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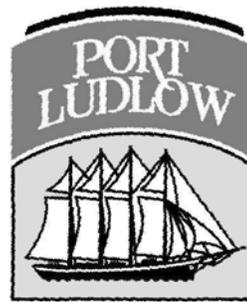
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News & Community

Editorial

by Mary Ronen, Staff Writer

April Showers! Ah, yes - they bring spring flowers. Maybe warmer temperatures? We can only hope.

In the meantime, our area seems to be slowly awakening from its bad pandemic dream. As this issue of the *Port Ludlow Voice* went to press, the medical community was expressing cautious optimism while reminding us that we are not “out of the woods yet.” But local organizations are providing plenty to do, watch, attend, enjoy, and appreciate. Offerings range from house tours and book discussions to photography and technology meet-ups, to church services and presentations designed to keep you informed and/or safe.

I want to bring your attention to this month’s cover, just in case you didn’t take a close look at it. The photo was taken by our Photo Editor, Steve Deligan. I asked him to tell us the story behind the picture. He said, “Back in 2011 we were living on a horse farm in Poulsbo. That July we found our cat with a baby robin that had been, we assume, ejected from the nest. It only had pin feathers and what looked like a broken leg. It wasn’t a fledgling. We took it in and put her in a shoebox with some towels. To try to keep her alive we fed her soft scrambled eggs and water. Amazingly enough, the little thing lived. For nine extraordinary years, she ruled our house and our lives until passing away in 2020. We were so fortunate to have this little runt be part of our lives for so long. Her leg was never right but she got around. She had a huge parrot cage to sleep in and would be out to fly around the house at least once a day until she got tired and flew home. She ate with us, sat on us, especially while we napped on the couch, and she scolded the cats into submission. From the start she was a very sassy bird, so that became her name. This picture is a portrait of Sassy. I hope it brings you happiness as we enter spring.”

And it is my hope that you enjoy this issue of the *Voice*.

Free Life-Care Planning Zoom Seminars

Attorney Tony Hinson will discuss estate and life-care planning issues on **Tuesdays, April 5 and 19, and May 3**, at 11:30 a.m. He will present solutions that can preserve wealth, minimize taxes, and ensure your legacy.

Topics will include estate tax issues and retirement accounts; healthcare, Medicare, and Medicaid; long-term care insurance; maintaining quality of life; aging in place; estate plans; and supplemental needs trusts.

These seminars will be held live on Zoom. To register, visit sherrardlaw.com/seminars.

Dove House to Sponsor April Events

This month, the Recovery Café (a Dove House facility) will host two public programs:

Dove House is commemorating Sexual Assault Awareness Month by inviting the community to a “Consent Tea Party” on **Monday, April 18**, from 3 to 7 p.m. This inclusive event will feature tea, food, and activities in support of prevention, awareness, and consent education. It will provide an opportunity to experience the indoor and outdoor facilities at the Recovery Café and to connect with community advocates and resources dedicated to supporting victims.

Dove House is also commemorating National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, **April 24 to 30**, in partnership with sister communities Mariposa House and Healthy Families in Clallam County. This year’s theme is “Rights, Access, Equity for all Victims.” A free presentation will be given by Ken Mayhew, fraud officer at First Federal Bank, on **Tuesday, April 26**, from 1 to 3 p.m. He will speak about financial crimes such as scams, check fraud, card fraud, and identity theft, and outline the steps for criminal prosecution. During Crime Victims’ Rights Week, all crime survivors are encouraged seek justice.

The Recovery Café is located at 939 Kearney St. in Port Townsend. Call the office at 360-385-5292 with questions about the above events. For more information about Dove House programs and activities, see dovehousejc.org.

Covid-19 masking policy: When the case rate in Jefferson County reaches fewer than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a 14-day period, masks will no longer be required for indoor seating at the Recovery Café.

Windows 11 and Photography Classes

Port Ludlow DigitalLife (PLDL) is offering these two sessions at the Bay Club:

The All Things Digital group will be led by John Nuerenberg in a discussion called, “Should You Upgrade to Windows 11?” on **Monday, April 18**, from 3 to 5 p.m. With Windows 11 being introduced as an upgrade for Windows 10, this session will focus on users’ computers to determine if they are ready, in need of updates, and capable of upgrading. It will also offer a comparison of features in Windows 11 vs. Windows 10.

Participants should bring their computers with necessary power supply. The class will log on to the internet and examine several websites addressing the new Windows version as well as checking for updates.

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The Camera Special Interest group will hold a photography session on **Monday, April 25**, from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants should bring their cameras and their questions about photography, photo editing, or photo equipment.

More information on both of the PLDL interest groups can be found at pldigitallife.org. The organization is open to anyone who is interested in computer and photography education.

Garden Club to Host Annual Plant Exchange

The Port Ludlow Garden Club will be opening the season with a guest speaker and a box lunch, followed by a plant exchange. The meeting will be held **Wednesday, April 20**, at 11:30 a.m. at the Bay Club. This event is for members and anyone wishing to join the Garden Club. Club dues are \$20 per year.

The lecturer will be Allan Kiesler, who will be speaking about the ideal flowers for the Northwest: Dahlias. Kiesler's interest in these flowers blossomed when he moved to Port Ludlow. He is a member of the American Dahlia Society and the Kitsap County Dahlia Society.

Lunch will be provided for members by the Garden Club. Please bring plants you wish to share and exchange. To RSVP or for more information, contact Michelle Pelkey at portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com by April 8.

Marine Science Center Introduces New Space

The Port Townsend Marine Science Center opened their new downtown exhibit space and store to the public last month. The Flagship Landing building, at 1001 Water Street, was purchased by the non-profit in August and will also eventually house its aquarium, labs, and offices.

The organization, which marks its 40th anniversary this year, called attention to its offerings, which include citizen science projects, life-long education programs and exhibits, and a store for marine-friendly products. "What better way to celebrate 40 rides around the sun for this collaborative community committed to inspiring conservation of the Salish Sea," said Janine Boire, executive director.

A building on the pier at Fort Worden State Park has been the home of the marine science center since 1982. The aquarium will continue to operate there until the pier is removed by Washington State Parks in the coming years. The current museum building, onshore at Fort Worden, will eventually become an environmental field station and lifelong learning center.

Ellen Hargis, the marine science center's board president, said renovation of the Flagship space will include retrofitting for seismic preparedness as well as measures to mitigate the effects of sea level rise and weather extremes. The entire project is expected to span five years.

The new downtown facility is open to the public Friday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Plans are under way to open six days a week beginning in May. For the latest information, visit ptmsc.org/left-menu/visit-us.

Preparing for Difficult Conversations

Have you ever had an awkward conversation where you felt uncomfortable and you weren't quite sure how to express your thoughts? Maybe you were intimidated and therefore you didn't say what you truly wanted to say.

Difficult conversations can take place in many contexts, including the workplace, personal relationships, or job interviews. But having the tools to navigate those situations can be key to a successful outcome.

A virtual presentation called "The Six Types of Working Genius" will address the art of conversation on **Thursday, April 21**, at 11:30 a.m. Sponsored by Compass & Clock, the free session is intended to help individuals, families, and teams achieve better engagement and avoid burnout.

Kristal Thomas, owner and CEO of the Bremerton Express Employment Professionals office since 2014, will lead the discussion. She said that she enjoys helping people streamline their lives, save money, and reduce stress. With a background in sales and leadership, Thomas has guided businesses across North America to thrive and grow in the areas of communication, inventory control, hiring, training, systems, and processes.

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

Jefferson Healthcare Earns Energy Star Certification

Jefferson Healthcare has earned a score of 97 in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star program. The program's score for hospitals applies to general medical and surgical hospitals, including critical access hospitals. Expressed as a number on a 1-to-100 scale, the score rates performance on a percentile basis. Higher scores mean better energy efficiency, resulting in less energy use and fewer greenhouse gas emissions.

Facilities Director Chris O'Higgins has devoted his six years and his staff's time to increasing energy efficiency

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at Jefferson Healthcare’s main campus, off-site clinics, and administration buildings. It is an ongoing process of systematically replacing inefficient systems like air handlers and other large equipment with more energy-saving units, including a total LED retrofit of the lighting system.

“This is the result of a decade-long commitment to increasing operating efficiency and improving our carbon footprint,” said Mike Glenn, CEO of Jefferson Healthcare. “Each year Chris identifies the most important infrastructure improvement projects to tackle and we make sure they are included in our capital budget. We’ve made a lot of progress over the years, yet still have work to do,” he added. “I don’t think Chris is going to rest until our score reaches 100.”

New Washington state law mandates energy efficiency compliance by 2027. O’Higgins set a goal to become Energy Star rated in two years, well before the compliance deadline. The purchase and installation of Energy Star equipment is now part of the organization’s efficiency process, along with completing the retrofit of hospital lighting to LED lighting by the end of 2022. Looking ahead, O’Higgins said he would like Jefferson Healthcare to become the most sustainable organization on the peninsula.

Jefferson Healthcare Nursing Team Excels

Jefferson Healthcare nurses recently received the highest marks for nurse communication, according to Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems scores from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The rating represents communication from hospital inpatient stays, which include the Acute and Intensive Care Units as well as Family Birth.

The score for nurse communication is derived from a portion of the mailed survey for individual hospital stays, based on responses to three questions: 1. How often did nurses explain things in a way that you could understand? 2. How often did nurses listen carefully to you? 3. How often did nurses treat you with courtesy and respect? 82 percent of patients responded that “nurses always communicated well.” Figures released are from CMS’s Hospital Compare web site and they represent data from July through December.

This high score isn’t new for the organization, as they have earned a five-star rating for patient experience over the last several years. According to Jefferson Healthcare, their nurses and certified nursing assistants consistently score well because they are “truly mission-driven and patient/nurse communication is a key part of the reason they enjoy being at the bedside.” In addition to making hourly rounds to

check in on their patients, the nursing team uses tools such as whiteboards to help reinforce communication with patients and family members. They also use standard communication language learned through development workshops.

Chief Nursing Officer Tina Toner concluded by saying, “Our goal is to ensure patients feel heard, informed, and well cared for. The nursing team pushes to make that happen consistently, each and every day.”

Virtual Home & Kitchen Tour

Port Townsend AAUW/UWF will hold its 24th annual home and kitchen tour **Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1**. The tour format will be virtual this year, as it was last year, enabling people from all over the country to explore specially selected homes, condos, ship galleys, and alternative housing options throughout this area of Washington.

Participants will be able to hear interviews with homeowners, architects, and designers, or attend seminars by local experts. Navigation in a 3D virtual environment will provide the ability to look up and down or move forward and backward on the screen images.

Viewers will be able to pause wherever they want—say, at an interesting kitchen design—to find out more about it, and even hear details from the homeowner. “I really enjoyed listening to the owners or builders and learning about the houses,” said one of last year’s participants.

People who want to simply relax and enjoy the walk-through will be able to use automatic mode, with no interaction required. “Enjoyed it all in comfort of my home at my pace...could watch it anytime,” said another participant.

A registration fee of \$30, being handled by Eventbrite, will include the flexibility to visit multiple times over the three days. This is a non-profit fundraising event supporting mission projects for equity for women and girls, including educational scholarships. For more information, see pt-wa.aauw.net/activities/home-kitchen-tour.

Reminders for Safe Streets

A recent issue of the *Voice* contained advice to pedestrians and reminded them to always face oncoming traffic. Another tip for walkers: Wear brightly colored clothes in order to be more readily seen—especially on rainy or foggy days.

While pedestrians can take steps like those above to improve their own safety, drivers have an even more critical set of responsibilities. They include the following:

- Abide by the posted speed limit and be prepared to slow down for obstructions, including pedestrians.

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- Watch for pedestrians walking on the outside of a curve. Our local streets have many blind curves but few paved shoulders. Be aware that pedestrians occasionally opt to walk along the outside of the curve, assuming that they'll be spotted there sooner by oncoming drivers.
- Give wide berth to pedestrians as you pass. You need to be ready for walkers—or their pets—to make unexpected moves. As the best drivers keep in mind, where there are no paved shoulders, there is no room for error.

Port Ludlow has an increasing number of walkers, and that calls for heightened awareness. This is a good time for drivers and pedestrians to work together toward mutual courtesy and safety.

New Meeting Room Policy

A rare working agreement between the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (AKA the North Bay) and the South Bay Community Association was unveiled in February, allowing officially designated Community Organizations free access to meeting rooms at both Club houses. That access includes both the smaller meeting rooms and the larger Auditorium/Bayview rooms. Scheduling will be done on a 50/50 basis, so each Club hosts the same number of meetings each month.

Each Community Organization is allotted one free meeting per month and those with separate committees can have up to four meetings in a month.

Community Organizations are defined as those groups which are open to all residents of the Port Ludlow Master Planned Resort, where the majority of members are residents, and the purpose of the organization is philanthropic, educational or service oriented. New organizations can petition for free access via the separate home owner associations, which will affirm or deny the designation by January 5 each year.

Attention: New Port Ludlow Residents

*by Keppie Keplinger, Public Information Officer,
Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue*

First and foremost—Welcome to Port Ludlow! Now that you have joined our community, we would like to provide you with some important information:

Emergency medical help. If you need emergency medical help, please call 911 and let us come to you. Over the years, many residents have driven to one of our fire stations asking to be evaluated because they aren't feeling well. This is not a good idea—for several reasons. If you are in pain or otherwise not feeling well, you shouldn't be

driving. Even if you live only a few blocks away from one of our stations, the medics could be out on another call. By calling 911, the dispatch operators will know if Port Ludlow Fire crews are out on a call and they will deploy the closest available responders to your location.

Getting here. By now, you are familiar with the Hood Canal Bridge, which is the most commonly used way to get to Port Ludlow from anywhere east of here. The bridge does close to vehicle traffic under certain weather conditions, or when mariners require the draw span to open. To find the dates and times where the bridge will be closed to road traffic, see public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOT/subscriber/new?topic_id=WADOT_190.

Pandemic mandates in Jefferson County. Effective March 11, masks were no longer required inside public places. According to Jefferson County Public Health, the order requiring bar and restaurant patrons 12 and older to be fully vaccinated if dining indoors was also to be lifted on March 11. For more information pertinent to the status of the pandemic, visit the Public Health web site at co.jefferson.wa.us/1429/COVID-19.

If you have any questions about the services provided by Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue, please call the main station at 360-437-2236 or visit the web site at plfr.org.

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue	
Alarm Statistics February 2022	
Alarms	
Fires	1
Rescue/Emergency Medical	52
Service Call/Good Intent	26
False Alarms	3
Hazmat	2
Total Alarms	84
Ambulance Transports	
Jefferson Healthcare	11
St. Michael's	18
Medevac	4
Total Transports	33
Aid	
Aid Given	20
Aid Received	12

Reminder to Dog Owners

So we all can enjoy our walks, please carry a plastic bag and clean up after your dog.



Noxious Weed Alert

by Elena Smith, Assistant Coordinator of Jefferson County
Noxious Weed Control Program

European Coltsfoot (*Tussilago farfara*) was spotted this February in the Shine area, for the first documented time in Jefferson County. This is a noxious weed that originates from—you guessed it—Europe, but is quick to invade our beautifully temperate state just as easily. It creeps along forest understories, spreading via its dense root system, and doesn't mind an overly wet, dry, or disturbed environment. It crowds out native vegetation and is very difficult to remove completely once it gets established.

This plant also spreads plenty of seeds. It flowers early in February and March before it even puts out leaves. Keep your eyes out for the thick, fleshy stalks with bright yellow flowers or buds. The blooms look very similar to dandelions, but the stems resemble pink asparagus more than anything.

It has a lot of look-alikes in our region. The leaves are heart-shaped or almost circular, with scalloped edges and wooly, white hairs on the underside. They can be easily confused with native plants like Western Wild Ginger, Stream Violet, or even Sweet/Palmate coltsfoot—but none of those have the yellow dandelion-like flowers that European Coltsfoot has.

European Coltsfoot is a class B noxious weed, which means that property owners are legally required to remove it from their land. Small infestations can be dug out, being careful to get the entire root system. Dispose of the plants in the trash, *not* the compost; most home compost doesn't get hot enough to kill weed seeds.

If we catch it early we can still prevent it from colonizing in our county, but we need to act fast. If you spot this plant, or something you think might be this plant, please contact us at NoxiousWeeds@co.jefferson.wa.us or call our office at 360-379-5610, ext. 205. We can help you identify it and give advice on how to properly remove it.



Coltsfoot leaves.

Photo by Chris Evans, University of Illinois, Bugwood.org



Coltsfoot flowers.

Photo by Jan Samanek, Phytosanitary Administration, Bugwood.org

Chimacum Offers College in the High School

by Kim Kooistra, School Principal

For such a small school, Chimacum Junior/Senior High has many extraordinary course offerings for our students. We have classes in Career and Technical Education (CTE) for construction and woodshop, and agriculture and culinary classes, among other programs. Students can also customize their learning with an array of online programs, from world languages to advanced placement (AP) offerings.

Students who wish to accelerate their college degrees can take College in the High School courses and AP options. Our College in the High School courses offer a rich opportunity to explore topics in depth while earning college credit at the same time. We offer advanced courses in social studies, art, science, language arts, and more. By providing students with a chance to engage in a comprehensive curriculum, we are opening up many ways for them to grow.

Our school is set in the beautiful natural surroundings of Chimacum, with the Olympic Mountains nearby. Students and their families can engage in meaningful learning—both inside and outside of the classroom—as part of a connected community. The variety of elective options include horticulture, CTE explore, art, and band.

At Chimacum Junior/Senior High School, students are placed at the center of our focus. We work together to know and develop each student by showing them care and by creating a place where they can grow.

Chimacum is a close-knit community that values traditions grounded in people coming together. Our schools benefit from these meaningful connections.

Easter Services for the Public

Port Ludlow Community Church has invited the public to join their Easter weekend services and activities, which include the following:

- Good Friday service – April 15, from 5 to 6 p.m. (refreshments served).
- Easter egg hunt – April 16, from 10 to 11 a.m. This will be an outdoor activity with snow cones and coffee served. Bring your own basket.
- Easter Sunday service – April 17, at 10:30 a.m. (refreshments served).

The church is at 9534 Oak Bay Road in Port Ludlow.

Features & Stories

Submit your articles, short stories or poems by email to features@plvoice.org by the 8th of the month. Guidelines for submitting are found on plvoice.org/guidelines-to-submit

The Sustainable Future of Farming

by Evie Maxwell, Staff Writer



Jules Spruill-Smith at the farm.

Submitted photo

“It’s not just one thing, and that’s part of what makes it so cool. Farming here is fluctuating and changing. It’s become really unique.”

So says Amanda Milholland, the manager/director of the Jefferson County Farmers Markets. Hers is an opinion that echoes throughout the mosaic of our local farming community. From traditional farming of just a few decades ago, Jefferson County landscape has blossomed into a multitude of enterprises. They range in size from one to hundreds of acres, and encompass everything from mushrooms to corn, cattle to flowers, homemade breads, salmon, peas, pigs and

You name it, we got it. The majority of our farm products are both delicious and organically grown (though not always organically certified). Part of the reason for this bounty is in our rich soil and generally propitious weather. Another part lies in the type of farming practiced in this region. The typical Jefferson County farm has nothing in common with the sprawling factory farms that treat animals as commodities and raise vegetables that taste like sawdust. Instead, we have an incredible variety of enterprises which work together, collaborate with each other and produce some of the finest food stuffs in the world.

Within just 25 miles of Port Ludlow, for example, you will find more than 30 individual farms. A few, Milholland notes, are operations run by “people who have been in farming for a long time.” The remainder includes “a mid-range of people who have been operating here for 10 to 15 years, plus a large group of younger people who are new to farming.”

Within this younger group you will find engineers, teachers, computer scientists—in short, a very well-educated group who come to farming with a desire to be close to the land and a passion for participating in the future of our planet.

Says Jules Spruill-Smith, a former teacher who co-owns the Space Twins farm with her partner Cass Curl, “The sustainable aspect of growing food was our record ethic for making the move to farming. We’re invested in learning about sustainability and moving forward in this world, especially with climate change coming.”

Thus the Space Twins tend their crops by way of permaculture, a style of land management based on ancient indigenous practices. While permaculture is generally well established among the farming newcomers of Jefferson County, most are quick to note that, as its original practitioners were well aware, it’s an evolving enterprise. Says Niall Motson, a trained engineer who runs the White Lotus operation with his wife and fellow engineer Natalie, “One thing I’ve learned is that there is nothing permanent in nature. Such practices as organic, permaculture and regenerative agriculture all offer great tools. But as their indigenous originators were well aware, interconnectivity and adaptability are also needed to survive in a world of change.”

Thus learning from indigenous land stewardship and applying it to current needs is one key. Collaboration is another.

Says Milholland, “Many of the newer farms are really taking a different approach by working closely together. You may have multiple farms operating off one property, forming work parties to help each other or otherwise pooling their resources.”

In fact, Space Twins credit the nearby Compass Rose farm with helping them get started in the business. As their enterprise grew, they arranged a property-sharing agreement with White Lotus, which had begun its own operation just a few years earlier. Today, Space Twins and White Lotus operate a joint CSA and dub their collaboration “Space Lotus.”

Says Motson, “This area has become a hotbed of people” interested in the collaborative advantages in farming, as well as sustainability and new/old practices.

Among the larger farms noted for their ability to foster innovation and work as a collective are Red Dog, FinnRiver, SpringRain, and others. Red Dog, for example, has spawned new farms in this area by helping former

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employees start their own enterprises. One of these is the Creaky Knees Farm.

“We helped them at the start by loaning out some of our equipment and they’ve proven to be fabulous partners,” says Red Dog owner/operator Karyn Williams. Williams is also part of a cost-sharing group for the purchase of fertilizer and other supplies. “Going together can save us all a lot of money,” she says.

The list of local collaborations could go on. But the key is this: While farmers in this region represent just a drop in the sea of agriculture, their practices offer a new (though in some ways ancient) way of looking at farming. The dream is that this could grow into a bona fide competitor for those sprawling acreages owned by corporations. The seeds for this are already planted. Notes Motson “There is an emergent national conversation around food sovereignty.” Via massive online forums, ideas for regional meetings and innumerable conversations, the goal is to bring all sides of the food chain together to create a sustainable food future.

Shanghaiing in Port Townsend

by Tim Rensema, Staff Writer

I would like to tie three different but related events together that occurred in Jefferson County at the time of the boom-and-bust era of the late 1800s. These events are “ship jumpers,” shanghaiing, and “death ships.”

Articles have been written in the past about “ship jumpers.” John Cooper and Horace Hawkins, two of the first residents of Port Ludlow, are said to have jumped into Port Ludlow Bay and swum for shore. William Bishop and William Eldridge also jumped ship for a better life.

Shanghaiing was the involuntary enlistment of landsmen and drunk sailors into the crew of ships that did not have the required complement of a crew.

The third component of this article is “death ships.” Here in Port Ludlow, we had many that fit the description of a “death ship.” They normally carried sawtimber from here to other parts of the US and world. They were undermanned with shanghaiing men and conditions on these ships were very poor, especially with a harsh captain. The *Reaper* was a well-known bark, or “death ship” built in Bath, Maine in 1876. It was docked in Port Ludlow in 1906 for a load of lumber when it caught fire. The ship was towed to the other side of Port Ludlow Bay and abandoned, eventually drifting into the bay and sinking. If you have walked down to the Port Ludlow Marina, you’ve probably seen its anchor displayed there (from Gordon Newell, ed. *The H.W.*

McCurdy Marine History of the Pacific Northwest, Seattle Superior Publishing Co. 1966).

Partners Max Levy and Ed (Edgar) Sims were well known for shanghaiing in Port Townsend. Levy ostensibly was a merchant, but his main line of work was providing men for the sailing ships mooring in Port Townsend. He and Sims ran a boarding house in Port Townsend to which sailors became indebted (for liquor, tobacco, room and board). These men were the first to go to the waiting ships. However, if more crewmen were needed, then farmers and loggers were taken from the saloons, only to wake up at open sea. No Indians nor local townsmen were “enlisted.” Levy and Sims not only received \$30 per head but also the first three months’ wages of the seaman.



Edgar Sims. Picture taken from Port Townsend: An Illustrated History of Shanghaiing, Shipwrecks, Soiled Doves and Sundry Souls by Thomas Camfield, 2000, p.117.

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To really get a good understanding of the situation, read Peter Simpson’s *City of Dreams: A Guide to Port Townsend* (page 24) for some good character references and colorful language. Normally these “enlistees” were drunk, but if the “runners” (thugs) for Levy and Sims could not convince these men to go peaceably, then brute force was used. An urban legend was that shanghai tunnels were dug between the saloons and the waterfront to smuggle the unconscious landsmen to the waiting ships. However, the merchants of Port Townsend, who for the most part supported supplying ships with men, turned a blind eye to this practice. Once Levy physically took three full crews off the ship *America* before it was able to clear harbor with a well-guarded crew, and provided them to other merchant ships (Simpson, Peter. *City of Dreams: A Guide to Port Townsend*, 1986, p. 242).

Some great stories of shanghaiing are included in Thomas W. Camfield’s *Port Townsend: An Illustrated History of Shanghaiing, Shipwrecks, Soiled Doves and Sundry Souls* (Ah Tom Publishing, 2000). Camfield writes of an incident where runners for Max Levy boarded moored ships and made off with crewmembers. The lead runner was Charles “Gunny” Gunderson. Once, Gunderson and his accomplice, Stublely, took three men from the British bark *Morven*, but were stopped by officers of the *Morven* and fired upon. Stublely was killed and Gunderson sustained a minor head wound. The shooter from the *Morven*, Seaman Benjamin

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Fransen, was found not guilty because of the known poor character of Gunderson, being “turbulent and disposed to lawlessness,” and also the testimony of the officers and men of the *Morven* (to include the three that went with Gunderson). Gunderson died in Port Ludlow at the age 42 in 1932. By this time, he had lost the use of one of his arms from when he was stabbed by a sailor who had been shanghaied by Gunderson four years earlier (Camfield, Thomas. 2000, p. 353).

Eventually shanghaiing was outlawed. Max Levy’s wife divorced him and married Ed Sims. Sims went on to found a very successful fish canning factory and serve in the legislature of Washington State. Sims Way in Port Townsend is named after Edgar Sims. Levy successfully expanded his boarding houses to Seattle, teaming up with another well know shanghai businessman named Evans before the practice was outlawed. Many a farmer found himself learning the ropes by becoming an unwary seaman.

Celebrating Pie

by J. Leach, Guest Writer

My friend, and the author of the Edibles articles in the *Voice*, Carol Riley, asked me to write a piece for the *Voice* about pie, and I agreed. Since February is National Pie Month, my wife Vickie and I decided to celebrate this by visiting three of Jefferson County’s best known pie purveyors. (If we overlooked your favorite, I am confident that Carol would allow you equal time for your article.)

But first, why pie, and not cake or cookies? Ever hear of “American as cake” or “American as a chocolate chip cookie”? No, because pie is America’s favorite dessert. According to both the Harris Poll and the American Pie Council, apple pie is our favorite. Maybe that is why so many advertise themselves as “American as apple pie.”

We started our pie celebration at Hill Bottom Pie, located in the Palace Hotel at 215 Tyler St., Port Townsend. Locally famous for its pizzas, Hill Bottom also offers homemade soups and pies, with the selection changing daily. Currently, due to the pandemic, it only offers takeout service. On a blustery day, my wife chose clam chowder and peach pie to go. Because we were going to eat in the car at the marina looking out at the bay, we passed on ice cream offered with the pie. The clam chowder was excellent. Peach pie on a cold winter day was a treat. Hill Bottom’s pie had a very flavorful chewy crust. My wife and

I competed for the last crumbs of crust after we had eaten everything else. You can check out Hill Bottom’s offerings on its Facebook page.

We next visited the Jefferson County International Airport, home of the Spruce Goose Café. Readers of the *Voice* may recall Carol Riley’s review of this restaurant that noted its reputation for wonderful pie. My wife and I can confirm that reputation. If you are looking for pie when you visit the Spruce Goose, check out the blackboard alongside the wall behind the reception counter. There you will see the day’s pie offerings. If you see a number beside a pie, act quickly. That number tells the number of slices left. And the slices go fast.

We had marionberry pie with vanilla ice cream. Wonderful! The Spruce Goose uses oil as the fat in its crust. This produces a thin, melt-in-your mouth crust. The generous filling was thick with just the right berry tartness.

We made our last celebratory stop at the Chimacum Café. If you want a slice of Americana with your pie, this café is your place. We had to visit the café twice to sample its pie. On our first visit, we decided to have lunch before ordering pie. In true pelican fashion, our bills held more than our bellies could. So, we returned for pie a few days later, on a Friday afternoon. This turned out to be a great time to stop for pie because the café prepares its pie inventory for the weekend on Friday and has a great selection.

The back page of the Chimacum Café menu lists twenty different kinds of pie. Not all are available on any one day and some are seasonal. But the available selection is enough to satisfy most choices. My wife, in her Texas fashion, chose pecan pie, and I picked boysenberry. At our waitress’s suggestion, she heated them for us and served them with a freshly made cup of coffee. Ice cream is available too, but after our first pelican experience, we passed. The Chimacum Café pie maker uses shortening in her crust, producing a nice flakey crust. We received generous thick servings. My wife could not finish hers and took the uneaten part home for an evening snack. I managed to join the clean plate club, enjoying every bite. Imagine the pleasure of looking out the window at the cars on Highway 19 with a cup of hot coffee and a forkful of homemade pie in hand. Tough research to help my friend Carol.

For those of you who missed National Pie Month, a number of pie days are coming up soon: April 28-Blueberry Pie Day, May 8-Coconut Cream Pie Day, and May 13-Apple Pie Day. You can find a complete list of pie days at Kate McDermott’s website, artofthepie.com.

Myron Vogt Volunteer Award

by Barbara Berthiaume, Contributing Writer
and Robert Chanpong, Guest Writer



Pictured l. to r. are Clint Webb, Myron's grandson Justin Malloy, Myron, and Jim Laker.

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Myron Vogt's name is well known in this community. He was one of the founding members of the Bluebills and was instrumental in bringing the volunteer membership from 17 in 1998 to 194 volunteers today. Always on the lookout for new programs that could enrich the community, Myron expanded the original wheelchair ramp and grab bar programs to include Fall Prevention, World Vision Essential Supplies, STEM programs, Summer Nutrition and Literacy volunteers, the Dove House Benefit, distribution of school supplies on the Peninsula, workshops on Aging in Place, and supporting the homeless to name just a few.

Myron's philosophy was that if we find the right program, volunteers will follow. Under Myron's leadership, the Bluebills have contributed over \$500,000 in value over the years in Jefferson, Clallam, and Kitsap Counties.

In his honor, the PSO Bluebills have created an annual Myron Vogt Volunteer Award that recognizes all of the traits that he stood for: Care, Compassion, Commitment, and Community. This award will be presented annually to a PSO Bluebill volunteer to honor Myron's legacy and to acknowledge the qualities every volunteer possesses.

Myron is no longer with us but his spirit of giving lives on. Myron inspired all of us to reach higher, go farther, and dig deeper to volunteer in Bluebill programs. He made us proud to be a Bluebill. We will honor him with the annual Myron Vogt Volunteer Award, and he will never be forgotten.

From Sawdust to Sustainability

If you can transform sawdust into alcohol, can you also conjure a modern resort dedicated to sustainability and community service out of a one-hundred-plus year-old manufacturing plant?

Sure. Assuming you have more than a century, several changes of ownership and one fabulous building to do it with.

This, in short, is the history of the resort-cum-gardens-cum-low income housing service known as the Old Alcohol Plant (OAP). Overlooking Port Townsend Bay from its perch in Port Hadlock, this rambling building came to life in 1911 as a manufacturing facility designed to turn sawdust from local mills into alcohol. That lasted only a few years before a cutthroat competitor bought up its stock options and shut the place down.

Enter a long period of slow decay until the late 1970s when an investor bought the plant, refurbished it and opened it as a resort. That phase lasted a bit longer. Several decades and a succession of owners passed before a backlog of taxes shut down the facility, then known as the Inn at Port Hadlock, in 2011.



Local artist and OAP gardener Kira Mardikes preps for a plant dye workshop.

Submitted photo

Enter another, much shorter derelict period until a group of philanthropists purchased the building, renovated it, and re-opened it in 2016 as the Old Alcohol Plant.

Focusing on both eco-tourism and transitional housing, today's OAP stands out for its plethora of sustainability initiatives, which, notes Director Gary Keister, "allows us to ... become a driver of sustainable practices in the hospitality business."

Thanks to a multi-talented team, the Old Alcohol Plant has scored a considerable number of energy reduction

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achievements. These include LED lighting and low-flow plumbing throughout the building, a complete switch to non-toxic cleaning services, a host of composting and recycling efforts plus, of course, home-grown foods from the Plant's backyard garden. (According to sustainability manager Jocelyn Moore, produce used in the resort's kitchen travels all of .04 miles from backyard to cutting board.) In addition, the OAP is now partnering with the Olympic Carbon Fund's biochar "bucket share" project. The OAP has amended the gardens since 2019 using biochar which has helped create increasingly rich soil and nutrient-dense plants.

Last, but definitely not least, the OAP continues in its daily meal and housing support of the Bayside Housing project for those in need of temporary housing. Located on OAP property, Bayside offered nearly 10,000 nights in a safe bed and more than 6,000 meals to its guests in 2020.

For upcoming offerings from the OAP, watch for outdoor workshops this spring including herbal workshops and flower arrangement classes. New sustainability initiatives include installing rainwater catchment, EV charging stations and a fresh-produce farmstead starting in mid-spring.

Meet your Firefighters

by Ron Dawson, Contributing Writer



Meet Brennan Whiting, firefighter and paramedic, at Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue. He has been in the fire service for seven years and has been at Port Ludlow for nearly four years. When asked about the difference between an EMT and a paramedic,

Brennan said that an EMT handles Basic Life Support, but a paramedic, due to having completed advanced training, as Brennan did at Central Washington University for a year, can handle Advanced Life Support. Those skills include procedures like administering IVs, intubation, medications, breathing support, pain management, cardiac management and understanding cardiac rhythms, and many other situations. The year of training included spending time in hospital emergency rooms, doing hospital patient support, and ride alongs with the local fire department.

He is originally from Maple Valley and has other family members who have been in the fire service. His father has 38 years with Eastside Fire and Rescue, and he has an

uncle who retired from Tacoma Fire. Brennan and his wife Keli, whom he married last June, recently bought a house in Poulsbo, which they share with their two dogs.

The thing that he likes best about his job is that every day is different, and that he is not stuck behind a desk. He works with a solid group of peers, and it is like one big family. The hardest part of the job is taking care of yourself, as the job is very stressful. You can't show the stress when you respond to an incident and do your problem solving. This has been recognized in the fire service as an important area to manage.

One of his most memorable events is responding to a call in which a one-year-old baby girl had drowned. They worked to revive the baby successfully. Brennan saw her one month later, and fortunately she was normal, and fully intact in all her functions.

His goal is to start a family with Keli, and grow in his skills and responsibilities. In two years, they have a goal to take a trip to New Zealand. He likes the outdoors, fishing, skiing, bird hunting with his dogs, and hanging out with family and friends.

When asked about what people may not know about him, he responded that he likes "corny movies."

We are lucky to have him in Port Ludlow.

Restoring a Forest Canopy

by Milt Lum, Contributing Writer

The Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge is a 32,733-acre reclaimed pastureland located at the 5,000 foot level on the windward slope of Mauna Kea, the 13,000 foot volcano on the island of Hawai'i. Established in 1985 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through the purchase of existing ranchland, the refuge is now home to 29 critically endangered species including seven birds, one insect, one mammal, and 20 plants found nowhere else in the world. It is a microcosm of what once populated the mountain slopes and deep valleys of all of the Hawaiian Islands a mere three centuries ago.

The origin of the refuge is attributed to an extensive five-year survey (1976 – 1981) of Hawaiian birds and their habitats by scientists with the support of federal and state agencies. The results of this survey provided the data necessary for the development of the Nature Conservancy's Endangered Hawaiian Forest Bird Project and the Endangered Hawaiian Ecosystem Project demonstrating the importance of habitat restoration to prevent the extinction of the dwindling population of endemic Hawaiian birds. The sector of land to become the Hakalau was especially rich in its diversity of existing endangered bird species.

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Two thousand acres of the refuge were fenced to prevent incursion from animals such as feral pigs and cattle which destroy habitat, and rats, feral cats, and mongoose which prey on the endangered bird species. Within this area an extensive reforestation project was started in 1987 with the planting of 250,000 native koa seedlings. The difference was clearly visible when we arrived at the refuge gate after an hour's journey over 10 miles on a poorly maintained dirt road with deep ruts and gaping potholes.

Our guide for the day was Jack Jeffery, a retired wildlife biologist for the Hakalau since its inception until his retirement in 2008. He pointed with pride to the groves of koa trees along the fence line and the contrasting gorse-infested barren grazing land on the other side. A pair of nene geese, indigenous to the islands and brought back from the threshold of extinction by selective breeding to become the state bird of Hawaii, greeted us on our arrival. The tour of the refuge would be conducted on foot.

Most of the visitors to the refuge are birders or bird photographers eager for a view of these special Hawaiian birds. With Jack as their guide, they are rarely disappointed. Under a clear blue sky, we trudged through a grassy field moist with dew. Our first stop was at a grove of 'ōhi'a lehua trees whose bright red blossoms attract the nectar-feeding Hawaiian honeycreepers, the scarlet 'apapane, and the orange-red 'i'iwi.

An 'apapane flew into a thicket of leaves, shaking the leaves as it hopped from branch to branch, before emerging to perch on a red lehua blossom. It remained but for a moment before moving off to the next blossom, then disappearing into the leaves. The squeaky cry of the 'i'iwi announced its presence deep within the tree's foliage. Soon its orange-red body appeared with its distinctive curved scimitar-shaped, salmon-colored bill. On spindly legs it balanced on the flower, dipping its long beak into the succulent blossom before flitting off to find another flower. It was an auspicious start to a day forecasted to be wet and rainy.

As we proceeded down the path into the forest, Jack stopped and pointed at the gnarly trunk of a large 'ōhi'a tree. That tree has been around since the time of the early Hawaiians who first migrated here from the Marquesas Islands centuries before Cook's arrival. Nearby there was a koa tree nearly as old.

Even as he discussed the flora of the refuge, Jack had one ear tuned to the different bird sounds that abounded in the refuge. None of the bird calls were like those heard at dawn down in the lowland trees that populate the grounds of the large resorts. He paused and inclined his ear in the direction of a call he had been listening for. "Aki," he said, and bounded off with us following.

Jack had heard the distinctive call of the rare and highly endangered 'akiapolau 'au, a Hawaiian honeycreeper with a distinctive bill. The lower bill is thick like that of a woodpecker while the upper is thin and curved, similar to the scimitar-shaped bill of the 'i'iwi. This specialized adaptation allows the aki to probe and extract larvae of insects buried in the dead branches of the 'ōhi'a and koa trees. With Jack's laser pointer directing our eyes to a spot on the trunk of the distant koa, we saw the elusive aki probing a limb and emerging with a white larvae in its bill, a sight rarely witnessed by most birders.

By mid-afternoon the moist air from the warm Pacific had ascended up the mountain and condensed into clouds shrouding the forest canopy in a cool mist. Alas, a day short in time, but rich in experience. I grew up in the islands and had never seen nor had known any of the birds I saw at the refuge. But for the foresight of visionaries like Jack and the commitment to preserve a critical habitat, future generations of Hawaii's children will be able to view these beautiful birds brought back from the brink of extinction through the restoration of the forest canopy.

Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Chair

In last month's Trail Mix article, I referred to three new named trails (actually one is just a connector) and we have made progress on each. The one we will call McCormick Railroad Trail, and the McCormick R/R to Timberton Traditional Connector are now fully flagged and we can begin full scale development at any time. It's just a matter of setting priorities when Trails has so much on the books. The other trail is still going through an approval process, but as of this writing, two of the three phases of development have been flagged for review, and possibly by the time this article is published, the third phase may be flagged as well. Rehabilitation of the Interpretive Trail is currently at the top of our agenda. Over time many of the posts have deteriorated and need to be replaced with new timbers, and the pathway itself is scheduled to get new material throughout. In addition, we plan to install new benches in those locations where the original log benches have weathered beyond use. One of our other trails (Beach Loop) has recently had a small reroute. Mother Nature has continued to encourage Poseidon to raise the high tides yet higher, thus eroding more shoreline. This impacted the steps on the Beach Loop leading from the shoreline to the Beach Club. So, to counter, Trails has moved the lawn to sand (or sand to lawn) transition location from the south end of the lawn to the northern end and installed appropriate signage. With the weather finally improving, Trails is looking forward to getting some outdoor "Fun Days" going

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soon. We have a couple new folks signed up to participate, but we can always use more input if you want to help too. Our motto is "Let's Keep Improving Our Trails". You can reach me at mclgscott@cablespeed.com.

Group to Discuss Depression-era Book

The deep hollers of the Appalachian Mountains in Kentucky during the depression years of the 1930s are the setting for Kim Michele Richardson's novel, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*. The main character has an inherited condition producing blue-tinged skin that affects all her family members. As a pack-horse librarian (a program developed to foster employment and education during the depression), she must travel to the deepest recesses of the hills where fear and prejudices abound. Martha's Book Club will discuss this inspirational story about a little-known disease among people in a little-known area of our country.

The group will meet on **April 5** at the Bay Club from 3:30 to 5 p.m. All are welcome to join. For a list of upcoming books to be discussed, contact Sarah Schuch at bookclub@plvoice.org. Meetings are scheduled monthly on the second Tuesday.



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The instructor, Pete Alexander, completed laughter yoga training in Seattle. He has lived in Port Ludlow since 2019, having also lived in California. He spent most of his career as a marketing professional in the medical-device industry, and also worked as a college professor.

Alexander said that sessions will typically start with gentle warm-up techniques that include stretching, chanting, clapping, and body movement. He added that laughter is initially simulated as a physical exercise while maintaining eye contact with others in the group and promoting child-like playfulness.

“I’ve always believed the old adage that laughter is the best medicine because of the feel-good and health benefits I have experienced first-hand with laughter,” said Alexander. According to Laughter Yoga International, here are some clinically proven benefits of the practice:

- Reduces stress and strengthens the immune system.
- Changes mood within minutes by releasing endorphins from brain cells, making participants feel good and release negative emotions.
- Provides excellent cardio benefits. (It would take 30 minutes on an exercise machine to equal the cardio benefit realized from 10 minutes of hearty laughter.)

The classes, free for Beach Club members or \$1 for nonmembers, are open to men and women of all ages. Participants should wear comfortable clothes, such as sweats and t-shirts. Alexander advised consultation with a doctor before participating in laughter yoga.



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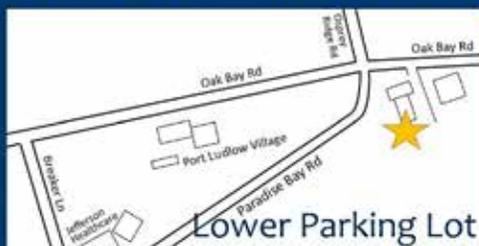
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Spotlight

Port Townsend Aero Museum

by John Goldwood, Contributing Writer

Most of the charitable organizations that are featured in our Spotlight articles began with a person or small group of individuals passionate about addressing a community need. With the investment of a great deal of personal time, energy, and frequently personal financial resources as well, some of those organizations have achieved long-term success. Many of them serving eastern Jefferson County work in the background, doing a lot of great things for our community that may be unrecognized by most of us.



View of vintage airplanes at PTAM.

Photo by John Goldwood

The Port Townsend Aero Museum is one of those organizations. Located in a beautiful facility adjacent to the Jefferson County International Airport, it is a museum that we might drive by on our trips to and from Port Townsend with little awareness of the great things going on inside. The Aero Museum is worth a visit under any circumstances and should be added to the ‘local tour’ you might offer to out-of-town visitors. Step inside, and you are treated to a view of vintage aircraft suspended overhead or parked inside the spacious building. The museum collection currently houses 28 antique and classic aircraft. Those aircraft that are safe and airworthy are flown regularly.

The Port Townsend Aero Museum began operations in 2001, founded by experienced vintage aircraft restorers Jerry and Peggy Thuotte. With an initial donation of six flying antique aircraft and several restoration projects, the museum quickly

attracted a group of dedicated young volunteers. The museum was originally based out of a scattering of hangars at the west end of the airport. Fundraising for a new building was a major undertaking, with proceeds coming from contract work, rummage sales, online auctions and individual donations. After seven years of hard work by museum volunteers and contributors, along with generous support from the community and local contractors, the museum proudly opened their \$3.5 million facility to the public in the summer of 2008. Those of you paying careful attention may have noticed the recent new construction at the museum, visible from Highway 19, as the walls have gone up for their most recent 5400-square-foot expansion. The expansion is on track to be completed fairly soon and will provide display space for more vintage aircraft. What you cannot see from the road is the recent completion of the elevator conversion that now provides easy ADA-approved access to the second floor of the museum.

Although all the success noted here—the expansion of the museum display space, new acquisitions of vintage and classic aircraft, improved restoration work areas – is wonderful, what makes the Port Townsend Aero Museum truly unique is its focus on recruiting and mentoring young people as volunteers in the aircraft restoration and repair efforts along with the overall work of the Museum.

The vision that drove Jerry and Peggy at its inception was that the museum would function as a unique place for young people to find a constructive outlet for their youthful energies—energies that could be shaped and directed to help create



Olivia and Mike reassembling a Cessna Engine.

Submitted photo

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responsible, committed young adults with a high degree of self-confidence. Although there are many vintage aircraft museums scattered around the country, there are very few, perhaps only one or two others in the entire United States, whose primary purpose is to shape the lives of young people through a strong mentorship program as the primary goal of the organization.

Here is how that works at the Port Townsend Aero Museum. Although the number of young people involved fluctuates somewhat from time to time, frequently there are as many as sixteen dedicated kids, aged thirteen and older, who are committed volunteers working in the repair and restoration shops. Under the direction of adult volunteers, they provide some of the labor required to restore and maintain aircraft owned by the museum, as well as contribute to aircraft restoration work for private parties that helps provide revenue for the museum operations. Depending upon the goals of the individual teen, and their commitment to their mentorship, each youthful volunteer will gain the opportunity for completely free education and flight training that leads to the attainment of their Private Pilot's Certificate as early as age 17.

The success stories achieved by the program are inspirational: Jake, who started at PTAM, then continued in the aviation program at the University of North Dakota and returned to PTAM as an intern in the summer of 2021, having attained his FAA Commercial and Certified Flight Instructor ratings; Maria, another graduate of the PTAM program who is completing her undergraduate work at Duke University and has already been accepted into Harvard Law School; and

many others who have completed the work necessary for them to attain their Private Pilot's Certificate and gone on to stellar achievements in college and beyond.



A student in Travel Air.

Photo by Steve Deligan

On April 1, 2016, Jerry and Peggy Thuotte retired from the Port Townsend Aero Museum after fifteen years as the driving force establishing what you see today. Jerry passed away in January 2021 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Peggy still lives in Port Ludlow, and although she occasionally stops by to see progress at the museum, she is no longer actively involved with the Port Townsend Aero Museum. In the six years following the Thuottes' retirement, the museum has continued to grow in all aspects. The youth mentorship and education program has more than doubled in size and is currently operating at capacity, with a waitlist of young people hoping there will be an opening for them. The aircraft on display today are all owned by the Port Townsend

Aero Museum (a publicly owned 501(c)(3) organization) and not on loan or owned by a private individual. Museum membership has also increased by nearly fifty percent from what it was in 2016. The new addition will provide much needed display space; that addition alone has required an investment of \$1.5 million and is being generously funded by a grant from the Hanson Family Foundation.

Michael Payne was appointed Director of the museum by the museum's Board of Directors when Jerry stepped down in 2016. Mike started volunteering at the Aero Museum in 2002 and became the museum's first full-time employee in 2004, fulfilling multiple roles as shop manager, aircraft painter, online sales representative, website developer, and floor sweeper. Mike has also served on the museum's Board of Directors since 2004.

In a recent newsletter, Mike offered this tribute: "If not for the determination and dedication of both Jerry and Peggy, this world class aviation museum and its unique youth mentorship program would not be here today. It is as simple as that. Jerry will be missed and what he and Peggy built will live on for generations to come. Our success today is a direct result of my following the path that Jerry and Peggy laid out all those years ago when they founded the Port Townsend Aero Museum. My job is to ensure that the museum continues to grow into the future as it brings meaningful life changes to the young volunteers who are part of the mentorship education program."

To learn more about the museum, plan a visit there soon. They are currently open Wednesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can find them online at ptaeromuseum.com.

Arts & Entertainment

Art at the Bay Club



Sunbelt, by Ann Bernard.

Submitted photo

Abstract art has been an essential pillar in art museums, galleries, and in our culture for over 100 years. Its popularity is as strong as ever. During April, you can enjoy the latest art exhibit at the Bay Club sponsored by the Abstract Art Critique Group.

Abstract art uses color, textures, shapes, lines, and patterns to create visual compositions that creatively depict actual images, concepts, or pure imagination. The works on display in the art exhibit cover a wide range of styles and techniques and represent the artists' pursuit of artistry and visual expression.

The artists in the Abstract Art Critique Group meet weekly for the purpose of ongoing learning, to provide peer feedback and focused discussion of each other's work, and to challenge themselves and each other to explore new techniques, materials, and approaches.

This exhibit features artwork by local artists including Ann Bernard, JoAnna Caro, Ann Gagnier, Joie Hyde, Georganne Muse, Carol Nielsen, Pamela Raine, Diane Walker, and Patricia Webber.

The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place in Port Ludlow. For information on the Abstract Art Critique Group, please email Patricia Webber at info@porthudlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Art League

Artist of the Month – Joan Astin



Walking With the King, by Joan Astin.

Inspired by artists Fran Bodman and Di Maneval, and subsequently studying under Marti Mathis, Joan Astin embarked on a journey to master the art of watercolors. Although Joan was intimidated by watercolors at first, she found Marti to be an incredibly patient and encouraging teacher. It wasn't long before Joan was painting up a storm, using both watercolors and watercolor pencils.

Joan is delighted to share her artwork with the community. Joan stated, "I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to show my artwork, one of the many joys of joining the Port Ludlow Art League."

During April, you can view Joan's artwork at the Sound Community Bank and online at porthudlowart.org. If you'd like to purchase her artwork, please email info@porthudlowart.org to make a sales appointment. The Sound Community Bank is located at the corner of Oak Bay Road

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Jewelry by Sheryl Goldsberry.
Submitted photos

and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org.

Jeweler of the Month – Sheryl Goldsberry

In celebration of women who have shattered the glass ceiling, Sheryl Goldsberry has designed a collection of Shattered Glass pendant necklaces and earrings in a variety of colors. Handmade and unique, Sheryl's Shattered

Glass jewelry serves as a statement and acknowledgement of achievement for all women.

You can view Sheryl's jewelry at the Sound Community Bank, the Port Ludlow Art Gallery, and online at portludlowart.org. If you'd like to purchase her jewelry at the bank, please email info@portludlowart.org to make a sales appointment or drop by the Port Ludlow Art Gallery Thursday or Friday between noon and 4 p.m. The Gallery is located next to the Sound Community Bank at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Art League Donates Youth Scholarships to Northwind Art

The Port Ludlow Art League (PLAL) believes in the power of art to inspire, motivate, and weather life's storms. This is especially important for our children. We recently joined forces with Northwind Art by providing scholarships for underserved youth to participate in their youth program that includes summer camps, spring break workshops, Art in the Park events, after school wearable art sessions, and workshops. For more information about donating to Northwind Art, please visit northwindart.org/donate.

The PLAL would like to thank everyone for helping us build our scholarship fund that also provides college scholarships for Jefferson County high school students. Be sure to attend our Spring Art Fair at the Bay Club in Port Ludlow on **May 28**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., where we offer a variety of ways for you to contribute. There are also 6 x 6" plaques of original art for sale at our Gallery in Port Ludlow which is open every Thursday and Friday, noon to 4 p.m. The Gallery is located next to the Sound Community Bank on the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. For more information, please visit portludlowart.org or email us at info@portludlowart.org.

Spring Art Fair at the Bay Club

The Port Ludlow Bay Club will host the 2022 Spring Art Fair sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League on **Saturday, May 28**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place in Port Ludlow.

Enhance your Memorial Day Weekend activities by browsing through extraordinary artwork available from local artists, including jewelry, woodworking, ceramics, watercolors, acrylics, photographs, collages, books, cards, and baskets.

To help build the Port Ludlow Art League Scholarship Fund, you'll have the opportunity to bid on an assortment of gift baskets for wine lovers, pet lovers, coffee lovers, chocolate lovers, and gardeners. You'll also be able to bid on personalized art classes for you and a friend. Enjoy delicious baked goods with coffee or tea on the Bay Club's terrace.

For more information on the Spring Art Fair, please visit portludlowart.org.

The Port Townsend Symphony's Spring Concert

The Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Tigran Arakelyan, will present a concert on **Sunday, April 24** at 2 p.m. at Chimacum High School Auditorium. This is a free concert. Due to Covid, seating is limited and by reservation only. Complete Covid protocols are explained on the symphony website. See ptsymphony.org for details and to register.

This concert features Marrowstone Island's Bruce Kelley. Mr. Kelley is the principal horn player in the Port Townsend and Port Angeles Symphony Orchestras. Prior to this he was principal horn at Eastside Symphony in Redmond for 30 years. In addition, he was a founder of the Northwest Mahler Festival.

At this concert, Mr. Kelley will solo on the *Artik Concerto for Horn and String Orchestra* by Armenian-American composer and former Seattle resident, Alan Hovhaness. The *Artik Concerto* was written during Hovhaness' Armenian period where he used scales and modes distinctive to Armenian music. This eight-movement piece is named for a seventh-century Armenian church in the town of Artik. It uses a call and response framework.

Also on the program are string orchestra pieces: *Impromptu* by Jean Sibelius, *Nocturne* by Antonin Dvorak, *Drosera* by Sonya Leonore Stahl, *The Old Boatman* by Florence Price, and *Fantasia on Greensleeves* by Ralph Vaughan Williams featuring orchestra harpist Barbara McColgan Pastore.

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Orchestra brass and percussion will perform *Sacrae Symphony 1597* by Giovanni Gabrieli and *Celebration Fanfare* by Jeff Manookian.

The Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra is happy to again be able to present concerts this year.

Backwards Piano Man Brings Down the House

by Dave Cunningham, Contributing Writer

A full house at the Bay Club gave Jason Lyle Black two rousing, standing ovations on the evening of Saturday, February 26 as he brought his 90-minute Port Ludlow Performing Arts (PLPA) concert to a close. Known as *The Backwards Piano Man*, the 34-year-old virtuoso entertained the audience with comedic stories, breathtaking piano performances and, of course, his signature bit of lying on his back, facing the ceiling, head beneath the piano, with crossed hands playing the keyboard flawlessly.

His dynamic performance of *Rhapsody in Blue* near the end of the show ignited a shower of cheers and brought everyone to their feet. PLPA board member Shelley Patton spoke with random members of the audience afterwards to see what they thought of the show.

Linda Shaw said, “It was wonderful,” and a woman named Susan gushed, “Absolutely fantastic! ... The best piano concert I’ve ever been to.”

Before returning to his home in northern California, Black provided students at Chimacum High School with a performance and presentation as part of PLPA’s Education Outreach program. The pianist is also active in serving the special-needs community.

A capacity crowd of 100 students got a free performance and participated in an extended question-and-answer session with the pianist and teacher afterward.

Tickets for the two remaining shows in the PLPA 2022 season are available for online purchase at PortLudlowPerformingArts.com. Bridge & Wolak, an internationally acclaimed music and comedy duo, are scheduled for 7 p.m. on **Saturday, April 30**, and guitarist Barrio Manouche will be on stage at 7 p.m. on **Saturday, June 11**, playing flamenco, gypsy, and jazz guitar.

Single tickets are \$30, and they will be available at the door if they don’t sell out in advance. Doors open 30 minutes before the concert begins.

It’s likely that audience members will no longer need to wear facemasks or show proof of vaccination at those two remaining shows. Jefferson County has removed its mask mandates, and the Bay Club was still evaluating its policy at press time.

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North Bay / Beach Club

Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

With the arrival of Spring, things are starting to feel more normal than they have in more than two years. LMC will hold its 54th Annual Membership Meeting on **Saturday, April 16** and for the first time since the pandemic started, we will hold the Annual Meeting in person at the Beach Club. At this year’s meeting our members will vote to fill four open Board positions and have an opportunity to vote on proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. For the most part, the proposed amendments to the governing documents are an attempt to be consistent with the recently amended state statutes that regulate non-profit corporations and homeowner associations. However, there is a change that is being proposed that would allow LMC to have semiannual assessments rather than annual which the LMC Board of Trustees believes will be beneficial to our membership if approved. Please look for your Annual Meeting mailing packet which should be arriving by mail on or about the first of April. If our members have any questions about the material, please contact me at the Beach Club.

Effective March 12, wearing a face mask in the Beach Club and Bridge Deck buildings is now optional. I would like to thank our members for their patience and understanding during these challenging times.

Another sign of things slowly returning to normal is that we are starting to see some of our groups coming back to use the Beach Club. If you haven’t booked your event, please give us a call.

As noted in a separate article, the Boards of LMC and SBCA have entered into an agreement that allows for groups that have been identified as Community Organizations to use the two clubs without having to pay room rental fees. A Community Organization is defined as a group or organization, (i) a majority of whose members reside within the Master Planned Resort (MPR), (ii) that is philanthropic or provides participants educational opportunities or provides a service to the Port Ludlow community, and (iii) that is open for membership by any resident of the MPR.

During the first two years of the pandemic, we held most of our committee and Board meetings remotely. Beginning in March we are now going back to “in person” meetings. LMC understands there may be members that want to participate in the meetings but may not be able to or want to come down to the Beach Club for in person meetings. Being sensitive to that, LMC will be looking at the

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possibility of having hybrid Board and Committee meetings. We will keep our members updated on this via our monthly *e-Navigator* newsletter and LMC website.

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.

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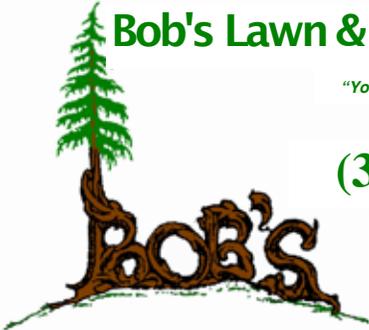
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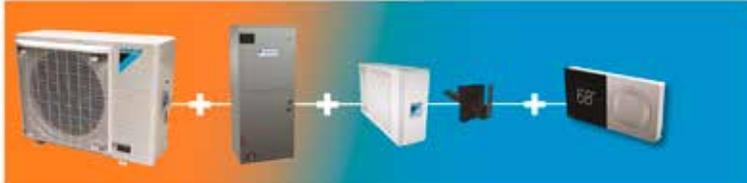
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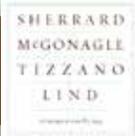
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Retiring baby boomers (those born between 1946 – 1964) are still 'fueling' our market as they find our communities very desirable. Our weather is mild, and our scenery is spectacular and diverse, with many outdoor recreational opportunities just a '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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Village Council

Village Council Board Meeting Summary*

by Tamra McDearmid, Secretary

At the March 3 Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Board Meeting the following reports were given:

Port Ludlow Associates, Diana Smeland, President

Real Estate: window supply chain issues continue slowing down buildings by 30 days. **Fireside:** dinner theme for March is Fresh Catch. **Golf:** at the Seattle Golf Show this weekend. **Marina:** nothing yet from Corps of Engineers about permit. Go by the Marina for free popcorn and peruse all the nice gift ideas. **Office Park:** Still have 900 square feet of space available.

Jefferson County, Greg Brotherton, County Commissioner, District 3

MERUs: the county has been delayed in updating this report. Will send President Moffitt the link when the report is posted on the county website. Fundamental questions on how these are calculated are being reanalyzed. **Covid:** Omicron variant continues in Jefferson County. County is going to cancel the mask and vaccine requirements, effective March 11. Encourage everyone to still wear KN95s. Fatalities due to Covid are at 256 per 100,000 in America, 133 per 100,000 in Washington State, and 72 per 100,000 in Jefferson County. Recently attended **Port Ludlow Drainage District** meeting following complaints of storm-water collection problems in Ludlow Cove development. Continue to investigate this issue; if county caused the problem, they will fix it. **Andy Cooper Road:** recently chip sealed and raised the speed limit. Residents feel the speed limit should be lowered. **County Administrator:** restarting new search process to fill this position, currently have an interim Administrator. **Jefferson Transit:** direct bus route to Kingston Ferry Terminal and ferry to Seattle. This is the first transit express offered since the 1980s, encourages others to try it.

Jefferson County PUD, Dan Toepper – PUD Commissioner, District 3

Recently received \$10.7 million grant from the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA). Will supply telecommunications from Highway 101 to Quilcene. Will be some matching funds. This will cover 3200 customers, or 15 percent of customer base. Now up to \$24 million in grants received this year. **Water meters:** PUD moving forward on distribution of Smart Meters. There is an opt-out option. Will borrow \$4 million from the federal government at low interest rate for the roll out of this program. **Meetings:** PUD would like to move to

Village Council Meetings

Board Meeting

Thursday, April 7

3:00 p.m., Bay Club Auditorium

Workshop Meeting

Tuesday, April 19

3:00 p.m., Bay Club Conference Room

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hybrid in-person and zoom meetings. This PLVC meeting will conflict with live PUD meetings, will send updates to President Moffitt. **PUD building:** will probably reopen to the public. Have had some cyber and physical security audits on their systems, a few items need to be tightened up. **Employment:** Six to eight positions open, all listed on website. Offering incentives to new employees, more information on website. **Citizen Advisory Board (CAB):** is now full (nine members), one new member from Brinnon/Quilcene area, two from District 2.

PLVC Committee Reports

Community Open House committee – Tamra McDearmid, Liaison

Have held several preliminary meetings about the possibility of having event this summer. Met with Brian Belmont, Beach Club General Manager to discuss. He suggests keeping it the same as years past with social, service and sport club organizations, some Port Ludlow businesses represented and offer free refreshments. Also met with Vickie Norris and Allison Leonard, members of SBCA Activity committee. They are interested in collaboration and would like to expand the offerings to county non-profits. Lengthen the event, perhaps 2–6 p.m. Suggest using food trucks in the parking lot instead of free food. Brian Belmont suggested a county non-profit Volunteer Fair could be a stand-alone event. Recently received information on the 2020 event (planned but unable to hold due to Covid restrictions). Will be contacting these volunteers for a meeting on March 11. At that point will determine if this summer is a go or plan for next year.

Holiday Lights committee – Dave McDearmid, Chair

The Holiday Lights came down for the season on Friday, February 25. Thanks to our crew of volunteers including John Goldwood, Paul Hinton, Doug Huber, Spencer McPherson, Jim Mueller and Jeff Sarantopoulos for their support on a cold morning. With three Astound (WAVE Broadband) bucket trucks and crew, and Lakeside

Bay Club / South Bay News

South Bay Community Association Update

by Gil Skinner, President, SBCA Board of Directors

Spring is springing. The daffodils, rhododendrons, primroses, crocuses and forsythia are all blooming. Let's hope our "wintry mix" forecast will finally be shelved for another year. Big shout out to all who are able to plant these great harbingers of spring. As I drive around South Bay these early bloomers always bring a smile and hope for new beginning.

On March 4 SBCA held its first pancake breakfast since the pandemic shut things down. Thanks to the SBCA Activities Committee and to all the other volunteers who made this breakfast possible. The March breakfast was limited to SBCA residents and their guests, but the April breakfast will be open to the entire community. The community group being honored is Port Ludlow Performing Arts, and they will receive a portion of the net proceeds. We encourage everyone to come on down and bring your friends for pancakes, fun, and supporting a great group. As always, we are looking for volunteers to help out. If interested, please contact the Bay Club General Manager at mark.torres@sbca.club.

A quick note on our fabulous General Manager. He does it all. For instance, for the pancake breakfast he was cooking up bacon and sausage, ensuring food safety all the while keeping track of club issues. Afterwards he was helping move tables and stack chairs. Mark is always looking out for the best interest of the Club. He is our pool expert, he negotiates with multiple vendors to ensure we get the best price/service, he tracks finances, and he is an ardent advocate of the Bay Club. Many of our South Bay members do not interact directly with Mark, but anyone who does realizes why he is such a valued leader of the SBCA team. Kudos to Mark Torres, a great General Manager.

There are two important events coming up. First, SBCA members will be asked once again to vote on whether vacant lots should be subject to the same dues as lots with houses on them. This proposal was on the ballot for our last Annual Meeting and was approved overwhelmingly by those who voted. The glitch is that we did not have enough people voting. The issue is simple. Owners of vacant lots do not have to pay dues but have the same right to use the Bay Club and to vote on SBCA matters as owners of lots with houses on them. This is inherently unfair to all of us who have to pay dues whether we use the Club or not. The vote this time around will be by ballot without the need to attend a meeting. So over the next month please watch your

SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting Thursday, April 14, 9:30 a.m.

Unless there are changes to county requirements, meetings are in person.

All SBCA members are welcome

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

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

mailbox and inbox for more information about this issue and about how to cast your vote.

Second, on **Wednesday, April 27**, at 1 p.m., SBCA will be holding a Town Hall for all members. The main focus will be to bring everyone up to date on our financial picture. In some ways this ties to the issue about dues for vacant lots, but is much broader in scope. We will discuss our operations budget, the reserve budget, and capital improvement budget. We will also invite members to discuss ideas for SBCA's future. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Fun Food Activities in April at the Bay Club!

The Bay Club will host a Pancake Breakfast on **Friday, April 1**, at 8-10 a.m. to benefit Port Ludlow Performing Arts. Cost will be \$15 per person for pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit, juice and coffee. Later in the month on **Wednesday, April 20** and **Thursday, April 21**, Diane LaVonne of Diane's Market Kitchen will offer Pasta 101 Hands on Cooking classes at the Bay Club. Sample menu includes Lasagna Bolognese, Fresh Fettuccine with Seasonal Sauce, salad with garlicky Parmesan dressing and Olive Oil Cake. Seating is limited to 8 per class. Price is \$90 plus tax. Wine, beer, dry soda and Topo Chico sparkling water will be available for purchase. Pre-registration is required at dianesmarketkitchen.com.

Reminder to Dog Owners

So we all can enjoy our walks, please carry a plastic bag and clean up after your dog.



Recreation & Sports

Port Ludlow Men's Golf Association

by Russ Michel, PLMGA

The Port Ludlow Men's Golf Association (PLMGA) began its 2022 season on March 16 with a three-man team tournament played in a scramble format. Roger Haskin is this year's tournament director and has planned fun and exciting team and individual play events throughout our playing season. Members have a chance to win closest-to-the pin prizes on par threes and tournament prize winnings paid out as Pro Shop credit.

The PLMGA is open to all men members of the Port Ludlow Golf Club, giving you an opportunity to participate in organized play. As a member of the PLMGA you will have an opportunity to meet and play golf with other members. Tournament events are played each Wednesday morning and are designed to encompass all levels of golf handicaps. If you have an interest in joining the PLMGA, membership application forms are available at the golf pro shop.

Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association

by Kathleen Traci, PLWGA Publicity Chairperson

The Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association's (PLWGA) is an 18-hole women's league led by Captain Elaine Raymond. Members play 18 holes every Tuesday morning during the April through October 2022 season. Opening day for the PLWGA is April 5. An emailed Golf Genius invitation will be sent to all active and social members. Members may sign up for a luncheon at Dusty Green Cafe and/or a round of golf. The pro shop will collect day-of score cards, enter member scores into Golf Genius, and deposit the winnings into the winning players' Port Ludlow Golf Course (PLGC) accounts.

The Golf Genius scheduling program will be used for all PLWGA event sign-ups. This computer program calculates individual golf statistics for members. The Washington State Golf Association Membership (included with PLGC membership fees) updates member handicaps and periodically emails updates to members. Individual email addresses are needed for this service. Note: As of March 1, all scores for non-practice rounds must be entered into the GHIN Handicap system. Scores must be posted hole by hole. Eighteen-hole score rounds must be posted when 14 holes have been completed. (Par plus handicap pops are to be listed for the holes not completed.)

PLWGA casual golf continued November 2021 through March 2022 (Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays). A big thank-you to former league captain Linda Haskin for

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utilizing Golf Genius to organize casual play for the past five months. With the commencement of the regular season, PLWGA casual golf will play on Fridays during April through October 2022. Please contact Linda Haskin to be added to the casual play Golf Genius announcement list. Member news will be posted on the PLWGA bulletin board in the PLGC women's locker room and distributed by email.

PLWGA Captain Elaine Raymond invites prospective league members to play 18 holes with the group any Tuesday beginning on April 2022. To sign up to play with the PLWGA or to join the PLWGA league, please contact the Port Ludlow Golf Course Pro Shop at 360-437-0272.

PL Nine-Hole Golf Leagues Begin

By Kathleen Traci, Lady Niners Publicity Chairperson

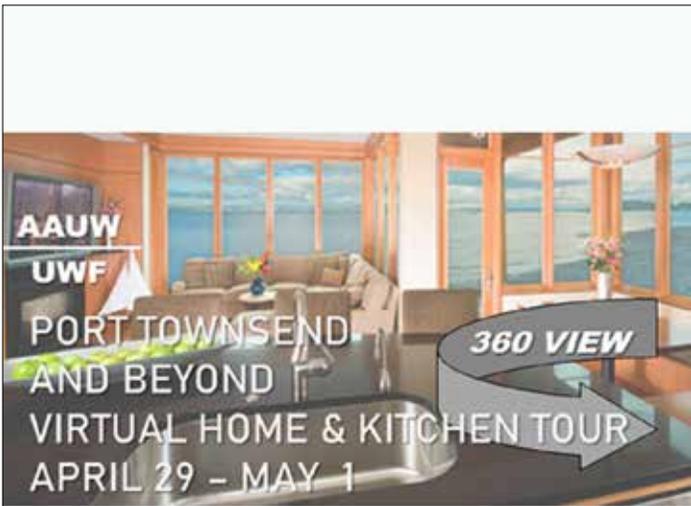
The yearly opening cocktail party for the Nifty Niners was held on March 31 at the Bay Club. The potluck appetizer event for the women's and the men's Niners leagues was well attended. The cocktail party provided an opportunity for the league captains to introduce new members, to socialize, and to introduce their Niners Boards. The annual dues of \$35 per person for returning members was not collected this year due to a surplus of funds related to Covid-postponed 2021 events. Golfer Niner families picked up handbooks that contained the schedule of games and social events for the 2022 Niners season at the Port Ludlow Golf Course.

The Niners men and women play every Thursday of the month, except the fourth Thursday, as that is Niners Couples Day. Games vary and include low net, best ball, 5-clubs, fewest putts, stableford, and scrambles, to name a few. The year-end banquet culminates the season in October and features season award presentations. Opening day is April 7.

The Niners are a friendly group who welcome golfers of all skill levels. Member goals are to improve individual golfing skills, to enjoy comradery and competition with like-minded people, and to exercise in the fresh air of the Northwest. As of March 1, all nine-hole scores are entered into the Handicap GHIN system hole by hole.

With the commencement of the regular season, casual golf will be played on Fridays during April through

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October 2022. Members need to contact Linda Haskin to have their name added to the Golf Genius invitation list for casual golf Fridays. Member news will be posted on the Niners Bulletin Board in the PLGC women's locker room and distributed by email.

Lady Niners Captain Barbara Burke invites prospective league members to play 9 holes with the group any Thursday. To sign up to play 9 holes with the Niners or to join the men's or women's Niners leagues, please contact the Port Ludlow Golf Course ProShop.

Port Ludlow Hiking

by John Nuerenberg, Hiking Club

Unless otherwise noted, hikers meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:15 a.m. to get directions to the trailheads and depart at 8:30 a.m. The Bridge Deck location can be found at our website at portludlowhikingclub.com and then click on "About."

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

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

Friday, April 1 – UW Cherry Blossom Hike

Meet at Kingston Fast Ferry Terminal by 8:30 a.m. for the 8:45 a.m. sailing. Fares for seniors with Medicare cards or ORCA cards are \$1.00 eastbound and \$5.00 westbound. We will arrive at 9:24 a.m. in Seattle. We will walk up to the Pioneer Square transit station and take the light rail to the University of Washington campus. Light rail fares are \$2.25 one way to UW. It will be a short hike to the upper campus to see the cherry trees in bloom and take a tour of the Gregg Garden. Lunch may be purchased at the campus student union or pack your own. The lower campus hike will be through the athletic fields to the Conibear Shell House where the 1936 Olympic Gold medal winning Husky Clipper is housed, and then on to the Union Bay Natural area nature walk. We will return by light rail to the ferry terminal in time for the 5:05 p.m. departure, arriving in Kingston at 5:44 p.m. All you need is comfortable walking shoes, rain gear, lunch, and spring fever for this relaxing urban stroll. Restrooms are available throughout the trip. For further information contact Milt Lum at mlumwa65@gmail.com.

Friday, April 8 – Dungeness Spit

We will walk a 10K (6.3 mile) route at Dungeness Spit that begins by exploring the forested trails up on the

bluffs overlooking the Strait of Juan de Fuca. This is in the Dungeness Recreation Area, a natural wildlife refuge, so dogs are not allowed. The second half of the walk goes down to the beach and walks out-and-back on the Dungeness Spit. We will not be walking all the way to the lighthouse, but those who wish to do so can continue on for approximately another 6K from our turn-around point to reach the lighthouse, tides permitting. Restrooms are available at the trailhead. Hike leader: Jane Holmes; 760-496-8610.

Friday, April 15 – Nodule Point

With high tide scheduled to be shortly after we get to the trailhead, we should enjoy a nice beach walk to Nodule Point. From the trailhead at East Beach Park on Marrowstone Island, we will walk south along the east side of the island to Nodule Point. The nodules are something that is unique. After spending some time exploring and photographing, we will return to the park. The beach walk is approximately 3 miles with no elevation as it is entirely on the beach. Restrooms are available at the trailhead. Hike leaders: Sally & John Nuerenberg; 623-229-4657, or 623-229-4257.

Friday, April 29 – Spruce Railroad

Starting at the east end of the Spruce Railroad Trail, we will begin hiking through an old orchard now filled with moss-dripping maples. The trail soon joins an old railroad that would have transported Sitka spruce to Port Angeles. The wood was to be used to build aircraft used during World War I, but the war ended days before the completion of the railroad. Great views of the Crescent Lake and the surrounding mountains will be seen at many locations. One would be Devil Point and the Punchbowl. Another will be at a point that overlooks Barnes Point. We will turn around after eating lunch and return to the cars. The hike is about 6 miles round trip with about 300 feet of elevation gain. Restroom is available at the trailhead. National Park pass is required. Hike leaders: Sally & John Nuerenberg; 623-229-4657, or 623-229-4257.

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 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 golf cart path trail or other alternative route.

Go to portludlowhikingclub.com for more hiking information, maps, descriptions of the Port Ludlow Trails, pictures of previous hikes, and other destinations.

Pickleball in Port Ludlow

The Port Ludlow Pickleball Association welcomes all Port Ludlow pickleball members to the 2022-2023 season! This year's registration is \$40 per person, is due by March 31, and is good for one year.

New member/beginner clinics will resume on Wednesdays, beginning April 13 at 11 a.m. at the North Bay Beach Club pickleball courts.

The schedule for court playing time changes on May 1, as follows:

Spring/Summer (May 1 – Sep 30)

- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday
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Fall/Winter (Oct 1 – Apr 30)

- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday
- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday
- 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. on Sunday

For information and registration contact plpba.pickleball@gmail.com.

Hiking with a Local

by Greg Brotherton, District 3 County Commissioner

If I have learned anything in my first three years as County Commissioner, it is that we all walk different paths through the same world. Hearing different voices is part of this job that I cultivate. Walking and talking on different trails with different people brings a new perspective. This is a big reason I'm making more "Hiking with a Local" videos, after the three I made in the Olympic National Forest.

I spent an afternoon hitting three trails in Port Ludlow with Philip Hunsucker, and my theme is a question: What is a sustainable level of tourism in the Master Planned Resort (MPR)? I asked the Port Ludlow Village Council before embarking on this project if I should promote the trails in the MPR and heard full-throated support. Philip believes that the more people use the trails, the more they will be maintained and improved. It seems that Port Ludlow wants more.

This is a global issue and very local in Jefferson County. The Quilcene community is in a dialogue with the port of Port Townsend about this very thing regarding Port properties in Quilcene. Our rural beauty is unparalleled, but easily overwhelmed. Do we risk what we cherish if we promote it? Tourism is a huge part of our economy, but when do we say, "enough?" How do you say it with any impact?

But this is an article about hiking in Port Ludlow. It's stunning. There are also some clearcuts, but they do lead to some great views. The first "Hiking with a Local" from Port Ludlow will be out at: [youtube.com/c/GregBrotherton](https://www.youtube.com/c/GregBrotherton) in late April. See you on the trails.

South Bay Mixed Doubles Tennis / Round Robin

by Maureen Black, Guest Writer

Tennis anyone? You're in luck as the season kicks off **Wednesday, May 4** at 10 a.m. Come join us for some fun and exercise at the courts on Highland Drive. All levels are welcome. If you have not played for a while, or have never played and would like to learn, our group would be more than happy to get you started. The courts are locked, but if you are a South Bay member you can request your own key at no charge by contacting Mark Torres at the Bay Club. There are no dues but we kindly request 50 cents each time you play to help pay for balls. We schedule play on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays at 10 a.m., depending on weather. So, grab your racquet, tennis shoes and come have a few chuckles with us. For more information contact Maureen Black at neilmoe@gmail.com.

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Industries traffic control both donating their services, we took the road at 9:00 a.m. and were finished by 11:30 a.m. Tasks before the lights are reinstalled in November for the 2022-2023 season include: (1) testing the condition of all the lights removed; (2) replacing the GFCI outlets in our distribution lines with standard weather-resistant outlets; (3) consulting with the Kingston Holiday Lights volunteers and 7 Cedars to determine if there are means to make our display more resistant to outages caused by weather events; and (4) replacing our new signs, one of which was lost when a car ran over it, so they refer to Astound instead of WAVE as appropriate. Regarding the light pole that was struck by a car, have spoken with Matt Stewart, Road Maintenance Superintendent with the County Department of Public Works. They are working with Double D Electric to contact the original supplier to determine if replacement parts can be found or manufactured. It will not be a quick process. The County's General Permit allowing our use of the islands and trees is good through the 2023-2024 season after which we will apply for a new five-year permit.

Local 20/20 update – Kim Moffitt – Liaison

Styrofoam recycling on February 22, went great. Very helpful and efficient crew, many contributors. Wonders about having other recycling opportunities in Port Ludlow, such as the Repair Café, or recycling tires (both now happening in Port Townsend). Encourages everyone to sign up for the Local 20/20 weekly newsletter at

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events@20/20.org. It is full of information about events happening in Jefferson County. Examples are events on gardening, climate change, healthcare. Good events for the LMC and SBCA to list in their newsletters.

Next Board Meeting: **Thursday, April 7** at 3 p.m. Main Auditorium at Bay Club. Please note the time change. This is planned as an in-person meeting.

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