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Goodbye and Hello

by Mary Ronen, Managing Editor

The year 2020 has been a long, hard one. We've had covid, crazy politics, and plenty of unrest of all kinds to deal with. People have lost jobs and businesses have closed or are in danger of closing. We have dealt with stress and some of us have lost loved ones. Now, it's time to say Hello, 2021! and Good Riddance to you, 2020!

It is especially time now to work at being our best selves—compassionate and caring human beings. The New Year traditionally is a time to make resolutions, so let's all make one to focus on what is good in our family, our friends, and our neighbors.

I propose that we work together, all of us, towards making 2021 a year of moving forward to a better understanding of each other and to finding peace. Care to join me?

Winter Weather Tips

by Brad Martin, Port Ludlow Fire Chief

The longest part of our winter season usually begins in January and runs through March. Our winter weather often brings windstorms and subsequent power outages. Here are some suggestions from your fire department to get you safely through the winter months.

If you are dependent on life-sustaining medical equipment, register your equipment with Jefferson County PUD. Be prepared to provide them with a letter from your physician verifying the need for the equipment you use. You can reach them Monday through Friday at 360-385-5800 if you have any questions.

- Use battery-operated lights rather than candles if the power goes out. Do not use propane or kerosene-fueled lamps indoors. Outside solar yard lights can be used inside to help light your home if the power goes out. Simply bring them in and place them in a tall flower vase or empty liter-size soda pop bottle. Put them back outside during the day to recharge.
- If you have a generator, keep it outside and run a cord to the inside of your house.
- If you use an electric space heater of any kind, make certain it is three feet away from anything flammable. Be sure to unplug it before going to bed at night.
- Never use gas ovens, gas ranges, barbecues, or propane or kerosene heaters indoors. They use oxygen and create carbon monoxide that can cause suffocation.

- Be sure to put fresh batteries in your carbon monoxide detectors. If you need help replacing those batteries, contact Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue at 360-437-2236 for assistance.
- Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management strongly encourages residents to check their emergency supplies before winter comes. Consider getting some easy-to-fix meals such as soup or hot cereal that can be prepared on a camp stove or grill that is used outdoors on your deck or patio.

Stay warm and safe this winter. If you have any questions, please call me at 360-437-2236, or email me at brad.martin@plfr.org.

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

Alarm Statistics November 2020

Alarms

Fires	2
Rescue/Emergency Medical	56
Service Call/Good Intent	18
False Alarms	2
Hazardous Condition	2
Total Alarms	80

Ambulance Transports

Jefferson Healthcare	15
St. Michaels, Bremerton	12
Total Transports	27

Aid

Aid Given	18
Aid Received	4
Total Aid	22

Bluebills Thank You

The holiday season was a bit brighter for 20 OlyCAP homeless children thanks to the generous giving from the Bluebills and the Port Ludlow community. According to Laura Paul, the Christmas Giving Coordinator, donations topped \$3,000 for gifts for the children. In addition, each family received a fleece blanket and a Safeway gift card.

Kathy Morgan, Director of the Homeless Program, says that, on behalf of OlyCAP, "We are profoundly grateful to the Bluebills who are always so giving to the community in times of need." The Bluebills would like to thank our friends and neighbors who truly embody the spirit of giving, yet again.

Witness King Tides and Help Build a Picture of the Future



King Tide.

Submitted photo

King tides, the annual extreme high tides that occur whenever the moon is closest to Earth, are a dramatic feature of Washington winters—and offer a glimpse of what our future in Western Washington may look like as sea levels rise. This winter provides a great opportunity for people to capture these extreme tides and help scientists assemble a preview of shorelines to come. You can find the date and time of the next king tide nearest you by visiting wsg.washington.edu/community-outreach/hazard-resilience-and-climate-adaptation-old/king-tides/calendar.

It's simple to get involved during the 2020-2021 Washington king tides season and raise awareness about rising seas. Visit mycoast.org/wa to download the MyCoast app onto your smartphone, and upload your king tide photographs from any king tide events around the state. Your photos will help scientists, managers, planners, and your own community visualize the changes coming to coastal regions around Western Washington. To find out how much sea levels could rise in your community, check the most current sea level rise projections by visiting wacoastalnetwork.com/chrn/research/sea-level-rise-research.

The next king tides are coming in January; keep your phone or camera ready. Please just remember to stay safe by watching out for waves and slippery surfaces! The King Tides program is a partnership between Washington Sea Grant and Washington Department of Ecology.

New Panel Discussion Series

Compass & Clock is launching a new directional panel discussion series starting in January 2021 entitled, “*The Road Ahead, ‘Compass Points.’*”

On the third Thursday of each month, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., we invite you to attend panel sessions that are designed to provide you with current information to help you prepare and plan for a healthy future—financially, legally, medically, comfortably, supportively, and pleurably.

The series will be hosted on the Zoom platform so you can ask questions of the presenters. Sit back, tune in, and have a bite to eat while we present to you. The upcoming dates are as follows:

Thursday, January 21: Financial Health—let us help you prepare for your 2020 tax returns.

Thursday, February 18: Heart Health for Women—Cardiac and medical experts will speak to prevention, detection, and recovery as it pertains to heart disease for women.

Thursday, March 18: The Joy of Gardening—Smaller planters, outdoor gardens, starter plants, greenhouses, and more. Gardening wherever your home may be...private residence, senior housing community, or a community pea-patch.

Upcoming topics being considered include: advance planning, cycling health for all ages and abilities, eye health, and the joy of being a pet owner.

To register, please visit compassandclock.com/registration.

Soft Touch Massage Welcomes New Therapist

by Bev Rothenborg, Contributing Writer

Kimberly Wright, owner of Soft Touch Massage, located at 111 Village Way, Port Ludlow, welcomes William Albrecq, Licensed Massage Therapist to her practice. William specializes in deep tissue massage, myofascial release, Swedish and sports massage, as well as trigger point therapy.



He was formerly located at Discovery View Retirement Apartments until that location closed due to the coronavirus pandemic. More information may be found at his website thesoundbodyworks.com, or you may contact him at 360-302-1825, or billsbodyworks@gmail.com.

January 2021 Highlights at the Library



Librarian Scott Bahlman installing StoryWalks® at Jefferson County Library in Port Hadlock.

Photo by Scott Bahlman

The Jefferson County Library (JCL) recently completed three StoryWalk® installations in Jefferson County. Bring your little ones to read *Petra* and *Play Outside* at HJ Carroll Park, *The Pigeon Wants a Puppy!* and *Duck on a Bike* at Brinnon Elementary School, and *Smart George* and *Please Mr. Panda / Por Favor, Sr. Panda* at the library in Port Hadlock. StoryWalks® are laminated pages from a children's book that are installed along a path. As you stroll down the trail, you read the story, or preferably, a child will read the story aloud to you! The installations are created at a child's height.

At the time of writing this submission, the library's *Stay Home and Read a Book Ball* winter giving campaign had generated over \$5,000 of our \$20,000 goal. Participating is as easy as checking out a book or two. Tell a library staff member you want to attend the Ball and you're in! We'll supply the tea or cocoa when you pick up your reading material—all you have to do is go home, read your book, sip a warm drink, and donate what you might have spent at an in-person gala to the library. To learn more please go to jclibrary.info/winter-giving, or contact our new Director of Development, Mark Paxton, at mpaxton@jclibrary.info, or call 360-385-6544, ext. 111.

The library is also hoping for contributions to *Life in the Time of Corona: A Community Art Project*. This is an opportunity to share your experience of the pandemic through an image, story, or poem. By piecing individual submissions together, we can express the grief, hope, fear, resilience, and persistence that is Jefferson County. Submissions are to be created directly on the JCL submission form available for download on the library website or for pick up on the Bookmobile and at the library. Learn more at jclibrary.info/programs-events/coronalife.

Other JCL event highlights include:

On **Tuesday, January 5** from 3 to 4 p.m., the Tech Tuesday class will be focused on how to use eBooks and eAudio-books available free when using your library card. Learn how to access and download materials to a variety of devices. On **Tuesday, January 12**, Tech Tuesday class will focus on the basics of participating in Zoom meetings, exploring features and settings, then practicing with your device of choice.

On **Friday, January 8** at 6:30 p.m., professional librarians host a rousing hour of fun during Friday Night Trivia on Zoom. Multiple choice questions may cover topics such as movies, music, literature, art, history, science, geography, and pop culture. Players compete individually and may seek help from anyone in their household. Winners get bragging rights. Invite your friends, prepare some snacks, and join us for a night of virtual competition!

Thursday, January 14 from 4 to 5 p.m. is the next class in the Idea Hatch STEAM for Children series, *Fly into the New Year with Paper Gliders*. Learn about our region's aerospace industry and talk about drones, gliders, and satellites. See how innovative you can be with your own design! Pre-packaged supply kits will be provided and may be picked up from the library or bookmobile the week prior to the event.

On **Tuesday, January 19** at 7 p.m. on Zoom, enjoy another hour of fun competing at Third Tuesday Trivia Night. Questions will feature science, history, pop culture, geography, and other topics.

On **Thursday, January 28** at 6:30 p.m., join library staff live online for Hygge Night for Adults only. Hygge (pronounced hoo-ga) is a Danish concept of happiness through being cozy and enjoying the simple pleasures in life. Simple crafting materials for woven hearts, paper snowflakes, coloring pages, and a few other supplies will be provided by the library. Space is limited so please register by January 21. An email will be sent to registrants once the supplies are ready to be picked up from the library.

For more information, and a complete listing of events, visit jclibrary.librarymarket.com/events/upcoming.

The Jefferson County Library is located at 620 Cedar Avenue, Port Hadlock. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., when you can borrow a laptop, talk to an information librarian, or pick up print orders and holds. Wi-Fi in the parking lot and website resources are available 24/7. Contact the library staff at 360-385-6544, or information@jclibrary.info.

Housing the Homeless

by Carol Riley, Contributing Writer

The Jefferson County Fairgrounds is home to about 30 homeless individuals. It's not a forever home or a warm and dry home or a home that many of us would choose if we had the choice; but the individuals living there really didn't have much of a choice. The partial closing of the shelter at the Port Townsend Legion Hall because of the pandemic, and the fact that affordable housing in Port Townsend and the surrounding communities doesn't exist, has forced the homeless population into an impossible situation. The current group is comprised of 29 men and three women. Several of them work, some more than one job, but jobs are hard to find and the pandemic has eliminated many job opportunities that used to exist for hourly workers and day laborers.

Conditions at the fairgrounds aren't optimal, but access to a building with bathroom and shower facilities offers some degree of comfort. Driving rain and winds of up to 45 mph have made tent living almost impossible. There have been some negotiations between housing advocates and the Board of County Commissioners to consider opening buildings at the fairgrounds to provide shelter during the winter months, but the outcome of those discussions is still uncertain. Four agencies in Jefferson County have stepped forward to try to make living in the open a little easier. OlyCAP has provided a night manager who supervises the encampment from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. each day. That effort is largely in response to comments from neighbors who have expressed concern about the homeless people living at the fairgrounds. St. Vincent de Paul Society of East Jefferson County has used some of its covid-relief grant monies targeted for rental assistance to provide materials to shore up wind-torn tents and provide wind breaks as much as possible. Dove House Advocacy Services has supplied bags of toiletries and other needed items, and Bayside Housing and Services supplies a hot meal every day at 4 p.m. to each individual. All the agencies are frequent visitors to the site offering much needed moral support and a listening ear.

Bayside Housing, where the list of individuals and families waiting for transitional housing has grown from 40 before covid to 146 currently, has also invested in 12 "tiny houses" that will be set up on the grounds of the Port Hadlock Community United Methodist Church. If you are thinking those charming tiny houses you have seen on HGTV, not exactly. These tiny houses are more like wooden tents, well made and colorful, with insulation, an electrical outlet, a light, a heater and a bed that offer shelter and stability to their occupants. On order is a trailer that will provide bathroom and shower facilities,

and there will be a trailer for cooking and food storage. The pastor, Scott Rosencrans, has been gracious and helpful, and Frederickson Electric, Arrow Lumber, Carl's Building Supply, and numerous skilled carpenters have also pitched in to help defray the cost of the setup.

Housing the homeless is not a problem peculiar to Jefferson County. Every major city and town across the country is struggling to find resources and solutions, balancing compassion, and fairness, listening to neighbors and encouraging businesses social service agencies, the city and county to come together for a lasting answer to the dilemma. Housing Solutions Network has an article in this month's *Voice* with suggestions for individuals, businesses, and government to consider doing their part in becoming the solution to the affordable housing crisis.

New Law Offices in Port Ludlow

Attorneys Amanda Wilson and Michael Haas of Northwest Estate Planning & Probate, P.S. (NWEPP) are opening their new office at 21 Shine Road in Port Ludlow in early January 2021.

The law firm emphasizes estate planning, probate, and elder law. NWEPP represents professional and lay guardians and are one of the few local firms that assist with Medicaid planning. They also represent clients in state and federal court for estate litigation. Amanda and Michael both truly enjoy working with clients to find what works for their families, helping people plan for their future, and protecting their loved ones who are most vulnerable.

Both Amanda and Michael have extensive ties to the Olympic Peninsula. Amanda opened an estate planning practice in Port Ludlow ten years ago after returning from Lesotho, Africa, where she had been a Peace Corps volunteer. Additionally, her parents still live in Port Ludlow and she has a home in Diamond Point. Amanda currently is on the board of the Children's Campaign Fund and an active Rotary member.

Michael and his wife lived on the Olympic Peninsula for 24 years. Michael served as elected prosecuting attorney for Jefferson County from 2015 to 2018, and has served on various boards of directors throughout the years, including the Farmers' Market and J.C. MASH, a provider of free medical services to the poor.

Wilson and Haas are both children of teachers and were raised in Alaska. Amanda received her juris doctorate from the University of Wyoming, and Michael received his from California Western School of Law.

PUTTING HOUSING FRONT & CENTER: A COMMUNITY CALL TO ACTION

Before the pandemic, housing prices in Jefferson County were already the third least affordable in the entire state of Washington. This disproportionately affects our essential workers, many of whom earn less than the county’s average annual wage of \$39,532 and far less than the state’s average annual wage of \$66,156. For housing to be considered “affordable,” the rent/mortgage and utilities must be within 30% of the person’s gross income, meaning the average worker should spend no more than \$988 on housing costs. In contrast, most rentals are between \$1,000-\$2,000 (often not including utilities).

It’s gotten worse in the last 4 months. An influx of newly remote workers and retirees is rapidly driving up prices, putting the stability of our existing workforce even more at risk. While we welcome the new energy and talent that newcomers bring, we need to be aware of the increasing challenges for local workers.

Now more than ever, **affordable housing is key to our health and economic recovery and must be central to any rebuilding strategy.** The strength and future of our community, the health of our families, and the vitality of our local businesses are at stake.

EVERY RESIDENT CAN TAKE IMMEDIATE & CLEAR ACTION

WE CALL ON INDIVIDUALS TO:

- Rent space to essential workers at long term, affordable rates
- Support local housing organizations through donations of time, money, or resources
- Participate in City Council and County Commissioner meetings

WE CALL ON BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS TO:

- Help your employees understand and take advantage of options for long-term affordable living situations
- Commit a portion of your profits to an affordable housing organization or fund
- Actively advocate for affordable workforce housing to local government and business leaders
- Share this declaration with your clients, customers and networks and encourage engagement

WE CALL ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO:

- Seek out and leverage funding sources to prioritized local affordable housing
- Regulate vacation rentals and AirB&Bs in the County
- Simplify the process and reduce the cost of building and rehabilitating affordable housing
- Develop a set of pre-approved ADU plans to promote small-unit development
- Change zoning to allow for higher density housing options in Port Townsend

EVERY PERSON CAN DO SOMETHING TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

HOW WILL YOU COMMIT TO BEING A PART OF THE SOLUTION?

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plvoice.org/breaking-news-2/guidelines-to-submit.

Camp Walker - A Home Away from Home

by Tim Rensema, Contributing writer



Picture of a home in Camp Walker, from the Fireside Restaurant, PLA.
Submitted photo

I have referred to Camp Walker in past articles. It was located principally where the Ludlow Cove homes now exist. Some homeowners there, while digging their gardens, have come upon old artifacts (metal) of the camp. It was a fairly large area dedicated to the storage and handling of the logs coming in from the interior of eastern Jefferson County. McCormick Logging (who bought the Puget Mill from Pope and Talbot in the mid-1920s) had constructed a railroad to access these areas around Ludlow Lake and Sandy Shore to support the Puget Mill. There was a community located here with machinery shops, railroad engine repair, sleeping accommodations, cook houses, and other facilities. Several hundred men were employed at the logging camps, mostly as loggers, but also as mechanics and trainmen. The loggers were three-man teams—two fallers and one man to buck (cut) the fallen tree into logs to be hauled out by donkey engine winches or skidders (engine-operated vehicles to pull the logs). Originally there were two fallers, one on either side of the tree (standing on springboards) cutting the undercut, but later crosscut saws were used. A test of the sharpness of the double bladed axe was if you could shave with it that morning, then it was sharp enough to use on the trees. The undercut determined what direction the tree would fall. Then the two fallers would get on each end of a crosscut saw and cut down to the undercut, then the tree would fall, hopefully where it was aimed to fall.

On May 7, 1926, Talbot Camp, located on Crocker Lake in Leland, was contracted to be built by Johnson Construction. Over 1,347,000 feet of lumber was required from the Port Ludlow mill. The buildings to be constructed were a railroad roundhouse to house four train engines, a large machine shop, forty-eight 4-room and 5-room bungalows, one large bunkhouse—560 feet long and 28 feet wide—and numerous smaller houses. Over eighty buildings were constructed to support the logging requirements of McCormick Logging in this area. Camp Talbot was in use until 1932. All the buildings except for the large bunkhouse were put on flatbed train cars and moved to Quilcene, where they were then barged to Port Ludlow Bay and their new home where Ludlow Cove homes now exist. It was expected that there was enough raw timber to keep the camp in business for over six to seven years. In all probability, only the two coal-fueled locomotives (a *Shay* and a *Baldwin*) used at Camp Talbot were also used at Camp Walker. Two diesel skidders were probably left in the cutting areas inland rather than moved to Camp Walker. Storage of wood at Quilcene was not a good option because the teredos (wood eating clams) would bore into the logs. Logs would be moved to Ludlow Bay, where teredos could not survive in the fresh water from Ludlow Creek. Camp Walker was only in place for a few years, as McCormick lost control of the company to Pope and Talbot, and they closed the mill in 1935.

In *Quilcene Heritage – Looking Back* by Winona Prill, a great description of Talbot Camp, located next to Crocker Lake, is provided by Clayton Bradshaw, whose father worked at Camp Talbot. It is possible given the size of Talbot Camp that Walker Camp may have extended across Paradise Road and into the area where the PLA buildings currently exist. The train tracks crossed Paradise, by the PLA buildings and crossed the intermittent stream (the Interpretive Trail has a bridge across this streambed) on its way to crossing Ludlow Creek and following up the southern side of the creek to Beaver Valley Road. Remnants of the train tracks can still be seen. Nothing exists of Walker Camp except for some good photos in the dining room of the Fireside Restaurant. Also, if you walk out to Picnic Point, you can locate the end of the train tracks by an old wooden bumper with railroad spikes in it. This is where the train could have dumped logs into Ludlow Bay. The track embankment is now part of Picnic Point trail, but then it goes into the Ludlow Cove Cottages

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(and what used to be Walker Camp). You can still see major support cables that cross Picnic Point trail that probably were used to anchor log booms in the cove. If you look at low tide from Picnic Point, you can see a partial reel of cable coiled in the water. Also, at extreme low tide you can see what remains of a barge that was used to tow logs to the mill. A sign out at Picnic Point shows some of the buildings at Camp Walker. When you walk the short section of track trail, imagine how busy this area was in 1930!

What Day Is It?

by Jim Gormly, Contributing Writer

The Gregorian calendar indicates that a new year begins Friday, January 1, although there is no astronomical reason to celebrate New Year's Day on that date. In fact, various cultures commemorate a beginning at different dates throughout much of the year, while the Islamic New Year occurs 11 days earlier each year.

Calendars are the usual way to mark the passage of time, but they have a long history of evolution. Besides observing that the Sun obviously seemed to move east to west daily, early humans realized that it also seemed to have a north-south movement that correlated with the seasons. Knowing when to plant and harvest was crucial for survival, and gave power to those who had that knowledge, so virtually every culture created a calendar.

Archeological evidence suggests that Paleolithic cultures used the moon to keep track of time as early as 6000 years ago. Lunar calendars appeared first, with 12 or 13 months per solar year. A month (moonth?) was the 29.5 days required for the Moon to orbit the Earth. The four-plus weeks of a month are based on the four phases of the Moon (new, first quarter, full, and third quarter), which resulted in the seven-day week, with an extra day or two for a holiday in the early calendars.

A year in the calendar of the early Romans (750 BCE) started in March (following the spring equinox), and consisted of only 10 months, and a total of 304 days. The Romans ignored the remaining 61 days that fell in the middle of winter, which, admittedly, has a certain appeal. The first four months were named for gods: Martius (Mars), Aprilis (Aphrodite), Maius (Maia), and Junius (Juno); the last six names were taken from the words for five through ten: Quintilis, Sextilis, September, October, November, and December. Around 700 BCE, the Roman ruler, Numa Pompilius, subsequently named the winter months Januarius (Janus) and Februarius (Februa, a festival).

Following the winter solstice, days in early Januarius begin to lengthen, so in 46 BCE, Julius Caesar and the Roman Senate proclaimed that Januarius was the first month of the

year, and ignored the fact that the names of the numbered months were now nonsensical. Had they thought it through, we might have lost September and October, with November and December taking their place, and then gained Undecember (eleven) and Duodecember (twelve). Perhaps it's just as well they didn't make that change, and besides, most of us probably don't connect the number with the names of the months. Anyway, following the assassination of Julius, Augustus named Quintilis after Julius and claimed Sextilis for himself; and thus, July and August became part of the Western-world calendar. Adding a leap day every four years, the Julian calendar allowed a drift in the solar year by not accurately accounting for the exact length of a year (11 minute/year error), and by the 16th Century, dates were ten days off. The Gregorian calendar sought to correct it by omitting a leap day in three of every 400 years, and having Thursday, October 4, 1582, followed by Friday, October 15, 1582. This correction (with only a 27 second/year error) works until Thursday, October 4, 4818, when we'll have an extra day. Mark your calendars!

A Short History of Vaccines

by Milton Lum, Contributing Writer

As this issue goes to press, some patients in the United Kingdom have received their initial dose of the covid vaccine developed by Pfizer/BioNTech, and FDA approval of the same vaccine here in the United States is imminent. That vaccine was developed to prevent infection from SARS-CoV-2, the corona virus responsible for covid. Getting a vaccine to market at such a rapid pace is unprecedented and has caused skepticism and anxiety for some people. A brief look into the history of viral vaccine development may help to provide a broader perspective.

In 1796 Edward Jenner's astute observation that milkmaids infected with cowpox were spared from the more lethal smallpox led him to inoculate cowpox pustules into healthy individuals during a smallpox outbreak, and to successfully immunize them against the disease. A century later Louis Pasteur employed scientific rigor and experimentation to develop vaccines for chicken cholera, anthrax, and rabies. Unlike Jenner, he used the offending organism to induce immunity but only after rendering it non-virulent in a process called attenuation. To accomplish this Pasteur needed to isolate the organism, cultivate it in the laboratory, and render it non-infectious without changing its basic structure. These steps formed the foundation for the development of vaccines as medicine stepped into the twentieth century.

The global influenza pandemic of 1918 demonstrated the limits of the medical progress initiated by Pasteur. The killer organism could not be identified using the methods employed by Pasteur, nor could a vaccine be developed, because the cause of the illness was not a bacterium. Two

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years and more than fifty million deaths later, the pandemic ended but the actual biological cause remained a mystery. Another twelve years passed before an American physician, Dr. Richard Shope, while studying influenza in pigs, discovered the filtrable agent many times smaller than bacteria—a virus. Three years later, three British scientists finally identified the human influenza virus in 1933.

Viruses are responsible for diseases including chickenpox, smallpox, rabies, AIDS, ebola, measles, the common cold, polio, and covid. Viruses are totally dependent on a living host's nuclear DNA to reproduce. This co-dependency with the living host insured the survival of viruses through the millennia. Growing viruses in the laboratory in cell tissue media was a significant challenge to the early viral vaccine pioneers.

In 1955, Jonas Salk demonstrated the efficacy of a formaldehyde-attenuated polio virus vaccine. Using cell cultures and attenuated whole cells to form vaccines worked well in the succeeding years to produce vaccines for the varicella, measles, and mumps viruses. However, the hepatitis B virus could not replicate in tissue cultures and forced researchers to seek an alternate path to vaccine development.

Hepatitis B virus, transmitted via blood, blood products, and genital secretions, could be identified, isolated in blood, and broken down into its component parts but never propagated. Using recombinant DNA technology, an effective vaccine for hepatitis B virus was developed and approved in 1986. The development of viral vaccines using gene technology was assisted in large measure by the concurrent research in the Human Genome project from 1990 -2003. That project enabled scientists to map the genetic content of all forty-six human chromosomes. Viral vaccine researchers entered the twenty-first century equipped with a broader knowledge base in gene sequencing and were equipped with powerful computers and programs to rapidly interpret viral genetic components.

Researchers now looked to vaccines to prevent infections which led to cancer. The human papilloma virus (HPV) is a large family of more than one hundred types of virus causing genital warts. Types 16 and 18 are associated with seventy per cent of all cervical cancers, third in a list of cancers affecting women. Researchers were now challenged with producing a vaccine effective against multiple virus types within the same family. They responded by producing a quadrivalent HPV vaccine (against four specific types) in 2006 and then expanded it to one covering nine separate genotypes in 2014. Vaccines are only effective in preventing disease; once infected there is little that can be done to prevent the cancer that results from it.

The reality of the virulence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus is evident in the mind-numbing statistics of mortality and the tragic stories of the survivors. Being infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus is like playing Russian roulette: if lucky, you survive unscathed and perhaps immune, and if unlucky, you die or live as a 'long-hauler' with regrets. The rapidity with which several effective vaccines have been developed in such a short period of time should not be a source of skepticism. This brief retrospective illustrates how vaccine research has kept pace with technology, evolving rapidly to combat such a formidable foe. The skepticism should be reserved for those who do not believe in the old adage echoed by Benjamin Franklin that "a stitch in time saves nine."

Housing Solutions Network in Port Ludlow

by Kay Raffo and Jay Bakst, Housing Solutions Network Members

We have a serious housing crisis here in Jefferson County.

We also have a serious amount of work being done to mitigate it. Both the County Commissioners and the City of Port Townsend declared housing emergencies prior to the pandemic, and the pandemic

has only exacerbated the existing challenges. Some of the manifestations of the problem are clear. People working in the service and support areas cannot find housing. Businesses and nonprofits alike are having trouble hiring and retaining talented workers because they cannot find places to live locally. Even if they could find housing, the costs have exceeded their ability to pay. This includes workers making \$40,000-\$60,000 per year. Ramifications of this even impact us living here in Port Ludlow! Housing prices have increased over the past 2 years. For those of us looking to stay here, increased valuations mean increased taxes and other expenses, making it more of a stretch for many here on fixed incomes. In order to address the magnitude of these challenges, we need some different thinking. That is why the Housing Solutions Network (HSN) was created.

The Jefferson Community Foundation realized that they could use their position as a neutral entity to bring various groups involved in housing together into one network. They called upon people with skills and resources to share, to help create a network to support community-driven solutions to the housing emergency. In the two years since HSN was founded, five Housing Action Teams of volunteer community members have come together to address obstacles that get in the way of creating affordable workforce



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housing. These teams have focused on: increasing community awareness of the problem, “unlocking” unused units, improving the permitting process, and providing financing and support for people hoping to build ADUs.

Over this time, HSN’s Housing Action Teams have created numerous resources for the community available on the HousingSolutionsNetwork.org, web page:

- A video outlining the housing crisis, “Cultivating Community Solutions to the Housing Crisis.”
- A workshop “How to be a Good Landlord” helps empower people who have empty houses, ADUs, or bedrooms to consider renting those spaces out.
- A funding mechanism for people who want to rent out existing space yet needed to make some repairs or upgrades, don’t have the money to do so and don’t qualify for traditional bank loans.
- A survey, with 100 responses, from contractors, architects, builders and home revisionists, provides data that County and City planning departments can use to identify specific changes that can be made to improve the permitting flow.
- A series of webinars about developing Tiny Home Communities.

Covid has hit our small businesses and their employees hard. For those small businesses that make it through covid, hiring and retaining a workforce will be a critical aspect of our local economic recovery. We encourage you to consider renting out these unused spaces to people who are already or want to contribute to our local economy and community. Without available, affordable housing for that workforce, the health and vitality of our community is at stake.

Much work has been accomplished, and much remains to be done. If you are interested in becoming a part of HSN efforts or have questions about renting out your space, please email HSN Housing Action Team members and Port Ludlow residents Jay Bakst at jay@raviyah.com or Kay Raffo at kr788@aol.com.

Just for Fun—Some Fun Days In January

International Skeptics Day is January 13, or October 13, or first Friday-the-13th of the year. International Skeptics Day is the perfect day for the “doubting Thomas.” Perhaps the earth isn’t really round!?! Maybe, the sky isn’t truly blue!?! Does he/she really love me!?!These are the words and questions of the classical skeptic. If you are inclined to doubt things that you see or hear, then International Skeptics Day is for you. What better day to practice skepticism than International Skeptics Day?

National Nothing Day is simply... a day for nothing. January 16—This day is an “un-event.” Do nothing. To say anything more would contradict the purpose of this day. Celebrate this day by doing....nothing.

The Thought for the day: “If you live to be 100 you’ve got it made. Very few people die past that age.” - - George Burns

Backward Day is January 31, a day to do everything backwards. Use your imagination, and Backward Day can be lots of fun. Try writing backwards or reading backwards. Wear your shirt with the back in the front. Eat your meal starting with dessert. Walk backwards, or talk backwards. This day is limited only by your imagination.



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Happy Bird Day to You

by Marie Bogan, Contributing Writer

Quick Quiz: Does Port Ludlow have more (a) birds? or (b) bird watchers? Okay that was admittedly a trick question, but here's an actual, factual one: When is National Bird Day? If you guessed January 5, you win the right to read more about this "unsung" day, below.

Throughout the year here, we get to enjoy a rich diversity of birds ranging from huge great blue herons and bald eagles to tiny chickadees and hummingbirds. But climate scientists have warned that our avian abundance should not be taken for granted.

National Bird Day was founded to celebrate birds while also reminding us that many species are living on the edge of survival. It occurs shortly after the close of the Audubon Society's annual Christmas Bird Count, which actually lasts for three weeks and is one of the longest running citizen-science surveys in the world. Information gathered in that count is used to assess the health of bird populations and guide ongoing conservation efforts.

'It's For the Birds'

On National Bird Day, we are encouraged to go beyond counting or admiring birds and expand our awareness to the common challenges they face. Although we can't protect birds from a variety of environmental hazards, we can try to understand and address some of the threats directly posed by humans. On the Olympic Peninsula, loss of wildlife habitat is an example.

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology has reported the disappearance of nearly three billion birds in North America since 1970. That includes some of our favorite local feeder species such as dark-eyed juncos, whose counts are down by 168 million, or red-winged blackbirds, which have declined by 92 million.

We can all do something big or small to help birds, and Cornell offers these seven suggestions: 1) Make windows safer and more reflective. 2) Keep cats indoors. 3) Reduce lawn areas and plant native species to improve bird habitat. 4) Decrease pesticide use by choosing organic foods. 5) Purchase shade-grown coffees. 6) Eliminate your use of plastics—especially single-use plastics—which are largely unrecyclable. 7) Keep an eye out for birds and share what you see.

Resources for Fostering Bird Life

The National Audubon Society protects birds and their habitats throughout the Americas using science, education, and on-the-ground conservation. Closer to home, our immediate area has some excellent bird-friendly organizations:

Admiralty Audubon Society. (Based in Port Townsend) Offers birding field trips, as well as a regular newsletter with local photos, articles, and birding advice. Information at: admiraltyaudubon.org.

Olympic Audubon Society. (Based in Sequim) Promotes birding and habitat conservation through science-based education, advocacy, and stewardship. Information at: olympicpeninsulaudubon.org.

Dungeness River Audubon Center. (Based in Sequim) Partnering with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, the education center offers a variety of programs for visitors to learn about wildlife. Information at dungenessrivercenter.org.

Discovery Bay Wild Bird Rescue. (Based in Port Townsend) Rehabilitates and releases hundreds of injured birds a year, including baby birds that fall from their nests. Information at: discoverybaywildbirdrescue.com.

And that's just a sampling of our local nonprofit resources. Unlike more urban areas, ours is noted for its welcoming wildlife environment, so it's easy to find many conservation causes here that exist for the preservation of birds.

Why Should I Care?

Humans have a more significant impact on birds than birds have on us, so it's easy for us to undervalue them. But humans are also discovering that we have a lot to learn from Nature, and we ignore it at our peril. Among other lessons, birds can teach us about perseverance in the face of adversity. They can also remind us of our own place in a world that is increasingly fragile.

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Arts & Entertainment

This section features Port Ludlow arts and entertainment events, as well as events in Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties. Submit items to editor@plvoice.org by the 8th of the preceding month.

PT Creative District Announces Call to Artists

The Port Townsend Main Street Program was successful in its grant application to the WA State Arts Commission to fund the *Wayfinding* Infrastructure Project. The project is a commission for designing and fabricating five large-scale Art Markers and a creative sign template for directional wayfinding signs. The signs and Art Markers will connect Downtown, Uptown, and Fort Worden State Park. Review this information on the Creative District page at ptmainstreet.org and click on Special Projects.

The deadline for submissions is **Friday, January 15, 2021**.

The Creative District Subcommittee will work with the Port Townsend Public Works Department, local artists and arts organizations to complete this project. For further information, contact Mari F. Mullen at director@ptmainstreet.org.

Live Theater in Port Ludlow—Start to Finish

by Val Durling, Guest Writer

Ludlow Village Players (LVP) wish you a Happy New Year! We enter 2021 with hope and expectation for you to be able to enjoy live theater again. We have covered the play selection, the audition and the casting process in previous *Voice* issues and now it is time to recruit the production crew who will support the actors and the Director throughout the rehearsals and live performances.

Speaking for the Board of Directors of LVP and specifically for myself, I cannot lavish enough kudos to all the wonderfully talented and dedicated volunteers who have provided the necessary support for the Director, the rehearsal teams and various committees. I also thank our Board for serving in active leadership roles on these crews, sometimes while also being a member of the cast.

It takes a lot of people to make these plays happen as our venues are the community clubs. Many theater groups perform in rented theater buildings and are provided with publicity, hospitality, etc. LVP must do it all. The Bay Club and the Beach Club have been so generous and loyal in their support. We thank their managements and staffs for making room for our productions in their busy schedules each year.

Our production crews consist of Director, Assistant Director, Stage Manager, Production Manager, chairpersons for the following Committees: Set Building and Set Décor, Costumes, Makeup, Sound & Stage Lighting, Props, Publicity and Hospitality. The number of people needed on each committee varies. We might also need someone to create the audience programs, provide cast snacks, work backstage, help with special effects, prompt the actors' lines, etc.

We hope you will start the New Year with a new area of interest. Perhaps you would like to tread the boards (act) or work with us on the crew. We have lots of fun and celebrate after the performances are over with a big party. Contact Val Durling for more information about your area of interest—rkd@olympen.com or 360-437-2861. We'll work together to find the right spot for you.

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Portraits Group Art Show— Online at portludlowart.org



Sea Raven, by Janice Gruber.

Submitted photo

This month's group art show was inspired by the United Kingdom's 2020 Portrait Artist of the Year series that you can view on YouTube. The series features nine artists, both professional and amateur, tasked with painting a portrait of a celebrity in a four-hour sitting. The most interesting aspect of the competition was the vast array of styles and mediums the artists used to capture the essence of their celebrity. Styles included realistic, abstract, impressionistic, caricature, surreal, pop, and simple outlines. Mediums included oil, acrylic, watercolor, colored pencil, graphic, pastel, and ink.

Members of the Port Ludlow Art League will use a variety of mediums to translate their interpretation of portraits for the January online art show.

To view the online art show, please visit portludlowart.org. If you'd like to purchase any of the artwork, please email info@portludlowart.org to make a sales appointment with the artist.

Port Ludlow Art League

Artist of the Month – Pamela Raine



Fissure, by Pamela Raine.

The Port Ludlow Art League hosts weekly critiques via Zoom for those artists interested in abstract art. These critiques act as the impetus to grow as an artist and create art during the pandemic.

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Pamela’s latest artwork includes paintings in two different abstract styles: traditional abstract art and abstract landscapes. Traditional abstract art achieves its effect using shapes, forms, colors, and textures. Abstract landscapes are often an abstract interpretation of a real or imagined landscape.

In January, Pamela will display her artwork at the Sound Community Bank and online at portludlowart.org. If you’d like to purchase her artwork, please email info@portludlowart.org to make a sales appointment. The Sound Community Bank is located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow.

Jeweler of the Month – Katie Jablonski

Katie 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 north-western inhabitants of the land and sea.



Necklace over bronze sculpture, by Katie Jablonski.

Submitted photos

Katie works with a variety of precious and semi-precious minerals and gems from raw opals to crystals. Silver, copper, and bronze is casted using the lost wax process in a kiln and is sometimes included in her wire wrapping and

beading. Enamels are layered to create earrings, pins, and uniquely inspired objects of art. Repousse is used to bring depth, textures, and details.

You can view Katie’s latest jewelry at the Sound Community Bank and online at portludlowart.org. If you’d like to purchase her jewelry, please email info@portludlowart.org to make a sales appointment. The Sound Community Bank is located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow.

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Answer: Sadly, there is no crystal ball that can provide a failsafe look at the future. However, I believe that housing prices and demand in our area will continue to increase. Here is why.

Retiring baby boomers (those born between 1946 – 1964) are still 'fueling' our market as they find our communities very desirable. Our weather is mild, and our scenery is spectacular and diverse, with many outdoor recreational opportunities just a 'stone's throw' away. We are relatively free from traffic congestion, major crime, urban density, and forest fires. We have all the ease and charm of a small town but with enough services, including improved health care, to provide a competitive "trade-off".

These is also an increase in the number of Buyers who are still working but are able to telecommute from home. The pandemic has caused many people to look at what matters most in their lives. Home, and its location, has never been more important. With the current changes in the workplace many employees are now able to work from home via telecommuting.

Interest rates are at almost record lows and many experts like Freddie Mac are forecasting low interest rates for the foreseeable future. Our prices still seem affordable to buyers who are moving here from Seattle, California and other urban areas across the country.

Just as with stocks and bonds, it is almost impossible to perfectly time the market. In Port Ludlow, a house purchased at the height of the market in 2007, before the recession, is now worth between 23% more than it was in 2007. So, in other words, over time, property values continue to rise making now the best time to buy.



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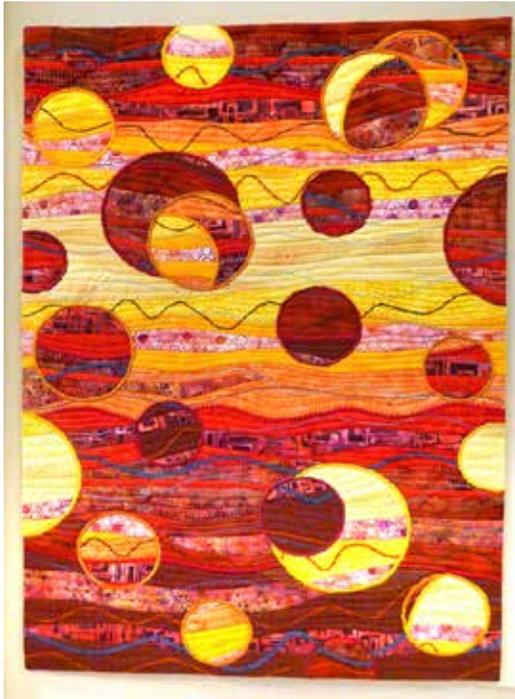
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Spotlight

“Oh My, What A Beautiful Quilt!”

by Jan Knodle, Guest Writer

“Look at the colors in this one!” and “How did she do that?” are just some of the remarks made as people walk down the Bay Club’s Gallery Hall when Quilters by the Bay (QBTB) hang their quilts at the annual Quilt Show and Craft Sale.



Fireballs.

were doing. It was held in the craft room with the quilts hung over tables and chairs, giving way to the much larger Quilt Show and Craft Sale which has lasted over 20 years. It is now a “must” for the community to come in October or November and buy needed gifts for family or friends without going to the mall. Beautiful and colorful quilts, large and small, hang in the Bay Club’s Gallery Hall while the Craft Room is full of a variety of quilted items including baby quilts, table-toppers, lap quilts, potholders, table runners, aprons, wine covers, kitchen sets, wearable art, bags of all kinds, and yes, even a large quilt or two, all for sale.

This is also the time for QBTB members to display quilts going to organizations such as Hospice, the Cancer Center at Jefferson Community Hospital, Social Services, Domestic Violence in Port Townsend, and some “just feel good” quilts that are given to friends and neighbors who need a little warmth and cheer. As usual, 10% of sales go to the Local Food Bank. If there is a Raffle Quilt to give away, all ticket sales again benefit the Food Bank. Not every year does the group get a Raffle Quilt made, but when they do, the response from the community is spectacular. Initially, the group took the proceeds from the Raffle sale and created baskets for Jefferson County people needing help at Christmas time. The baskets included food, quilts, clothing, toys, and various small sundry items; but after 10 years, the decision was made to give the money directly to the Food Bank. It seemed the easiest way to get the money and more food to those in need. Plus, by this time, the group was an aging body of workers and hands were getting a little stiff!

In February 1996, Monica Martin and Judy Danberg put out a signup sheet at the Bay Club asking people if they were interested in forming a quilt group. About 100 people signed up but only twenty people came to the first meeting. Starting with a very few experienced quilters and a lot of “wannabes,” the group has maintained about 10 to 15 members over the past 24 years, adding new quilters as the older ones sadly left us. Today, only Monica, Judy, and Nancy Green remain as original members. With each new member the group learns different techniques, the newest materials on the market, patterns old and new, easier ways to do things; all while enjoying coffee, cookies, and laughter. For special techniques, the club will bring in talented instructors to teach things like “machine quilting” or “quilt as you go,” and even fabric dyeing. The group has found that it is fun to have members bring to the meetings ideas and techniques they have learned and, they in turn, teach the other members how to do something new. Two of the newer members, Shirley Sandoz and Lori Goddard, have some special skills and are always ready to help teach the group new tricks or give their advice. In fact, every quilter is willing to give advice on a project or share a piece of material to bring a quilt project together.

In their first year, the quilters put on a small show to let people see what they



Gentle Giants.

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Medallion.

Not having a Raffle Quilt each year doesn't diminish the giving from the quilters. QBTB supports many needs both inside and outside of the local area. The Project Linus quilts for hospitalized children, spearheaded by Mary Lou Wentworth, began a long list of giving. Other giving projects included resources for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, supplies and fabric for the Santa Rosa, California Quilt Guild burned out by fires in 2017, and clothing to the victims of the Camp Fire in California in 2018. Locally, the Chimacum Middle and High Schools received supplies for their sewing department, a project headed by Judy Danberg. Lovingly made children's quilts for the Sheriff's Department were made for them to carry in their patrol cars for those times when a little warmth and love is needed for children with whom they interact in times of emergency.

The club put forth a strong effort to provide Valor Quilts to U.S. Military members at Madigan Hospital. The children of the crew members of the USS Ronald Reagan received photo quilts, a project led by Jeanne Draft. In a modern quilting bee effort, a special quilt was made and donated to Habitat for Humanity for their fund-raising efforts, and a special quilt

along with some needed help was given to the burn patient who worked in Port Ludlow. A quilt and wall hanging was also donated to our own Bay Club to raise funds for facility improvements.

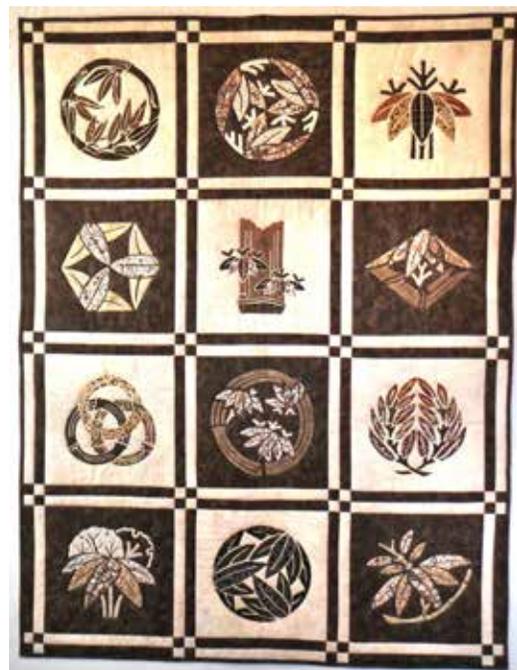
"All work and no play" sometimes makes quilting boring, but the members have many remedies for that. Helen Nugent, a member who did not sew, became the club "ironer" and to celebrate her 80th birthday, a surprise "memory" quilt was given to her at an afternoon party. Members never shy away from food! They host many lunches for departing members or just to get out and not have to cook. Road trips are also a favorite, and like most quilters, they can't pass a fabric store or quilt show without stopping. They also participate in "hot block of the month" contests which internally celebrates the talent of the club members. Even making place mats for another club member allows the quilters to show their creativity. This last year, each member made a table runner representing a month of the year which was then displayed on the Bay Club Hall. This was a fun project and since these were small, each quilter could use her imagination and lots of colorful material to cheer up people walking down the hallway.

In the future, members want to continue and expand on providing quilts to display in the Craft Room, and complete projects to give to community members which provide a bit of comfort when needed. Another project the club started is to keep a small supply of quilts so that people in the area can come and get a baby quilt, lap quilt or needed gift without going to town. Expanding the club membership to all those interested in the quilting craft is another goal of QBTB. The lockdown has put a stop to all meetings, but when the Club opens again, the quilters will be in the Craft Room every Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. or later if they are working on a great new project or even, just to visit. Stop and see them: there is joy in having people look and ask about the quilts in progress.

Quilting can be casual, compulsive, funny, or serious, but ALWAYS community focused and very giving. There is a quilter's blessing by Judy Houghton that describes quilters' focus and love of the art:

"QUILTERS BLESSING"

- May your Bobbins be full and overflowing.
- May your Stash be rich, colorful and abundant.
- May your Stitches-in-the-Ditch be even and straight.
- May you always be comforted by the warmth and joy of a Handmade Quilt.
- And may your heart be "Joyfilled" and your life "Sew Blessed."



Bamboo Kamon.

Submitted photos

In closing, Quilters by the Bay thanks all those in the community who have donated fabric and notions to our "stash." These donations help keep our craft and charitable donations alive.

Edibles

by Carol Riley, Contributing Writer

Gina Landon has been in the restaurant business since she was 14 years old. Her dad had a restaurant, and she has continued to work in the restaurant business all her life. After eight years as the manager of the soda fountain at Don’s in Port Townsend, Landon decided it was time to open her own restaurant. She opened Farm & Sea Grill in Port Hadlock in the building formerly home to Scampi and Halibuts. Timing is everything, and the journey has been a difficult one. The pandemic has made it difficult for Landon to bring her dream of serving fresh local meats and seafood to the community.

After opening the doors in June, the restaurant has had to make adjustments to the menu and dining accommodations. Dine-in means taking a seat on the heated porch, a comfortable option many days. Many of the original menu items, especially the fish and seafood, don’t translate well to take out when customers have to travel 15 or 20 minutes to get their items home. Take out continues to be the mainstay of the business, but Landon is depending on her temporary menu, heavily dependent on burgers and sandwiches, which hold up much better for travel. I put the burgers to the test recently. The 7-ounce Grass Fed Angus Burger with fries and a pickle, and the Black Bean Chipotle Garden Burger made it safely home to Port Ludlow and were still warm, generous, and delicious.

Another visit to the porch on a sunny afternoon tested the clam chowder and the fried calamari. The clam chowder was creamy with a generous amount of tender clams and potato. The calamari was tender and nicely browned with a tasty side of tartar sauce. Like so many of our local restaurants, holding on is the challenge, and I look forward to a day when Landon’s expanded menu comes to fruition.

A word to the wise: don’t ask for the seafood stew, a menu option at Scampi and Halibuts. Alas, the recipe is “proprietary,” but the clam chowder is delicious and who knows what the future might hold?

Meet Your Firefighters

by Ron Dawson, Guest Writer



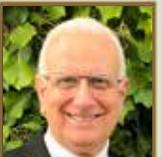
Meet Lieutenant Lonnie Reynolds of Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue. He has been a Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician for twenty-six years. Born in Stuttgart, Germany, where his father was in the Army, he grew up in Burlington, Iowa, before moving to our area. He was encouraged to be a firefighter by his Boy Scout leader and began as a volunteer.

Lonnie has three adult sons who are all Eagle Scouts. Each of his sons either played college football or were named to the Washington All-State Team. Away from work, Lonnie is involved in scouting, supports Camp Parsons, and volunteers for the Quilcene Rangers football team as a sideline medical person.

The best part of his job is working with other firefighters, who he says are great men. The hardest part of the job are the calls to severe trauma cases, usually auto accidents. He has special memories of people who have come to the fire station to give their personal thanks for the assistance given at some of those serious accidents.

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Village Council

Holiday Lights

by Dave McDermid, Guest Writer



Putting up holiday lights along Paradise Bay Road.

Submitted photo

The Port Ludlow Village Council is again pleased to bring beautiful holiday lights to our wonderful village. Thanksgiving evening ushered in the start of the holiday season with the annual lighting of the trees along the median strip of Paradise Bay Road at the Village Square. This tradition began with the hanging of sparkling lights on November 20, thanks to the hard work of Holiday Lights Committee members, chaired by Dave McDermid. Those lights get up into the high branches with the help of WAVE Broadband and their generous donation of four “cherry picker” trucks and operators, and the helping hands of 11 hardy community volunteers. The wearing of face masks and appropriate social distancing were practiced throughout the effort. Also keeping the crew safe was the traffic control services donated again this year by Lakeside Industries. Thanks also to area businesses and residents who donated through the fundraising efforts of Terry Umbreit. We wish to call out one extraordinary donation made by Terri Ross that allowed us to replace our many worn out lights to give you a brighter welcome to our long winter nights.

Village Council Meetings

Board Meeting

Thursday, January 7

2:45 p.m., Video Conference Call

Virtual Access Code 389 672#

Online: join.freeconferencecall.com/villagecouncilconference

Or Phone: 339-207-8391

Workshop Meeting

Tuesday, January 19

2:45 p.m., Video Conference Call

plvc.org

Village Center Christmas Tree

by Phyllis Waldenburg, Guest Writer



Santa and the Village Christmas Tree.

Submitted photo

Santa took time out from his busy schedule to light the Christmas tree in the Village Center again this year. Wearing his mask to be safe, Santa said he was sad that he would

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miss seeing everyone at a festive community gathering, but he looks forward to many more years when the community can join him again like the event in 2019, when we had caroling by the Chimacum High School Choir, hot apple cider, chocolates, candy canes, and the community joined in a sing-along. Again this year, the beautiful tree was provided by Port Ludlow Associates and decorated by Port Ludlow Village Council members. Wishing you a safe and happy Holiday Season!

Board Meeting Summary

by Sally Franzel, PLVC Board Secretary

At the December 3, 2020, Port Ludlow Village Council Board Meeting, the following reports were given:

Greg Brotherton, County Commissioner

Brotherton gave a brief update on the increase of covid cases in Jefferson County and thanked residents for their continued participation in the Stay Local, Stay Safe, Social Distance and Mask Up protocol. He then introduced Jeff Chapman, the Jefferson County Assessor since 2014, who provided an update on Port Ludlow property revaluations for the 2021 Tax Year.

Chapman said that in order to expedite responses to market fluctuations, the County was permitted to perform reappraisals on an annual basis with a physical inspection on a six-year basis. The county has been divided into 6 geographical areas with Port Ludlow in revaluation area 3. A physical evaluation was conducted in Port Ludlow in 2016 and will be repeated in 2022. The approach most commonly used for residential properties is the 'market approach' where properties, which were comparable and had recently sold, were used to establish value. This could be supplemented by the 'cost approach' which uses identifiable material and labor costs plus depreciation when appropriate. Chapman commented that the fastest growth in residential values was being experienced in the City of Port Townsend with high demand from California and the Seattle area. Port Ludlow has also experienced increased growth in 2020 with a median assessed value of \$423,000. In addition to revaluation of existing homes, the assessor's office has responsibility for the valuation of new construction. Permits for new construction during the year were flagged and, after confirmation that the permit had been acted upon, the property will be assessed.

Robert Chanpong, Chair, Utilities Committee

Chanpong outlined Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc.'s (OWSI) pending project to drill a new water well on their Walker Way property. The well will be tied into the existing infrastructure. OWSI wants to maintain a certain level of assured water supply to the community, and the

new well will replace an underperforming well which had mechanical problems that could not be efficiently remediated. The project consists of two steps. First, a pilot well will be drilled to confirm that the water from the aquifer is safe, and geologists will be on site to monitor the samples. Once OWSI is confident the well location is free of any contamination, the service well will be drilled. Chanpong confirmed that should the pilot well prove to be contaminated, those well costs will not be passed on to the rate-payers. The Department of Ecology is currently evaluating the proposed site, and the timing of the project depends on receiving approvals from both the Washington Department of Ecology and Jefferson County.

Bill Dean, Chair, Emergency Management Committee

Dean presented the Port Ludlow Neighborhood Emergency Plan (NEP) which, once approved by the Board, will be posted on the Emergency Management Committee page of the Village Council website as a resource for residents before and during an emergency. The objective of the Plan is to provide a framework for the EM Committee to prepare for and respond to the challenges of a major emergency within Port Ludlow. The proposed audiences for the NEP are the Board, the EM Committee, block captains, Port Ludlow residents, and the Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management (DEM). The plan has been developed using the model from DEM and input extracted from other community plans in the county, the State EM organization, and FEMA. The plan was then localized by committee members for the unique aspects of Port Ludlow.

The first nine pages of the forty-four-page NEP provide an overview including an explanatory flow chart of communications amongst the various entities involved. After understanding the overview information, residents can obtain more detailed information from the various appendices. Dean stressed that the plan is not static, but rather a living document that will be posted on the PLVC website and individual sections will be continually updated to provide an up-to-date resource for the community to use.

Dean thanked Kim Moffitt, the previous EM Committee Chair, and the two neighborhood coordinators Pat Lohrey and Mike Towner, along with members of the committee for the time and effort in producing this detailed resource for the community.

Allan Kiesler, Chair, Roadway Safety Committee

Kiesler provided an update on proposed traffic safety improvements in Port Ludlow. These included the lowering of speed limits on certain portions of Paradise Bay Road and Oak Bay Road together with action required to improve the dangerous four-way stop at Oak Bay Road, Paradise Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive to make it safer for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. The Department of Public Works is planning a public hearing

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which should be held in January. Prior to the hearing, the Village Council plans to hold a webinar for residents explaining the traffic consultant's findings and the proposed safety improvements.

Festive Celebrations

As the holiday season comes to an end, the Village Council would like to thank all those residents who have contributed time and effort to making the season as festive as possible. Many of us enjoy the tradition of the holiday lights along the median on Paradise Bay Road, and thanks to the efforts of Dave McDearmid, his ten volunteers, WAVE, and Lakeside Industries, the lights were installed again this year. All the lights twinkled a little brighter thanks to residents' donations to the Holiday Lights Fund which enabled the purchase of additional new lights. The new tradition established last year in the Village Center was continued thanks to the donation by Port Ludlow Associates of a beautiful Christmas tree which was decorated and lit by Santa and his volunteer elves. We hope that these festive touches brought much needed smiles to residents during this holiday season.



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Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

As was previously reported, Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) held its 2020 Annual Member Meeting on November 14 at which Viktor Gecas, Austin Kerr, Mike Nilssen, and Bob Shaw were elected to the LMC Board of Trustees. At the November 19 Board of Trustees' meeting, the board voted to approve the following officers: Allan Kiesler, president; Mike Nilssen, vice president; Bob Shaw, treasurer; and Jodi McDaniel, secretary. Continuing to serve on the board are Ashley Avery, Teddy Clark, and Linda Haskin.

For those members that were not able to watch the 2020 Annual meeting presentation via Zoom Webinar, a PDF copy of the presentation slides are available on the LMC website at lmcbeachclub.org/documents/2020AnnualMeetingPresentation.pdf.

Due to the covid pandemic, the Beach Club and its amenities have been closed to our members since March of 2020. Every month I report in this publication and in LMC's monthly *e-Navigator* newsletter some of the improvements that have been made to the facility during the shutdown. The staff that we still have working has done a lot in and around the Beach Club. Everything has been cleaned, nearly every room has been repainted, the spa has been repaired and retiled, and new flooring has been installed in several areas of the Beach Club.

This month I want to recognize and thank the 30 plus volunteers who continue to serve your North Bay community as board and committee members. Even though our building is closed the Architectural Control Committee, Greenbelt Committee, Operations Committee, Communications and Member Enrichment Committee, Elections Committee and the Finance Committee members continue to do what needs doing for the betterment of our members. Thank you for your service!

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.

Important Dates

LOA Meeting

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SBCA Update

by Bartholomew Clark, SBCA President

Happy New Year 2021 to All. As you may have noticed, invoices for SBCA's 3rd fiscal quarter dues indicate a reduction from \$240 to \$200. After reviewing the financials, both current and projected, the SBCA Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to authorize a \$40 reduction in dues for the first quarter of 2021. The Finance Committee and the Board will continue to analyze SBCA's financial health in considering whether to extend this reduction beyond the reduction for this quarter. This is just one of several factors we must continue to consider as we work to maintain and improve the financial status of SBCA for years to come.

As news on the covid vaccine front continues to be positive, the Board looks forward to hopefully being able to reopen the Bay Club at a safe, appropriate time in 2021. There will be several important criteria for us to consider when and how the Club is reopened. Have members of the Port Ludlow and SBCA communities had access to one of the vaccines becoming available? Have they been able to receive both the first and second inoculations? What sort of SBCA policy will need to be in place to maintain a safe Bay Club environment if some members choose not to be vaccinated? Dealing with such issues involving currently unknown information will continue to keep your Board on their toes as we begin our journey through 2021. Please, everyone, stay safe! We all look forward to getting back to something that resembles normal life. All the Best.

Welcome to South Bay

The South Bay Community Association (SBCA) welcomes our new neighbors—even if we are forced to stay six feet apart. We are glad you're here, and we hope to meet you at one of our monthly socials when the Bay Club reopens and sizable gatherings are permitted. To learn more about SBCA, please visit plsbca.org.

SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting
Friday, January 8, 9:30 a.m.

Plans are for a virtual meeting.
 To join by phone, dial 339-209-6193.
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Committee Meetings
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Recreation & Sports

Port Ludlow Hiking

by Dan Darrow, Hiking Club

At the time this information is being prepared, we do not know the status of the “Stay Home/Stay Healthy” guidelines for covid as it relates to organized hiking groups, car-pooling, etc. Note that those who have chosen to join a hiking event have followed CDC guidelines for outdoor recreation. Now that we are into the winter season, the excursions will be closer to home base.

Those on the hiking email roster will receive an update the week of a scheduled outing. If you would like to be added to the email roster, send a note to desdarrow@olympen.com.

Everyone is encouraged to get outside on their own at any time and explore trails here in Port Ludlow or elsewhere as appropriate!

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

Friday, January 8 – North Kitsap Heritage Park

Enjoy a winter walk. This is an easy hike of approximately four to six miles. Explore this park on trails named Spine Line, Ravine Run, Forked Tongue, and Beaver Ridge. Consider stopping in Port Gamble for lunch after the excursion. Information: Dan Darrow 360-437-9208

Friday, January 22 – Ueland Tree Farm

Explore this active tree farm that has trails open to the public. Expect an easy to moderate hike of five to seven miles. See waterfalls and an 800 ft. elevation gain to Zach’s lookout for a panoramic view of the Olympics and Hood Canal. Information: Gary Hicks: 510-566-2401

Every Wednesday: 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 9:00 a.m.

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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 pictures of previous hikes and other destinations, check out portludlowhikingclub.com

Port Ludlow Yacht Club (PLYC) Women’s Group Raises \$7000 to Fight Hunger

by Lori Longo, PLYC Commodore



Ladies with Style at the PLYC Women’s Group Fall Fundraiser (October 2019).

Submitted photo

The Port Ludlow Yacht Club Women’s Group, established in 2006, focuses on welcoming new members, building camaraderie, and community support. Typically, the group enjoys several outings throughout the year and a fall fundraising event to support our local community. Although all our gatherings were canceled this year, moving the annual fundraiser to a month-long, online event produced fabulous results. Members responded to the call to fight hunger in our community with generosity, raising \$7,000. The funds will go to Chimacum Backpacks for Kids (60%) and Tri-Area Food Bank (40%). Special thanks to the 2020 Women’s Group officers for their inspirational leadership: Polly Peters, Sheila Brunstad, Kathy Gager, Debbie Svik, Deanna Gott, and Anne Burrell-Smith.

Whether you are new to Port Ludlow or simply seeking your next adventure, please consider joining us and one of the flag officers will reach out to you. To express your interest in visiting PLYC, please complete the form on our website at plyc.us/visit.

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Different places resonate with different people. Think about the kind of location that draws you—be it a wild open hillside, beach, or woodland—give yourself time to really let it sink in. Spending time here slows the traffic in your head. Awe. Wonder. Humility. We draw them into us and are altered forever. All things ringing true together. Then taking this deep sense of communication back to our daily lives, everyone we meet benefits.



Tom Satterlee is Trail Steward of the Old Cart Path Loop.

We have it all here locally. As you walk our trails around the Old Cart Path Loop, you may encounter one of our trail stewards, Tom Satterlee, with his equipment keeping his section of the trail safe and secure for your passage. He has a brilliant smile and a wonderful joy to his presence.

He is just one of the fifty volunteer trail stewards that silently care for our land.

Plan on taking a walk in nature soon and energize your body, mind, soul, and spirit. As John Muir said, “As long as I live, I’ll hear waterfalls and birds and wind’s sing ... I’ll acquaint myself with glaciers and wild gardens and get as near the heart of the world as I can.”



Denny Schuch and Larry Scott.

Photos by Gay Hicks

Our new PLVC Trails Committee members are in place:

- Chairperson: Larry Scott
- Treasurer: Gary Hicks
- Secretary: open position at time of this writing
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Is Your Garden Too Clean?

by Eline Lybarger, Contributing Writer

You have pulled up annuals, emptied containers, pruned perennials and vegetable beds, raked and removed the fallen leaves. But have you done too much? Besides your garden being visually bleak, you may have removed natural food and shelter sources that wildlife use to survive in the coldest months.

Of course, you need to remove damaged and diseased vegetation, but leave some or all of other plant remains to provide protection during times of freezing. This will benefit tender plants by insulating their crowns. Also, a few dead sprigs will help you find those late emerging spring plants and keep you from disturbing the soil or planting something on top of them.

Leaving grasses and other seed heads can be a place for beneficial insects to winter; and when everything is covered in snow, they will be a source of food for juncos, chickadees and song sparrows. Bird-friendly seed heads include black-eyed susans (*Rudbeckia spp.*) sedums, coneflowers (*Echinacea spp.*) and cosmos. Some of these can add color and texture to your winter landscape. For example, some sedums retain dark red heads. Purple coneflower (*E. purpurea*) have cone-shaped seed heads that turn black as they mature. River oats' (*Chasmanthium latifolium*) seed heads turn from green to bronze in the fall.

Fallen leaves can be insulators keeping the soil temperature more constant; protecting plants, feeding beneficial microorganisms and eventually turning to compost. The leaves also provide shelter for frogs, toads, salamanders and butterfly larvae that winter in these leaves. Exceptions to leaving leaves where they fall are large flat leaves from maples, oaks, and sycamores. These can form a solid mat smothering delicate plants. Perennial beds, that are susceptible to crown rot, may need to have all leaves removed because they will retain too much moisture. If you don't have deciduous trees, you can use grass clippings, bark chips and compost to help insulate the roots of woody plants and perennials, but wait to mulch until after a couple of hard freezes that will reduce pests and diseases.

Ferns and evergreen boughs are another insulator. They don't lie flat so there is ventilation but protection from the wind for plants and can be easily removed in the spring. Instead of putting your Christmas tree in the garbage, prune the limbs and put them in your garden. A less tidy garden can be a winter welcome mat for wildlife.

The Pretty Girls of Stinkwater Pass

By Ray Lybarger, Guest Writer

Years ago, I was a banker in Oregon and was assigned to a regional headquarters in Bend. While there, one of my responsibilities was to call on branches and major customers throughout that wonderful area between Bend and Idaho. It is generally pretty barren. The juniper and sagebrush go on forever, with cottonwoods and willow growing around the occasional stream. It also has a lot of beauty. Once I saw a herd of Pronghorn antelope. Eagles, hawks and other birds are fairly common, and coyotes and jackrabbits abound. The wildflowers that appear in the spring after a rain are a real bonus.

Driving through the high desert, I would occasionally see abandoned homesteads and imagine the lives of those settlers before they went bust. Leaving the main highway were little narrow tracks; not really roads at all. They would go off into the desert and disappear behind a distant hill, way over there. I always wanted to go down one of those tracks to see what was there. I never knew what I might see that I had not seen before.

Once I was cruising along over Stinkwater Pass (that is its real name) and saw, in the sage a couple of hundred yards away, several half-naked girls intently doing something. Who were they? Was it a mirage? I pulled off, still some distance from the busy young ladies. I had on my business suit and quite expensive shoes that were not suitable for desert hiking. However, I was curious and determined. Getting closer, I could see these bikini-clad girls were crouched down shaking something in their hands. Imagine these girls: shaka, shaka, shaka, jiggle, jiggle, jiggle.

A young man came over and asked, "Can I help you? You must be from the highway department." I said, "No, I'm a banker and just had to stop to see what is going on." He explained that the group was an anthropology class from Oregon State University with a permit from the highway department for an archeological dig. He offered to show me around and I eagerly accepted. He explained that the girls were using framed screens to sift dirt. This area was an ancient Indian camp site and he identified some of the things they were finding. Trying to be subtle and act interested, I continued to enjoy the girls and their shaking.

As I left the girls smiled and waved; I smiled and waved back and thought, you know, out here you never know what you might see. The pretty, bikini-clad girls of Stinkwater Pass were much better than antelope.

Skating In Seattle

by Dick Aitkins, Guest Writer

Editor note: Dick Aitkins passed away on November 28; his story is printed here posthumously.

In the winter of 1949-50, there was a particularly cold week in Seattle. Then as now in the Northwest, snow would arrive either going into a cold spell or coming out of one. That winter we got the snow as we entered the cold spell, meaning that the snow froze and stayed around for days until the temperature warmed up.

My friend Dean and I had heard a rumor that the park department might put water on some of their tennis courts to freeze for skating. With that in mind, we took our skates and headed down to Montlake Playground to see if they had flooded the tennis court there.

Montlake Playground is at the head of Portage Bay, between Lake Washington and Lake Union. Dean lived on the ridge between the bay and Lake Union, and I lived over the ridge on the west side on Eastlake Avenue, just a block from Seward Elementary, where we had both finished seventh grade the previous June.

Our trek was treacherous, as the streets and sidewalks were snowy and icy. We finally made it, only to be disappointed—no ice on the courts. While making our way back along Boyer Avenue E., we were just in front of Queen City Yacht Club when we had a brilliant idea. (Just a word of caution here: Beware of eighth grade boys with brilliant ideas.) It dawned on both of us together: “Gee, the street is awfully slippery here, so why don’t we just skate on the street?” What a swell idea that was! In 1949 stuff was still “swell.” This was some time before “cool” was, well ... cool.

In our shoes, we were already slipping along in the street rather than the sidewalk. So we just sat down on the running board of the nearest parked car and put our skates on. (Most cars still had running boards in those days.) That’s where we left our shoes so they wouldn’t get snow in them.

Off we went. It was bumpy, but passable, and we managed to skate all the way up to the University Bridge and back.

What a swell time we had. Until we discovered that the car with our shoes on its running board was gone. I don’t remember what expletive eighth grade boys might have used in those days, but I do remember that it was not so swell anymore. We thought the best plan was to go up and down the street looking for places where the car could have turned and dropped the shoes.

We must have spent a fruitless hour looking, but no shoes could be found. Reluctantly, we slipped, stumbled, and otherwise trudged homeward, dreading the reception awaiting us. After Dean and I parted at the crest of the ridge, I headed down to my home on Eastlake.

As I recall, those were the only shoes I had. I do not recall the depth of trouble I was in, what I wore on my feet in the meantime, or any of the other unpleasant details. I do remember the outcome, though.

The car’s owner, it seems, might have found our shoes where we left them on the driver’s side running board. Since the car was parked in front of the Queen City Yacht Club, practically at water’s edge, the driver might have thought someone had taken off their shoes to wade into the water (even though it was freezing cold). They must have left the shoes there at the yacht club, because we got them back, maybe as soon as the next day. As I remember, this was thanks to some detective work by Dean’s mom.

Epilogue: By the time we were both students at Seattle’s Lincoln High School, Dean and I had drifted apart. He didn’t do much skating after that, but I did. I continued to play hockey until age 15, then switched to competitive figure skating.

Many years later, my wife Bettie and I began going to the annual Greek Festival at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox church, a few blocks from Mountlake Playfield. Each year I would ask about Dean (his family was Greek). It wasn’t hard to find someone there who knew him: “Oh yeah, he was here a while ago,” they’d say, so I knew he was still active.

Finally, maybe 15 years ago, I made contact with Dean at the Greek Festival. He could barely remember me and didn’t recall the lost-shoes episode at all. Well, I do. How could I ever forget ice skating in Seattle?



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