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Tiny Homes in Port Hadlock.
Photo by Brian Jennings Photography

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News & Community

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Behind the Scenes at the Voice

by Marie Bogan, Contributing Writer

Meet four *Port Ludlow Voice* staff members who have recently accepted editor positions:

Photography Editor: Brian Jennings. The new photo editor grew up just north of Spokane and graduated from Pacific Lutheran University with a major in communications and minors in business and English. Having worked at the campus radio station, he continued his radio career in Spokane, Portland, and Seattle; then served as vice president of programming for Citadel Broadcasting for 14 years. At the same time, he ran his own radio consulting company for 23 years. He became serious about photography in 2014 when he was working for an outdoor conservation group in the backcountry of the Pacific Northwest. At that time he produced TV segments that required professional outdoor photography. Jennings said he loves to travel and take road trips with his wife Karen. They moved from Oregon to Port Ludlow in 2019 and enjoy the small-town atmosphere. Of his *Voice* work Jennings said, “I love finding front cover photos that tell a story and put a smile on the face of the reader.” Additional samples of his work can be found at brianjenningsphotography.com.

Until recently, Jay Syverson served as the *Voice* cover photographer and photo editor for more than three years. Syverson will be missed at the *Voice*, but you might encounter him wearing one of his other local “hats.” He will continue operating concert video equipment for PLPA, volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, and participating in T37 radio-controlled sailboat competitions.

Features & Stories Editor and SBCA & Bay Club

Editor: John Goldwood. Starting life on a family farm in Ohio, Goldwood spent his young school years in a small town in northern Illinois. After earning a scholarship and graduating from the University of Puget Sound, he settled in western Washington. Following a brief residence in Alaska and six years in Southern California, he retired from his career implementing health-information technology solutions for hospitals, clinics, and private-physician practices. Goldwood and his wife Kristi moved to Port Ludlow in early 2019, having been drawn by the easy access to kayaking as well as local and nearby Olympic Mountain trails. He said the area’s natural beauty inspires him to pursue his joy of nature photography. Goldwood first met staff of the *Voice* at a newcomer event at the Bay Club

and started proofreading about a year later. During recent changes in staff, he volunteered to take on dual roles of features & stories editor and SBCA and Bay Club editor.

North Bay Editor: Linda Johnson. Having lived in Southern California until 2018, Johnson now resides in a North Bay house that was built by her mother. Her brother and sister also live in this area. Her bachelor’s degree is from California State University Northridge, where she also earned a master’s in environmental/occupational health science. She started out as a medical technologist at a private lab and later worked in environmental health-related fields. A certified scuba diver, she has explored the waters of California, Mexico, Hawaii, Indonesia, Florida, the South Pacific, and the Caribbean. Johnson has done rescue and fostering of cats, as well as therapy-dog work at libraries and hospitals. She is now a volunteer at Center Valley Animal Rescue. A woman of many interests, Johnson enjoys sailing, international travel, skiing, swimming, reading, cooking, and growing fruits and vegetables with her husband Chuck. She is also on the board of the Port Ludlow Pickleball Association. In her new *Voice* position, Johnson said she “looks forward to meeting new people and writing about beautiful Port Ludlow.”

News Editor: Marie Bogan. This new editor grew up on the coast of New Jersey and later moved to Vermont, where she admits to living the hippie life. She and her young family grew their own vegetables, heated their house solely with a wood stove, drew water from a well, and kept horses and other animals in their barn. Bogan graduated with a bachelor’s degree in English/Journalism from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. She worked as a reporter for a daily newspaper in Vermont and as a marketing copywriter for a software company in Seattle, where she lived for 20 years. Her passions include social justice and environment issues, books, bird watching, and sea kayaking. Upon moving to Port Ludlow in 2017, she and her husband Ernie entered the former Snug Harbor Café, where she picked up a copy of the *Voice*. “I was impressed that a small group of volunteers could produce such a high-quality publication,” Bogan said. “I knew that I wanted to be part of the team that makes it happen.”

Previously holding the two above positions was Maria Escobar-Bordyn, who started as a *Voice* proofreader in 2018 and became news editor the following year. She then added responsibility for LMC and Beach Club news—a “temporary” agreement that lasted well over a year.

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Escobar-Bordyn successfully juggles her busy consulting business and many family obligations. “I’m very, very sad to give up my *Voice* work,” she said. “I’ve loved doing it.”

The new editors look forward to working with community members and organizations. They welcome your questions, comments, articles, or story ideas. You can contact the *Voice* at editor@plvoice.org.

Library Reopens for 15-Minute ‘Grab & Go’ and More

Jefferson County Library has reopened for “Grab & Go” in-library visits, Tuesday to Saturday, noon to 5:00 p.m. In-library visits are limited to 15 minutes for browsing the shelves and picking up holds or print requests. Self-checkout is required. Masks, fully covering the nose and mouth, are mandatory for all patrons ages five and older entering both the library and the bookmobile. You can read the reopening message from Library Director Tamara Meredith at jclibrary.info/stayhealthy. Below are additional ongoing library offerings:

Computer Access and Curbside Pickup. Both of these services are available Tuesday to Saturday. Computer use: noon to 4:00 p.m. Contactless curbside delivery: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For a quick view of library location and hours of operation, see jclibrary.info/use-the-library/location-hours.

Bookmobile. The bookmobile continues to offer contactless delivery of holds and is now also open for browsing at regular stops Monday to Friday. To meet Washington state physical distancing requirements, the bookmobile can accommodate one person at a time (two if from the same household).

Investing in Learning. The continuation of library services throughout the past year of Covid-19 challenges was made possible in part through donations from the community. Generous funding allowed the library district to keep staff employed. Upgrades to telecommunications tools enabled staff to answer library phones from new laptops, and to continue delivering quality programming for adults, teens, and children online via Zoom. Additional on-site storage was obtained for quarantine of materials, while protective gear and disinfecting equipment were purchased to help keep the community and library staff healthy. To recognize the strong connection between donors and libraries, national Library Giving Day will be observed **Wednesday, April 7**. For information on donating to Jefferson County Library, see jclibrary.info/get-involved.

Tax Help. You can use the library’s curbside service to pick up IRS tax forms or booklets. Call 360-385-6544

to have a staff member assist you. Free AARP tax assistance is also available to help residents prepare and electronically file tax returns at these locations: Quilcene Community Center, 360-302-6064; Tri-Area Community Center in Chimacum, 360-390-4014 (option 4); and in Port Townsend at the Community Center, 360-302-1867.

Vision Aids and Resources. The library is now partnering with the Washington Talking Book & Braille Library (WTBBL), a federally funded program providing equipment and library materials to people who have reading disability, physical disability, visual impairment, or blindness. Materials are audio-based or in Braille. Once you have signed up, WTBBL will provide a talking book player and listening accessories to access materials in digital and physical formats. Also available are audio magazines, Braille sheet music, and bilingual materials. To learn more about this free service, contact Mobile Services Manager Celeste Bennett at cbennett@jclibrary.info or call 360-301-8247. For additional info see wtbbl.org.

Seed Delivery. Join the effort to build our community’s food resilience. Now through October, Washington State University Master Gardeners is partnering with the JCL bookmobile for seed delivery. You can place orders on the WSU Seed Library web site and have your seeds delivered to any of the regular JCL bookmobile stops. Learn more at jclibrary.info/use-the-library/bookmobile/seed-library.

Online Technology Classes. The library’s live **April 6** Tech Tuesday class will focus on email security. You will learn how to identify suspicious emails and protect your personal information. The **April 13** Tech Tuesday class will demonstrate 3D printing basics. You will be able to explore the technology and learn how to print with the library’s new 3D printer. Learn more at jclibrary.librarymarket.com/events/month/2021/04.

Online Theatre. The library is cosponsoring the play *May’s Vote*, which will be streamed **Thursday, April 15**. It’s the story of two very different Washington women who built upon the state’s legacy and fought for the right of the first women to vote in the U.S. With funding from the Votes for Women Centennial Grant Program, the play, written by Toni Douglass and produced by Key City Public Theatre, will be followed by live commentary and Q & A. For more information, see jclibrary.librarymarket.com/events/mays-vote-virtual-live-performance.

Game Nights. To relieve Covid-19 boredom, the library will offer virtual board-game nights (Wednesday–Friday) **April 21, 22, and 23**. You can play the easy-to-learn, award-winning game Carcassonne, in which payers use tiles to build castles and roads. Registration is required. To learn more, see jclibrary.librarymarket.com/events/month/2021/04.

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

Alarm Statistics February 2021

Alarms	
Fires	2
Rescue/Emergency Medical	55
Service Call/Good Intent	9
False Alarms	1
Dispatched and Canceled	14
Total Alarms	81
Ambulance Transports	
Jefferson Healthcare	10
St. Michaels, Bremerton	16
Medevac	1
Total Transports	27
Aid	
Aid Given	20
Aid Received	3
Total Aid	23

Spring Reminders From Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

by Brad Martin, Port Ludlow Fire Chief

With the arrival of daylight saving time in March, you had many reminders to turn your clocks ahead. But some other highly recommended actions also need your attention. One sure way to remember them in the future is to pair them up with your clock-turning ritual. Even if you forgot them last month, there’s still time to attend to the following tasks:

Keep alarms in working order. Now is the time to check batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. If you can’t safely reach your smoke alarms, call Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue to make arrangements for a crew to come out and change the batteries or install new smoke detectors if needed.

Check expiration dates. Another task to consider when changing your clocks is to check the ‘best-if-used-by’ dates on your emergency supplies and, if necessary, replenish them. While the ‘use by’ dates on products are there for your safety, items can sometimes be consumed after the date stamped on them. You can find many shelf-life lists on the Internet. Or you can just directly type in the brand name and type of food you need information about.

Sign up with File of Life. On the topic of preparedness, if you don’t have a File of Life packet, you are invited to stop by the fire station on Oak Bay Road and pick one up. The File of Life packet provides a place to list any of your health issues, medications, allergies, etc. The completed card fits into a magnetized holder to be placed on your refrigerator, so medics have quick access to medical information when they are called to help you.

Visit our web site. Finally, I would like to direct you to our new web site, *plfr.org*. We are completing a comprehensive update to the web site. The new site is up, and we are actively updating it, so bear with us during this process. I would like to have input on information or content you would like to see; just understand there are limits to what we can put on the site.

Contact me. If you have any questions about the services provided by Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue, please call me at 360-437-2236 or email me at *bmartin@plfr.org*.

In-Person Smart Driver Course on Hold Until September

AARP has announced that all sponsored in-person events and activities nationwide have been cancelled through September 1. This decision includes the Smart Driver classes, which are typically held at the Beach Club. There is a remote possibility that this policy could change. If that happens, you will be notified through another *Voice* announcement. Restarting the Smart Driver course in Port Ludlow is also dependent upon the reopening of the Beach Club, for which there is no projection at the time of this writing.

Those who wish to take the course this year, especially if you need to renew your automobile insurance discount, can take the AARP Smart Driver online course as an alternative. The web site is *aarpdriversafety.org*. When signing up, the promo code for any available discount is DRIVINGSKILLS. If you try the online course, please call course instructor Russ Henry at 360-437-2250 to give him your feedback. In addition, if you would like to become a Smart Driver instructor, please contact Russ Henry for application information.

Free Forum on Scams and Frauds

Join Compass & Clock for an online panel discussion **Thursday, April 15, 11:30 a.m.** This month’s topic is Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones Against Scams and Frauds.

The panel of experts will include representatives of Consumer Protection Washington, which is a collective of government agencies and the Better Business Bureau. The collective is dedicated to educating and alerting the public on consumer issues, scams, and investigations.

The monthly “Compass Points” virtual sessions are held live online to give you an opportunity to ask the experts. For more information and registration visit *compassandclock.com/compasspoints*.

Virtual Home & Kitchen Tour



AAUW/UWF is holding the 23rd annual Home & Kitchen Tour **April 23 to 25**. This year's tour will take advantage of virtual technology and offer the event to viewers everywhere. Anyone interested in our county will enjoy touring special homes, condos, and ships' galleys throughout Port Townsend, Port Ludlow, and Marrowstone Island. You can enjoy interviews with homeowners, architects, and designers or attend seminars by local experts including cabinet maker Charlie Rawlins, Studio STL, Evergreen Home Loans, and Peninsula Paint with Rogers Painting Group.

Registration is \$25 to access the tour for the three days. Sign up online at the AAUW Port Townsend web site, with an extra donation to AAUW/UWF always appreciated. The organization will email you the tour link along with a passport program booklet to view or print. Alternatively, you can ask for a pre-printed program in the mail. On the first day of the event, the link for the tour web site will be activated. Questions? Contact pt-wa.aauw.net/activities/home-kitchen-tour/.

During the three-day tour, you will have the flexibility to visit as often as you wish. To view a home in a 3D virtual environment, just select the home on screen and use your mouse to move through it. You'll be able to look up and down, move forward, or move backward. You can pause at any point you like (such as on an interesting kitchen design) and learn more about it. You can even attend a virtual seminar. If you just want to relax, you can set the tour to automatic mode and sit back to enjoy the walk-through.

When you buy admission to the tour you are helping AAUW/UWF, which has raised scholarship and educational funds for students in Jefferson County for more than 70 years. Because of the recent strain on our economy and schools, it has become critical to provide support to our schools and students. Read more about the foundation at pt-wa.aauw.net/university-womens-foundation-uwf.

Free Legal and Estate Planning Seminars

On **Tuesdays, April 6 and 20**, at 11:30 a.m., join Tony Hinson as he discusses estate planning, with a focus on estate-tax issues and retirement-account inheritance planning in a changing landscape. He will discuss Washington and federal estate tax issues, and some big changes looming for both in 2021. You'll learn why estate plans are more than just a will or trust; why powers of attorney and medical directives are critical; and why planning for retirement accounts is now more important than ever, with the 'stretch IRA' largely being gone. Anyone wanting a comprehensive estate plan that incorporates tax planning and retirement accounts should attend.

On **Tuesdays, April 13 and 27**, at 11:30 a.m., join Hinson and Richard Tizzano to explore estate and life-care planning solutions that prepare you to protect your assets and remain independent. Topics include health care, Medicare & Medicaid, long-term care insurance, maintaining quality of life, aging in place, preserving wealth, estate plans, and supplemental-needs trusts.

These virtual seminars are held live online. It's your opportunity to ask the experts. To register, visit sherrardlaw.com/seminars, or call 360-779-5551.

Sexual Consent is Focus of April 21 Event

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and Dove House is focusing on the importance of consent. That topic will be the emphasis for a special Consent Word Bingo session via Zoom on **Wednesday, April 21**, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Play bingo, learn a variety of expressions of consent, and have fun. There will be prizes!

To request the Zoom link and find information about additional activities like trauma-informed yoga for survivors, see dovehousejc.org. There you can also access additional information on survivor groups and resources. Please call Bekka Bloom at 360-385-5292 with questions.

Dove House provides free confidential help for crime victims and those recovering from domestic and sexual violence, homelessness, mental illness, substance use, and other forms of victimization and trauma.

Reminder to Dog Owners

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



Features & Stories

Submit your articles by email to editor@plvoice.org no later than the 8th of the preceding month. Information and guidelines for submitting your stories or poems are found on the Voice website,

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

Meet Your Firefighters— A Challenge for A Worthy Cause

By Ron Dawson, Contributing Writer



Firefighter Stair Climb Team.

Submitted photo

On May 15, a team of our firefighters will participate in a fund raiser to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) in the annual Stair Climb held since 1991. The effort supports blood cancer research. Since its inception, the LLS Firefighter Stair Climb has raised over \$20 million. Because of the Covid-19 virus and restrictions, the Stair Climb in the Columbia Center in Seattle is being handled in a different fashion. The Port Ludlow Firefighters will climb Mt. Townsend here on the Olympic Peninsula in their firefighting gear with air packs. This is an eight-mile roundtrip, with 3,010 feet of elevation gain to a summit of 6,260 feet. It will be a significant physical challenge, as they haul 60 POUNDS of bulky gear to the summit and back. (*Editor comment:* Having done that hike a few times with perhaps TEN pounds of photo gear, I can attest to the incredible fitness of our firefighters!) The team members include: Wicus McGuffey, Robert Novak, Curtis Beery, Travis Paynter, Tom Hertenstein, AJ Avila, Hayden Gresli, Alex Sviridovich, Jack Reimer, Brennan Whiting, Richard Spellman, and Neil Secondez. This is the major fundraiser that our firefighters participate in annually.

Support to the team in the form of a donation can be made online at llswa.org/site/TR/LLSWA/llswaFF?team_id=71537&pg=team&fr_id=1690

A long web address, but it will take you directly to the Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue donation page. All support to this cause to beat blood cancer is greatly appreciated.

Swansonville Community Center— We need your help!

by Tim Rensema, Contributing Writer



Swansonville Community Church.

Submitted photo

As many of you may have read in different articles in the *Voice*, the Swansonville Church is being restored by the Friends of Swansonville. That means that the only surviving public structure from old Port Ludlow, after over thirty years of abandonment to time and seismic activity, will be restored as a community center. Unfortunately, there is only so much dedicated volunteers and pro bono help can do. We are at a point where we require funds to replace the old post and pier foundation (see picture) with a wood foundation and continuous concrete footing. The leaning tower of Port Ludlow (the bell tower) cannot be stabilized until the building foundation is replaced. Through matching grants and some small grants, we may be able to replace the foundation. However, it will take a minimum of

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\$50,000 to accomplish this. For a totally volunteer force, this is no mean task. However, one thing we have is energy and attitude. Our co-presidents, Terra Coyan and Jessie Michaels, will not give up. We have accomplished a lot in the little over a year we have been functional to include: (1) acquiring the deed to the church, (2) gaining National Historic Site status from the U.S. National Park Service (3) fiscal sponsorship by way of Jefferson County Historical Society. These are phenomenal accomplishments, but now we need to concentrate on funding. If you are interested in history and you have adopted Port Ludlow and its community way of life, then please contribute what you can to Friends of Swansonville, 11 Werner Road, Port Ludlow, or by visiting their website at friendsofswansonville.com. Let's raise the funds and raise the building!

Traveling with Matilda

by Carol Riley, Contributing Writer



Matilda.

Submitted photo

A few years ago, my daughter gifted me with Matilda. Matilda is a French hen with a lust for travel. Luckily, I have a love of travel also and was only too happy to have a charming, intelligent—and silent—traveling companion. Our first adventure actually began with a trip to Port Ludlow. We were living in the Bay Area of California and a friend of a friend had told us what a wonderful community they were living in after retiring—Port Ludlow, Washington. We were planning a trip to Yellowstone and decided we would visit friends in Oregon, check out Port Ludlow, and then wend our way to Yellowstone. Matilda was thrilled at the prospect of seeing the country. I quickly

learned that she loved riding in the car, although she preferred to ride up front with me.

On our drive from Yellowstone to our home in Springdale, UT, we visited the Museum of Clean in Pocatello Idaho. I have never seen Matilda so excited about a museum trip. She felt right at home.

Our next trip took us to Sonoma where Matilda loved staying at the B&B. There is nothing like sitting on the hearth with a good book after a long day of wine tasting. While we drove along the beautiful Sonoma countryside, we came across a gentleman selling metal art along the road. There was no hope of moving on without making a purchase once Matilda spied a traveling companion for her—a charming red metal hen. Oh well, there is always room for one more.

Once we moved to Port Ludlow, Matilda had to settle for trips closer to home. One of her favorites is Hama Hama Oyster Saloon, where since she doesn't have to drive, she often likes a beer with her oysters. She also loves trips to get coffee—wait until she hears about God Bless Coffee (GBC).

The big February snowstorm of 2019 was quite a surprise to Matilda, but like the gutsy girl she is she just bundled up and helped to shovel the deck.

Sad to say, Covid-19 has really put a crimp in our travel plans so now a cup of coffee on the porch will have to do until we can hit the road once again.

Note: To see more photos of Matilda and her exploits, go to [plvoice.org/sections/features and articles](http://plvoice.org/sections/features_and_articles).

Daring Death Daily

by Jim Gormly, Contributing Writer

On the evening of April 3, 1860, the first Pony Express rider set out from St. Joseph, Missouri, carrying a mochila (saddlebag) crammed full of forty-nine letters, five private telegrams, and some newspapers. Ten days later, a record at the time, another rider made the delivery to its destination in San Francisco. Yet only nineteen months later, the Pony Express was put out to pasture two days after Western Union completed the transcontinental telegraph line on October 26, 1861. Despite its short history, the Pony Express remains firmly in the lore of the American frontier.

In the mid-19th century, California-bound mail took twenty-five days by stagecoach or months by ship. With the creation of the Pony Express, however, the average delivery time was reduced to ten days. Achieving this remarkable speed required a string of nearly 200 relief stations along a 2,000-mile line, from Missouri to California, including a trail through Nevada Territory that became US Route 50, the loneliest road in America. Lone

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horsemen would ride between stations at full tilt, day and night, no matter the weather, switch mounts every 10-15 miles, and then hand their cargo off to a new courier after a 75-100 mile run. The company's personal best came in March 1861, when riders carried the inaugural address of Abraham Lincoln from Nebraska to California in just seven days, seventeen hours.

To staff the system, the owners purchased four hundred smallish horses, averaging fourteen hands, or fifty-six inches tall (hence, the Pony Express and not the Horse Express), and hired several hundred support personnel and eighty riders. Ads for the riders read: "Wanted: Young, skinny, wiry fellows not over eighteen. Must be expert riders, willing to risk death daily. Orphans preferred." Whoa, Nellie! Now that's truth in advertising. Despite the danger, many scrawny teenage lads applied. The riders had to take an oath before they were hired that they would not drink intoxicating liquor, use profane language, or fight with colleagues. After a visit to Utah, the explorer Sir Richard Burton claimed that he scarcely saw a sober rider or one reticent to curse—so much for the oath. Paid well at \$100 a month, the riders earned more than four times the going wages for unskilled laborers. Initial postage was prohibitively costly at five dollars, equivalent to \$140 today. Though eventually reduced to a dollar, the rate remained expensive. Probably not many travel postcards were sent.

As America expanded through Paiute Indian territory in Utah, conflict was inevitable. The Paiute War in the spring of 1860 was a series of minor skirmishes that resulted in more than twenty-five station employees being killed, 150 horses stolen or driven off, and several stations burned to the ground. During the nineteen-month duration of the Pony Express, it was more dangerous working at the outposts as only six riders died in the line of duty. Having fast ponies no doubt helped.

Probably no other rider epitomizes the legend and folklore of the Pony Express better than William "Buffalo Bill" Cody. However, while his "Wild West" shows helped keep the memory alive, his claims of being a famous rider were likely fabricated. The most remarkable authentic rider was Robert "Pony Bob" Haslam. During the Paiute War he worked a "double shift" of 190 miles, rested nine hours and then did a return double, during which he was shot in the arm and through the jaw, losing three teeth. He kept riding and reached his destination—making this round trip of 380 miles in less than two days, the longest on record. I'm assuming this is the longest trip on record in the shortest time. Unclear.

No matter how fast the ponies or how brave the riders, they could not outpace the telegraph signal. Nonetheless, the riders successfully delivered 35,000 pieces of mail, with only one shipment of mail lost. It wasn't until eight years

after operations ceased, with the completion of the trans-continental railroad, that delivery of physical mail finally exceeded the speed of the Pony Express, a testimony to the impressive grit of man and pony.

The Prize is Awarded to ...

by Suyin Karlsen, Guest Writer

If you are wondering what to read next after you have finished your current book, a Pulitzer winner never disappoints. This year the announcement should come on April 19, if it is not postponed like last year due to pandemic considerations. Despite many controversies surrounding the Pulitzer Prize Board's decisions, the awards are still highly sought after. The Board has gained worldwide respect for recognizing and elevating awareness of first class journalism, and first rate achievements in letters, arts, and music.

Joseph Pulitzer (b. April 10, 1847) granted power to the Pulitzer Prize Board to change, substitute, or overrule the recommendations made by the juries in each of the categories. Hence the controversies. Many, if not most, of the honored books have not been on bestseller lists, and many of the winning plays have been staged Off-Broadway or in regional theaters; they were not staged on Broadway or even in New York City.

Here are some interesting facts from *pulitzer.org*: 102 judges serve on 20 separate juries, who make three nominations in each of the 21 categories. About 1,100 journalism entries are submitted by January 25 of each year. Four weeks later, 77 editors, publishers, writers, and educators meet at the School of Journalism at Columbia University (the Pulitzer endowed department) to judge the submissions in 15 journalism categories. Each year over 2,500 entries vie for the 21 prizes.

Joseph Pulitzer, having had no training in journalism, thought that it was important for young aspirants to receive a helping hand. Upon his death in 1911, Columbia University received \$2,000,000 to establish its journalism school. Since June of 1917 the Pulitzer Prize has continued to honor excellence in journalism, arts, and letters.

If you are looking for something to read in the meanwhile, last year's 2020 prizes in Letters went to:

Fiction - *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead. The book is based on a true story about a Florida reform school where children were physically and sexually abused. This is his second Pulitzer award; *The Underground Railroad* took the 2017 prize. Only three other writers have won this prize twice: William Faulkner, Booth Tarkington, and John Updike.

General Nonfiction - *The Undying* by Anne Boyer. Poet Boyer chronicles her arduous battles with breast cancer,

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chemotherapy, and radiation. *The End of the Myth*, by Greg Grandin, explores the concept of American exceptionalism.

Poetry - *The Tradition* by Jericho Brown. His third collection of stirring, masterful poems.

Biography - *Sontag: Her Life and Work* by Benjamin Moser. “Moser captured Susan Sontag’s genius and humanity alongside her addictions, sexual ambiguities, and volatile enthusiasm,” interviewing 600 family, friends, and enemies to write her biography.

History - *Sweet Taste of Liberty* by W. Caleb McDaniel. A true story of slavery and restitution in America based on the story of Henrietta Wood. The Pulitzer jury cited the work as a “masterfully researched meditation on reparations.”

If you are interested, an American Masters production of *Joseph Pulitzer: Voice of the People* was aired on April 12, 2019, and can still be watched if you are a PBS subscriber. It is a riveting story about “The Master” behind these prizes.

April—International Guitar Month

by Darryl Hatheway, Contributing Writer



The initial thought was: guitar appreciation, what a fun topic! Maybe this is a chance for all the guitar lovers in Port Ludlow to read about April being designated as International Guitar Month and to promote recognition of legendary guitar artists such as Jimi Hendrix, Seattle’s favorite local guitar hero. Hendrix loved and made famous his Stratocaster guitar, made by Fender. Just the mere mention of him brings back memories of the world-famous first chords of “Purple Haze,” and also brings to mind the good old classic rock-n-roll guitar histrionics of Chuck Berry.

However, it turns out that it was the Guitar Accessories Marketing Association (GAMA) and National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) who founded International Guitar Month in 1987. There are many “National Days” each year and GAMA and NAMM set April 1 to kick off this International Guitar Month purely as a means to promote retail guitar sales and stores around the world. There must be ways to celebrate International Guitar Month other than just marketing and retail sales

strategies. Hopefully, our readers would like to celebrate the guitars themselves and learn more about the luthiers who make them.

A luthier is someone who manufactures guitars and other stringed instruments. Gaetano Vinaccia from Naples, Italy, is credited for creating the six-string guitar. He came from a family of famous luthiers. Vinaccia and his brother invented the six-string guitar around 1776—245 years ago—and long before Jimi Hendrix.

Guitar Factoids:

- There are only 193 acoustic and electric guitar manufacturing businesses in the U.S.
- In 2019 an estimated 1.54 million acoustic guitars were sold in the United States alone.
- According to the Music Trades website, there are about 2.5 million guitars of all types sold each year in the U.S.

A couple of recent Covid-19-appropriate visits to talk story with a local Port Ludlow acoustic guitar craftsman and self-taught luthier, Jay Gordon, helped me learn more details on the making of guitars. When talking with Jay about the art of guitar making, you can feel his passion for the craft. (It also brings out the sparkle in his eyes.) It was also interesting to find out that luthiers are organized and have established the non-profit Seattle Luthiers Group, an informal association of instrument builders and people interested in instrument building.

Jay confirmed that there are millions of acoustic guitars manufactured commercially each year, with C.F. Martin being the best world-wide. Martin guitars have been made in Pennsylvania since 1833 and make great guitars commercially. However, handcrafted custom acoustic guitars are a passion for most luthiers, not a business. Each guitar, created by a luthier like Jay, requires months of meticulous labor and patience to assemble the instrument.

Jay also shared that each handcrafted guitar is unique, as the size, shape, and wood used influence the sound of the guitar. Koa wood from the Big Island of Hawaii is Jay’s favorite for pure beauty of appearance and great sound. He showed me a classic ukulele made of koa he recently completed, and the beauty of the final product was evident as was his attention to detail. Apparently, Brazilian rosewood is one of the favorite woods for luthiers. Use of different wood on the sides, bottom, and top of a guitar, as well as internal bracing, can all contribute to the appearance and sound of the guitar once the strings are attached.

While visiting Jay in his workshop, the intricacy of constructing an acoustic guitar and the necessary wood-working tools to do so, was evident. Jay is self-taught on how to build these instruments, and the quality of each shines brightly. He is truly a guitar hero and the type of

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craftsman to celebrate during International Guitar Month. It seems clear to me that we should celebrate the craftsmanship of a handcrafted acoustic guitar and luthiers like Jay, before celebrating the commercial approach of guitar greeting cards or retail marketing strategies. Thanks, Jay, for sharing your story.

A Grateful Community

by Barbara Berthiaume, Contributing Writer



The Vogts.

Photo by Brian Jennings

Myron and Valeria Vogt retired to Port Ludlow in 1998 after Myron's engineering career with Boeing spanned three continents, six countries, and countless moves. Shortly after arriving, Myron attended a meeting with 11 other Boeing retirees including Jack Randall. They formed the Olympic Peninsula Boeing Bluebill Chapter, which grew from 18 members to 196 members today.

According to Boeing

Bluebill retiree Jay Gilmour, who worked with Myron in Tokyo, "Boeing Bluebill folklore conveys a story of Frank Shrontz, Boeing's retired CEO (1996), presenting a personal check to Myron at a Boeing dinner made out to the Bluebills in 1998 for \$5,000, so Myron and others could do some helpful things for some deserving people on the Olympic Peninsula. The Bluebills today, almost a quarter century later, conduct a myriad of strong activities supporting the needs of our tri-county constituency. The result is a continuing dividend return on Frank's \$5,000. I call this Myron's Magic!" Gilmour describes Myron's mind as an idea factory. "He sees things that normal people might see but his mind asks a question: 'Is there some way the Bluebills can make things better for those folks?' He doesn't think in terms of cost, funding or budget. Myron's motto is 'Keep it simple: what can we do with the resources we have now? We'll find the money later, somehow, if we need to.' And he does, and we do, and we will! I will always think of this as Myron's Magic!"

Myron's ability to identify resources and network with community organizations and key people is evident in how many of the Bluebill programs developed. Initially, the Bluebills partnered with Habitat for Humanity, but this was just the beginning. Myron saw a need for wheelchair ramps and explored the possibility of Catholic Community

Services (CCS) as a resource. He met with them and developed a relationship that exists today. World Vision invited educators to pick goods from their warehouse on Saturdays. When this service ended, Myron met with World Vision and persuaded them to agree to a novel program where Bluebills picked up pallets of goods for distribution to non-profits in our communities, which resulted in the creation of the Essential Supplies Program.

When Bob Rosen, the Director of the Quilcene Community Center, asked for help in a minor repair project, Myron agreed. This turned into a major construction effort that resulted in a beautiful and functional community center. Bob remarked, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." This is a very appropriate description of Myron's leadership, vision, and determination to identify needs, find resources, and get things done. Bob Keever, Kitsap Regional Coordinator noted that, "As a Boeing engineer, Myron helped usher in the jet age. As a Bluebills retiree volunteer, among other duties he headed up our Builders program, with emphasis on independent living and fall prevention for the elderly and handicapped. We will miss him up here, but he will continue to pass along the tribal knowledge and carry on the mission."

While Myron is credited with much of the Bluebill success over the years and has received numerous recognitions for his passion and hard work in the community, including the Heart of Service Award from the Peninsula Daily News and Citizen of the Year from the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, Valeria has been a quiet and hardworking partner at his side. Upon arriving, she wanted to meet new people and raised her hand to volunteer on a Bay Club committee, which resulted in the development of the Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA). She has supported the Bluebills and CEA programs with numerous spreadsheets, graphics, posters, banners, and other printed materials needed to promote programs. According to Valeria, she was a work in progress in the beginning and had to learn computer graphic skills "on the go" as program needs arose. All agree that she is an accomplished graphic designer!

Myron's philosophy can be summed up in this quote: "It is always rewarding to know that with these activities, we have been able to help someone with something to make their life easier." As usual, Myron thinks to the future and emphasizes that new volunteers are needed to ensure a smooth leadership transition in order for the Bluebills to not only maintain current programs but to grow as the need arises. Together, Myron and Valeria are a formidable and inspirational team that has laid the foundation for the Bluebills to be where we are today. Our community is incredibly grateful for their dedication and compassion in helping others. Thank you, Myron and Valeria. Our community is very grateful for all you have given us!

Quilcene's Worthington Mansion— A Site to Behold

by Tim Rensema, Contributing Writer



Original Worthington mansion.

Photo courtesy of Quilcene Museum

The three story, seventeen room Worthington Mansion on Quilcene's East Columbia Street is a treasure of Jefferson County and well worth visiting. The Victorian mansion was constructed in 1892 by Millard Filmore Hamilton, a successful businessman in Quilcene and Port Townsend. Hamilton was responsible for recruiting the first editor of the *Quilcene Queen*, Mr. Milton Fletcher Satterlee, from Niellsville, WI. Hamilton no sooner finished construction in 1892 than the economic depression of that year forced him to sell out both his business interests and his new home before he could even move in. His partner, Squire L.D. McArdle, purchased the mansion and rented it out until 1907, when he sold it to William Jenner Worthington. William (Wil) and his brother Edgar (Ed) were very successful grocers and lumbermen in the Quilcene area. Ed formed a partnership with retired Coast Guard Captain Frederick Kent in 1917 to purchase the Gerlinger Motor Car Company, and renamed it the Gersix Motor Company. Many today may see the importance of the names Kent and Worthington in the very successful diesel tractor manufacturing company Kenworth!

William and his wife Grace had two daughters and six sons. One son, Robert, inherited the mansion and married second wife, Eilleen, in 1973. Robert passed in 1995, and Eilleen continued to live in the Worthington House until her death in 2012. Eilleen sold the house and grounds to the Quilcene Historical Museum in 2012. The house had undergone many changes from the early days—the roof had been changed from the mansard style to a simple gabled roof. Typical of old homes, the walls had transitioned through a progression of paint, wall papering, and further layers of paint before the sale. Since 2011, volunteers have diligently worked to restore the structure to the gilded days of the 19th century. Over 100 volunteers contributed in excess of 32,000 hours to the restoration to date.

Today, the Quilcene Museum, through a very aggressive and dedicated restoration program has developed the ten-acre, four-building and grounds estate into a beautiful augmentation to the Worthington Park complex. This complex consists of the home and outbuildings, a beautiful pond with woodland along the Little Quilcene River, the Linger Longer (outdoor performance) pavilion and meadow, and the Quilcene Museum at the intersection of Center Road and East Columbia Street. If you're interested in the (restoration effort and) events that are hosted at this complex, see worthingtonparkquilcene.org.

Restoration of the house has been ongoing since acquisition. I volunteered with these folks for a short time in 2019 and had both a very enjoyable time and a tremendous learning experience. I would like to mention two operations used to restore the old Victorian look to the house. Most interesting to me was the effort they had taken to save as much plaster as they could. To do this, holes were drilled through the plaster (usually around cracks), a glue sprayed in, then a rosette (plastic washer) with a sheetrock screw was screwed into the lath below to secure the plaster to the wooden lath. Once the glue had dried, rosettes were removed and used elsewhere. As you can imagine, this proved somewhat tedious but proved totally successful in saving the walls of the Worthington House. Once the holes were plastered, the walls were painted. To provide an example of the foresight of these folks, most of the walls were covered with wallpaper—some really beautiful. However, the original rooms did not have wallpaper. If it was possible, a square of wallpaper approximately one-foot square was saved and framed to show how beautiful it had been. The first major job required the removal and replacement of the old gable roof with a new mansard roof that replicated the original roof that was installed. That made a considerable change to the whole project.

Finally, the family did not ignore the outside estate but established an arboretum of trees and plants not normally seen on the Olympic Peninsula. If you get the chance to amble across the grounds, make sure you look at the stately Black Walnut and Horsechestnut trees. Try to identify some of the other unique species growing around the grounds, for there are many. It is not hard to identify where the orchards existed, as many pear, apple, and other fruit trees border the meadow area, now used as a place for dog walkers. If you are there when the museum is open, it is a must-see. Make sure you read "Dub of South Burlap" written by Brandon Satterlee, son of the first editor of the *Quilcene Queen*. It is fictional yet full of great historical information on Quilcene. The folks of Quilcene have done the house proud in the restoration. It is a true reflection of the Gilded Age of the late 1800s and a gem of Jefferson County.

Edibles—God Bless Coffee

by Carol Riley, Contributing Writer

Port Ludlow, you are in for a treat! Chef Thysen (Ty) Scott, owner of God Bless Food (GBF) Catering, is branching out. The number one business Port Ludlow residents have been longing to see is coming—COFFEE—in the form of God Bless Coffee (GBC.) Covid-19 changed our lives in 2020. Small businesses were hit hard and GBF Catering was no exception. On March 23, 2020, GBF was looking forward to a great year with 147 catering jobs on the books. In a week, those bookings dropped to zero. The Scotts needed a new business model, and GBF was able to secure space in the building where Grace Christian Center holds its services, and that enabled Ty and wife Debi to set up a catering operation preparing and serving take-out dinners two nights a week.

Ty is an award-winning chef who serves award-winning food. The Port Townsend Leader reader poll garnered Chef Ty a first-place win as chef/cook and another first place for his “white gold” clam chowder in 2020. In addition, Ty won Best Desserts and Best Carry Out in the County for a total of four awards. Ty and his crew have accomplished an amazing renovation to their space in the church building and have now expanded into a second room that holds their steam tables, giant rice cookers, walk-in refrigerators, proofing cabinet, and prep tables. The space is a necessity as GBF is serving 80 to 100 meals each Tuesday and Friday.

The idea for GBC came from their satisfied customers who kept asking, “Why just dinners?” That question was music to Ty’s ears as he considers the creation of awesome breakfast dishes his favorite and best effort. Providing breakfast, lunch, and coffee required a different approach. A permanent installation was needed so townspeople and visitors could drive or walk to the location and order coffee, breakfast, and lunch items. A custom-built trailer, designed and outfitted to their needs, was ordered for the purpose. Another requirement? Finding a “star” barista, and they found that person in Jordyn Johnson. Jordyn is not only a master at the art of crafting coffee drinks, but she has excellent management experience as well and has become a valuable member of the GBF/GBC team.

In addition to serving a variety of coffee drinks made with Dillanos Coffee Roasters (DCR) premium coffee, Ty will be making his buttermilk biscuits and gravy, breakfast sandwiches, fresh fruit, items that are gluten free/dairy free/sugar free, sandwiches, hot dogs on steamed buns, smoked salmon (salmon candy), and of course, clam chowder. Most food items will be seasonal and locally sourced, with daily specials, and a goal of adding soft-serve ice cream as the weather warms. Check out gbfcatering.com to find out how to receive texts announcing the daily specials.

Opening day is scheduled for mid-April if all goes as planned. Hours of operation will be 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The plan is to make it a 7-day-a-week operation once summer arrives. Watch your email for opening day announcements or check out gbfcatering.com for more information.

Borage

by Eline Lybarger, Contributing Writer

Borago officinalis is an herb native to the Mediterranean area. It has grey-green, four to six-inch-long leaves with fuzz covering both the leaves and stems. The flowers are bright blue, starshaped; pink and white flowers are rare. Besides looking good, it tastes good. The flowers, which are loved by bees and bloom most of the summer, have a light honey flavor; perfect for salads and a traditional decoration for gin-based cocktails. You can freeze the blossoms in ice cubes so they are ready all the time. The flowers can also be dried or candied (dipped in slightly beaten egg white, then fine sugar and left to dry.) They make quick and attractive decorations on pastries and frosted cakes.

The leaves have a refreshing cucumber flavor and when chopped, they make a nice addition to salads, dips, anything with cucumber and as a garnish to soups and stews. They go well with cabbage: cook two parts cabbage to one-part borage. It is also used in Germany as the main ingredient in Grune Sauce (Green Sauce). Interestingly, both the leaves and flowers were used in the original recipe for Pimm’s but has been replaced by mint.

Borage has the benefit of being rich in minerals, especially potassium. The leaves do not dry well, but the dried flowers make a nice tea, which can be quite dramatic: adding a few drops of lemon turns it from purple to bright pink. In Europe it is grown for its seed oil that contains gamma linolenic acid and is often marketed as “starflower” or “borage” oil.

The plant can be grown as a ground cover or soil binder. In the spring sow the seeds about ½ inch deep in well-drained soil in an area protected from wind. Borage will tolerate poor soil, but must be well drained, so if you have clay soil, add mulch or use a raised bed. Keep the soil moist until the seeds sprout, then thin them until the plants are two feet apart, as they form rounded clumps 2 ft. wide and 2 ft. tall. In the fall be sure to let a few flowers mature to produce seeds for next year. The seeds can be collected and planted or allowed to “volunteer.”

A word of caution: Borage produces pyrrolizidine alkaloids (hepatotoxic, mutagenic, and carcinogenic are the most common alkaloids). These protect it from plant-eating insects. The same alkaloids can be found in honey which is one of the reasons it is not recommended for children under one year of age.

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.

Port Ludlow Art League

Artist of the Month – Shirley Bomgaars



Spin Me A Yarn by Shirley Bomgaars

As the result of the pandemic, Shirley has found more time to focus on her artwork and explore new media. While her last art exhibit featured her colored pencil work, lately Shirley has been working with watercolors, acrylics, and mixed media—always leavened with a little bit of whimsy. Whether it's the subject matter, such as old toys, pets and wildlife, or Shirley's perspective, viewers will see her quirky sense of humor shining through.

In pursuit of inspiration, Shirley has welcomed the themes for the Port Ludlow Art League's online group shows. In fact, the *Portraits* theme prompted Shirley to create new artwork, though she claims to be terrible at portraits. Even a torn canvas serves as an invitation for her to explore.

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

Jeweler of the Month – Judy Danberg

Lifelong seamstress Judy Danberg moved to Port Ludlow over 25 years ago and soon discovered a second outlet for her creative endeavors after taking an introductory jewelry making class at the Bay Club. With her background in sewing, it seemed a natural extension of Judy's talent to take raw materials and turn them into wearable art. Judy

found that she enjoyed using antique beads and incorporating them into her jewelry designs. For her, working with antique materials gives her an appreciation of their history and craftsmanship.

Over the years, Judy has gathered treasures from traveling internationally as well as to Tucson's famous Gem and Jewelry Show. Some of Judy's treasures include antique glass beads from Italy, 250-year-old trade beads from Alaska, 300-year-old tiny gold beads from France, and vintage crystals from Austria.



Necklace by Judy Danberg.

Submitted photos

You can view Judy's unique jewelry designs at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery and online at portludlowart.org. The Gallery is located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive next to the Sound Community Bank. The Gallery will be open on Thursdays and Fridays from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Port Ludlow Art League Resumes Gallery and Art Exhibit Schedules

Following Governor Inslee's latest guidelines, the Port Ludlow Art League (PLAL) will resume the art exhibits at The Port Ludlow Resort and Inn. In addition, the PLAL Gallery will be open every Thursday and Friday from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. "We're delighted to continue our art exhibits at The Inn and the Gallery for both our artists and the community," states Pamela Raine, President of the PLAL.

Whether you're treating yourself to artwork that brings you joy or simply picking up a hand-painted card, the Gallery offers safe and convenient shopping. The PLAL's 6" x 6" panels of original artwork continue to be a hit with the community because the proceeds provide college scholarships to graduating seniors who qualify from both Chimacum and Quilcene High Schools.

The Gallery is located next to the Sound Community Bank at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. The Port Ludlow Resort and Inn is located at 1 Heron Road off of Oak Bay Road in Port Ludlow. For more information, please visit portludlowartleague.org.

Port Ludlow Art League Online Art Show



Bubble Bait by Pamela Raine.

Submitted photo

Scale as it relates to art can mean artwork that challenges the viewer’s expected perception of the relative size of objects. This approach emphasizes the contrast in the size of objects, such as close-up or magnified, proportion, or large versus minuscule. For example, Jeff Koons, an American artist known for his pop culture artwork, achieved scale by creating giant balloon animal sculptures in stainless steel with mirror-finish surfaces.

This month members of the Port Ludlow Art League feature artwork motivated by scale. To view the online art show, please visit portludlowart.org. If you’d like to purchase any of the artwork, please email info@portludlowart.org to make a sales appointment.

May’s Vote: Winning the Fight and the Right in Washington State

by Stephanie Buehler, Guest Writer

May’s Vote—a play by Toni Douglass about two extraordinary women from Washington’s past is coming to Port Ludlow on **Thursday, April 8**, at 7:00 p.m. Performed virtually, the program is being presented by First Wednesday Luncheon, Friends of Swansonville and Ludlow Village Players in partnership with Key City Public Theatre in Port Townsend.

Prim and proper Emma Smith DeVoe and outrageous, flamboyant May Arkwright Hutton worked side by side—but seldom eye to eye—to win the vote for women in Washington State in 1910. Emma and May were as different as night and day, which makes for a very lively play!

Based in Western Washington, Emma, a professional organizer trained by Susan B. Anthony, believed in a lady-like approach to persuasion. Conversely, May, a Spokane millionaire, thought the way to get the vote from men was to “clap ‘em on the back, pass out cigars, and swap stories with ‘em.”

Denise Winter, Artistic Director of Key City Public Theatre, plays May. Seattle-based Barbara Callander plays Emma. Don’t miss your chance to get to know these fascinating women! Learn how Washington State’s victory—the first in 14 years—became a turning point in the fight to win the vote for women nationwide.

Please join us online on **Thursday, April 8**. The actors will give a brief live introduction before the performance and will be available after the show to answer your questions in what we expect will be a lively post-play discussion.

Reservations for *May’s Vote* must be made at keycitypublictheatre.org/maysvote. Admission is free. When you reserve tickets, you will also have an opportunity to make a donation to Key City Public Theatre which will help them to continue to make programs like this available. After you reserve tickets and check out, you will receive a confirmation email, which will include a link for viewing the performance—which is presented over Zoom. (A reminder email is also sent closer to the event.)



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April 4, 2021

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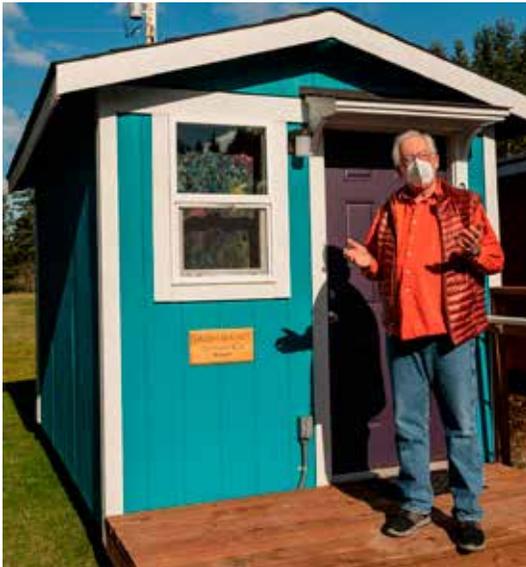
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Spotlight

A Community Spirit Village

by Bev Rothenborg, Contributing Writer

As many of our readers are aware, the issue of homelessness in Jefferson County remains an ongoing challenge. Our cover photo this month calls attention to one of the many efforts by social service organizations, churches, and individuals to address this issue. Thanks to the combined efforts of the Evangelical Bible Church of Port Townsend, Community United Methodist Church (CUMC), Olympic Community Action Program (OlyCAP), Bayside Housing, Boeing Bluebills, the Port Townsend School of Wooden Boat Building, and others we may have missed, twelve new housing units for low-income residents are now available in Port Hadlock.



Pastor Scott Rosecrans.

Photos by Brian Jennings

CUMC in Port Hadlock has a strong history of providing care for those in need. A favorite phrase of church members is ‘SODS’ – Somebody Ought to Do Something. Church members had the foresight to purchase ten acres of land many years ago and have been using that land effectively. In 2000, the South Seven apartment complex was built on church grounds to provide affordable housing for seniors. It was named Margaret’s Village to honor the late Margaret Matheson, who volunteered countless hours to get the project started. Eight apartments were built and are always 100 percent occupied; a current resident waited seven years to get an apartment.

In the fall of 2020, Scott Rosekrans, the pastor of CUMC, received a call inquiring about the availability of CUMC property for a ‘community build.’ The tiny homes were already under construction at the Evangelical Bible Church of Port Townsend, and a location for those homes was needed. Knowing that church members of CUMC were always seeking the best use of their available property, Scott had the caller contact OlyCAP, who leases the property at the church for \$1 per year. OlyCAP provided their approval as well.

I first learned about the Tiny Homes project when I noticed that a large tent had been erected next to the church parking lot. Many volunteers were engaged in finishing the final construction of the tiny houses under the tent. The volunteers included young people aged 18-25 who were gaining carpentry skills, while some of the construction was also being completed at the Port Townsend School of Wooden Boat Building.

Among the volunteers was Peter Bonyum, the initial Team Leader. When the name for the new village was chosen, it appropriately became *Peter’s Place*. Each tiny house has been creatively named. The names – ‘Luna Landing,’ ‘Crimson Tide,’ ‘Sunflower Suite’ among others - have been beautifully carved on wooden plaques and placed near the front doors. The Boeing Bluebills will be building ramps as some of the residents have difficulty stepping up to the front porches.



The twelve Tiny Homes were dedicated on December 31, 2020. These homes are classified as transitional housing – the residents must be actively pursuing permanent housing.

Gary Keister, the founder and Executive Director of Bayside Housing, said there are currently 150 names on the waiting list for housing. Bayside coordinates the selection of residents and provides case management. A resident of the tiny village,

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‘the Ambassador,’ greets new residents, provides an orientation to procedures at the property, and serves as mediator when necessary. Since Peter’s Place began accepting residents, two people living there have found permanent housing.



Bayside Housing has also provided and parked on the grounds a kitchen RV which is equipped with a gas stove and a microwave for residents’ use. Bayside delivers one hot meal a day to the residents as well. Since the tiny houses do not include bathrooms, a lavatory is on the premises, and overnight security is provided for the site.

CUMC church members provide not only housing assistance, as achieved with Margaret’s Village and Peter’s Place, but also operate a food pantry and clothes closet, which provide food and clothing items to those in need every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Additionally, the church provides a Christmas luncheon for residents each year.

For more information and a wonderful window into the project, please view this 50-minute video from the person who video-documented the Tiny Home project youtu.be/dqLtVfy3uY. It gives you the story from the inception to the dedication. I think you’ll find it very informative and inspirational, and you can be proud of the part Community United Methodist Church played in this project.

I look forward to meeting the residents and having The Ambassador give me a personal tour.

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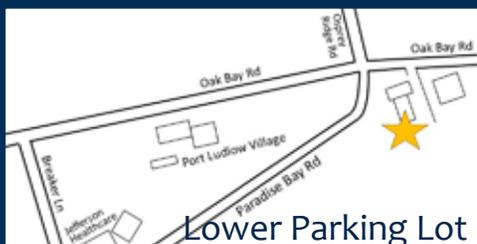
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Village Council

Board Meeting Summary

by Sally Franzel, PLVC Board Secretary

At the March 4, 2021 Port Ludlow Village Council Board Meeting, the following reports were given:

Diana Smeland—President, Port Ludlow Associates

The project to refresh the rooms at The Inn by replacing beds and carpets, repainting, etc., is scheduled to be completed by the end of March. Photos of the updated rooms will be used as a marketing tool for The Inn. As part of an ongoing effort to reduce contamination and dumping at the recycling area, new signage will be installed providing a contact phone number to call if the bins are full. In addition, several people have used the parking area to leave their cars for an extended period. Signs indicating such vehicles will be towed away will also be installed. During March and April, a drone company will be used to apply moss removal solution to the roof of the Harbor Master building.

The real estate market has been active. Ludlow Cove is sold out, although home building continues on the most recent lots sold. Five lots remain in Olympic Terrace 2 (OT2) phase 1, and work will soon begin on OT2 phase 2. The quarter-acre lots for phase 2 have been adjusted to accommodate water migration, and the plat amendments have been sent to the County for approval. Sales of phase 2 will start in approximately 6 to 12 months when accurate individual tax parcels have been identified.

Greg Brotherton—County Commissioner, District 3

Jefferson County (JeffCo) announced a \$275,000 settlement agreement with Joseph D’Amico, Fort Discovery Corporation, and Security Services Northwest, Inc., to drop its pending lawsuits, appeals, and claims against the county. The parties also agreed to a five-year moratorium on filing any new public records requests. The county felt that the settlement was the less expensive solution to the string of lawsuits, appeals, and claims. The agreement also allowed the county to move forward and to focus on meeting present and future community needs.

The Commissioner recently met with Jon Rose, President of the Olympic Property Group (OPG), to discuss future plans for the 25-acre parcel of logged land at the top of Tala Point. The initial discussion revealed that the land could be more valuable for real estate than for growing timber. The Paradise Bay water system managers raised concerns about two forest practice applications recently filed by Rayonier for the contiguous land surrounding the parcel “Paradise 40” currently owned by the Department

Village Council Meetings

Board Meeting

Thursday, April 1

2:45 p.m., Video Conference Call

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of Natural Resources (DNR). Brotherton will meet with the DNR and will continue to monitor the situation for any possible impact on the reservoir for the Paradise Bay water system and impact for the Port Ludlow community.

Dan Toepper—Commissioner, District 3, Jefferson County Public Utility District (JPUD)

The expansion and remodel of the PUD offices at Four Corners has been completed, and staff will move in during March. A rate study for both electric and water/sewer customers has been completed, and public meetings will be held in April to review the findings of the study. With the aggressive role played by Elon Musk and Starlink and the potential legislation in Olympia relating to Broadband access for ports and Public Utility Districts, JPUD continues to monitor possible expansion of internet services and expanding broadband access where it is most needed in the community.

JPUD plans to undertake an update of their Strategic Plan, which has not been updated for five or six years, and workshops will be held to obtain public input. The utility has completed its internal financial audit and received a clean accountability audit from the State.

Holiday Lights Committee—Chair, Dave McDearmid

To comply with the county permit, the holiday lights on the trees along Paradise Bay Road were removed March 5. Despite the purchase of new LED lights, the winter season was challenging as the lights kept failing. Professional expertise will be sought to identify the problem and to find a solution to the interruption of power prior to the lights being reinstalled Thanksgiving 2021.

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Road Safety Committee—Chair, Allan Kiesler

Subsequent to the road safety presentations made to the community, the County Commissioners passed the road safety initiative on speed limit reduction on certain roads in Port Ludlow. Public works completed a survey, and the speed limit changes will probably occur in March. In order to warn drivers of the speed limit changes, three new solar powered reader boards will be installed entering Port Ludlow from Paradise Bay Road, and at the north and south sides of Oak Bay Road. These boards record the number of cars passing and the speed they are travelling for informational purposes only and not to fine drivers.

There are two additional steps to be taken to make the speed limit reduction successful. Kiesler will ask Public Works, together with the Ludlow Maintenance Commission Green Belt Committee and the Trails Committee, to conduct a “trails audit” of the two trail crossings on Oak Bay Road. The objective will be to make sure that the crossings are visible by cutting away foliage, and that the crossings go straight across the road, rather than diagonally, to expedite crossing the road for pedestrians.

The third requirement will be chip sealing to narrow the affected roads. Public Works has scheduled chip sealing on Oak Bay Road for June or July. The procedure will narrow the roads at the four-way stop at Osprey Ridge, Paradise Bay Road, and Oak Bay Road, and also at the intersection of Walker Way and Oak Bay Road. The narrower roads should enable pedestrians to cross more safely. Once accomplished, Public Works will monitor those intersections to find out whether or not more vehicles are obeying the stop signs and adhering to the speed limits.

Community Event! American Volkssport Association (AVA) Walk

The AVA will be holding a 10k and 5k walk on some of the Port Ludlow Trails **Saturday, August 28, 2001**. The AVA is a non-competitive sports organization that promotes exercise, and is committed to fun, fitness, and friendship for people of all ages and athletic abilities. The 203 clubs all over the United States run events all through the year and plan country and urban walks that show off the best that their community can offer. The association welcomes new walkers to their events and hopes that some Port Ludlow residents will join the walk in August. More details on the planned walks will be available soon, and general information on AVA can be found at *ava.org*. AVA is part of an international organization. The name includes the word “Volkssport”, a German term meaning “sport of the people” and can include walking, biking, swimming, snow shoeing, and cross-county skiing.



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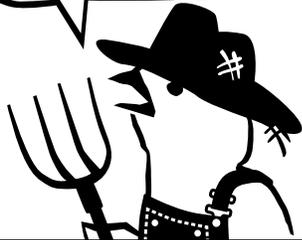
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From the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

LMC will hold its 53rd Annual Members' Meeting on **Saturday, April 17**, remotely using the Zoom application. The Annual Meeting packet that includes Zoom connection instructions, proxy/ballot and Board candidate bios were sent to all LMC members on or about April 1. If you have not received your packet by April 10, or for those owners that may be traveling or for one reason or another may not receive their mail in a timely manner, call the Beach Club and request a copy of the mailing packet be sent to you via email.

Work in the RV storage lots is underway. Mathews Electric is upgrading the electrical and overhead lighting in the lots. Viking Fence is replacing all the chain link fencing that surrounds the storage lots. LMC has also had many large tree limbs removed from around the perimeter of the fence which helps reduce tree debris on the stored equipment and prevent interference with the new overhead lighting. The lots will then be lightly graded, and additional crushed rock will be spread. LMC's staff will then re-stripe the parking spaces, and then it will be time to start bringing the stored equipment back to the storage lots. We are pushing hard to have all this completed by mid-April.

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.

Hello!

My name is Linda Johnson, and I'm happy to become the North Bay Editor for the *Port Ludlow Voice*.

You can read more of my bio in the front section of this edition. I'd like to bring articles, information, and the latest North Bay happenings to you, but I'll need your help! If you'd like to contribute a story, North Bay news, or have comments or questions, please contact me at ljohnson@plvoice.org. I will be happy to get back to you. I do want to let you know of a "Let's Get Moving" class taught by TJ offered at the Port Ludlow Marina, weather permitting. It involves aerobics, strength training, balance, core work, and stretching.

Important Dates

LOA Meeting

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SBCA Update

by Bartholomew Clark, SBCA President

Recent Comments from SBCA Members in Response to March SBCA Update

Comment: *The number of Covid-19 cases has been overstated according to the CDC and many deaths have been attributed to the virus that were known to be of other causes.*

Response: Many victims of Covid-19 experienced severe blood clotting disorders involving thousands of micro-clots. These can lead to cardiac arrest and/or failure of other major organs. If a perfectly healthy individual has a heart attack caused by Covid-19-induced blood clots, one could split hairs, and claim the heart attack as cause of death instead of Covid-19. This sort of obfuscation has been used by some to fudge the data and claim lower than actual Covid-19 infection rates. Yet, but for the Covid-19 infection the heart attacks would not have occurred in such situations. Most medical experts who have commented on the subject have opined that the number of deaths in the U.S. caused by Covid-19 has been understated rather than overstated.

Comment: *In my opinion, your paragraph of drastic actions required to maintain a clean facility when used by a limited number of people is overstated. Your three requirements that must be met by members seeking access to the Club are excessive and unnecessary: 1. Taking temperatures, 2. requiring masks (that are not effective), and 3. requiring written proof of vaccination...(which) is outrageous and may be illegal.*

Response: One at a time. Taking temperatures is a reasonable screening technique. Masks are effective in preventing spread. Public Health experts have known this for well over a hundred years. Example: On October 24, 1918, San Francisco enacted an ordinance requiring mandatory mask-wearing by every person in San Francisco to prevent the spread of the influenza epidemic. Violators incurred fines of \$5 to \$100 (about \$85 to \$1,700 in today's dollars) or ten days imprisonment or both. As for requiring proof of vaccination as a condition for entry, the Bay Club is a private facility and can probably require prudent safety precautions as it deems necessary. However, the Board may decide to seek legal advice about this.

SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting Friday, April 9, 9:30 a.m.

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

All committee meetings are held virtually.
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SBCA Board Openings: Deadline to Submit Letter of Interest and Brief Bio Sketch is April 30, 2021

Once again it is time to plan for election to our Board of Directors. This year we will have three seats open for election. The following are Board members whose terms expire on the day of the Annual Meeting, July 21, 2021: Bruce Birch, Bartholomew Clark, and Tom Sprandel. Board members remaining are Dick Grieves, Dave Jurca, Christine Spagle and Bill Wight.

If you are interested in running for the Board the only qualification to run is that you be an SBCA member (lot owner). A commitment to serve on the Board entails:

- Attending the regular Board meeting each month (while rare, there are special Board meetings on occasion).
- Attending one workshop per month.
- Being assigned to serve on at least one or two committees. Board members are expected to attend their committee meetings, typically held once per month.
- Attending other committee meetings to keep abreast of issues that may come before the Board.
- Attending Bay Club events once we reopen.

Being on the Board is a great opportunity to serve your community. I must emphasize, though, that volunteering to be on the Board is a commitment to more work than one may imagine, especially in Officer positions. Less than a year of being President during the Covid-19 pandemic has felt like two

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years. As of March 2021, the Board has met a total of 16 times since and including the July 2020 Annual meeting. Unexpected exigent circumstances can present the Board with a duty to call a special meeting from time to time.

If you are interested in running for an open position please send a short, one-half page, bio sketch to Mark Torres at the Bay Club by April 30. You can drop it off for GM Mark Torres at the Bay Club drop box or email it to him at bayclubgm@wavecable.com.

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Recreation & Sports

Port Ludlow Hiking

by Dan Darrow, Hiking Club

At the time this information is being prepared, we do not know the status of the Healthy Washington guidelines for Covid-19 as they relate to organized hiking groups, car-pooling, etc. Note that those who have chosen to join a hiking event have followed CDC guidelines for outdoor recreation.

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 desdarrow@olypen.com.

Everyone is encouraged to get outside on their own at any time and explore trails here in Port Ludlow or elsewhere as appropriate. We will soon be planning the summer and fall schedules. Hike leaders are needed, and we welcome suggestions on exciting destinations!

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

Friday, April 2 – Maple Valley/Steam Donkey Loop

Enjoy an easy to moderate hike of approximately five miles at the Dosewallips State Park near Brinnon. On a sunny day, enjoy the sun-drenched moss on the maple trees. Consider stopping at the Halfway House for pie on the way home. Information: John & Sally Nuereberg 623-975-0503.

Friday, April 16 – Lower Big Quilcene

This is an easy to moderate hike of approximately eight miles and a 700-foot elevation gain along the tumbling Quilcene River and through second growth forest. Information: Burt Peterson 360-437-0849.

Friday, April 30 – Miller Peninsula State Park

The group will explore some of the trails beginning at the west side entrance of this new state park that is under development. Expect a five-to-seven-mile easy hike. At one time this area was considered for a nuclear power plant or a golf course! Information: Gary Hicks 510-566-2401.

Every Wednesday: Timberton Loop

Walk the 4.2-mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains. This is a self-led 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 Old Cart Path Loop or alternative route.

For more hiking information, map of the Port Ludlow Trails and pictures of previous hikes and other destinations, check out porthudlowhikingclub.com.

Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Committee



Trail Crew.

Photo by Larry Scott

An old margarine ad had the tag line, “It’s Not Nice To Fool Mother Nature!” and woe be to those who try to do so. Trails would not dream of trying to go against Good ‘Ol Ma Nature, but we do try on occasion to mitigate some of her activities. Yes, trail hiking community, we are aware that some/many/most/all of the trails are muddy. We also know that this has been an exceptionally wet and prolonged winter, so some of the trails will be muddier than others. Because of Mama Nature this year, the number of multiple locations needing some mitigation is a bit overwhelming. However, on March 9, an intrepid group made an effort to, not fool Her Nibs, but to address what she has been doing this year.

Denny Schuch, Glen Bell, Tim Rensema, Jim Mueller, and Doug Huber joined the Trails Chair to clean up some of the muddy areas on Lower Rainier. They ditched the water off to the side, scraped off the existing mud and forest detritus, then installed and compacted rock. Hopefully, this will be a winning fight with that Grand Gal, although we are certainly not trying to fool her. Give that particular trail a try and see what you think.

Port Ludlow Pickleball Association

by Deanne Pedersen, President, PLPBA

Please join our fun and energetic group and learn the sport of pickleball. Meet at the Beach Club courts to play. Come down and try pickleball a few times and see if you would like to join our group. Current hours for new players are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Our association dues are \$35 for the year. For questions or any further information, please email Deanne at PLPBA@yahoo.com.

Port Ludlow Women's Golf Leagues News

by Kathy Traci, PLWGA and Lady Niners Publicity Chairperson

The Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association (PLWGA) is an 18-hole Women's League led by Captain Meryl Friedman. The PLWGA Opening Day is on **Tuesday, April 6**. A Golf Genius invitation will be emailed to all active members.

PLWGA Casual Golf continued November 2020 through March 2021 (Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays). A big thank you to former League captain, Linda Haskin, for utilizing Golf Genius to organize Casual play for the past five months. With the commencement of the regular season on April 6, PLWGA Casual Golf will continue on Fridays from April through October. Member news will be posted on the PLWGA Bulletin Board in the PLGC Women's Locker Room and distributed by email.

The Niners' Men and Women are looking forward to a great 2021 season of 9-hole competitive golf. On Thursday, March 18, the Niners teed off for the first play day of the season. Tim Propeck, 2021 Men's Niners Tournament Chairman, and Sharon Russell, Lady Niners' 2021 Captain, welcomed their league members and highlighted events of the coming season.

Niners Couples Chairpersons, Mike and Barbara Burke, are planning fun and innovative golf games for the last Thursday of each month (April through September). During the 2021 season, the Men Niners will lead off play and in 2022, the Lady Niners will lead off play on Thursday mornings.

The Golf Genius Scheduling Program will be used for all Port Ludlow League event sign-ups. This computer program calculates individual golf statistics for members. The Washington State Golf Association Membership (which is included in the PL Golf Course Membership fee) updates members' handicaps and periodically emails updates to members. Individual email addresses are needed for this service. The Pro Shop will collect the day's score cards for all golf leagues and then enter the

members' scores into Golf Genius. Winnings will be deposited into players' PLGC accounts for Pro Shop purchases. Prospective golf league members may contact the PLGC Pro Shop for information about the league and they are invited to join the group on any regular league Play Day. Note: Port Ludlow Golf Club membership is a prerequisite for joining the course's golf leagues.

Port Ludlow Men's Golf Association (PLMGA) Winter Series

by Tim Propeck, Sports Editor

The PLMGA completed its first Winter Golf Series on Wednesday, March 10. The series was originally scheduled as six weekly events that began on February 3. Only one of the events had to be cancelled due to weather, which was viewed as a big success for this time of the year.

The events were a mix of individual and team competitions, with prize money paid to the top few individuals or teams for each event. My personal favorite event was the 'Extreme Mulligan' competition. A mulligan is the ability to repeat a shot if the first attempt goes badly. It is never part of professional events but can be a part of amateur events. In this instance, each golfer had the ability to use a number of mulligans equal to their handicap index. Only one mulligan could be used to replace a bad shot. The golfer had to live with the results of the mulligan shot. It was a lot of fun to be able to do over a bad shot.

The regular season for the PLMGA's weekly events began on Wednesday, March 17. There are a number of new ideas being considered for this season. The first is scheduling some two-day tournaments on Monday and Wednesday during the season. Another is scheduling events at other golf courses in the area.

If you have an interest in joining the PLMGA, please contact the Pro Shop at 360-437-0272.

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Sea Kayaking In and Around Port Ludlow

by Marie Bogan, Contributing Writer

We live in a watery part of the world. You might have noticed that. But what you might not know is that our local waters (collectively known as the Salish Sea) offer some world-class kayaking opportunities.

Many sea kayakers, upon moving to Port Ludlow, aren't sure about the best places to launch for a day paddle. That was my experience when I moved here almost four years ago, so I wanted to share some salt-water knowledge I've learned along the way.

Safety First

The most important thing to be aware of is that our water is *cold*. Even over the course of a summer, Puget Sound temperatures barely make it above 55 degrees F. That means kayakers should know how to rescue themselves and companions in the event of a capsizing. It also means a life vest is never optional equipment. And a wetsuit or drysuit would be the best way to lessen the risk of hypothermia in case of possible immersion.

No matter where, when, or with whom you kayak, you should always be mindful of hazardous currents and impending weather, especially wind. And remember that a surprise low tide could well strand you on a mudflat. So be sure to check charts, forecasts, and tide tables before starting out.

Renting a Kayak

If you don't own a kayak, you can easily find a nearby rental. Here are three outfitters that are less than 20 miles from home:

Port Ludlow Marina. One-hour rental rates: \$15 for a single kayak, \$25 for a double. You'll be able to explore the quiet coves and sandy shores of Ludlow Bay, getting close-up views of the two islands known as The Twins. You might see great blue herons, river otters, and the occasional harbor seal. For information, call 360-437-0513.

Olympic Outdoor Center. One-hour rental rates: \$20 for a single kayak, \$28 for a double. From their Port Gamble rental center, you can paddle in Port Gamble Bay as well as Hood Canal. You're likely to have spectacular views of the Olympic Mountains and sightings of marine wildlife including harbor porpoises. Olympic Outdoor Center also rents kayaks at its Poulsbo and Silverdale facilities. For information, call 360-297-4659.

Port Townsend Paddle Sports. Two-hour rental rates: \$35 for a single kayak, \$45 for a double. Open May to September. For paddling description see Fort Worden entry under *Day Tripping* below. Discover Pass needed. For information, call 360-379-3608.

Day Tripping with Your Own Kayak

If you have your own kayak, you might be looking for a launch site that's close to home, with an easy-to-use boat ramp. While there are many day trips to choose from, here are eight of my favorite nearby kayaking venues:

Mats Mats Bay. Explore this scenic, protected cove leading out to the southern reaches of Admiralty Inlet, where you can get good looks at Klas, Colvos, and Snake rocks. You can head north toward Olele Point or south, past the old basalt quarry, eventually arriving at Port Ludlow Bay. Watch for Steller sea lions, river otters, cormorants, Bonaparte's gulls, kingfishers, and nice fat purple sea stars.

Fort Flagler. Bordered on three sides by 19,100 feet of saltwater shoreline, this state park on the northern tip of Marrowstone Island offers a boat ramp where you can kayak around a small sand spit and follow along the shore heading east. A recent three-hour paddle there yielded beautiful views in every direction as well as abundant wildlife, including bald eagles, harbor seals, harlequin ducks, deer on the beach, and even a U.S. Navy submarine heading back to base. Note: Discover Pass needed.

Mystery Bay. From this mid-Marrowstone Island launch, you'll kayak west and then north past long stretches of undeveloped shoreline, where black oystercatchers sometimes hang out. As you approach a high sandstone bluff to your right, you might see pigeon guillemots darting in and out of their cliffside nests in the summer. One of the most whimsical sightings on this trek is the tiny, colorful rounded camper on the beach. Note: Discover Pass needed.

W.R. Hicks County Park. This park is on the south side of the Hood Canal Bridge off Shine Rd. It has a good public boat ramp on a small beach between private tidelands. You can kayak the shoreline around Squamish Harbor, and past the aptly named Shine-Gri-La community, while catching frequent glimpses of the bridge. Although road noise from SR 104 is noticeable, it is an otherwise peaceful paddle with stunning views of the Olympics.

Port Hadlock. Launch at the ramp across from Ajax Café and kayak north along the shore passing Irondale Beach, Chimacum Creek, and Kala Point. You'll have views of the Port Townsend waterfront to the north and Mt. Baker to the northeast. Or head south and paddle around Skunk Island, then past the back of the Old Alcohol Plant. After a careful check for strong currents, you might be able to keep hugging the shoreline and go under the SR 116 bridge.

Fort Worden. Launching from the beach near the Marine Science Center, head north to historic Point Wilson Lighthouse and then pass dramatic steep cliffs on your way to Glass Beach. You might see river otters, harbor seals, Steller sea lions, great blue herons, and giant-sized lion's

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mane jellyfish that look like red and gold stained-glass.
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Cline Spit. Use this boat launch near Sequim to cruise along five-mile-long Dungeness Spit. Experienced and energetic kayakers can go all the way to the end, right after passing New Dungeness Lighthouse. Along the way, bald eagles might peer down at you from the top of tall pilings. Snowy owls have also been spotted on the spit. But the real stars of the show are the snow-covered Olympics, rising high above the rain shadow.

Freshwater Bay. Don't be fooled by the name—it's actually salt water. You'll decide that the drive to Port Angeles is worth the time because this paddle takes you along the Strait of Juan de Fuca's wildest coastline. Directly after launching in the bay you see a singular sea stack at Observatory Point, looking across the strait to Vancouver Island. Near the sea stack is a shallow rock garden with tide pools and small waves washing over it. Kayak west along the shore, which consists of high rock outcroppings, and marvel at the extensive kelp beds as you head toward Tongue Point Marine Sanctuary.

Enticing choices like those above can remind us why people are drawn to our watery part of the world. So, if you are an armchair sailor, check out these imposing vistas from dry land. And if you're a salt-water-in-your-veins kayaker, grab your boat and get paddling.

The Egg-Laying Rabbit

by John Goldwood, Contributing Writer

Early childhood memories for many of us might include Easter holiday traditions: dyeing Easter Eggs and Easter Egg hunts, biting the heads off chocolate Easter Bunnies, an annual abundance—nay, a veritable sugar deluge—of colorful baskets filled to overflowing with Peeps, jellybeans, chocolate rabbits, and of course a few dyed eggs for protein balance. I grew up experiencing those same wonderful treats, but eventually realized that there was something a bit odd about those traditions. What was so special about the Easter Rabbit? Since eggs seemed to be a big part of the story, would the Easter Chicken not be more appropriate, or perhaps the Easter Platypus?

I am intrigued by the evolution of our holiday traditions, particularly those that show the impact of religion, culture, and human experience over time. Many of our holidays follow a similar path: a somewhat hazy origin story buried hundreds or even thousands of years in the past, the adoption of a previously secular or “pagan” event by Christianity or other religions, and frequently the eventual

co-opting of the event by consumer marketing and advertising gurus. Some of our most cherished holidays here in the United States have followed that path: Christmas, Easter, Valentine's Day, and Halloween, for example.

Our Easter traditions begin in two disparate origin stories. Easter is believed by some historians to have its origins in a pagan celebration of the Teutonic goddess Ostara, also known as Eostre or Eastre, occurring on the spring Equinox; Ostara's totemic animal was the rabbit. As she was the goddess of fertility, the fecundity of rabbits was a perfect animal to celebrate the beginning of the season of birth, growth, and new life.

An even more universal symbol of new life was, and remains, the “incredible edible egg.” Those hard-shelled containers of new life have featured prominently in celebrations of religious ceremonies across most of the civilizations of the world, including Greek, Roman, Egyptian, Mesopotamian, and of course European. Which came first, The Rabbit or The Egg? Allowing for origins hidden in the deep past, it appears that the egg may be the winner, with engraved and dyed ostrich eggs discovered in Africa that are over 60,000 years old.

From a Judeo-Christian perspective, a white egg is part of the traditional Passover seder plate. Some historians believe that early Greek Christians of Mesopotamia blended the Jewish egg tradition with a Persian tradition of dyeing eggs in the celebration of Nowruz and used the eggs as symbols of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. That perspective offers a path of egg dyeing traditions spreading from Mesopotamia throughout Russia as a result of the spread of Orthodox Christianity, and eventually infusing Roman Catholic and Protestant Easter traditions throughout Europe. What we do know for certain is that 450 Pace Eggs, ‘pace’ being the Anglicized derivative of the Latin term for Easter, were decorated and distributed in A.D. 1290 within the court of King Edward I of England. Multiple colors could be obtained by wrapping the eggs, covered with onion skins, in multiple colors of yarn.

Now, fast-forward four or five hundred years. By the 1600s, dyeing eggs at Easter was clearly a traditional practice throughout Europe. The Rabbit of Ostara, presumably having been well-hidden from the prying eyes of historians for a very long time, hops into view again with German folk stories in the late 1600s as the Osterhase—Easter Hare—who lays multi-colored eggs and hides them for children to discover on Easter Sunday. Our Easter Bunny is getting closer! Eventually, German immigrants found their way to Pennsylvania—the ‘Pennsylvania Dutch’ who gifted us with beautiful barns protected by intricate hex signs, but who also brought their Osterhase traditions with them. The Easter Bunny had made its way to America!

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The rest of the story: In 1880, a New Jersey drug store owner, William Townley, began selling packets of Townley's Easter Egg Dye for a nickel. The market was strong enough that he created the company PAAS, derived from Passen, the Pennsylvania Dutch word for Easter; PAAS dye products now account for around 80% of the approximately \$20M Easter Egg dye market. Across the water, Englishman John Cadbury created the first cream-filled chocolate egg in 1875, and in 1890 Robert Strohecker created a five-foot chocolate bunny as a promotion for his Pennsylvania drug store, which apparently fueled the country's awareness and desire for chocolate Easter Rabbits. Five feet of chocolate...in my dreams! Jellybeans have their origins in much earlier times, derived from a confection called Turkish Delight. They gained prominence in 1861 when a Boston store owner encouraged customers to purchase them and send them to Union soldiers fighting in the Civil War. Their popularity spiked, and they even have their own national holiday on April 22, Jellybean Day.

Enjoy your holiday, and if you do savor a chocolate bunny, join 76% of your fellow Americans and eat the ears first!

Love in the Time of Covid

by Bob Grindeland, Guest Writer

Life for the past year has certainly had its ups and downs. On the upside, I've been able to spend time with my immediate family. On the downside, well, I've spent a LOT of time with my immediate family.

This enforced closeness has given the mistress of the house the opportunity to fully examine what I do each day, tell me what I am doing wrong, and make suggestions as to how everything could be done just slightly better. This scrutiny covers topics from how I fold bath towels (wrong) to how I make a sandwich (again, wrong).

Admittedly I favor the bumblebee approach to doing things—take the sandwich for example. I typically buzz from thing to thing – from the refrigerator, to the kitchen counter, to the pantry, and back to the refrigerator—repeating these steps as I gather materials and strew things about the kitchen. The result, while not speedy, is a sandwich that is a thing of beauty and probably meets my caloric requirements for the week. However, both my process and the lived-in look the kitchen has taken on is horrifying for a self-professed efficiency expert and clean-as-you-go kinda gal. So, she does her best to help....

In the midst of making said lunch, I will turn to get one ingredient or another from my carefully assembled stash, only to find that it has vanished. But, because I self-identify as “forgetful” and have found myself in similar

predicaments in a variety of situations, I gaze blankly at the counter and wonder how I might have lost it.

Meanwhile, my better half—who has been watching me intently and, I suspect, surreptitiously taking notes—will ask me what I'm looking for. When I own up to having lost a vital ingredient she will say, “Oh, you were still using that? I thought you were done, so I put it back in the fridge... on the shelf... where it belongs.”

I don't mean to give the impression that quarantining is all surveillance and disapproving looks—though now that I think of it there is a lot of deep sighing. Our in-your-face 24/7 lifestyle provides ample opportunities for both fun and recreation.

For fun we'll sometimes mix things up with a rousing game of “I'll bet you can't guess why I'm mad, though if you truly loved me, you'd know,” a classic—particularly when one member of the family hasn't the slightest clue.

For recreation, my lovely and talented wife has begun to dabble in Documentary Photography. When she first mentioned her interest, I was very curious to see what she was documenting—envisioning a gallery show sometime in the future. Alas, no gallery show, just a series of texts much to the delight of our daughters.

So that's my pandemic in a nutshell. I hope yours has been as interesting as mine. Gotta go—the family CEO just read this and called a surprise performance review.



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