with the Bering Sea covering the same area as the United States from the Mississippi River to the Channel Islands, that we were only 40 miles from the reported distress position, that we were capable of 29 knots, that the visibility improved just enough to spot the misidentified rock requiring a prudent course change directly toward the survivors, and lastly, why did the stern section of the *Seahawk* remain afloat until we commenced recovering the survivors who were less than 30 minutes from certain death? For some it was a sequence of fortuitous events, but perhaps it was a Gift from God?

Village Council Meetings

PLVC Board Meeting
Thursday, January 4th
3 - 5 p.m., Beach Club

PLVC Workshop
Tuesday, January 16th
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QR Code Explorer

by Steve Deligan, Photo Editor

Hopefully you noticed the QR code on page 16 that will open a trails map on your smartphone. There are many other QR codes throughout this issue as well. You have no doubt also noticed QR codes everywhere out in public. They were frequently used during the pandemic to replace menus at restaurants and are still commonly used.

QR (Quick Response) codes were invented in Japan in 1994 for the automobile industry but have seen an explosion of uses for everyone since the advent of the modern smartphone, and even more so since the pandemic.

You'll see them at businesses and even homes for accessing local Wi-Fi. We have a sign in our home for visitors to use. All they do is scan our code, and they have access to our Wi-Fi. There are videos available online for how to make such a QR code using your smartphone or computer. (Be cautious as to where you store it in case you have people coming by who you do not wish to be on your network. You can also view online how to make a 'guest network' that is more secure for visitors to use.)

You can make QR codes to access files on your network. You can make them to access your favorite websites, and then have them printed for others to use. There are endless ways to use QR codes.

To use a QR code you'll need an Android phone updated to at least Android system 8 or higher. iOS (iPhone and iPad) users must be using iOS 11 or higher. Open your camera app and select the 'photo' option (not video, for example) and then aim your camera at the QR code. It should put some brackets around the code and give you a small address below it. Click the small address to be taken to the QR code link. If this doesn't work, you might have to adjust your smartphone camera settings.

Below are several QR codes for websites that may be of interest to us in the Port Ludlow area. Some are local businesses that are advertising in the *Voice*, some have useful information, some are just for fun. Try holding your camera over a few of them and tap the addresses that come up.

I hope you find some fun and useful things!



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Kris's Famous Yeasty Rolls

by Shan Oglesby, Guest Writer

As a child, one of my favorite winter foods to look forward to were my mother's yeasty rolls. We have no idea where the recipe came from, but it predates me and was hand-written in our family's pile of recipes by someone decades ago.

They are easy to make if you pay attention to a couple critical steps. A few years ago my niece asked me if I could show her how to make them, as she wanted to take over making them for her family holiday gatherings. So, my husband made a short video of how they are made.

Since this issue features QR codes, there is one here that links to that video. I hope they bring you the same amount of scrumptious joy that they've brought my family for decades. Enjoy!

Ingredients:

- 1 Cup whole milk
- ½ Cup (one stick) butter melted (see video for more info.)
- ½ Cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons salt (This is the original amount, but we often use closer to three teaspoons)
- 2 Tablespoons yeast (Yes, you read that correctly... 2 TABLESPOONS)
- 1/3 Cup warm/hot water
- 2 eggs at room temp.
- 4-5 Cups flour (exactly how much is the tricky bit!)

You'll have to watch the video to see how they are made. There are only a few tricky bits. The hardest to gauge is how much flour to add, but I talk about that in the video.

By the way, this same recipe makes the most amazing cinnamon rolls. Just make a batch of this recipe, and at the point where you would normally form the rolls, you instead roll the dough out into a square just over a foot square. Then brush on a LOT of melted butter and then a generous sprinkling of cinnamon and sugar. You can add pecans too if you wish. Roll up into a log and slice into 12 rolls. Put on a cookie sheet on their sides and let rise again.

Happy New Year!



Kris's Famous Yeasty Rolls

Recreation & Sports Continued

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can regroup at the closed-gate area.

A short hike up the road leads to the trailhead. The hike to the north viewpoint is 2 miles, with an elevation gain of 2,000 feet. The grade is roughly a 20% incline, perfect for helping to keep in shape over the winter. The plan is to hike about a half mile to the south viewpoint, and from there down the closed-to-traffic road, and then back to our cars. Overall distance is about 6.5 miles. On a clear day the views are very nice.

My experience has been that the bathroom at the top is open intermittently, so be prepared in the event it is not open. Hiking poles are a good idea for this hike. We will eat lunch at the south viewpoint. Hike Leader: Ken Nelson, 206-369-3561.

Wednesdays: Timberton Loop. 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 at 9 a.m.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday – 8 a.m. Join the "Trail Club Group" that meets at the golf club parking lot for a self-led walk on the abandoned Old Golf Cart Path Loop trail or other alternative route. If you're looking for an easier approach, try hiking the trail in a counter-clockwise direction so you'll be going downhill on two of the steeper hills.

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Sudoku Games

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The goal is to fill in all the empty squares with the correct number. Each game is a grid of either 4 x 4 or 9 x 9. Some numbers are already filled in. You are to fill in the rest.

A 9x9 square must be filled in with numbers from 1-9 with no repeated numbers in a column or row. Inside each grid are bold lines marking out a 3x3 square, and each of these squares can't have any repeat numbers either.

For those who have never tried it, we've included a 4 x 4 grid as a warm-up for the 9 x 9 games. In this case you must put the numbers 1 - 4 in each column and row without repeats, and within each 2 x 2 grid without repeats.

Start with this 4 x 4 game. It uses the same concepts as the larger 9 x 9 games but is easier to learn.

4	2	1	
1		4	
3			4

Now try this 9 x 9 game. It is an easy/medium game. Take your time, use your logic skills, and make small notes in blank squares for numbers you think might work. Erase and put in the real number when you're sure.

				8			1	4
1	8				6		3	
4		2	3				9	8
8	5						1	4
	2	4		1				
7	9		4		3	5		8
2		8	6	9	4			
	4	5	1					6
			2	5		4		9

Finally, give this 9 x 9 game a go! It is a medium/hard puzzle to solve. Good luck!

			5			8	9	4
			6				3	2
		4	1					
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		7	8		4			
			9	5		7		1

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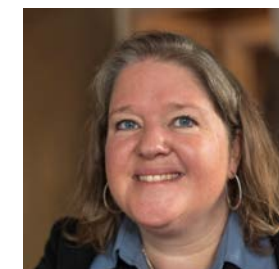


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