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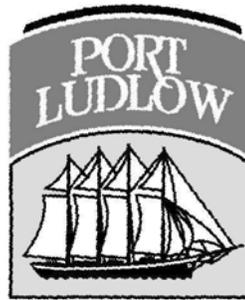
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Red dockline.

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News & Community

Submit your articles by email to editor@plvoice.org no later than the 8th of the preceding month.

As the Voice went to press, some organizations were planning to resume in-person gatherings. Since that time Jefferson County has experienced an increase in Covid cases, so be sure to confirm any organization's in-person status.

Editorial

by Mary Ronen, Production Manager

February. Although it may be the shortest month of the year, it is usually a busy one. It is Black History Month. February days that come immediately to mind are Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Super Bowl Sunday, and Chinese New Year. But, there are many more special days in February, most of which are probably unknown by most.

There is a day for wearing red or to give kids a smile (February 4) and a day to thank your mailman (February 5). How about a day to send a card to a friend? (February 7.) February 17 is Random Acts of Kindness Day. There are many websites listing all of these, and more. One of these sites, in case you are interested, is calendarr.com (that's right, calendar spelled with 2 r's.)

We have the honor of having a team of two filling the position of Sports and Recreation Editor —MaryBeth Sabine and Lisa Taylor—welcome them! They are both active individuals with a lot of enthusiasm for this area and the outdoor opportunities to be found here. And, oh, by the way, they point out that February 22 is Recreational Sports and Fitness Day.

We hope that you enjoy all of the many interesting contributions this month by our talented writers.

Library Exceeds Fundraising Goal by More Than 100 Percent

Jefferson County Library (JCL) is thanking contributors to the 2021 Winter Giving Campaign who helped raise more than \$41,000 against an original goal of \$20,000. Donations will fund expanded services, programming, collections, and other projects. The library is located at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock.

JCL has recently rolled out three new online databases, which are free with a library card and accessible from the Research & Learning tab on the library website. Here are the new databases:

- **hoopla** is a digital streaming platform that features movies, television, music, eBooks, and other media.
- **Brainfuse** is an on-demand, anytime/anywhere tutorial for all ages and learning levels. Students can communicate with live tutors using an interactive whiteboard to chat, write, draw, copy text, paste images, and graph problems.

- **Value Line** is an investment research database that lets users explore over 3,500 stocks across hundreds of industries, using interactive tools and in-depth reports.

The library is also offering these online programs:

Climate Change and Clean Energy

Thursdays, February 3, 10, and 17 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Experienced energy scientists will lead a series of discussions exploring the efficacy of renewables, CO₂-free electricity, nuclear power, and ways to bring clean energy to everyone.

iPhone Basics

Tuesday, February 1 - 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Master the basic functions of your iPhone to get the most from your device. You will learn how to navigate the home screen, manage apps, connect to the internet, and more.

How to Use TikTok

Tuesday, February 8 - 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

This class will feature an introduction to TikTok, the popular video-sharing platform. Learn how to search for videos, follow your favorite contributors, and create or share your own content.

Book Discussion

Thursday, February 10 - 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.

Participants will discuss *How to be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi. To join this group, email Andrea Hergert at ahergert@jclibrary.info.

Please note the library will be closed on **Monday, February 21**, in honor of Presidents' Day.

You can contact the library staff at 360-385-6544 or information@jclibrary.info. To view upcoming events, see jclibrary.info. The library is open seven days a week with bookmobile service to outlying communities.

Chamber Invites Nominations for Leadership Awards

The Chamber of Jefferson County has opened nominations for its annual Community Leadership Awards in these categories:

Business Leader of the Year. Presented to an individual who has demonstrated vision, service, and leadership for the betterment of the Jefferson County community. This person has a legacy of building other leaders and has established a reputation of character and trust for others to emulate.

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Citizen of the Year. Presented to an individual whose extraordinary public service has made a positive impact on the community. This person has given back to the community, served others, and made Jefferson County a better place.

Rising Entrepreneur. Presented to an individual who embodies innovative thinking that will lead the county to sustained economic prosperity. The contribution of this person is a catalyst for job creation and smart growth/development.

Young Professional of the Year. Awarded to an individual who demonstrates excellence, creativity, and valuable service in his/her business to improve the quality of life for others in the community. This person serves as a role model for peers and youth.

Future Business Leader (Youth). Awarded to a high school senior who displays leadership qualities every day—such as honesty, dependability, respect, and compassion. This student succeeds in academics as well as community service and is also a role model for peers.

Service club members from throughout the area serve on the selection panel with the Chamber. Community members can find awards-nomination forms on the Chamber's web site.

The Chamber is also continuing its virtual Café series, which highlight topics of county interest and feature members of the business community. To register for upcoming cafés or educational workshops, visit jeffcounty.chamber.org

Marine Science Center Showcases Area Photographers and Salish Sea

The Port Townsend Marine Science Center is hosting a free photo exhibit called *We Are Puget Sound: Discovering and Recovering the Salish Sea*. It features the work of many regional photographers documenting efforts to protect local waters.

The Salish Sea is essential to urban and rural communities in Washington state, British Columbia, and 50-plus Native American tribes and First Nations. But the marine science center reports deteriorating conditions below the surface of the waters, following a century and a half of resource extraction, pollution, habitat loss, and the impacts of development and climate change.

The exhibit was created by the Washington Environmental Council and Braided River, the conservation division of Mountaineers Books. "We're so proud to bring forth this diverse array of images and stories that showcase the region's beauty and diversity, and also inspire action to preserve it for future generations," said Helen Cherullo, executive director of Braided River. "The 'We' of *We Are Puget Sound* is all of us working together to bring our unique gifts to the table and find solutions to make the sound a healthy, intact ecosystem that all can enjoy and prosper from."

The photos will be on display at 1001 Water Street in Port Townsend on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, noon to 3:00 p.m., through the end of February. For more information, see ptmsc.org/visit-us.

Martha's Book Club to Discuss House-Restoration Memoir

Erica Bauermeister finds inspiration for her latest book, *House Lessons: Renovating a Life*, when she and her family embark on the herculean task of restoring an aged and decrepit Victorian-style house in Port Townsend. The bestselling author of novels such as *The Scent Keeper*, *The School of Essential Ingredients*, and *The Lost Art of Mixing*, provides in a series of essays a memoir of her experiences in this massive undertaking. She also includes her thoughts on family, relationships, and the process of transforming a house into a home.

Martha's Book club will meet on **Tuesday, February 8**, at the Bay Club from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. for a lively discussion of this book. All are welcome to join. If you are unable to attend this meeting, you can contact Sarah Schuch at bookclub@plvoice.org to request a list of upcoming books to be discussed. Meetings are scheduled monthly on the second Tuesday.

Beekeepers Wanted

by Dave Morris, President EJBA

East Jefferson Beekeepers Association (EJBA) is again offering live Beginning Beekeeping classes, from February 12 to April 24. The classes are free, but you must be a member of EJBA to participate. EJBA membership is \$24 for an individual or \$36 for a family.

Additional member benefits include meetings, events, and mentors. Each beginning beekeeper is assigned a mentor upon request.

The first session will be held at the Chimacum Grange Hall. At each session, one full module (two classes) will be presented, taking up to two hours total per session. Here is the session schedule:

- **February 12**—After EJBA general meeting: 11:00 a.m. Module 1 (Class 1 and 2), Bee Basics and Keeping Bees
- **February 26**—Class only: 10:00 a.m. Module 2 (Class 3 and 4), Equipment and The Apiary
- **March 12**—After EJBA general meeting: 11:00 a.m. Module 3 (Class 5 and 6), Bee Diseases and Bee Pests
- **March 26**—Class only: 10:00 a.m. Module 4 (Class 7 and 8), Spring and Summer Management
- **April 9**—After EJBA general meeting: 11:00 a.m. Module 5 (Class 9 and 10), Honey Extraction and Fall/Winter Management
- **April 23 and 24**—Apiary visits

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Port Ludlow has wonderful bee habitat but not many beekeepers. Last year we had a good response, with many signing up for the online classes. We are hoping that some who took last year’s course will raise bees in 2022.

Think about teaming with one of your neighbors to explore beekeeping. The classes are timed to conclude prior to the arrival of package bees near the end of April or early May. For more information and to sign up, visit ejbees.com/beekeeping-class.

Justin Slye—Lieutenant/Firefighter

Peter Wickstrom—Paramedic/Firefighter

Mike Nicholas—Paramedic/Firefighter

Four resident firefighters—Sarah Chapman, Nick Forcier, Travis Paynter, and Josue Barajas—were congratulated on their graduation from the Fire Academy.

If you have any questions about the services Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue provides to the community, please call the office at 360-437-2236 or visit our web page at plfr.org.

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue	
Alarm Statistics December 2021	
Alarms	
Fires	2
Rescue/Emergency Medical	53
Service Call/Good Intent	24
False Alarms	2
Hazmat	1
Total Alarms	82
Ambulance Transports	
Jefferson Healthcare	7
St. Michael	17
Hospital to Home	1
Total Transports	25
Aid	
Aid Given	18
Aid Received	10

DigitalLife Moves January Programs to February

Port Ludlow DigitalLife (PLDL) canceled January meetings due to the rise in Covid cases. As the *Voice* went to press, PLDL was tentatively planning to roll the scheduled January offerings into February. If pandemic conditions allow, upcoming PLDL meetings at the Bay Club will be as follows:

Windows 10 – Monday, February 21, 3 to 5 p.m.

The All Things Digital group will meet with John Nuerenberg to discuss Windows 10 features and benefits. Windows 10 has been around for several years and you may think you are ready for the next operating system. Here is a question to consider: If you learned more about your existing operating system, could you make it more enjoyable to use? This class may better prepare you for Windows 11 if you choose to upgrade.

In this class, you will learn how to modify the Start menu and Task Bar; lock and unlock the computer; change mouse settings; change power and sleep options; create and nest folders in Windows Explorer; clean your hard drive; and choose the right options in the Settings window. Be sure to bring your computer with necessary power supply.

Photo Editing – Monday, February 28, 10 a.m. to noon.

The Camera Special Interest Group will have an overview of photo editing options. It will be led by Aven Anderson. Bring your camera and any questions you have regarding photography, design, or photo equipment. For the latest Port Ludlow DigitalLife photography exhibit, member galleries, and programs, see pldigitallife.org.

Port Ludlow DigitalLife is open to all people who are interested in computer and photography education. For additional information contact Shirley Sandoz at sandoz@olypen.com or Robin Glass at prglass@comcast.net.

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue Members Awarded

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

On December 11, 2021, Port Ludlow Fire Chief Bret Black presented awards to department members for their service.

The Chief’s Award was given to the department’s Administrative Assistant, Tanya Cray.

Wicus McGuffey was named Firefighter of the Year.

Travis Paynter was recognized as Resident of the Year.

Collene Funk was named Volunteer of the Year.

Service Recognition awards were given to:

Gary Kavanagh for his time as Interim Fire Chief.

Ron Helmonds, an outgoing commissioner, for his time on the Fire Commissioner Board.

Three former employees were also awarded for their service to the department and the community:

Be Safe While Walking Reminder

Pedestrians should always walk facing oncoming traffic. Remember, you can’t see what’s coming behind you!

Features & Stories

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Census of Port Ludlow

by Tim Rensema, Staff Writer

Most of us know something about the U.S. Census and the importance it has in allocation of funding to states. This is mandated in the Constitution, Article 1, Section 2, where it states “...*Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States...according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years...The actual Enumeration [census]...shall be made...within every subsequent Term of ten Years...*” I hope that I did not take this too much out of context, but the key items of interest here are that tax revenues allocated to the states are mandated in the Constitution which is determined by the census (enumeration) done every ten years. Washington became a state in 1889, but had conducted numerous territorial censuses from at least 1871 to 1889. This proved to be an asset, as the data from the 1890 national census of Washington State was destroyed in a fire. So at least we have the data from the 1889 territorial census to provide us with some continuity to the normal ten-year census data.

The data taken from the census is interesting as well. Indians had to be specifically identified because those who resided on reservations did not pay taxes so it was felt they should not count in the census where tax dollars would be allocated back to a state. Prior to the 15th Amendment, slaves were counted at three-fifths of a white person so that the slaveholding states would get more of a portion of taxes than their white population would have justified. That was why “race” was an important aspect to the census data. Also important was the size of a family. Usually, the family members were included with the head of the household (at that time, usually a male). Ages and nationality of not only the individual, but of his or her parents, were also included. While I am not sure of the value that had for apportionment of taxes, it has provided a wealth of information when researching immigration patterns and settlement. For example, early settlers to the Olympic Peninsula were from the state of Maine (with other New England states and New York making up a good part of the rest). This may have been because Maine had both a very strong logging and ship-building industry at the time. This immigration effect changed in the late 1800s to a heavier Scandinavian influence, perhaps because they too had strong lumber and seafaring experience.

In Port Ludlow, we know from census data that the mill had both Indian as well as Chinese employees for a period of time. Through the census, we can determine which families

remained as residents in the Port Ludlow area and those which were transients. While single men are somewhat hard to follow through census data, families such as the Guptills, Sparks, and the Poole family did reside for a period at Port Ludlow, so can provide some information for analysis of the demographics of early Port Ludlow.

I followed the Lawrence Family from 1878 to 1910 to observe the changes in the family structure. This review also illustrates some of the challenges that exist in the census. The name Henry Lawrence first showed up in the territorial census of 1877 as a single man from Sweden, age 42, occupation—mechanic. In 1878 he was not listed with children having the same last name and his information was Henry Lawrence, from Sweden, age 42. Six Indian children were listed elsewhere with no mention of his wife. The children were Fred (I)(M)(10), William (I)(M)(7), Minnie (I)(F)(3), Lucy (I)(F)(5), Bell (I)(F)(1), and Harry (I)(M)(4). In 1879, things really changed: Henry now has an Indian wife, Mary (45), and his age is now 52. For children, Henry has lost Harry, Bell, Lucy, and William, but picked up Charlie (15), Rose (9), Julia (7), Jack (5), and Mary (3), but still has Fred (11) and Millie (13) (instead of Minnie). This Henry Lawrence may be a different family as his occupation is now listed as farmer. After 1889, his children are Fred (24), William (22), Henry (20), Rosa (17), Minnie (15), Charles (12), Lydia (11), James (9), George (7), Susan (5), and Edith (3). In 1900, things have changed drastically in that Henry’s wife, Lucy, is 56, and he is 73, and they have one son, Leo (16), living at home. In 1910, Henry is listed as head of household and 83, but is now listed as coming from Denmark. Lucy is no longer listed. On the specific Indian Population data sheet, William Lawrence is listed as being 44 with a daughter, Minnie (10), and no wife. His brother, Leo, is also listed as 26. On this data sheet, the tribe of the Indian progenitor (in this case, Lucy) was Snohomish. So, what happened to all these children? Many of the young women would marry in their mid-teens. However, the only sons who stayed around were William and Leo. So, we had children disappear, new children arrive, names change, and countries of origin change. This was a rather convoluted trip, I realize, but hopefully the challenges of the census can be seen when following this one family. Perhaps many of the children died, as disease took many children in those years. Perhaps some of these children may have been buried in the Port Ludlow cemetery, but that information is lost. However, a Henry Lawrence did reside in Port Ludlow for at least 32 years with an Indian wife and a number of children. No mean feat in those days of transient work and a lack of a firm community in the mill town of Port Ludlow.

New Year Littering at the Recycling Site

by Robert Chanpong, PLVC Utilities Committee



Illegal dumping, recycling site, Village Way, Port Ludlow.

Submitted photo

The Port Ludlow community was shocked in early January by the illegal dumping of an enormous amount of trash, bags and cardboard debris at the recycling site on Village Way. Reaction was swift with numerous postings on Nextdoor, and a group of community minded citizens took immediate action by renting a trailer and hauling off the material. We are extremely grateful to these residents.

Jefferson County was contacted following the incident. We were reminded by the County that the recycling service is an arrangement between the County and Skookum Inc., the Jefferson County recycling contractor. If there is a serious overflow, the County and not Skookum should be notified at 360-385-9444, the Jefferson County Environmental Public Health contact number.

Our recycling service is a courtesy provided by the county, and drop boxes are also located in Quilcene and Port Hadlock. The service is funded by the trash collection revenue. We could lose this important facility should illegal dumping become more frequent, as clearance by Skookum involves additional cost. The County will be renewing the contract with Skookum this year, and regular visits to the recycling sites by the county are being considered.

Postings on Nextdoor and comments during the recent Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Board meeting call for increased collection by Skookum, remote surveillance and signage to include the County litter laws. The PLVC will work through all suggestions and will continue to post recycling guidelines by email and periodic articles in the *Voice*. We are open to any suggestions for maintaining our recycling service. Comments and questions can be sent to Robert Chanpong, Utilities Chair, at chanpr@hotmail.com. Recycling guidelines can be found on the PLVC website: plvc.org/recycling-in-port-ludlow.

Finally, it is up to each of us to recycle responsibly to ensure that we do not lose this valuable service.

Pride Port Ludlow Aspires to Community, Service, Fun

by Jean Holtz, Guest Writer

A little over a year ago a new group, Pride Port Ludlow (PPL), was formed by local LGBTQ+ residents. In that year's time, we have grown from just a handful of folks to over 40 members. We are all homeowners in Port Ludlow and adjacent areas.



PPL Road Warriors clean up Oak Bay Rd. L. to r. Teri Toeneseon, Jo Royal, Carrol Hernandez, Derrel Triplett, Mike Carrol, Carmen Alcalde, Doug Balli, Sue Hunter, Rob Blackhurst.

Photo by Jean Holtz

What began as an idea to form an LGBTQ+ organization for those living in Port Ludlow has grown into a flourishing and active association. We came together as a community within a community, like boaters, artists, and others have done. As one gay person began contacting another gay person, very quickly the foundation of a unique group was built.

PPL has taken on two community service projects to benefit Port Ludlow and local areas. The first project was to adopt a section of Oak Bay Road for periodic trash pickup, and in August the PPL Road Warriors cleaned from milepost 8 to milepost 10. The second service project will be to periodically serve a hot meal to homeless residents of Peter's Place in Port Hadlock, as soon as Covid restrictions allow.

PPL also likes to have good times together. We held a summer picnic in Kehele Park during the one break in Covid-mandated limits on gatherings. It was great fun and people didn't want to leave, so we extended our time at the park for an additional couple of hours. Also, we enjoyed the December holidays by getting together at the marina to watch the lighted boat flotilla.

PPL has gone "live" with our own web site, prideportludlow.com. Our email address is prideportludlow@gmail.com. We also have our own group on Facebook. We invite all LGBTQ+ residents and allies to contact us for more information.

Moments of Tenderness

by Milt Lum, Contributing Writer

Valentine's Day has become another celebratory event dominated by commercialism. In our country success of Valentine's Day is measured in the billions of dollars spent to say 'I love you.' Contrasting the lure of slick ads promoting flowers, candy, and diamonds, I present two vignettes which personify the essence of Valentine's Day.

Diagnosed with breast cancer years ago, she defied the odds, saw her children mature, and cuddled her grandchildren. The malignancy though dormant was never eradicated and metastasized just as she looked forward to spending more time traveling with her spouse recently retired from a busy medical practice. She was a woman of strong faith and chose to tour the cities visited by St. Paul, the early Christian missionary, in Greece and Turkey. Without emotion she shared her story with the group of forty participants. She asked for their prayers and said she'd do her best to keep up.



Punctual for every move from one destination to the other, she never delayed departures. If she was in pain or distressed by the inconveniences of travel by bus or boat, no one could tell. She was always gracious, though it was evident that some days were better than others. Visiting these places where the early Christians worshipped and died invigorated her. With her husband on one arm and a fellow traveler on the other, she was undaunted by the irregular terrain or rocky slopes around the ruins they visited. Neither she nor her husband dwelled on her impending fate but lived each day basking in each other's presence. Their devotion and strength are captured in this moment of tenderness.

The older couple sat at the base of an ornate fountain in the center of a plaza in Ljubljana, capital city of Slovenia. Earlier in the day the plaza was flooded with tour groups congregating at the entrance of the cathedral at one end of the plaza, and around the fountain. It was now late afternoon, and the sunny plaza was bathed in shadows. Children frolicked about, business-suited men walked briskly through, and women with shopping bags wandered in and out shops. Across the plaza

my roving eye saw the couple as they sat together paging through a book. He would point to a page, she nodded and laughed. Their facial expressions and playful touches were like a couple in the first stages of infatuation rather than one seasoned through adversity. The man arose and offered his hand to his companion.



Scenes like this abound in all our memories and sustain us against the harsh realities that confront us. These moments of tenderness require an abiding love and trust that come from a willingness to be vulnerable. It is a gift not measured by glitz or glamour and goes beyond one day in February.

Meet Your Firefighters

by Ron Dawson, Contributing Writer

Meet Charlie Johnson, firefighter and paramedic with Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue. He began his career at East Jefferson Fire and Rescue where he spent one year as an EMT and came to the Port Ludlow station two years ago because he wanted to expand his role and become a firefighter.



Originally from Sacramento, California, he moved to Seattle when he was 14. He lives in Port Townsend, which he says works well because it is a fairly quick trip to get to Port Ludlow and his job. His family lives in Puyallup and Federal Way, and Charlie is single.

The thing he likes best about his job is showing up on a callout and doing his best to help people who need it. The job is mentally challenging and never dull, with new situations that arise daily. The hardest part is being away from family, particularly on holidays, as the shifts are 48 hours long. He

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recalls the adrenaline he felt when he went on his first callout on his first day as a medic. Everything went well on that call. The medic training is a 13-month curriculum. He loves to impart his knowledge as a medic to other members of his team. His personal goal is to increase his knowledge and grow his skills.

When away from the job, Charlie enjoys travelling, kayaking, cycling, and being outdoors. He is going to try skiing this winter. An upcoming trip to Colorado is planned where he intends to “hit the bunny slopes.”

When asked about what people may not know about him, he says he used to be a baker for five years, where everything was precisely measured. He is a Pittsburgh Steelers fan but also loves the Seahawks.

A very nice young man.

Snowflake Bentley

by John Goldwood, Contributing Writer

As this issue of the *Voice* arrives, some readers will likely recall the snowstorm of February 2018. It was a particularly memorable event for us as we arrived at our new home in Port Ludlow (having moved from Los Angeles) with several inches of snow on the ground, which quickly grew to over fourteen inches of beautiful and pristine snow in the next few days. As this is being written in early January, we have enjoyed a recent White Christmas, a beautiful snowfall in the week after Christmas, and we see patches of snow remaining in shady areas this morning. Our El Nino weather pattern suggests that colder, wetter weather may prevail this winter, so perhaps we will enjoy even more snow before Spring arrives.



Having experienced the joys of a Midwest childhood, I recall clearly how being outside in falling snow frequently led to an examination of individual snowflakes as they landed on my outstretched arm or dark-gloved hands. Intrigued by the awareness that no two snowflakes are identical, it was always inter-

esting to view the flakes before they melted, occasionally with a magnifying glass, to see if I could contradict the science. I expect that many of you, particularly if you grew up in snow country, may have experienced that same childhood wonder. I also imagine that most of you, like me, have not appreciated the beauty of individual snowflakes in a long time. Perhaps shoveling a foot of snow from our sidewalks and driveways dampens the charm.

For one young man, living on a Vermont farm in the late 1800s, his initial interaction with snowflakes led to a lifelong passion and eventually worldwide recognition as ‘The Snowflake Man of

Jericho.’ Wilson Alwyn Bentley, born on February 9, 1865, was fifteen years old when his mother, a former teacher, provided an inexpensive microscope for him to view snowflakes. The view of the incredibly delicate snowflakes seen through the microscope sparked an interest that impacted his entire life. When he was nineteen years old, he acquired both a compound microscope and a large studio camera and became the first person to record an image of a single snowflake on January 15, 1885. For the next fifty years, the first snowfall would find Bentley setting up his equipment in an unheated shed at the farm to capture on glass plates the magnified images of snowflakes. Bentley would eventually capture the images of nearly 6000 individual snowflakes using his perfected photomicrography techniques. His images, captured in a remote Vermont farmhouse, have been published in college textbooks, illustrated periodicals around the world, the *Encyclopedia Britannica* and used as inspiration by artists and jewelers. His snowflake photo plates are found in many museums including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, and—where else?—the Museum of Science in Buffalo, New York, one of the snowiest cities in the United States.



This Vermont farm boy, with only a grade school education, achieved membership in the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a fellowship with the American Meteorological Society. Two thousand of his images were published in 1931 in his book *Snow Crystals*, co-authored with Dr. W.J Humphreys of the U.S Weather Bureau, and released just three weeks before Bentley’s death. His writings were published in *Scientific American*, *National Geographic*, and the *National Weather Service Research Journal*.

Here are some closing words from Bentley himself: “It was my mother that made it possible for me, at fifteen, to begin the work to which I have devoted my life. She had a small microscope which she had used in her school teaching. When the other boys of my age were playing with popguns and slingshots, I was absorbed in studying things under this microscope: drops of water, tiny fragments of stone, a feather dropped from a bird’s wing, a delicately veined petal from some flower. But always, from the very beginning, it was snowflakes that fascinated me the most. Under the microscope, I found that snowflakes were miracles of beauty; and it seemed a shame that this beauty should not be seen and appreciated by others. Every crystal was a masterpiece of design and no one design was ever repeated., When a snowflake melted, that design was forever lost. Just that much beauty was gone, without leaving any record behind.”

When the next snowfall arrives, I hope you might be inspired to rush out with your magnifying glass and enjoy those beautiful snow crystals, before you need to shovel them. And although there are many online sources of information regarding the life and work of Bentley, you might begin by visiting snowflakebentley.com.

Welcome Newcomers to Port Ludlow!

by Tim Rensema, Staff writer

Because of Covid, 2020 through 2021 has been a very hard period for the welcoming committees of Port Ludlow. It is very difficult to socialize with masks on and to stay the six-foot distance from people (some would say impossible). But, given the threats to health in Port Ludlow, an older population with more health challenges, the Covid measures are extremely important. So, what can we do to make newcomers feel welcome in our community? Using zoom or some other social media tool, while functional, does not quite provide the interaction necessary to many residents. Perhaps what is needed is for the newcomers to voice or write their questions and provide them to the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) or South Bay Community Association (SBCA) so that they can be addressed. SBCA offers many websites with activities pertinent to South Bay, such as: sbca.club, sbca.club/home/newcomers-and-realtors, or sbca.club/bclub. In North Bay, LMC has the website beachclub.org to provide any information needed, from emergency preparedness to the various committees. The Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) website plvc.org/about-plvc would be an important first step to familiarize residents with the organization of our community. Finally, we also have Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) portludlowresort.com/about-us the owners of the Inn, the golf course, marina and most of the developable land in Port Ludlow. So, acronyms abound in our community, and it takes a while to keep them straight. Some of us are still learning them.

If you're reading this now, then you have in your hands one of the best resources available to learn about what is happening in Port Ludlow—our local magazine, the *Port Ludlow Voice*. Many of the activities of the local clubs and organizations are included in the *Voice* in some form or another. Review the table of contents to find the sports pages, whether your interest is pickleball, hiking, golf, or sailing; or the arts and entertainment section for plays and art exhibits. To get a great grasp of the “goings on” of Port Ludlow, access the *Voice* website at plvoice.org for past issues and articles.

If you are new to the Olympic Peninsula, then I would suggest that you visit the Gateway Visitor Center at the intersection of SR19 and SR104. We have hard copies of maps, business adverts, and key magazines of not only Jefferson County, but Seattle, Kitsap, and Clallam counties. If you're looking for Jefferson County relevant material, pick up a copy of *Getaway*, and it will answer most of your questions including information on county parks. If you are more interested in the overall northern Olympic Peninsula, then pick up *Olympic Peninsula*. Finally, if you specifically want to know about Olympic National Park, then we also have several brochures available. We have very detailed maps of Port Ludlow (the hiking trails), Port Townsend, Sequim, and Port Angeles. All

of the information is free; however, we do sell books and other items. Our Ambassadors of Jefferson County will assist you in planning trips throughout the upper Olympic Peninsula as well as familiarize you with some unique and great places to visit that are not heavily frequented, for we have many of these in Jefferson County. History, natural and cultural resources abound in our county, many that are often missed.

Gateway olympicpeninsula.org/visitor-centers-and-chambers-of-commerce is a perfect segue into one of the key characteristics of Jefferson County: volunteerism. First, some background. In 2018, 34.7% of the Jefferson County population was over 65, the oldest in Washington and the ninth oldest in the U.S., for a rural population of about 32,000. This indicates that services geared to retired people (such as healthcare, retirement homes, and other supporting services) are a principal employment for the County. Tourism also contributes a major portion to our county economy. In 2021 we collected over \$900,000 in lodging taxes, a 2% tax on lodging that can then be used for tourism related grants in the county.

With a high percentage of retired folks, volunteer positions/opportunities abound to cover almost any interest. If you wish to stay local, the *Voice* can always use more assistance, and it is a learning experience well worth the time. PLVC, SBCA or LMC are all looking for volunteers for committees and board positions. Your great communities cannot operate without the services of these organizations. If you're interested in the arts, Port Ludlow and Port Townsend have great opportunities in theater, music, or arts. If the natural resource arena is your interest, then we have the Marine Science Center, Chimacum Center, North Olympic Salmon Coalition, or the Jefferson Land Trust. The Jefferson County Historic Society and the Quilcene Museum are both tremendous assets for studying the diverse history of Jefferson County (and Washington state for that matter).

Perhaps the best advice is to pick up some local maps (or of course use your GIS) and drive the back roads of Jefferson County. Visit Gateway, or attend some of the open board meetings of your homeowners association to meet folks and better understand the opportunities Port Ludlow (and Jefferson County) have to offer. A quick plug for the 25 miles of trails that we offer. We have a committee that maintains and builds these trails. They are all open to the public and offer beautiful views of Port Ludlow Bay, the Olympic mountains and peaceful walks in the woods. The Ludlow Falls Interpretive Trail is one of the key waterfall trails on the Olympic Peninsula, and it is within walking distance of much of Port Ludlow. We can always use volunteers who are interested in learning how to build trails. So, as newcomers to Port Ludlow, find out why it is such a perfect place to retire or to live. Get involved and enjoy the life that Port Ludlow has to offer... even in a Covid environment.

Lake Stevens Triathlon— A Tribute to Tim Propeck

by Kristin Wall, Guest Writer



Tim Propeck, #1842, competes in Father Daughter marathon, October 2011.

Submitted photo

From an early age, my father Tim Propeck instilled a passion for health and fitness in my sister and me, and spent his life pursuing his beloved physical activities. As a daughter, I'm fiercely aware of my father's greatness. His character was too honest for words, his warmth too abundant to describe, and his passion for adventure, health, and fitness too colorful for paper.

No calendar year would be complete without my dad training for an endurance event and 2021 proved to be golden for him. He spent four months training for the Lake Stevens Triathlon and was so proud that at age 75, he could still go the distance. To do it, he employed a rigorous schedule to prepare himself for a race that would require him to swim one mile, bike 25 miles, and run six miles.

With six scheduled workouts a week, which consisted of two swims, two rides, and two runs for 16 weeks, my dad mastered the art of the "brick" workout. He was never one to shy away from hard work or his commitments, and the training took great discipline and dedication.

A few weeks before his diagnosis of brain cancer, my dad competed in the Lake Stevens Triathlon on September 11, 2021, and won his age group for the Olympic distance race. He proudly showed me the medal he received and anxiously scoured the race results online to confirm that he completed the race under the four-hour mark.

My dad played a lot of roles. He was Captain Propeck, a devoted husband, brother, and friend, Daddy, Grandpa, and Papa. He had the unique ability to foster special relationships with everyone he knew—no matter how you met him or how long or how little you knew him.

Dad loved pancakes on Sundays. But he loved his craft beer even more. He was grumpy if he didn't exercise every day and was an avid endurance athlete, completing over 40 marathons, numerous triathlons, countless vertical feet on ski slopes all over the world, and climbing some of the highest mountain peaks, most notably Mt. McKinley. Dad loved history and was deeply connected to his family roots. He adored my mom; she was the great love of his life. Dad was a great storyteller and was truly in his element sitting at the head of the dinner table at family gatherings, recounting stories of his time in the Air Force or of his latest athletic endeavors. He would send texts like most people send emails, with a formal greeting and salutation. And he possessed the perfect balance of being disciplined and carefree.

My dad was dedicated to his local community, serving as a volunteer Recreation & Sports Editor for the *Port Ludlow Voice*, a volunteer Finance Council Chair at St. Olaf Parish, a member of the Olympic Squadron Association of Naval Aviation, in addition to being a member of the Port Ludlow Men's Golf Association.

On December 9, 2021, my dad lost his battle with cancer but leaves behind a legacy that will continue to live on in all who knew him. Thank you to the *Port Ludlow Voice* for giving my dad a platform to write about his athletic endeavors and his passion for Recreation & Sports.

Small Creature; Big Success

by Evie Maxwell, Staff Writer

Here's a small creature, only about six inches long, living in rocky coastal waters at depths of about 10 meters. At first glance, you might not think much of it except

It has a spectacularly beautiful shell, the kind you see on fancy guitars and women's jewelry. Its meat is highly prized, commanding large sums. And it's at risk of extinction in the Salish Sea.

This is the pinto abalone (*Haliotis kamtschatkana*), a marine snail which once thrived in abundance in the northwest part of Washington. That abundance and a large demand for abalone led the state to establish a state-managed fishery back in 1959.

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The fishery thrived. But the pinto abalone, the only creature of its kind in Washington, began to disappear.

The fishery closed in 1994. Still, the abalone continued to vanish. With them went what Washington Fish and Wildlife biologist Katie Sowul calls, the Roombas of the sea. As Sowul explains, “The abalone graze the sea floor and eat kelp and other organic matter.” That, in turn, cleans the sea floor “making room for new kelp and critters to settle and thrive.”



Wildlife biologist Katie Sowul at work planting an abalone in a new colony. Each abalone is tagged with dots of color to show the creature's age.

Submitted photo

In short, the abalone is a creature that makes life possible for others. Facing that, the state launched another program, this time to survey and monitor the dwindling abalone population. That, in turn, morphed into today's Pinto Abalone Recovery Program, a joint effort between the state's Fish and Wildlife department and the Puget Sound Restoration Fund (PSRF).

“Our goal,” Sowul says, “is to restore pinto abalone back to a self-sustaining population. Right now, we're helping them get back on their 'feet.' If we keep our momentum going, there's a good chance we'll see pintos reproducing on their own within the next decade.” Thus, the PSRF has established hatcheries to raise pinto abalones until they reach one or two years of age. At that point, PSRF collaborates with Sowul and her crew to scuba their way down to carefully selected sites where they release several thousand juvenile abalone each year.

“We are secretive about the sites,” Sowul said. That's necessary both to deter would-be poachers and to ensure that the abalone aren't disturbed.

The tiny abalone are placed in PVC tubes for safe transport. The divers descend to a depth of around 30 feet where they place the tubes in rocks and boulder crevices on the seafloor. Immediately, the snails begin crawling out of the tubes and exploring their new home in the wild.

The placement of high numbers of abalone in one site is critical due to the creature's mating procedure. Male and female never meet; rather they release eggs and sperm which then combine in water columns in order to create larvae.

This, Sowul explains, is likely part of the reason why population growth did not follow after the closing of the fisheries: Abalone need to be nearby each other to mate; when the population got too low, eggs and sperm lost the ability to combine and fertilize.

To date, the partnership has established 21 abalone sites and have released 40,000 juvenile abalone. High numbers of abalone are released because only 10 percent—at best — are expected to survive. While this may sound low it still makes the Washington State abalone project the most successful in the nation. And just last year, Sowul notes, the divers spotted a single juvenile abalone in the wild. That's the first one to be seen since 2008.

Edibles

by Carol Riley, Staff Writer

Quick review: did you expand your list of “go to” meals as suggested in the January Edibles? Did you get a chance to practice your correct pronunciations of some popular food items? I did! I was at Costco this week and one of the samples was an Acai smoothie. So, I said very smoothly, “Oh, this Ah-sah-EE smoothie tastes delicious!” Ha! Way to impress the samples lady.

Moving on. the food magazines and food sections of newspapers are filled with predictions for foods trending in 2022. The ingredient of the year, according to the *New York Times*, is the mushroom, because of its use as a tasty dish addition, psychedelic drug, and compostable packaging material. Well, that is quite a ringing endorsement. As well as being tasty, mushrooms are a nutritional powerhouse. They're fat free, low in sodium, a good source of vitamins D and B and they're rich in selenium, a mineral that helps the immune system function properly.

Other trends for 2022 are vintage cocktails popular in the 1980s like the Blue Lagoon, Tequila Sunrise, and the Amaretto Sour—all made with a modern twist—which translates to less sugar, fresh juices, and premium spirits; and tofu, whose popularity has grown over 60% since 2019. If you are interested in getting acquainted or reacquainted with tofu and other vegetarian dishes, you might enjoy reading *The Weekday Vegetarians* by Jenny Rosenstrach. The book offers 100 recipes and a plan for eating less meat.

Eating less meat brings me to a sad fact: There is a shortage of chicken wings. I know, I know, just when you thought things couldn't get any worse. Sigh, it's hard to imagine the Super Bowl without wings. The shortage is due to several reasons: wild weather caused by climate change, the record cold snap in Texas—a major source of chicken wings (and other parts), sharply rising prices, and Covid disruptions at chicken

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processing plants. Wingstop Inc., the American multinational chain restaurant specializing in chicken wings, has had to do some fancy footwork. They have tried a “love another part” campaign and have actually expanded their brand to include Thighstop restaurants. Thighstop will serve crispy thighs with or without sauce and breaded boneless versions.

A quick search found a Wingstop in Poulsbo and they still had wings on the menu; however, there were a lot of thigh items as well. Give it a try and let me know if you have success or not.

Black History Month

by Carol Riley, Staff Writer

The February observance of Black History Month has its roots in a week-long celebration called “Negro History Week” begun in 1926. Black people chose the second week in February to honor the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln on February 12, and of Frederick Douglass on February 14, with local celebrations, inspirational lectures, and school programs.

In 1915, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, an American historian and author, who had traveled to Washington D.C. to participate in the national celebration of the 50th anniversary of emancipation, was inspired to create an organization promoting the study of Black life and history. Dr. Woodson helped to form the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, the sponsor organization of Black History Month which began 50 years later in 1976. President Gerald Ford officially recognized February as Black History Month during the bicentennial, and every U.S. president since that time has issued an official proclamation continuing that tradition.

For a few months, I have the privilege and pleasure of being in residence at Zion National Park. I was pleased to learn that every February during Black History Month and throughout the year, the National Park Service (NPS) and their partners invite all Americans to reflect on Black history in parks and communities across the country. More than 400 years of Black history and heritage—including achievements, contributions, and historical journeys—are remembered and commemorated in places preserved for current and future generations.

One particularly impactful creation of the NPS is a short film entitled “Twenty & Odd.” The film was produced by NPS staffers and interns and is a message of empowerment, education, and inspiration. The title of the film was taken from a quote by an English colonist, John Rolfe, who in describing the first enslaved Africans brought to Virginia in 1619, says about their number “20 & odd.” The use of the quote in the film title seeks to reclaim power over his statement that they were so insignificant, they didn’t deserve to be counted. The narration for the film is Maya Angelou’s “Still I Rise” in her own beautiful voice. You can view the short film on the NPS website nps.gov or just google Twenty & Odd.

Benefits of a Curved Path

by Eline Lybarger, Staff Writer

Unless you have a formal Italian garden, a curved path will be more interesting and allow greater variety in your garden. It can even encourage your dog to exercise by himself. The ideal dog path is circular, but a path with an end will work too. Give it twists and turns and every few feet plant a shrub that is tall enough so he cannot see around it. This is best done on the inside of the curve. If he can’t see the end of the path, he will patrol it repeatedly—exercising himself. You may also want to add a “bone yard.” Dig out a small area, add sand, and occasionally bury a bone to be dug up. With this rewarded dig, he is less likely to dig elsewhere in your garden where you don’t want him to dig. Remember to cover it when your dog is not out, or the local cats might use it for a bathroom.

So, you don’t have a dog, but you do have a very straight cement path that you don’t want to destroy, but would like to add some curves. Choose a few places where you can plant a shrub that will cover not more than one-third of your path. On the opposite side you will need to add space to walk. Use a rope to outline the addition. At a minimum it should be wider and longer than the space you have removed with the shrub placement. It can even be large enough to accommodate a bench or large pot. Dig out the area, add sand or gravel, stepping stones, or a solid area of bricks or pavers. Personally, I like pavers with a walkable groundcover between. Now you can sit on the bench and watch your dog get his exercise patrolling the path.

Online Program: Preparing for a Potential Fall or Emergency

No one wants to believe they’ll ever need help in the event of a nasty fall. But we’ve all heard accounts of people who wish they had prepared better for a fall or a life-threatening emergency.

A free Compass & Clock seminar will address readiness for falls and technology solutions that can assist in urgent situations. It will be held on **Thursday, February 17**, at 11:30 a.m.

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

Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, PLVC Trails Commtee



Trail, before.



Trail, after.

Submitted photos

The question is not whether we will have weather but whether we will be able to have any “Fun Day” outings in the current weather. Trails has not!! And the core group of folks that usually answer a call for a “Fun Day” project are really missing the excursions. The enjoyment of seeing the improvement accomplished after a couple of hours of effort is always rewarding, but recently that enjoyment has been missing. Remember the Trails motto: “Let’s keep improving our trails.” “...improving our trails” is difficult to do when the rain/snow doesn’t give us a break to do some planning for a group effort. However, the bad weather doesn’t thwart the action of individuals looking up and dashing out for small, specific, progress ventures. Trails has plenty of items on the to-do list, but for effectual effort, it will take more than just a singular initiative of individual effort, as well intentioned and meaningful as that is. There is just not much to report about for Trails in this edition of the *Voice*. We have two new proposed trails going through the typical review/explanation process but that takes some amount of time before starting the work. Sooooo, here are a couple of before/after pictures of one project completed between rain squalls. There is a new bridge over a drainage stream on the Mt. Wilder connection to the DNR trails. It replaces the ad hoc crossing put in place by various hikers trying to stay dry on this particular trail.

An Unusual Sight

Here’s something you don’t get to see very often: an all-white hummingbird which has been feeding and humming in the backyard of Aven and Shirley Anderson in Port Ludlow since mid-October. The Andersons dubbed this beauty ‘Snowflake’ and, as of early January, he or she was still in their backyard, perching on a lilac bush, guarding the Andersons’ two feeders, and generally ignoring Aven and his camera. White hummingbirds aren’t completely unknown in this area and, this variety, a leucistic, is a bit more common than the exceedingly rare true albino. Still ... a white hummingbird that hangs out for three months (or more) is certainly worth noting. For more information on the leucistic hummingbirds and their sojourns in our neighborhood, be sure to check out Milton Lum’s excellent article on them in the June 2021 issue of the *Voice plvoice.net/issues/PLVoice_2021-06.pdf*.



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Spotlight

There's No Place Like Camp

by Raina Baker, Camp Beausite Northwest Executive Director



When you think of summer camp, those of us that attended as kids have fond memories of archery, canoeing, s'mores around the campfire, arts & crafts, and making friends. The opportunity to spend a few weeks immersed in the awesomeness of camp life was just about as good as it could get. Going to camp was a privilege for so many and you likely came home with a lot of laundry and singing songs at the top of your lungs—much to your parents' dismay. The camp experience is a legacy and tradition in many American homes and is a part of the culture of the development of our youth in this country. Camping today is much the same but now comes with an incredible level of intentionality.

We still sing songs and do archery, and play games, but the industry of camp has developed into a world that isn't just about s'mores or spending some time away from home. It is so

much more than that. It is learning about loss, gaining independence, and giving opportunities to those that might not normally get a chance. There are programs now that are geared towards specific demographics and populations, doing their part to serve the underserved. Programs for inner city youth to get out into nature, youth whose parents are deployed, kids battling cancer, or serving people who are differently abled or who have special needs.

In the late 80's a group of parents of special needs children and Kiwanians here on the Olympic Peninsula came together to figure out how to give children who were not being accommodated at traditional camps the camp experience. In 1989 the first session of the Northwest Kiwanis camp was held; for the first few years, camp was held at various locations around the peninsula and was able to serve about 20-30 campers. In 1994 a lease agreement was struck with Jefferson County for a 55-acre parcel just off West Valley in Chimacum. The property provided an old homestead, a small cottage, and a lot of land that had dreams of supporting special needs campers and their families. For the next 20 years that dream became a reality. The Northwest Kiwanis Camp, supported by the incredible efforts of several local clubs, would come to fruition and provide the camp experience for 40-60 youth and also adults each summer, who are differently abled and who needed more support than a traditional camp could offer.

In 2010 the next chapter of this incredible camp would begin with the new naming of the camp, to Camp Beausite Northwest (CBNW) and the planned development of three phases of construction. Through the devoted efforts of the board of directors, local Kiwanis clubs, the camp staff, local foundations, and the community, the next nine years would see this dream turn into a reality. A bathhouse was constructed, camp buses were purchased, bunkhouses were built, and the lodge was expanded and remodeled with completion in May of 2019. CBNW now had a winterized year-round home and facility that could support campers of all ages and abilities, while simultaneously providing respite for their families and caregivers. The summer of 2019 would serve over 120 campers, a first in the history of CBNW.

Like so many organizations and businesses affected by the Covid outbreaks in 2020, CBNW shut all programs down and began the arduous challenge of finding funding to save this extraordinary organization that is only one of four in the state of Washington. The pandemic hit hard, but CBNW managed to make it through to offering five in-person weekend camps in the fall of 2021. While the pandemic continues, CBNW is determined to offer safe programs with a robust calendar in 2022. There are so many campers and their families who are desperate for a return to camp and the opportunity for respite, especially since many of their resources were cut, cancelled, or paused—it was time for CBNW to figure out how to serve campers once again.



Snickers and friends.

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Camp Beausite Northwest campers come from across the region and have varying levels of care needs along with a whole list of diagnoses that are supported and understood by the staff. It is the goal of CBNW to support as many campers as is possible while these incredible souls figure out how to make their Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and more, their superhero powers. CBNW has become a second home to the campers, and a trusted resource by their families, caregivers, and the state of Washington DSHS.

Meet Roger: he is 65 years old and has a moderate developmental delay diagnosis. He is one of over 120,000 people living in Washington State with developmental delays (*The Arc of Washington State, 2021 DDA Statistics Report*). Roger has been deemed by the state that he is his own guardian. He lives alone and survives on his social security disability insurance, which is about \$750 a month. Roger is the kindest soul, with loads of smiles and a bit of laughter, a little quiet and a little reserved. Roger needs help remembering to brush his teeth, and his food needs to be cut up small, as he can choke easily. Because Roger lives alone, he is not eligible for funding from the state to attend any programs geared towards him. He comes to camp on a camper scholarship one or two times a year. It is one of his only opportunities a year to leave the challenges of this life and come interact with friends and staff who become his family when he is at camp. When Roger arrives at camp, you can see the loneliness that he carries with him, he doesn't need to speak about it, he doesn't have the words, but he doesn't need them, you can see it. By the end of camp, you can't see it anymore. It is gone. That is what CBNW is all about.



Around the campfire.

Submitted photos

Carrie is 33 years old and has a diagnosis of Down syndrome and is also on the autistic spectrum. Carrie lives with her mom and dad, and is an incredibly kindhearted woman, who loves to help out whenever she can. She is nonverbal but has loads to say. She needs help with dressing and reminders about staying hydrated and going to the bathroom. Carrie is eligible for respite hours through DSHS. Unfortunately, of the over 35,000 people eligible for state funded respite waivers, there are only 6,649 waivers awarded annually for \$1200-\$3600 per year (*Washington State Department of Health, 2020 DDA Fact Sheet*). Carrie's parents work with a very limited income as mom can only work part time, as she spends much of her world caring for Carrie. They apply for camper scholarships to attend CBNW every year and hope for funding for a program or two that Carrie can attend and give mom and dad the respite that they need. Carrie has needed constant support and supervision since she was a toddler. Her parents have been willingly and lovingly doing this job for 33 years and will continue to do so for the rest of their lives and they wouldn't change a thing. When they arrive at camp to drop Carrie off, you can see the tired and you can see the gratitude—they don't need to say anything, you can just see it. That is what CBNW is all about.

Camper fees, facility rental fees, and grants help CBNW to achieve some of its mission, but the generosity from individual donors and community business sponsorships is at the core of how the mission is accomplished. In 2022 the goal is to raise \$100,000 towards the campership fund and camper care staffing of programs—the two largest expenses. It truly takes a village to accomplish these goals, but these numbers are not insurmountable. Just 100 people with donations of \$1000 each or 200 people with donations of \$500, and camp has succeeded. CBNW has a new safe and secure, online giving platform that also allows for automatic withdrawal monthly giving. \$20 a month can go a long way. All of these programs would not be possible without the support of our community and beyond.

The future of Camp Beausite Northwest is an incredibly bright one. The opportunity to support this demographic is one of true joy and dedicated service. CBNW hopes to be able to serve over 500 campers this year while supporting over 1500 family members and caregivers through respite. CBNW subsidizes camp costs by 35% for all campers, and then will look to provide partial and full camper scholarships to around 100 campers in 2022. As CBNW continues to grow, it is the mission of the organization to be able to serve over 1000 campers a year in the future.

For more information about attending camp, renting camp, volunteering at camp, or donating to camp please contact us on our website at campbeausitenw.org or call us at 360-732-7222.

Arts & Entertainment

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

Live Theater Returns—*The Outsider*



"You can DO this!" Seated is Dave Cunningham. Standing, l. to r., are Carol Reichstetter, Jim Gormly, and Gerry Thom.

Submitted photo

Ludlow Village Players (LVP) are excited to bring you Paul Slade Smith's *The Outsider* directed by Randy Powell. *The Outsider* premiered in Wisconsin under the title *A Real Lulu* and has won many theater awards including Best Play of 2015. Don't confuse this play with a horror novel or an old movie about teenage boys. This hilarious comedy mines the absurdity of modern politics. This play has been waiting in the wings since March of 2020 when Covid shut everything down. All of us at LVP love this play and you will love it, too.

Performances on two weekends - **March 11, 12, 13 and 18, 19, 20**. Curtain goes up on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Doors open one-half hour before curtain. Mark your calendars!

Tickets are \$17 at brownpapertickets.com and will go on sale at the Bay Club, 120 Spinnaker Place, Port Ludlow starting **Thursday, February 10**. Get your tickets early! Due to Covid protocol, seating is limited. It is probably one of the funniest plays you will ever see.

Ned Newley, played by Dave Cunningham, is a complete unknown with no political instincts and a paralyzing fear

of public speaking. He suddenly becomes Governor when scandal removes his predecessor from office. The madcap antics of the characters who surround him will have you rolling in the aisles with laughter. In alphabetical order, they are played by Becky Eastgard, Jim Gormly, Jeff Groves, Rilla Hughes, Carol Reichstetter, and Gerry Thom. Director Powell has created a video and live improv prologue to introduce the action with characters portrayed by Susan Abrahamson, Dick Aitkins, Paul Moreau, Jim Noeldner, and Olivia Schmitt.

This is Director Powell's debut for LVP; however, his talents and creativity are well known to Kitsap Peninsula theaters and other areas nationally. Recent credits include *Calendar Girls* and *The Fantasticks* at Poulsbo's Jewel Box Theater. Behind the scenes volunteers support our actors by building and decorating sets, gathering props, costuming actors, operating stage lights and sound systems, distributing publicity, and greeting and seating audiences, to name a few of the jobs which need doing. We still need help. Experience welcome but not required. Anyone want to try their hand at stage lighting or sound or backstage help? Our Stage Manager would like to mentor a high school or college student. Contact Val, 360-437-2861 or rkd@olympen.com

Current Covid protocol will be observed including masks for theatergoers and refreshments will not be served. Visit our website ludlowvillageplayers.org or see us on Facebook for more information. LVP is an all-volunteer, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to entertain and educate our community in theater arts.

Renowned Pianist Performs in Port Ludlow

by Dave Cunningham, Contributing Writer

When Port Ludlow Performing Arts brought back live, indoor music to the Bay Club on December 6, the group was happily stunned when all tickets sold out within 48 hours. Given that this was the first indoor concert in Port Ludlow since the pandemic shut down almost every normal social activity nearly two years ago, it was obvious that folks were itching to see a live show. You can probably expect the situation to be the same for the next show, coming to the Bay Club on **Saturday, February 26**.

Jason Lyle Black brings his myriad talents to the stage at 7:00 p.m., performing as a pianist, composer, and comedic entertainer. He is also an educator and author of six books, including the hit *Disney Medleys for Piano Solo*. Tickets are available now; and if you're interested, hopefully some still remain as you read this.

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Tickets for all remaining shows in the 2022 season are available for online purchase at PortLudlowPerformingArts.com, so if you can't get seats for the next show, you might want to snatch up tickets for the following three shows. Single tickets are \$30, and they will be available at the door if (and this is a BIG if) they don't sell out in advance. Doors open 30 minutes before the concert begins.

Sometimes known as *The Backwards Piano Man*, Jason Lyle Black is known for his performance on *The Ellen Show* in Hollywood and his 30 million music video views worldwide. He's a full-time national touring entertainer who has appeared at performing arts centers all across the United States, as a guest with orchestras and choirs, and as a headline performer on luxury cruise ships.

The *Backwards Piano Man* moniker comes from his bit wherein he lies on his back on the bench and plays with his hands backwards and his head beneath the keyboard.

The PLPA show is sponsored by Terri Ross, Beth Weaver, Gil Skinner (in memory of his wife, Barb) and Sound Community Bank.

While you're at the Bay Club, you can see the *Shades of Red* art exhibit in the main corridor, sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League. Chat with the exhibiting artists before the concert or during intermission. For more information on art exhibits at the Bay Club, contact Alan Ahtow at info@portludlowart.org.

Is it safe to come to indoor concerts again? PLPA is making sure of that. Audience members will need to wear facemasks and show proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test within 72 hours of the concert. In addition, all performers must be fully vaccinated. With your help, understanding, and cooperation, we can have some fun again.

Remaining shows in the PLPA season include Birch Pereira & the Gin Joints, playing everything from Americana to blues to jazz, soul, and vintage rock 'n' roll (**March 27**); Bridge and Wolak, the internationally acclaimed music and comedy duo (**April 30**); and Barrio Manouche, playing flamenco, gypsy, and jazz guitar (**June 11**).

Port Ludlow Art League

Port Ludlow Art League's Artist of the Month – Sue Wahlgren

Known locally as the original owner of Summer House in Port Townsend, Sue Wahlgren has worked her love for vintage and natural finds into assemblages that tell a story. Like the artist herself, her assemblages are intended to be a bit mind-bending, humorous, and fun.

"I start with an artifact that sparks an idea, then I continue to add elements selected for color, texture and a dynamic design, and a story naturally evolves." Sue is working on pieces that are intended to be interactive. She especially enjoys commission work that allows her to "dig into someone else's life, and



Before Botox, by Sue Wahlgren.

play with their toys." Sue's Etsy store, [HappyMemoriesArt@etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com/shop/HappyMemoriesArt) is in the works.

This February, Sue's artwork will be on display at the Port Ludlow Sound Community Bank and online at portludlowart.org. The bank is located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. If you'd like to purchase her artwork, please email info@portludlowart.org to make a sales appointment.

Port Ludlow Art League's Jeweler of the Month – Pamela Raine

Exploring different types of art mediums fuels Pamela Raine's creativity. As Jeweler of the Month, Pamela has combined handmade papers, Gelli mono-prints, and inks to create paper jewelry. Pamela stated, "The fabulous thing about paper jewelry is that it's as light as a feather."

You can view Pamela's jewelry at the Sound Community Bank, the Port Ludlow Art Gallery, and online at www.portludlowart.org. If you'd like to purchase her jewelry, please email info@portludlowart.org

to make a sales appointment or drop by the Port Ludlow Art Gallery Thursdays and Fridays between noon and 4:00 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.



Jewelry by Pamela Raine.
Submitted photos

Group Art Exhibit at the Port Ludlow Bay Club



Red Sky at Night, by Diane Walker.

Submitted photo

The Bay Club hosts a new group art exhibit sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League every two months. The theme for the current art exhibit is *Shades of Red*.

Although there are close to 100 shades of the color red, the most popular shades of red include Vermilion, Wine, Scarlet, Ruby, and Carmine. In Egyptian culture, red was often associated with life, health, and victory. In western countries, red is often a symbol of love, passion, and fire. It's little wonder why artists are drawn to the many shades of red.

The *Shades of Red* art exhibit is available for viewing in person at the Bay Club during February and March. The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place in Port Ludlow. For more information on art exhibits at the Bay Club, please contact Alan Ahtow at info@portludlowart.org.

Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra

The Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Tigran Arakelyan, will present its next concert on **Sunday, February 27** at 2:00 p.m. at Chimaquam High School Auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend this free concert. Covid protocols are explained on the website ptsymphony.org.

This concert features Quilcene's Pamela Roberts. Ms. Roberts was faculty cellist at the University of Puget Sound. She was principal cellist of the Tacoma Symphony and 5th Avenue Theater Orchestra and is currently principal cellist of the Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra. She has performed as a soloist with the Seattle Symphony and Aspen Music Festival.

At this concert, Ms. Roberts will solo on an arrangement for cello and string orchestra of Astor Piazzolla's *Grand Tango*, which is a melding of traditional tango rhythms and jazz-inspired syncopation. It expresses the spirit of *nuevo tango* and was written by the Argentine composer in 1982.

Also on the program are the *Little Suite for String Orchestra* by Carl Nielsen, *Five Variants of Dives and Lazarus* by Ralph Vaughn Williams and *Divertimento* for brass and percussion by Karel Husa. The *Suite for Strings* began as a string quintet which Nielsen then expanded with additional parts to its current shape. *Five Variants of Dives and Lazarus* is a theme and variations based on the English folk tune *Dives and Lazarus*. It premiered for the 1939 New York World's Fair.

Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Karel Husa was born in Czechoslovakia and taught for many years at Cornell University. *Divertimento* is a blend of Czech folk music that Husa learned as a child and original material that he developed based on the characteristics of traditional folk music.

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

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Beach Club / North Bay News

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Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

On April 16, LMC will hold its 54th Annual Membership Meeting. Unfortunately, with the recent uptick of Covid cases in our county, it's too early to tell if this year's meeting will be held remotely or in person. At the meeting, our North Bay membership will be asked to vote on proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The proposed amendments are being brought forward by the Board of Trustees in order to keep the two governing documents consistent with the Revised Code of Washington statutes that regulate how homeowner associations function.

In addition, LMC members will also be asked to elect four members to the LMC Board of Trustees. Open for election are three positions that are 3-year terms, two of which are lot owner positions and one condominium position. The fourth position open for election is a 2-year term that represents our lot owners. If any of our members are interested in submitting their name for consideration, please contact me so I can provide you additional information about serving on the LMC Board of Trustees.

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

Important Dates

LOA Meeting

Email: portludlowloa@yahoo.com
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Sign up for the *LOA Bulletin*
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LMC Board Meeting

Phone: 360-437-9201

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for information about remote access to meeting.

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Visit lmcbeachclub.com for complete information.

All LMC members are welcome. ✪



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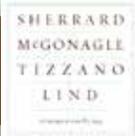
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Answer: Sadly, there is no crystal ball that can provide a failsafe look at the future. However, I believe that housing prices and demand in our area will continue to increase. Here is why.

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

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

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

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



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Village Council

Board Meeting Summary

by Tamra McDearmid, Secretary

At the January 6, 2022, Port Ludlow Village Council Board Meeting the following reports were given:

Port Ludlow Associates (PLA): Diana Smeland, President

Real Estate: Supply chain issues continue, increasing the timeframe for new builds. **Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc:** still working on chlorine levels. Contact OWSI if you have questions or concerns. **Inn:** Several positions available. Check PLA website for details. **Fireside Room:** Themed dinners continue on Wednesday evenings. January theme is Cooking Low and Slow. February theme is Pasta Dishes. **Golf Course:** Course has been closed due to snow and ice, and the Winter Series will be rescheduled. **Marina:** No news on the Corps of Engineers' permit. **Village Center:** Space for lease is still available in the Office Park. **Olympic Terrace II, phase 2:** All paperwork has been submitted to the county. PLA has a meeting with Dept of Community Development (DCD) early next week. **Other News:** volunteers needed to spearhead signage project on Hwy 19.

Greg Brotherton: County Commissioner, District 3

Jefferson HealthCare: struggling with capacity issues due to patients with the Omicron variant. **New County Commission Chair**—Heidi Eisenhour. **Silvernest, Olympic Agency on Aging:** applied for contract to begin this spring. **Home sharing program:** allow seniors to live in local residences. **Jefferson Transit:** working on a direct route to Kingston and Fast passenger ferry to Seattle. Passengers will be transported by bus from the Visitor's Center on Hwy 19 directly to the Kingston Ferry Terminal. Transportation fees will be waived the first month. **Land Use moratorium:** does not apply to property within the Port Ludlow Master Planned Resort (MPR). Highlight for emergency ordinance are five-acre lots now platted to build 70 units in 20 acres. **Kudos to road crews and PUD:** they worked tirelessly to clear the roads of snow and ice, and debris caused by high winds, and to restore power during recent snowstorms.

Jefferson County Public Utility District: Dan Toepfer, PUD Commissioner, District 3

Supply chain issues: recent storms have depleted some stocks, challenging stock needs. Critical infrastructure parts will be out of stock for several months, and higher costs will increase prices for housing construction. **Grants:** PUD received a \$1.5 million grant from Washington Dept. of Commerce for services in the Hwy 20 and Lake Road area. Installation will begin as soon as possible. \$100,000 grant from the State received for rooftop solar on PUD office space. **Meter replacement program:** PUD will purchase 20,000 smart meters for entire county using funds borrowed from

Village Council Meetings

Board Meeting

Thursday, February 3

2:45 p.m., Zoom Video Conference Call

Workshop Meeting

Tuesday, February 15

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Rural Utilities Services. Also looking to borrow funds for fiber optics and broadband programs. **Tips for when power goes out:** a cold start is recommended. Turn off all computers, lights, and other appliances so there isn't a surge when power comes back on. Check their website for more information at jeffpud.org.

Recycling: Robert Champong, Chair of Utilities Committee

- Many complaints received concerning the recent dumping at the Recycling Center.
- Big thank you to the community volunteers who cleaned up the mess left behind.
- PLA provides the space for the Recycle Center; people outside of Port Ludlow can use this resource too.
- Recycling arrangements are between Jefferson County and Skookum, contact County Dept of Environmental Health, not Skookum.
- Reminder—Recycling Center is a service to the community, and we could lose these services if dumping continues. This is a serious concern.
- If bins are full, come back another day or take to Transfer Station in Port Townsend.
- County will be renewing the contract with Skookum this spring.
- Styrofoam collection on December 14, organized by Port Townsend StyroCyclers, was very successful and will be repeated soon.
- Reminder: only collect rigid, clean white Styrofoam, not popcorn or pellets (take these to the PT Transfer Station, Vintage Hardware and Lighting in PT also accepts them).

Thank you to everyone who reported the dumping and offered suggestions, which included: post recycling pick-up times; frequent reminders in the *Voice* to not leave garbage beside

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Bay Club / South Bay News

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 Denotes Bay Club members-only activity

South Bay Community Association Update

by Gil Skinner, President, SBCA Board of Directors

The ink from the January *Voice* was hardly dry touting our New Member Orientation sessions when we had to postpone them due to the rapidly spreading Omicron Covid variant. The good news is that we had several South Bay members sign up before we could get the word out about the postponement. Watch for an e-blast from the SBCA to announce when they are rescheduled. We will get this done.

The experiment with Bay Club Bistro came to an end—at least for now. For many the chance to eat a nice meal at the Bay Club in a dining-room-like setting was a welcome relief after months of isolation. However, because a few logistical issues arose for both Dusty Green and the Bay Club, we have had to hit the pause button. The old adage “if at first you don’t succeed, try, try again” is in operation. The Board of Directors is committed to an ongoing program of improving the member experience.

Based on our member survey results the Activities Committee has a lot of ideas to explore for the coming months. The survey showed interest in Music on the Green and Summer Picnics; these are just a couple of things that they will be discussing as we move forward. These types of activities require advance planning and usually volunteers to make them successful. Please watch for the Club e-blasts as planning gets underway.

I am sorry to report that Bert Loomis resigned from the Board of Directors in December. I would be remiss if I did not laud Bert and his willingness to give his time to us, as

SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting

Thursday, February 10, 9:30 a.m.

Plans are for a hybrid meeting, both in-person at the Bay Club and a virtual meeting for those not attending in person.

To join by phone, dial 339-209-6193. To Join by computer:

freeconferencecall.com/bayclubgm

Online meeting ID: *bayclubgm*

All SBCA members are welcome

Committee Meetings

Most committee meetings are now held in person at the Bay Club unless otherwise specified on the website.

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

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



well as applaud his work ethic. Through the years I have admired Bert’s commitment to the South Bay community and have appreciated and enjoyed his friendship. Thank you for your service, Mr. Loomis, you will be missed.

Finally, let’s all continue to work together, play nice, and stay safe and healthy.

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by MaryBeth Sabine and Lisa Taylor, Recreation and Sports Editors

We are your new Recreation and Sports editors—MaryBeth and Lisa. We are thrilled to be part of this community and share in bringing you recreation and sports articles in the *Voice*.

Did you know that **February 22** is Recreational Sports and Fitness Day? Port Ludlow is a veritable treasure of sports and recreation possibilities. It's certainly a primary reason so many of us have landed here. The variety and ease of access are abundant. Boating and golfing come to mind, and for good reason, as our marina and championship golf course are jewels of Jefferson County. The hiking, walking and biking trails are outstanding. Kayaking, paddle boarding, fishing, crabbing—and oh yes, open water swimming. The Bay Club's and Beach Club's gyms, fitness activities, and indoor pool facilities. Pickle ball, tennis, outdoor fitness, yoga. Birding, nature walks, and gardening. The list goes on.

Beyond the sheer beauty of our surroundings, the camaraderie, friendships, and fun help our sense of belonging and well-being. So, join in, get out, and enjoy our bounty in celebration of Recreational Sports and Fitness Day.

Every month, the *Voice* will highlight some of the organized recreation and sports activities, what's happening, and new possibilities.

Port Ludlow Yacht Club Fundraisers

by Chris Dean and Judi du Nann

Thanks to the generosity of its members, the PLYC Club collected a record \$8,410 during their annual online holiday fundraiser. This year the focus was on two organizations that play a significant part in our nearby communities in assisting women and children. Dove House, which helps victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, addiction, and other traumas, received a check for \$5,957. The Christmas 4 Children fund received \$2,553 to help provide gifts requested by parents or caregivers to brighten the holidays for children who would otherwise have little or nothing. (Note: The donation total of \$8,510 includes a \$100 'tip jar' donation.)

Representatives of the Club's Women's Group, Chris Dean and Carol Grieves, delivered checks to the organizations in early December.

In addition to the Women's Group Fundraiser was a Quilt Raffle. Three ladies from PLYC, Linda Britton, Carol



Pictured l.to r. are Carol Grieves (PLYC member), Bekka Bloom (Dove House), and Chris Dean (PLYC member).

Submitted photo

Reynolds, and Mary Baker Anderson, created a beautiful Port Ludlow themed quilt. They held a raffle to raise money for the Tri Area Food Bank. On December 18, at the lighted boats evening, the raffle was drawn. The raffle winner graciously suggested an on-the-spot auction to raise even more money for the Food Bank. In the end a total of \$3,150 was donated!

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



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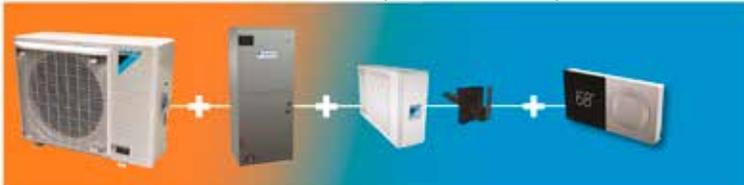
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Port Ludlow Hiking

by John Nuereberg, Hiking Club

Unless otherwise noted, hikers meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:15 a.m. to get directions to the trailheads 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, February 4: Anderson Lake Trails

There are over 8 miles of trail at this local State Park. The group will explore approximately 5 miles for an easy walk around the lake and through the forest. Expect some mud on the trails. We will park at the gate on Anderson Lake Road since the facilities are closed for the winter. There will not be any restroom facilities open. A parking pass is not required as we are parking outside the park. Hike leader: Dan Darrow, 360-437-9208.

Friday, February 18: Green Mountain

The hike at Gold Creek/Green Mountain is in Kitsap County. It has two options depending on the weather and the desires of the hikers who show up that day: Option 1 is the “The High Road.” We will go to the top of Green Mountain. If the weather is good, then you have great views of the Olympics/Hood Canal on one side and all the way to Seattle on the other side. It is about a 1000 ft elevation gain and 5.2 miles round trip for a moderate hike. Option 2 is the “The Low Road.” We will go on old logging roads and trails around beaver ponds, near a waterfall, through forest, past an old tin mine, and through a recent clear cut with great Olympic Mountain views. Beautiful reflections, sounds of water, trees downed by beaver. A great walk through the woods. Slight uphill over several miles, then a quick descent at the end of the loop back to the trailhead. We will meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:15 a.m. to sign-in and arrange carpools. Departure is at 8:30 a.m. It is about a 50-minute drive (address 1400 Gold Creek Rd W, Bremerton, WA 98312). A Discovery Pass is required. Be prepared for possible rain or snow showers. Dress appropriately in layers—this may be a cold weather hike. Bring your walking sticks. The trail is dog friendly. Hiking time 2-1/2 to 3 hours. Privy restrooms are available at the trailhead and near the summit. Gold Creek Trail Map:

dnr.wa.gov/publications/eng_rms_green_08_full.pdf.

Hike Leader: Jack Riggen, 360-437-0849.

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

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

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



RainShadow Chorale’s Spring Concerts

The Board of Directors of the RainShadow Chorale is pleased to announce that a guest conductor has been contracted for their spring concert. She is Jolene Dalton Gailey, recently retired choral director at Port Angeles High School. Gailey has extensive experience, has been highly recommended, and has received the enthusiastic approval of RainShadow singers.

She takes over the baton from Rebecca Rottsolek, long-time Artistic Director and conductor for 20 years. “RainShadow Chorale will miss her exceptional leadership but also looks forward to its next chapter,” said board president Patricia Vaughan.

If you would like to audition to be part of RainShadow Chorale’s exciting growth (we especially invite men to consider this), please contact us at rainshadowchorale@gmail.com. Auditions will take place on **Monday, February 7** or by arrangement. RainShadow will begin rehearsing on **Monday, March 7**, with two performances on the weekend of **May 13-15**.

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the bins; need guidance from the County as to reporting violators; signage detailing littering is a crime in Jefferson County; devise a contingency plan for when bins are full—cones set out to discourage people from entering area.

Trails & Natural Resources committee: Larry Scott, Chair

- Three-quarter inch rock added to low spots on the Timberton Trail, to other areas on the Niblicks and Interpretative Trails.
- Placed two 10'x12' culverts to handle drainage problem on Niblicks Trail.
- Built bridge across the drainage flow on Wilder to connector road.
- Purchased a tool shed which will be delivered in early spring.
- Received \$2000 in Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) funds for more rock and benches on the trails.
- Future plans—adding two new trails; have applied to Ludlow Maintenance Commission for approval. If both are approved, the committee and volunteers will be very busy in 2022.

Communications committee: Mike Towner, Chair

- Working on complete website redesign as present site is outdated.
- Introduced Caleb Summerfelt, webmaster and technical advisor, who is creating the redesign which will include new search engine, new platform, new provider, and a Search feature.
- Current site has been hacked in the past; new site will include a firewall and offer more security.
- The current site will not have to shut down for the redesign as we're using a new provider.
- New site will go live as soon as it is complete.
- Benefits: the site will be easier to use, especially when adding new content and photographs.
- Committee chairs will be able to add content to their own pages.
- Time frame: should be up in about a month.
- Caleb, with all his expertise and skills, is doing this redesign on a volunteer basis, saving PLVC thousands of dollars.

Closing Remarks:

- Holiday Lights program will continue, however, glitches that occurred due to outages need to be studied.
- Board member thanked the *Voice* for beautiful redesigned cover.
- Another board member thanked the *Voice* for printing the Volunteer Honor Roll in the January issue.

Local Photographer in Art Show



Port Ludlow resident Kevin Imper is one of 128 artists and photographers featured in the 15th annual show at the Collective Visions Gallery (CVG), 331 Pacific Avenue, Bremerton. “It’s an impressive show,” said Imper. “It’s an honor to be included in the company of these artists, including the others from the Olympic Peninsula. One reason I like living in this area is the energy that comes from being around so many creative people.”

Imper, whose photograph in the show is titled *Spectre Over 2020—Covid-19*, said, “I like images that make people stop and look twice.” Port Ludlow residents may recall Imper’s photos from DigitalLife exhibitions at the Bay Club. His work has also been shown in multiple shows and in many galleries, including Northwind Arts Center (Port Townsend), Glazer’s Camera Photography Gallery (Seattle), Photographic Center Northwest (Seattle), A Step Above Gallery (Wenatchee), and the 420 LOFT Art Gallery (Ellensburg), among others.

Margaret Bullock, chief curator and curator of collections and special exhibitions at the Tacoma Art Museum, was the juror for the 2022 show, choosing from 607 submitted works from artists statewide. Over \$10,000 in cash prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories as well as a Best of Show award and including a \$300 People’s Choice Award.

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Imper, whose work was also chosen for last year's show, said that with the diverse selection in the CVG 2022 show, "everyone should find something they like." The exhibition runs through **Friday, February 25**, with additional events planned that are free to the public, including a First Friday Artwalk on **Friday, February 4**, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Music and refreshments will be provided at that event (masks required).

On **Saturday, February 5**, a CVG Arts in Action event will be held at the gallery from 2:00-4:00 p.m. featuring an outdoor art demonstration. Other events including a Zoom webinar are planned and can be found at cvgshow.com/calendar. The gallery is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For more of Imper's photography, see kevinimper.blogspot.com or ernieflowers.com/Kevin-Imper.

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