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Spring gardens are blooming throughout Northwest Washington.

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Let the Unlocking Begin!

by John Goldwood, Features Editor

As this is written in early April, I am reminded of what naturalists sometimes call the “unlocking,” that time of transition between the seemingly cold and lifeless winter and the initial flow of new life burgeoning in forests, ponds, and the soil around us. In my Midwest childhood, the unlocking was quite pronounced and impacted the senses in every way. The rising sap in sugar maple trees; the first moonlit evening when the chorus frogs (we called them spring peepers) would erupt with their amorous music; blossoms of the earliest wildflowers struggling to push their way through a layer of unexpected snow; and a delicate but sweet scent in the evening air that appeared only in those brief weeks after winter was vanquished, but before “full spring” had arrived.

Fast forward a half-century, and we are experiencing our unlocking here in Port Ludlow in ways both familiar and completely unprecedented. Familiar in the sense that the beacon-yellow spathes of skunk cabbage have pushed through the mud as they do every year, early blooming coltsfoot flowers are waving their numerous flowering stalks to attract passing pollinators, and our own big-leaf and vine maple trees are beginning to pump sap into the swelling leaf buds. And here, as in my Midwest home, the spring peepers serenade us nightly with their songs that can be heard a half-mile away.

We are also encountering a completely alien unlocking that most of us have never experienced, as we prepare to exit the winter of Covid-19 isolation into a cautiously hopeful spring of vaccinations completed, personal immunity achieved, restaurant doors unlocked to welcome us back to our favorite tables, and perhaps what we have missed the most, the opportunity to share time with friends and family, open and unmasked, as we have not done for over a year.

We have been incredibly fortunate here in Port Ludlow to have escaped the worst of Covid-19: minimal serious illnesses, and no deaths that I have been able to identify. It has been so calm that I started referring to Port Ludlow as ‘Hobbiton on the Sound’, as we ‘sheltered in place’ more or less unscathed while many people not far away dealt with the ravages of illness and death, strife in our cities, the trauma of lost employment. Although I recognize this is not a universal statement for everyone in Port Ludlow, we must acknowledge that life overall has been comparatively easy for many living here, and we have much for which to be grateful.

Here at the *Voice*, we continue to focus on celebrating the best in our Village. As part of OUR unlocking, we call your attention to the expansion of digital content available at *plvoice.org*. Many hundreds of hours of volunteer effort have been invested on our website, and you will increasingly see articles in our print edition that invite you to review additional content there. Although we remain a very print-focused publication, our website provides many opportunities for greater access to photos relevant to an article, videos that can only be viewed in digital format, and links to additional content specific to our articles. We have already loaded all our prior monthly print editions of the *Voice* onto our website and are working to make the content of all those articles searchable as well.

As we head into a hopeful spring, we want to offer a word of thanks to our loyal advertisers, supporters, and readers who make this publication possible. We encourage you to support our local businesses who have struggled hard to continue to serve you this difficult past year. As their doors reopen, or open wider, please give them your support, and do whatever you can to make Port Ludlow (and our county) a better place to live.

Free Legal and Estate Planning Seminars

On **Tuesdays, May 4 and 18**, at 11:30 a.m., join Tony Hinson for a live, online estate planning session 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 major changes likely for both in 2021 or 2022. 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, May 11 and 25**, at 11:30 a.m., join Hinson and Richard Tizzano for a live, online session to explore estate and life-care planning solutions that can prepare you to protect your assets and remain independent. Topics will 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 will give you an opportunity to learn and ask questions of the experts. To register, visit sherrardlaw.com/seminars, or call 360-779-5551.

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

Alarm Statistics March 2021

Alarms

Fires	2
Rescue/Emergency Medical	51
Service Call/Good Intent	7
Hazmat	1
False Alarms	1
Dispatched and Canceled	11
Total Alarms	73

Ambulance Transports

Jefferson Healthcare	15
St. Michaels, Bremerton	13
Medevac	1
Total Transports	29

Aid

Aid Given	9
Aid Received	6

A Year to Remember

by Brad Martin, Port Ludlow Fire Chief

Looking back to last May, you read here about local residents across the county who were stepping up to help in their neighborhoods by making face masks, checking on homebound neighbors, grocery shopping for those who couldn't get out, and so much more.

The call for help during these challenging times was answered by many who continue to give their time and skills. Information provided by the Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) provides a clear picture of the type of community we live in. Here are some highlights:

- In 2020 when the word 'pandemic' was used daily by all of us, volunteers helped DEM in the Planning Section, Operations, Finance, and Mass Care for a total of more than 1,000 hours, valued at a cost of \$34,000.
- On January 15, 2021, DEM opened a call center where four to six volunteers answered phone calls from residents wanting to make vaccination appointments. The call center has been open Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., since that date.
- January 30, 2021, was the first day volunteers began helping at the Jefferson Healthcare vaccination site at 7th and Sheridan Streets in Port Townsend.
- As of March 2021, more than 250 volunteers have contacted DEM to offer their time and skills in a variety of areas. Currently, 190 non-medical volunteers are active in the community and 40 volunteers are either RNs or MDs.

- To date, volunteers have put in 2,700 hours for a total value of \$88,000 (based on the FEMA-accepted wage rate).

From all of us at Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue, thank you—one and all—for your help.

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. And be sure to check out our updated web site at plfr.org.

Free Discussion on E-Bikes and Adaptive Bike Rides

May was established as National Bike Month in 1956. You can participate the obvious way—by riding outdoors—or by attending a free learning event. On **Thursday, May 20**, at 11:30 a.m., Compass & Clock is hosting a virtual discussion on cycling options and cycling health.

Associates of Pedego Sequim will talk about electric bikes, their benefits, how they work, and what makes an ideal e-bike rider. Also on hand will be a representative of the non-profit group Sequim Wheelers, which serves people with physical challenges who can't ride a bicycle on their own. You'll find out how their program works and how to schedule an adaptive bike ride for yourself or a loved one.

Cycling options exist for almost all ages and levels of physicality. Attend the online discussion and see what solutions are available for you.

The monthly "Compass Points" seminars are held live online so you can interact directly with experts in their field. For more information and registration visit compassandclock.com/compasspoints.

Strait Turners Hold Zoom May Meeting

Due to Covid-19 considerations, Strait Turners will meet via Zoom on **Tuesday, May 25**, at noon. Established in 2016, the club is a local chapter of the American Association of Wood Turners.

Woodturning is the craft of using the wood lathe with hand-held tools to cut a shape that is symmetrical around an axis of rotation. Like the potter's wheel, the wood lathe is a simple mechanism that can generate a variety of forms limited only by the imagination of the artist or craftsman.

In non-pandemic times, the Strait Turners typically meet at Gardiner Community Center on Old Gardiner Road in Sequim, on the last Tuesday of each month at noon. For information, call Jackie LeDoux at 360-452-5673.

Chamber to Present Annual Awards

The Jefferson County Chamber will present its annual Community Leadership awards on **Saturday, May 15**, via Zoom. Congressman Derek Kilmer will be the keynote speaker. This year the event will honor the many leaders in our community who stepped up in response to the Covid-19 crisis and are working toward the revitalization of Jefferson County.

Service club members from throughout the area participate on the selection panel with the Chamber. Awards will be presented in the following categories:

- Business Leader of the Year
- Citizen of the Year
- Rising Entrepreneur
- Young Professional of the Year
- Future Business Leader (youth)

Tickets for the event are available at Jeffcountychamber.org/events.

In addition to the awards event, the organization is continuing to hold Chamber Cafes on the first and third Friday of every month. Past Cafes can be found on the Chamber of Jefferson County YouTube channel.

The Chamber is also rolling out its Community Concierge Program. Passionate volunteers are needed to spend a few minutes answering emails, phone calls, or texts from prospective visitors. Please consider contacting the Chamber about this opportunity.

League of Women Voters Releases Videos for Office-Seekers

The League of Women Voters of Jefferson County (LWVJC) has posted three videos to provide a clear sense of what's involved in campaigning and what's expected of public office holders. The videos, composed of interviews with city and county officials, were conducted via Zoom and are available for viewing at lwvwa.org/Jefferson. Transcripts of the interviews are also available at the web site.

In keeping with the LWVJC mandate to remain non-partisan, President Angela Gyurko interviewed only office holders who are not up for re-election in the next calendar year. They include Port of Port Townsend Commissioners Pam Petranek (District 1) and Bill Putney (District 2), who has announced he will not seek re-election. In addition, Kristina Mayer and Nathanael O'Hara of the Chimacum and Port Townsend School Boards, and Monica MickHager and David Faber of the Port Townsend City Council offered their expertise.

Because open-meeting regulations don't allow the discussion of any past, current, or future issues that the officials might be called upon to address during their time in office, the videos

focus on the process of running a campaign and the day-to-day requirements of serving.

The videos end by reminding viewers of Washington's week-long period in mid-May when they can file as candidates for office. For more information about filing, or about LWVJC, please contact lwvjeffcowa@gmail.com.

Master Gardeners Online Plant Sale Ends May 6

The Jefferson County Master Gardener Foundation is sponsoring their annual plant sale, online this year, **April 26 to May 6**.

Experienced master gardeners have spent months selecting, seeding, and propagating close to 5,000 plants. That means you can choose among a wide range of small trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, ground covers, vegetables, fruits, and succulents for your garden.

From two-inch seedlings to mature trees, a variety of colorful annuals and perennials are available at good prices. All plants have been grown and cared for by volunteer master gardeners under the best conditions and include many varieties not available at local nurseries.

Because it's an online-only event and no on-site sales are permitted, curbside pickup will be provided. It will take place at the Tri-Area Food Bank, 760 Chimacum Road in Port Hadlock, on **Saturday, May 15**.

The plant sale fundraiser supports the Jefferson County Master Gardener Program and agricultural grants for schools and other nonprofit organizations.

For plant selections, see jcmgf.square.site. Plants may differ in size from the catalog photos shown. Any orders not picked up on May 15 will be donated to community organizations.

Food Bank Seeks Donations, Volunteers

The Tri-Area Food Bank has been busy. In addition to providing food for hundreds of people in the community, they recently received a grant that enabled them to build an additional freezer/cooler area on the side of their barn—that means they can help both Quilcene and Brinnon with their refrigeration needs.

In the meantime, however, the foundation housing their original freezer has developed some problems that need to be addressed before continuing its use. Donations have continued, for which they are grateful to the Port Ludlow community. To keep supporting the organization, make checks payable to the Tri-Area Food Bank and send to Janette Hammond, Treasurer, First Wednesday Luncheon, 670 Rainier Lane, Port Ludlow, WA 98365.

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If you prefer dropping off items at the food bank, remember that spring is traditionally a time for cleaning. After the past difficult year, everyone looks forward to a clean home with open windows for fresh air. So, a drop-off of cleaning supplies for clients would be much appreciated.

The food bank is asking for volunteers who can lift over 50 pounds and help out every Tuesday and Wednesday. The current team has worked extremely hard this past year, and they have earned some time off. If you can make this commitment, please drop by the food bank on any Tuesday. (Wednesdays are busy with food distribution.)

The food bank is grateful to the Port Ludlow community for its ongoing generosity.

Virtual Smart Driver Course Coming in June

AARP is offering an online Smart Driver course on **Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 15, 17, 22, and 24**. Attendance is required at all four sessions. Presented via Zoom, the classes will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

AARP Driver Safety is the nation's foremost educational program to instruct older drivers on changes to roads and highways, vehicles, traffic laws, and physical responses over their driving history. Students learn specific strategies to help adjust to those changes, with suggestions for seniors to stay safe and independent longer.

For the June course, students must be able to use Zoom on a personal computer or laptop. Please visit zoom.us to check for compatibility with your computer system and to download the free Zoom application. An AARP production assistant will provide support to anyone who needs help with Zoom.

The Washington Department of Licensing has certified the AARP Smart Driver course. Your car insurance company is required to give you a safe-driver discount on your auto policy once you complete the eight-hour course. You will receive a certificate to share with your carrier at the end of the final class.

The cost for the complete course is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Only checks will be accepted (no credit cards). To register, please email the AARP course administrator at virtual-aarp@jkferguson.com. The administrator will provide specific details about registration and attendance.

If you are interested in becoming a classroom instructor for the in-person Smart Driver course, please contact Russ Henry at 360 437-2250.

Marine Science Center Raises \$123,634 at Virtual Auction

The Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC) held its first-ever online auction, called "You, Me & The Salish Sea." The March event, held in conjunction with the annual PTMSC fundraiser to promote scientific and educational programs for conservation of the Salish Sea, raised \$123,634.

"To say that the last year has been filled with uncertainty and adversity would be quite an understatement," said PTMSC Executive Director Janine Boire. "But our supporters rose to the occasion, contributing well above and beyond our expectations."

Proceeds from the fundraiser will support youth and adult educational programs, community science projects, the PTMSC aquarium, and the museum.

This year's auction included naming rights for one of the aquarium's newest residents, a giant Pacific octopus that arrived last June, when it was barely beyond the zooplankton stage. The name for the octopus, Sylvia, was selected by winning bidders Shannon Orr and Melanie McAllester in honor of environmentalist Sylvia Earle, the founder of Deep Ocean Exploration and Research, and a National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence. "In choosing the name, we hope a few young girls might be inspired to follow in Sylvia's footsteps," said Orr.

Marine Science Center Now Open

The PTMSC aquarium and museum have reopened in a limited capacity on Saturdays and Sundays. Reservations are required and can be made at ptmsc.org/left-menu/visit-us. Group sizes are limited.

Founded in 1982, the PTMSC is a non-profit educational organization for all ages that provides hands-on learning experiences, exhibits, citizen science programs, and lecture series. Located at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend, the PTMSC offers two public facilities: the aquarium (on the pier) and the museum (on shore). For more information, visit ptmsc.org.

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Meet Your Firefighters

by Ron Dawson, Contributing Writer



Jimmy Baggett.

Submitted photo

Meet Jimmy Baggett, resident firefighter and EMT with Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue. Jimmy has been a firefighter for fifteen months. He began his career as a volunteer. Originally from Bainbridge Island, he went to college at Hawaii Pacific University where he was involved with their soccer program. During that time he became interested in fire-

fighting, and all the boxes were checked on that profession as a goal.

His family—parents, brother, and sister— still live on Bainbridge Island. He has a special girlfriend of two years. When not working, he loves playing basketball and soccer, as well as snowboarding. He plays drums, which he doubts many people would know about him.

Jimmy likes the camaraderie that comes with working closely with the other firefighters. It is a family-like bond, and it is important to him to do work “that matters.” He works on the patience and discipline that it takes to become highly competent with all aspects of his job. He vividly remembers his first fire call, which was a large boat on fire at the marina.

His goal is to be a career firefighter and to start a family.

Memorial Day: History and Remembrance

by John Goldwood, Contributing Writer

Memorial Day has been celebrated in the United States since the Civil War. Although a designated date honoring those killed in battle is sometimes attributed to Abraham Lincoln following the Battle of Gettysburg, the actual origin story is more complex. The Civil War, fought from 1861 to 1865, killed over 600,000 soldiers from both the Union Army and Confederate Army. Many women’s organizations across both southern and northern states started honoring their fallen soldiers by placing flowers on their graves as early as 1861 and began advocating for a national Decoration Day at the end of the war in 1865.

The National Park Service recognizes the first Memorial Day as having originated with a woman’s group in Columbus, Georgia in March 1866; they chose April 26 as a day for remembering fallen Confederate soldiers and decorating their graves with flowers.

In 1866, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), a fraternal organization composed of veterans who had fought in the Union Army, was created as a lobbying organization supporting the creation of veterans’ benefits for Union Army soldiers. Eventually attaining a membership of over 410,000 former Union soldiers, it became a powerful political force. The GAR Commander-in-Chief, John Logan, issued a proclamation on May 5, 1868 calling for a national day of recognition, “Decoration Day,” to honor Union Civil War veterans by decorating their graves with flowers. The date of May 30 was chosen to celebrate the event each year; that proclamation was adopted quickly by all northern states.

“Memorial Day” gradually replaced “Decoration Day” after the end of World War II but was not declared the official name by federal law until 1967. Congress passed a law in 1968 which moved Memorial Day from May 30 to the last Monday in May.

Memorial Day/Decoration Day has been an important event in my family’s life from earliest childhood. In a somewhat unusual aspect of an otherwise very ordinary life, I was the fourth generation in my family to be impacted by the “rule of 47,” representing the years of our birth from my great-grandfather, born in 1810, to my grandfather born in 1857, to my father born in 1905, to my birth in 1952.

My great-grandfather and several of my great-uncles enlisted in a Union Army regiment formed in West Richfield, Ohio, a small town outside of Cleveland, Ohio. My great-grandfather (also John) and one of my great-uncles enlisted as musicians, playing both fife and drum, while others enlisted in the infantry. After the end of the war, my great-grandfather formed the Goldwood Military Band which played at GAR “encampments”—annual reunions of Civil War veterans —throughout the Midwest, and was later succeeded by my grandfather Frank, who kept the band going until his death. A favorite photo shows my grandfather, father, and their fellow musicians during one of their last performances in the 1920s.

Great Uncle Augustus rose through the ranks and eventually commanded a regiment of black soldiers from New York, fighting until the end of the war. The movie *Glory*, which shared the story of a similar regiment created in New England,

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portrays the realities of that experience. Great Uncle Charles trod a much harder path. Captured in a Confederate raid in southern Ohio shortly after he enlisted, he was held prisoner in the infamous Andersonville Prison Camp in southern Georgia, and later survived the explosion and sinking of the steamship ‘Sultana’ following the end of the Civil War. The severely overloaded Sultana, transporting surviving Union prisoners from two southern prison camps back to their homes in the North, exploded and sank on the Mississippi River off the shore of Arkansas, killing 1,547 of the 1960 soldiers on board. Charles was able to swim to shore, returned home, and eventually settled and led a long and successful life in a small town in northern Illinois.

Many of those soldiers are buried in a small cemetery in what is now Richfield. Our family visits to tend their graves, place flowers, and honor their memories were a regular family tradition for most of my childhood. The fifes, drums, musket, and regimental battle flag—artifacts inspiring awe and reverence in this child many years ago—will soon find a new home in a history museum in Richfield, but the stories of the men who carried them will hopefully live long in our family memory.

Edibles - Ajax Cafe

by Carol Riley, Contributing Writer

If you have driven down N. Water Street in Port Hadlock, you have seen Ajax Café. Tucked in at the end of the street on the left with great views of the water, the Café has had a tumultuous few years. First came the struggle with an ancient septic system (thankfully replaced with a state-of-the-art system due to the efforts of the Boat School) and then, just as they were reopening the restaurant, Covid-19 shut them down again.

The business went into survival mode by providing takeout meals. They also offered free meals three nights a week to anyone who needed one. They even offered free meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

But, enough about the past. Ajax Café is open for business, following all the guidelines, and relishing the joys of spring with its fresh herbs, fish, and produce. This spring is “extra special” says owner Kristan McCary, “as it seems like a long-awaited return—we are getting back to food served on plates, delivered to tables with beverages and smiles” even if those smiles are behind the masks. The Boat Shack is open for outside dining for a casual brunch or lunch experience Thursday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lower Hadlock is a beautiful place to be late morning and early afternoon, and there is something so relaxing and decadent about taking time for brunch or lunch outside. Oysters on the half shell, burgers and salads, eggs benedict different ways, scrambled eggs, baked goods, Mimosas and Bloody Marys—fabulous!

If you can’t make it early in the day, then by all means try Afternoon Bites with some very tempting choices from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Full dinner service begins at 5:00 p.m. and inside dining is available as allowed by Phase 3 guidelines, as well as some additional seating out front. First of the season fresh halibut is in, and it’s a delicious and popular dinner special.

McCary sends a big thank you to the community for supporting Ajax Café through this difficult and crazy time. She, her partners, and her staff are excited to be seeing and serving their wonderful customers again. It reminds them of why they are in the restaurant business—the joy of gathering, celebrating, reminiscing and sharing good food. Please visit ajaxcafe.com for hours, menu items, and more.

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Bargain Transportation on Jefferson Transit

by Milton Lum, contributing Writer

Travel from Port Ludlow to Sea-Tac Airport for \$2.75? With a bus stop nearby at Breaker Lane, a short walk from my home in Inner Harbor Village, I decided to check out that bargain on my next trip out of town. It was a buck to get to Poulsbo, another buck to the ferry terminal, and seventy-five cents for the light rail. (As a walk-on passenger, I did not even pay for the ferry ride to Seattle, only if I traveled from Seattle back to Bainbridge.) The price was right. I was dumbfounded that a rural public transit system even existed here.

For my last eighteen years in Alaska, I lived in Palmer, a town about forty miles from Anchorage. Wasilla was thirteen miles west. Together these towns were the fastest growing communities during boom days of the state. Public transportation between these two communities and Anchorage was never seriously considered, although Alaska was rolling in dough at the time. So how did Jefferson County do it and the Mat-Su Borough could not?

The answer came from Darrell W. Conder, a Port Townsend historian, who provided me with a copy of his treatise: *Meet Me At The Bus Stop: 125 years of Public Transit in Jefferson County, Washington, 1889-2014*. A copy of his work is available through the Jefferson County Historical Society. For the history aficionado it is a treasure trove of photographs, anecdotes, and documents about street cars, trains, and buses in Port Townsend and Jefferson County. I discovered what I was searching for in Chapter Six: "By Jove! That's a Jefferson Transit Bus I See Coming!"

The birth of the current Jefferson Transit Authority, a publicly operated rural transit system for Jefferson County, was the result of a freak winter storm with eighty to one hundred mile per hour wind gusts whipping through Hood Canal. During that storm on February 13, 1979, the western portion of the Hood Canal Bridge collapsed and sank. In the three-year hiatus before the bridge reopened on October 25, 1982, cars lined Water Street in Port Townsend waiting to board the ferry to Edmonds. Another crossing at South Point was established for foot traffic only, and a chartered bus service transported passengers from Port Townsend to South Point.

Recognizing the need for a more stable public transport system, the Clallam-Jefferson Community Council applied for and received a \$100,000 grant in 1979 to finance a one-year pilot program to determine if the community would support a city-operated transit system in Jefferson County. Peter Badame, a key player in the establishment of Jefferson Transit Authority, worked through the details necessary to secure state and federal funding and brought the issue to the voters.

In November 1980, 53% of the citizens of Jefferson County supported Proposition 1, a ballot measure allocating 0.3% of sales tax revenue toward the establishment of the Jefferson Transit Authority. Badame continued working as its first manager to put the transit system on a firm foundation.

In 1982 a petition was initiated to abolish public transit but failed to gain enough signatures to get on the ballot. In 1985 a similar recall measure was on the November ballot and was defeated. Two ballot measures in 2000 and 2011 requesting 0.3% increases in sales tax revenues to sustain Jefferson Transit Authority passed demonstrating a continued community support.

Jefferson Transit Authority was the recipient of a national award in 1989 for its outstanding performance as a rural transit system. In 1991, following the passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act, Jefferson Transit Authority upgraded their buses to accommodate passengers with disabilities allowing it to continue to receive federal transportation grants. These grants support the Dial-A-Ride service for individuals living within three-fourths of a mile of an established bus route. This service is available to individuals whose disability prevents them from accessing the regular bus stops along the established routes.

The Jefferson Transit Authority has eight bus routes servicing East Jefferson County from Quilcene to North Beach in Port Townsend. An agreement with Clallam Transit and Gray's Harbor Transit extends that service to West Jefferson County. Fares have been eliminated during the pandemic. Pre-pandemic ridership averaged 756 passengers a day; since the lock-down that number has decreased to 325 a day.

I have taken the bus on several occasions to get to Seattle or Port Townsend. When the pandemic is over, I plan to cover the route to Quilcene and Gray's Harbor. While it is true that I could get there faster driving, would I savor the experience as much? Bus travel is slow and deliberate, affording the patient passenger time to observe and absorb the people and places that would be a blur in a car speeding down the highway.



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Kukakuka and Surfer's Paddle Out

by Darryl Hatheway, Contributing Writer

Kukakuka is the Hawaiian word that translates to “Let’s talk story.” When Hawaiians talk story, they take the subject seriously since it is about sharing our life experiences with others, and in the process tightens the bonds of friendship. It is a widely used term that lets those about to hear the storytelling know there may be some deeper meaning to this sharing of a life experience beyond chatting.

The search for more on kukakuka for Hawaiians explains it as being one of the great old traditions we have adopted from them which can cover a wide range of ideas and opinions wrapped into each story. The search also turns up a description of it as “a rambling personal experience mixed with folk materials.”

However, the true kukakuka blessing is that it passes along our history to the future. Each of these talking story events offer verbal records that date back to the 1800s. The missionaries disapproved, but kukakuka lives on throughout Hawaiian culture and history, capturing life experiences that have not been captured in writing. While the story gets bigger and may deviate with each telling, there is a joy in sitting with family or friends and hear someone say, “Let’s talk story.”

Talking story about International Guitar Day with guitar craftsman Jay Gordon helped open up sharing during that conversation topic (see article in the April 2021 *Port Ludlow Voice*). Another great interest in kukakuka was on the Hawaiian tradition of a surfer paddle out. It is a somber event to try and celebrate the loss of another surfer, but it feels good to participate with others. So if you go there, go big and share and discuss with others how it felt to join a paddle out—large or small.

In the surf culture, the paddle out is the tribute to the life and legacy of another surfer who passed away. Surfers paddle out to gather in the ocean, line up outside the surf zone carrying the ashes of the fallen surfer to be honored or Hawaiian leis on top of surfboards forming a circle by joining hands. There are memories shared, chanting in Hawaiian, and splashing the water. The splashing is to guide the lost surfer from here into the spiritual world, while the circle represents the way the ocean and surfing life can bring people together.

Back in January 2012, thousands gathered on the beach and hundreds gathered on surfboards in the ocean who paddled through the waves by the pier at Huntington Beach, California, to honor Sean Collins. One of the biggest paddle outs ever, this paddle out was a massive event to honor Collins, who revolutionized surf forecasting with “Surflines,” and spent his life sharing his knowledge with those who shared his passion for surfing.

This was a sad and personal loss and caused me to reflect on my time surfing together one day with Sean and others at a classic right-hand point surf break at Shipwrecks in San Jose del Cabo (Baja, Mexico). It was well past sunset when we arrived at a local Cabo cantina for dinner, where we talked story late into closing time about the waves we caught together and how much fun it was—not knowing it would be my last time to surf and hang out with Sean.

I shared that Shipwreck’s surfing talking story moment with Sean at his paddle out and had pleasure to hear more stories throughout that day. Never miss a chance to talk story or engage in kukakuka. Our life stories can live on as they should.

Jefferson County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

by Tim Rensema Contributing Writer

The Jefferson County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (JCPRAB) is designated as the principal public input to advising the Parks and Recreation Division and the County Commissioners on impacts of programs and decisions to the public. The duties of the JCPRAB are provided in the Bylaws and the “Jefferson County Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan Update 2015” (henceforth “Open Space Plan”). JCPRAB partners with the Manager of Parks and Recreation to evaluate decisions, policies, and programs and provide input to the decision-making process. The JCPRAB is made up of three members from each of the three districts and one County Commissioner (currently Heidi Eisenhour). District 3 representatives are Jon Cooke, Kim Cote, and Tim Rensema. Kim Cote and Tim Rensema follow a long tenure by Doug Huber, who proved instrumental in the development of the Open Space Plan as the Chair of JCPRAB. So, while there are no county parks in the immediate vicinity of Port Ludlow, we do have ample representation on the Board.

The Parks and Recreation Division has an impossible assignment—operating and maintaining 21 parks and 8 recreation facilities throughout eastern Jefferson County. For a staff of five people (not all permanent), this is an unenviable task. To make this feasible, the County has a very strong agreement and volunteer program to operate some of the facilities (such as an agreement with Kiwanis to operate Beausite Lake complex). There are two Little League organizations that assist in the operation of sports facilities. Various volunteer groups assist in the maintenance and operations of HJ Carroll and, of course, Memorial Stadium. Our parks have seen an astronomical increase in use during the Covid-19 period, as have most other parks. On a sunny warm day, good luck finding a parking place at Irondale Beach County Park or Indian Island County Park and Trail. We have parks that offer various opportunities to hikers and bikers, as well as horse trails (Gibbs Lake and Beausite, Larry Scott, Cape George

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Trailhead) or just trails for hiking (Irondale, Indian Island, North Beach, East Beach, Chimacum or HJ Carroll).

Parks and Recreation does not only offer hiking trails and sports parks, but also campgrounds at Oak Bay, Quilcene, and Leland. We are hopeful that sometime in the future we may get Chimacum Campground open again as a campground. Finally, for organized sports, both with work-out stations and sports courts, we have Courthouse, Bates, and HJ Carroll to meet those demands. Most of these parks are within 20 miles of Port Ludlow. If you have an RV, there is no better campsite than Oak Bay Park across from Indian Island. If you're hankering for a long hike, you can hike from Beausite to Gibbs Lake, around Gibbs Lake on the Walt Hoffman Trail. A change that may make many Port Ludlow folks happy is that new pickleball courts are being created from converted basketball courts at Courthouse Park.

The Advisory Board meets (currently through Zoom) every other month (February, April, June, August, October, December) and have subcommittee meetings when necessary. These are all open to the public under the Open Public Meetings Act of Washington. If you have any questions or wish for more information, please go to the website at jeffersoncountypublichealth.org/1193/Parks-Recreation-Advisory-Board. To access the map of all our facilities, go to test.co.jefferson.wa.us/weblinkexternal/0/doc/1162973/Electronic.aspx. As your representatives to the Board of County Commissioners for parks and recreation, it is our mission to keep you apprised of what is happening in our parks. Please visit our parks when you get the chance. If you have kayaks, many of the parks would be perfect for you. If you like to mountain-bike, then Beausite is just your ticket. These parks are there for you to enjoy. And who knows, one day you may wish to carry on representing District 3 at the JCPRAB!

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Local Authors, New Books

by Valerie Massey Goree, Contributing Writer

To read or not to read? That is the question. In this digital age, we have so many choices: E-books or paperbacks? Visiting brick-and-mortar stores or ordering online? How about meeting the author in person at a book signing event? Yes, I know, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we haven't been able to participate in those activities for a long time.

Scenic Haven for Writing Pair

My husband and I are two of the many authors who live in the Port Ludlow area. We retired here almost three years ago. We wanted to get away from the heat and humidity of Texas and settle in a place with a view, where we could write.

Glenn is the author of 11 non-fiction books. Most of his are based on his 40-plus years of mental health counseling and his volunteering in the Rhodesian Army back in the 1970s. I have had five romantic suspense novels published and a sixth will be released in July. Mine are based on my imagination. I love writing suspense because when the plot sinks, I can always bump off a character.

Cancer Journey Inspires Book by Husband

Our happy-go-lucky retirement plans rocked along for six months, then Glenn was diagnosed with cancer. The past two years for him have been filled with doctor appointments, hospital stays, and days of extreme fatigue; for me, long hours in waiting rooms, drives to Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle, and anxious nights, but we have both found time to write.

Glenn's latest book discusses his cancer journey. *So, You Have Cancer. Now What?* The title pretty much tells you what the book is about, but it is more than a journal. Glenn deals with the hard topics for sure, but he also examines how a person can mentally and emotionally prepare for the end. Although he has had numerous treatments, his cancer is terminal. We are living each day to the fullest and try to stay positive. This book is available from Amazon. For his other books, see his web site: glenngoree.com.

Australia Ties Inspire Book by Wife

On a happier note, my latest book, *Forever Under Blue Skies*, is set in Australia. Have you ever fallen in love with a country or place you've never visited? I have. When my mother told me her mother was born in Australia, my love for a country that already intrigued me grew immeasurably. My childish fascination with kangaroos and koalas developed into more serious aspects of life. How long had my grandmother's family lived there? Why did they immigrate to South Africa? So many questions that I didn't ask at the time. No one in the extended family seemed interested in genealogical research, and my grandmother passed away before I was born.

Many years later, before the days of *Ancestry.com*, I wrote to the genealogical society in Melbourne, and over time received more information than I could have hoped for. The passenger manifest of a boat that sailed from England to

Australia in 1863 indicated my great-grandfather was born during the voyage. The large family settled in and around Bendigo, Victoria, many working in the gold mines or in the wool industry. My great-grandparents and several siblings left Australia in 1902 for South Africa when the gold and diamond mines were being developed there. My grandmother was 11 at the time. That's how she ended up in South Africa.

How the Novel Took Shape

Glenn and I did visit Australia, and I met many relatives. I combined the information gathered during our trip with my previous research, and finally wrote my novel. Neither my grandmother nor any of her nieces or nephews lived on a sheep station, but that's where the fiction part comes in. What was life like on a sheep station in 1983? You can read *Forever Under Blue Skies* to find out.

As the back cover blurb says, "Travel to Australia to solve a family mystery? Sure, Marlow could do that. But she didn't take into consideration the vast outback, nor the owner of the sheep station. Widower Jake Barclay is everything her late husband was not—honorable, considerate, a pure gentleman. She came prepared with sunscreen, but hadn't built a high enough screen around her heart."

Forever Under Blue Skies is available from Amazon. Check out my web site valeriegoreeauthor.com for my other novels set in Texas or California. I am writing one now set in Jefferson County.

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Mother's Day and Mushrooms

by John Goldwood, Contributing Writer

Holidays do not just happen. Mother's Day is no exception. It is also no exception to the triumph of consumerism and secularization of a holiday originally intended to be celebrated somewhat differently. Although there were a number of women, and at least one man, who invested considerable effort in creating a national Mother's Day holiday in the 1800s and early 1900s, the most successful effort was the result of the dedication and effort of Anna Jarvis.

The mother of Anna Jarvis, Ann Reeves Jarvis, helped start and organize 'Mother's Day Work Clubs' prior to the Civil War, with a goal of teaching local women how to properly care for their children. Upon the death of Ann, Anna conceived of a holiday to celebrate mothers' sacrifices for their children. In what Anna might later have recognized as a mistake, she reached out to John Wanamaker, a wealthy Philadelphia department store owner, for financial backing. Her first official Mother's Day celebration took place at a Methodist church in Grafton, West Virginia in May 1908. Wanamaker also hosted a Mother's Day event on the same day at one of his stores in Philadelphia. It attracted thousands.

The commercial success of the Philadelphia event apparently did nothing to deter Anna's desire to push for Mother's Day to become a national holiday. Arguing that national holidays in the United States were primarily focused on a celebration of male achievements, she helped to coordinate a very successful letter-writing campaign to newspapers and politicians with the goal of creating a national day to honor motherhood. By 1912, Jarvis had established the Mother's Day International Association to promote her cause. President Woodrow Wilson eventually signed a measure, in 1914, establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

For Anna Jarvis, it was, sadly, all downhill from there. Although she had apparently visualized Mother's Day as a personal and religious celebration of Motherhood between families and their mothers, it took only a short time for the commercialization of the holiday to transform it into a huge opportunity for the floral industry, the candy industry, and, of course, the greeting card industry. Jarvis, appalled by those outcomes, reversed course by 1920 and started an active campaign to influence people to stop buying what we now recognize as Mother's Day staples—flowers, greeting cards, and candy—unsuccessfully. By the time of her death in 1948, she had completely renounced the holiday and actively sought to have it removed from our national holiday calendar.

Perhaps by now, the reader might be wondering, 'What about the MUSHROOMS?' In our family, although we honored our Mom with the same items Jarvis detested, the focal point of the holiday while we still lived on our Ohio farm was the annual hunt for Morel mushrooms. Morels, a delicacy revered by many, appeared in our woods and orchards in early to mid-May. For my Mom, no Mother's Day was complete

without an excursion to harvest them in the places where they re-appeared year after year. Given a choice of giving up the Morels or the other commercial holiday treats, I think she might very well have given up the candy, flowers and cards.

We never pushed her to that kind of decision, however.

World-Wide Labyrinth Day

by Marsha Hamacher, Guest Writer

The Covid-19 pandemic has created a lot of changes in our lives, some good, some challenging. We have organized our homes, rediscovered hobbies, and found joy in working from home. But even with Zoom, we miss in-person activities with family and friends, leaving us isolated, even depressed. Getting outdoors and into nature can help, and one of my favorite outdoor activities that also aligns with the pandemic rules—fresh outside air, away from others, masked if necessary—is walking the labyrinth.

A labyrinth is a universal design that has existed in many forms on every continent and in nearly every culture and religion since it first appeared over 4000 years ago. Although its origin is a mystery, the study of its details shows very deliberate, meaningful construction. It is usually a circle, a symbol of wholeness, with one meandering path that leads to the center and back out without the obstacles or false turns of a maze. One of the most famous and much copied labyrinths is found in Chartres Cathedral in France.

In 1991, the Rev. Dr. Lauren Artress, then the Canon Pastor at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, walked her first labyrinth. Very quickly, she felt strongly that she could help people by restoring labyrinths to common use. She brought both indoor and outdoor ones to Grace and authored *Walking a Sacred Path* which outlines their history and uses. As the word spread, labyrinths have seen quite a resurgence in parks and at hospitals, schools, and churches. There is no one belief system or religion tied to the labyrinth; it exists to provide a place of contemplation for all people.

Walking the labyrinth invites us to reach a deeper part of ourselves by emphasizing our intuitive, caring, and creative aspects and relaxing the logical, reasoning ones. One idea for a labyrinth walk consists of four parts: Reflect, Release, Receive, and Return. At the entrance, stop to breathe and be centered. As you walk in, release busyness and try to quiet your mind and listen. At the center, receive what comes—birdsong, peace, possibly an answer or idea. As you walk out, slowly returning to your world, take what you received and consider how to use it. Sometimes, the gift of the labyrinth will not be immediate, but appear later; just be open.

There is no wrong or right way to walk a labyrinth; the above is just a suggestion. Some people dance, skip, walk slowly, stop and stand for a while—none of it is wrong. If others are present, your paths will cross, but just step aside and let them

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pass quietly, and continue on your way. At present, if there are others, please just make sure your mask is in place.

Upon consulting the world-wide labyrinth locator at labyrinthlocator.com, I found 100 within 50 miles of Port Ludlow. In our area there are many—one at HJ Carroll Park, three in Port Townsend, two in Poulsbo, and four on Bainbridge Island. Some are public and some private; check the locator for access details.

Annually, on the first Saturday in May, this year **Saturday, May 1**, World-Wide Labyrinth Day is celebrated. On this day, people around the world walk on labyrinths at 1:00 p.m. For 24 hours, someone, somewhere is walking a labyrinth and holding peaceful, unifying thoughts for the world as they walk. Consider taking part—it's good for you and the earth, too!

JCPH Gets New Doctor, New School Health Facility



Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) has a new provider, Dr. Melinda Bower, serving students in the Chimacum and Quilcene health centers. JCPH school-based centers are a partnership between Jefferson Healthcare and the school districts. They are located for student use at Port Townsend High School, Chimacum Middle and High School, and a newly opened Quilcene School District location.

Dr. Melinda Bower.
Submitted photo

Bower is a naturopathic doctor who received her degree from Bastyr University in Seattle. In 2015 she was recognized by her peers as one of Seattle's "Top Doctors," and she continues to teach at Bastyr. She provides comprehensive medical care with a focus on family medicine and women's health, nutritional support, and botanical medicine, using an integrative approach to address the root causes of illness.

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Bower is available at Chimacum Middle and High School Health Center, located off the Commons, as well as Quilcene Health Center, located in the elementary school building. The other JCPH provider, Susan Bone O'Brien, ARNP, is available at Port Townsend High School Health Center, located in the Gael Stuart Building.

At the school locations, in-person and telehealth appointments are available. For medical and mental health appointments, students can call 360-385-9400 or call/text 360-390-8560. Students can also place a written request for an appointment in the confidential box at each site.

Both health providers are also available at the JCPH main clinic, located at 615 Sheridan St. (next to QFC). For an appointment, please call 360-385-9400.

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Arts & Entertainment

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

Port Ludlow Art League

by Patricia Webber, Contributing Writer

Artists of the Month – Abstract Critique Group – *Creating During Covid*



Shorelines, by Diane Walker.

While so many of our normal activities came to a standstill during the Covid pandemic, members of the abstract critique group have been meeting online every week for critique and camaraderie. The result of their exciting abstract work will be on exhibit at the Sound Community Bank in Port Ludlow during May.

Artist Georganne Muse reflected, “I’m pleased to have been able to connect with dear friends, even if only virtually. They kept me connected. Their feedback and suggestions inspired my creativity.” Artist Joie Hyde also found the weekly critiques helped her stay in touch with other artists and move her art forward in new directions.

Participating in this exhibit are Ann Bernard, JoAnna Caro, Ann Gagnier, Joie Hyde, Georganne Muse, Carol Nielsen, Pamela Raine, Diane Walker, and Patricia Webber.

The *Creating During Covid* exhibit will also be online at portludlowart.org. The Sound Community Bank is located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. For information on the *Creating During Covid* exhibit, please email Patricia Webber at 2pw@gmx.com.

Jeweler of the Month – Mary Lynn Laker

Mary Lynn designs necklaces, earrings, and bracelets in a wide variety of styles and materials including silver, bronze, gems, felt, crystals, and stones. Not one to repeat her designs, she has fashioned crows, fish, kimonos, hearts, Buddhas,

circles, and squares into a delightful collection of jewelry.

In addition to jewelry, Mary Lynn also enjoys painting with beeswax (encaustic) not just in paintings, but also by using it in dimensional works. Recently, she’s added making artist paintbrushes to her repertoire.

Mary Lynn’s artwork will be on display at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery located next to the Sound Community Bank at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. You can also view her jewelry online at portludlowart.org. The Port Ludlow Art League Gallery is open every Thursday and Friday from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org.



Pendant by Mary Lynn Laker. Submitted photos

Port Ludlow Art League— Group Online Art Show

Things in Motion



Three to Tangle, by Larry Davidson.

Submitted photo

When you think of things in motion as an art theme, your initial idea might be capturing the movement of a human body doing sports or dancing. While this would be a common notion, consider other types of motion, such as machines, cars, boats, trains, birds, animals, water, trees, weather or fire.

This month, members of the Port Ludlow Art League feature artwork motivated by the infinite variety of things in motion.

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

Port Ludlow Art League— Abstract Painting Raffle



Echoes of the Past.

For the past five years, Patricia Webber of the Port Ludlow Art League has hosted a very active and successful abstract art critique group that met once a month. During the pandemic, the abstract critique group pivoted to weekly meetings using Zoom software. Attendees share their artwork with a friendly and constructive caring group of peers that's both encouraging and inspiring.

Recently, the abstract critique group embarked on a collaborative art project, circulating

two 24" x 18" canvases from artist to artist to create abstract paintings using acrylics and collage. Participating artists included Ann Bernard, Dana Durasoff, Ann Gagnier, Joie Hyde, Georganne Muse, Carol Nielsen, Pamela Raine, Diane Walker, and Patricia Webber.

The abstract critique group has donated the finished paintings to the Port Ludlow Art League scholarship fund for graduating seniors from local high schools. The paintings will be raffled off and the winning tickets will be selected on **Monday, May 31**. Raffle tickets are \$5 for one ticket and \$10 for three tickets and are available for purchase at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery.



Blue Dawn.

Submitted photos

The Port Ludlow Art League 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 Art League Gallery is open every Thursday and Friday from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org.

Past and Present Quilts

A walk-by exhibit featuring 25 quilts—both vintage and contemporary—will be on display at 675 Tyler Street, Port Townsend. The exhibit has been organized by the North Olympic Chapter of Surface Design Association. Created or collected by eight textile artists, the pieces are on display through May.

Some quilts date from the 1940s and 50s and were pieced by great-great aunts and grandmothers. Some are hand-stitched with hand-dyed fabric. New pieces, some inspired by the Gee's Bend quilts, feature vivid colors and improvisational designs.



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Spotlight

ECHHO—Making a Difference for 24 years

by Nancy Budd-Garvan, ECHHO Driver and Board Member

When Cynthia heard the word “Cancer,” her heart sank. When they told her she faced 30 days of radiation treatments at a center in Poulsbo and that someone would need to drive her there and back every day, she was overwhelmed. She had just recently moved to Port Ludlow, and due to the pandemic, hadn’t had an opportunity to get acquainted with people. So how was she going to get to Poulsbo and back, every day, for a month?!

Fortunately, the physician’s assistant told her about ECHHO (Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization). One call is all it took, and Cynthia was in the “helping hands” of six different drivers, one of whom picked her up each day, waited while she underwent treatment, and then brought her back home. “I loved the companionship and social aspects of having a friend while going through the experience,” she says.

I was happy to be one of Cynthia’s drivers. I moved to Port Ludlow in 2017 and after the unpacking was done, began to look for an opportunity where I could use my prior experience with senior transportation. I had firsthand experience of the difference it can make in a person’s life. I contacted ECHHO, and within a few days, I was an official ECHHO volunteer driver and on my way to discovering my new environment through the eyes and experiences of the people I drove.



Standing are ECHHO drivers Margie and Jim Gormly, with Lenetta Johnson seated in the wheelchair.

Now in its 24th year of operation, ECHHO provides a vital service for East Jefferson County residents who need assistance to remain independent in their own home. ECHHO was created in 1997 by the Stephen Ministry at First Presbyterian Church in Port Townsend under the direction of Bruce and Jeanette Travis, along with Shirley Champion, Jefferson Health Care and Catholic Community Services. They recognized a growing need to help the aging population of the community with transportation, errands, chores, and medical equipment.

ECHHO provides transportation to and from medical appointments, grocery stores, pharmacies, physical therapy facilities, and other essential services both within and outside Jefferson County. In addition, they provide the durable medical equipment people need to recover from illness or surgery, or to support them through disability on a short-term or long-term basis. In recent years, ECHHO has partnered with the Port Ludlow Community Church to warehouse and dispense medical equipment locally.

Jefferson County’s population is the oldest in Washington, and the ninth oldest, nationally.

- The median age in the county is 55; 44% higher than the U.S. median*
- Over a third (34.2%) of county residents are age 65 and older*
- Of residents 60+, just over half are female* – although ECHHO’s clientele is 63% women
- 40% of county households have a senior adult living alone*
- 79% of the adults who live alone are women. And many of them are “Senior Orphans” – they do not have family members in the area.

(* Sources: Port Townsend Leader Annual Profile Issue; U.S. Census, DataUSA)

ECHHO is the only provider of individual no-cost transportation in the county, though donations are welcome, of course. ECHHO pays drivers for mileage. When local physicians refer a patient to medical facilities inside or outside of Jefferson County, ECHHO gets them there. When people who no longer drive need to get groceries, pick up prescriptions, or go to the bank, ECHHO makes it possible.

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Thanks to the support of individual donors, grantmaking organizations, and a strong corps of volunteer drivers, ECHHO is able to provide its services free of charge. Local residents, along with Rotary Clubs, churches, and local businesses, provide over half the funding to sustain this vital resource for our community. First Presbyterian Church continues to provide its manse gratis to ECHHO for its offices. Additional support comes from the Department of Transportation, Olympic Area Agency on Aging, Jefferson Community Foundation, Norcliff Foundation and Jefferson Healthcare. But it's the volunteer drivers that make it all possible.

"The most meaningful part of being a driver is an accumulation of gifts given and received - the gifts of times shared in a car - time filled with happiness, with sadness, with fear of a doctor's report, with secrets, with life stories, with expectations. The time shared in a car can be a precious thing for both client and driver. Often the person needing the ride has had no one to talk to for days." - Margie, ECHHO driver since 2004.

Each volunteer chooses the rides he or she wants to take from the daily list emailed to each driver. I usually sign up to take people from Port Ludlow, Port Hadlock and Chimacum to appointments in Poulsbo, Silverdale, Bremerton, as well as Sequim or Port Angeles. When I need to stock up at Costco or Trader Joe's, I look for an ECHHO ride to Silverdale. While the patient is in the doctor's office, I'm doing my shopping.

For people who need regular treatments on an ongoing basis, such as radiation, chemo, or dialysis, there is usually a small group of drivers who provide transportation for that individual every week. It creates a supportive network and social interaction for the patient, and meaningful learning and "feel good" rewards for the driver.

"Recently, one of my ECHHO riders joyfully announced her doctors have declared she is in remission. She attributed a large part of her recovery to the support her ECHHO drivers provided during her lengthy treatment. It made me so proud to have been part of her support system during the most difficult journey of her life. During my working career, I never imagined that I could make such a difference in people's lives, but as an ECHHO driver, I see it every day." - Katie, ECHHO 2018 Volunteer of the Year.

Personally, I had to undergo one of those not-so-fun diagnostic procedures recently, and I'd been told they wouldn't do it if I didn't have a driver. Fortunately, I knew about ECHHO. My driver, Jack, along with his adorable dachshund, got me to my Silverdale appointment right on time and came in to show that I did indeed have a driver to get me home safely. When my appointment ran late, I got a bit worried. But Jack and his pal were happily walking around the parking lot, ready and waiting when I was finally discharged. What a relief!

A growing number of us "older folk" are taking the "bionic" route to stay active as we age. The ever-increasing number of us opting for joint replacement is making ECHHO's equipment lending service very popular. ECHHO has the crutches, walker, wheelchair, or knee scooter you'll need until you're "back on your feet." And they have the toilet seat riser, the grab bars, the shower chair and all those other things the doctor prescribed for your convalescence. It costs a lot to buy that stuff; ECHHO lends it to you for free, because someone like you donated their equipment, and now they can share it with the whole community.

"We first became aware of ECHHO in 2004, about a year after moving here from California. I required ankle fusion surgery. We took advantage of their program of no-cost loans of crutches and other medical accessories to help in my weeks of re-hab. When my husband and I were looking for a volunteer opportunity we could do together, we became ECHHO drivers so we would have a common experience to talk about and share." - Stephanie, ECHHO driver.

Not all of ECHHO's clients are seniors. I have given rides to younger people who suffer from a neuromuscular disease (like ALS and Multiple Sclerosis), to a young mother who needed to take her daughter to a facility in Sequim, and to a middle-aged woman going for diagnostic tests at a clinic in Port Angeles.



Jeanette Myers and driver Jim Riley.

Submitted photos

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Jeanette from Port Ludlow goes to the Kidney Center in Port Townsend three times a week. *“The drivers are wonderful. One gentleman, who drives a big SUV, made me a custom step so I could get in and out of his car more easily.”*

ECHHO drivers learn to be flexible and sometimes need a sense of adventure. Roger in Chimacum, who’s been an ECHHO driver since 2004, talks about one drive that involved picking up a client at 4:00 a.m. to go to a medical appointment in Silverdale. The client lived out in the woods, and Roger was barely able to find his way there in the dark. But in addition to the medical appointment, there were five bags of grain and eight bottles of propane to be picked up on the way home! Fortunately, Roger’s big town car handled it all.

Every week, ECHHO drivers deliver 45 or more very important rides for our neighbors. In 2019, they drove over 90,000 miles and dedicated more than 5,600 hours to help the older and disabled members of our community. If you ever wanted to really make a difference in someone’s life, including your own, I can heartily recommend you think about becoming an ECHHO driver. For more information about ECHHO, call 360-379-3246 or go to plvoice.org/echho-making-a-difference-for-24-years.

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Village Council

Board Meeting Summary

by Sally Franzel, PLVC Board Secretary

At the April 1, 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 is 90 percent complete and guests’ responses to the new look and especially the new beds have been very positive. The production of a video walk-through of sample rooms will be available online, and an “open room” for visitors on a limited basis is among potential plans. The verandah adjacent to the restaurant has been completely fitted with see-through curtains and radiant heat will be installed within the next two weeks. This will make outside dining more comfortable for guests, and the area can also be used for small group functions. Two full-time positions need to be filled at The Inn, a Front Desk Manager, and a Food and Beverage Manager. Interested candidates should contact Ms. Smeland. A number of summer positions will also be available. Details will be posted on the PLA website.

The painting of the Village Centre is almost complete and painting has begun on the Conference Centre in a similar color scheme. The Olympic Water & Sewer Inc. (OWSI) filtration project is approximately 50 to 60 percent complete and management continues to work with the contractor to ensure the project is completed and the filtration system brought on-line according to schedule. Management anticipates that the project will qualify for the reduced interest rate on the amount of the loan.

Greg Brotherton—County Commissioner, District 3

County-wide issues: The state Supreme Court’s Blake decision decriminalizing simple drug possession could have a significant impact on Jefferson County’s finances. The court struck down the state’s felony drug possession law because it did not require prosecutors to prove someone knowingly or intentionally possessed drugs. Since the statute dated back to 1971, this meant that the decision is retroactive. The fiscal impacts on individual counties has not yet been determined and the Washington State Association of Counties, a non-profit, has asked the state to establish a central fund for legal financial obligations related to the Blake ruling.

Capital Budgets: The House budget has a substantial \$22 million appropriation for the proposed Hadlock Sewers, and the county is working with legislators to obtain Senate reconciliation so that the project can move forward. A virtual public meeting was to be held April 15, to discuss the sewer project. In addition, there is an appropriation for the Olympic Discovery Trail and local infrastructure projects. Once funds

Village Council Meetings

Board Meeting
Thursday, May 6
 2:45 p.m., Zoom Video Conference Call

Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, May 18
 2:45 p.m., Zoom Video Conference Call

Link to join either Zoom meeting:
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are received, Commissioners are prepared to move ahead with these projects.

Locally, Mr. Brotherton met with the Paradise Bay water commissioners and toured their facility. Rayonier will shortly be starting two substantial timber cuts adjacent to that community and residents were concerned about their water system. Commissioners want a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) parcel to be conveyed to the county to facilitate a community drain field to help some of the septic issues on the smaller lots. The county does not have oversight over forestry practices, but, after communicating with DNR, the county invited the water commissioners to the next county commissioners meeting for a discussion about possible impacts on the neighborhood infrastructure and water system.

Utilities Committee—Phil Otness, Maritime Chair

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the closing of the Canadian Border, it is anticipated that a large number of boats will be visiting the Port Ludlow marina and will be anchored in the bay during the summer. Since the warmer weather may also result in a larger number of kayaks and paddle boards in the bay, maintaining the safety of those participants will be the principle concern of the committee. In order to control speeding in the bay, especially by high-speed tenders from visiting boats, procedures are in place to inform boaters of the regulations.

An additional challenge will be to ensure boats adhere to Washington State anchorage rules relating to anchoring in Port Ludlow Bay. Under those rules, boats are permitted to anchor and remain in one place on “DNR land” for 30 days. They are then required to move at least 5 miles away. This process can be repeated twice for a total of 90 days within one year.

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**Trails and Natural Resources Committee—
Larry Scott, Chair**

A detailed list of the trail maintenance projects completed by the trails committee and its volunteers during the first quarter was provided. Volunteers accrued just over 285 hours of time during that period. As a result of the exceptionally wet and prolonged winter, an increased number of locations needed major maintenance projects. This included the clean up of muddy areas on Lower Rainier, the installation of compacted rock rather than wood chips, and rerouting six segments of the Teal Lake Loop due to low lying ponding. The Trails committee has a list of approximately 60 volunteers who are informed by email when assistance is needed on a maintenance project. Residents who would like to join the group of volunteers in maintaining the Port Ludlow trails should contact Larry Smith at mclgscott@cablespeed.com.

**Village Council Meeting
to Feature Presentation by Rayonier**

by Dave McDearmid, Guest Writer

Bill Monahan, Director, Western Forest Resources for Rayonier and Adrian Miller, Director of Public Affairs for Rayonier, will make a presentation at the Village Council’s **Thursday, May 6** Board Meeting. They will provide information regarding the acquisition of Pope Resources by Rayonier, an overview of their forestry practices in Washington State, including activities in our area, and opportunities provided by Rayonier’s recreation program. They will also respond to any questions you may have about Rayonier and their activities.

In keeping with ongoing Covid-19 precautions, the meeting, scheduled for 2:45 to 4:45 p.m., will be held virtually using Zoom. You can join the meeting on your computer, smart-phone, or by telephone. Directions for joining the conference call are listed at the end of the article. All Port Ludlow residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. We look forward to your participation. Their website address is rayonier.com.

Bill Monahan is responsible for supporting Rayonier’s operations in the Northwest and Southwest regions of the US. Monahan has worked for Rayonier for 13 years, with the last ten years living and working in Washington. Previous to Rayonier, he worked for Kapstone Paper, International Paper, and Champion International in New York, Alabama, Virginia, and North Carolina in various management roles. He is currently serving as President of the Board for Washington Forest Protection Association and as a member of the Board of Directors for Pacific Education Institute.

Adrian Miller has responsibilities for state government relations for Washington, Oregon, California, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Texas. Prior to this role, he served as Vice President, Corporate Affairs and Administration for Pope

Resources. Adrian has also held positions with Longview Timber, the Washington Forest Protection Association, and the Pacific Lumber Company. Adrian is a Registered Professional Forester in California and has a Master’s degree in Forestry from the University of Missouri and a Bachelor’s degree in Forestry from Humboldt State.

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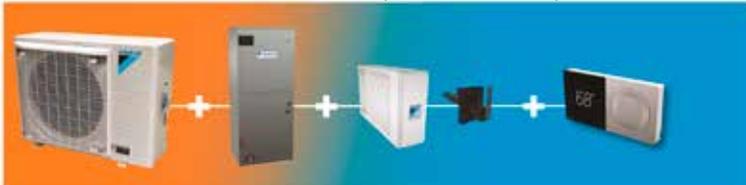
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From the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

On **Monday, April 19**, the Beach Club will open the indoor pool for the first time in more than a year. This will be a soft opening in that the facility will only be open 8 hours per day and only the indoor pool will be open. Our members will need to call the Beach Club to make reservations to swim (see LMCBeachClub.org for more information). Initially members will only be able to use the pool twice per week. Because pool time will be limited, only LMC members and those living in their household on an ongoing basis will be permitted to use the pool during this limited opening.

Additional Facility Requirements:

- Swim times will be limited to 40 minutes.
- Masks that cover the nose and mouth must be worn at all times while inside the Beach Club except while in the swimming pool.
- All facility users must sign the LMC waiver.
- Facility users must complete the health screening questionnaire and agree to have their temperature checked by LMC staff and if their temperature is greater than or equal to 100.4°, they cannot use the facility.
- Because the showers and changing areas of the locker rooms will be closed, members are asked to take cleansing showers at home and arrive at the Beach Club wearing their swim wear.

The following is the schedule of activities for each day of the week for the Indoor Pool. This began Monday, April 19. The safety of our members and staff are a priority and once we are comfortable that we can operate safely, efficiently, and effectively, the LMC Board of Trustees will slowly expand pool hours and access to other parts of the facility. Our progress will be reassessed regularly.

Indoor Pool

Monday - Thursday:

Lap Swim 7:00 a.m. – 7:40 a.m.

Lap Swim 8:00 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.

Aquacise 9:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

Lap Swim 10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

Lap Swim 11:00 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

Lap Swim 12:00 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.

Open Swim 1:00 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.

Open Swim 2:00 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Important Dates

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Sign up for the *LOA Bulletin*
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LMC Board Meeting

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for information about remote access to meeting.

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Visit lmcbeachclub.com for complete information.

All LMC members are welcome. ✳

Friday:

Lap Swim 7:00 a.m. – 7:40 a.m.

Lap Swim 8:00 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.

Lap Swim 9:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

Lap Swim 10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

Lap Swim 11:00 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

Lap Swim 12:00 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.

Open Swim 1:00 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.

Open Swim 2:00 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday:

Lap Swim 8:00 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.

Lap Swim 9:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

Open Swim 10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

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Open Swim 3:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

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.

Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) Update

The PLDD held a special board meeting on March 11, 2021. There were six items on the agenda. The one of most interest to North Bay (and some South Bay residents) was Item No.4, which contained three resolutions. The second resolution was that the PLDD Board is proposing suspension of its operations and going into maintenance mode which might last for 3-5 years. The PLDD was formed to provide infrastructure to Port Ludlow so that water would be carried from common properties to Puget Sound. That task has been completed so now the PLDD is in maintenance mode and pays consulting engineers and contractors to maintain the infrastructure.

The Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 85-38.220 allows for suspension of special districts like the PLDD to go into a non-administrative status. However, for this to happen it would require that the PLDD enter into discussions with the land-owners (stakeholders) and the County commissioners. In addition, PLDD would have to have hearings and meetings with stakeholders. The County would have to approve the suspension and agree to take over the maintenance of the system.

The PLDD meeting can be found in its entirety on the PLDD website pldd.org. Both the meeting agenda and an audio recording of the meeting (meeting #0273) are available to view and listen to. During the meeting the PLDD passed the resolution allowing it to propose entering discussions for exploring suspending operations.

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South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Update

by Bartholomew Clark, SBCA President

Improvements Made to Bay Club During the COVID Closure

SBCA has made several substantial upgrades to our Bay Club while closed. The glass half full view is that we were able to schedule or complete these projects with no inconvenience to our members, as would have been the case while open. The largest project involves replacing and upgrading the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system and a change to light-emitting diode (LED) lighting fixtures throughout the Club—projects that should be well underway as this issue of the *Voice* reaches your mailbox.

The HVAC upgrade features:

- a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filtration system that will make the air much cleaner;
- an ultraviolet light (UV) air scrubber in the ductwork to sanitize circulating air; and
- a system that brings more fresh air from outside into the Club to be mixed by the HVAC unit to minimize buildup of stuffy, stale air.

The combined savings in electricity usage achieved by the HVAC and LED systems are projected to pay for both improvements within five to seven years. Other projects include the installation of touch-free faucets in all restrooms, the resurfacing of the swimming pool, and the sealing and striping of Bay Club parking areas.

SBCA Board of Directors Openings

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 Board members whose terms expire on the day of the Annual Meeting, **Wednesday, July 21**, are Bruce Birch, Bartholomew Clark, and Tom Sprandel. The Board members with one year remaining on their current terms 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 usually rare, there are special Board meetings on occasion).
- Attending one workshop per month.

SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting

See the website for the meeting schedule.

Plans are for a virtual meeting.

To join by phone, dial 339-209-6193.

All SBCA members are welcome

Committee Meetings

All committee meetings are held virtually. To keep informed of meeting dates and times, please visit plsbca.org.

Meeting minutes are posted at plsbca.org under Association Business.



- 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. On a personal note, having served as Secretary for one year and for nine months as President during the Covid-19 pandemic has felt more like four years. During the first nine months of the current fiscal year (2020-2021) the Board has met a total of 18 times. Unexpected exigent circumstances can present the Board with a duty to call a special meeting from time to time.

The planned deadline for submission of letters of interest and brief bio sketches was set as Friday, April 30. However, at the time of writing this update, only one person has expressed interest in serving on the Board, therefore it is possible that the April 30 deadline may be extended. If you are interested in running for an open Board position, please immediately contact GM Mark Torres at the Bay Club via bayclubgm@wavecable.com or 360-437-2208.

Thank you for considering service to SBCA as a member of the Board of Directors.

Recreation & Sports

Port Ludlow Men's Golf Association (PLMGA) News

by Tim Propeck, Sports Editor

The PLMGA is off to a good start on their new season. The opening round held on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, was well attended and all golfers received a box lunch after completing nine holes, courtesy of the Pro Shop. Additionally, there were no weather cancellations in March.

The first of a series of events scheduled on Mondays was held on April 12. These Monday events are new this season. They are in addition to the regular Wednesday tournaments. Some of the Monday events will be visits to other courses in the area. The first of these is scheduled for **Monday, May 3**, with a visit to "The Home Course" near Olympia.

Other road trip visits will include: Trophy Lake on **Monday, June 7**; McCormick Woods on **Thursday, July 1**; and Salish Cliffs on **Monday, August 2**. The slots for these events fill up fast, so golfers should sign up as soon as the event is announced on Golf Genius.

The dates for the start of the President's tournament have also been announced. They are **Monday, May 10; Wednesday, May 12; and Friday, May 14**. Players will have to complete a qualifying round, where the 32 players with the lowest net scores will then play on the stated dates. The winners of the first three rounds will continue to play elimination rounds until the final winner is determined. All the rounds in the tournament will be match play events where the golfer who wins the most number of holes wins the round.

Port Ludlow Women's Golf Leagues

by Kathy Traci, PLWGA and Lady Niners Publicity Chairperson

Thanks to great planning by Chairperson Peggy Selby, the PLWGA 2021 Opening Day was lots of fun. The theme of the 9 holes of play was "Mean Girls." This format allowed each player two chances to switch balls with another player to gain an advantage during the 9 holes of play. Prizes were awarded for the different traits of "mean girl" behavior. To soften the "mean girl" theme, Selby distributed handmade women's golf themed fabric goodie bags. This resulted in elevated members' moods prior to play.

Debi Bozanich, Membership Chairperson, announced that the league now has 51 members – 35 active playing members and 16 social members. She also announced the departure of long-time member Bets Cragoe. Bets and John are moving to be near their daughter and family in Indiana. Rules Committee Chairperson, Bonnie Vahcic, distributed an organized and compact golf rules list for members to carry with them on the course. The PLWGA 2021 Handbook, created by Diana Smeland and Linda Haskin, was distributed at the luncheon.

Many thanks to Chef Kass Swindler of the Dusty Green Café and her excellent staff for a great luncheon on the café patio: a scrumptious strawberry and fresh greens salad, a delicious asparagus and cheese quiche, and a yummy lemon dessert. Meryl Friedman, PLWGA Captain, highlighted the coming 2021 tournaments and special events.

The always "Just for Fun" PLWGA Spring "Fling" Tournament will be held on **Monday, May 3**, and **Tuesday, May 4**, with a luncheon following play on the 4th. It will be a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start on both days. This year's theme is "Monopoly;" Spring Tournament Chairperson Bonnie Vahcic presented the tournament's poster which will be displayed in the women's locker room.

Casual Friday Golf is being organized by Linda Haskin. PLWGA Members need to contact Linda to be placed on the Golf Genius "Friday Casual Golf" email list.

Lady Niners Captain Sharon Russell has planned many interesting Thursday Games for the Niners. The format of these games allows members to post their scores for their handicap, while still resulting in Thursday Play Day Winners. Members should continue to use Golf Genius to sign up for play on Thursday mornings.

The first Couples Golf event will be held on **Thursday, May 27**. Details will be announced by email to all members. Niners' Couples Chairpersons, Mike and Barbara Burke, are looking for another couple to help plan innovative and fun event games. Membership in the Men's Niners or the Lady Niners is required for participation in these monthly couples events.

PLWGA Captain Meryl Friedman invites prospective league members to play 18 holes with the group any Tuesday. Lady Niners Captain Sharon Russell invites prospective league members to play 9 holes with the group any Thursday morning. To sign up to play with either league or to join one of the leagues, please contact the Port Ludlow Golf Course Pro Shop at 360-437-0272. Note: Port Ludlow Golf Club membership is a prerequisite for joining the golf leagues.

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Port Ludlow Hiking

by Dan Darrow, Hiking Club

People have asked how the difficulty rating for our hikes is determined. Rating a hike is obviously quite subjective, depending on the person doing the hiking and their experience. Here are some general guidelines that have been used by the hiking club for many years. When in doubt, check with the hike leader.

Easy: Not much elevation gain. Generally shorter hikes. Up to five Miles.

Moderate: Less than 1,000 feet elevation gain. Generally four to seven miles.

Moderately difficult: Greater than 1,000-foot elevation gain. Usually six to nine miles.

Difficult: Sustained climbs with elevation gain in excess of 1,500 feet. Usually seven to ten miles.

Challenge: More extreme than any of the others.

Hiking can be a physically demanding sport, and in some cases, potentially hazardous. A hiker must make a realistic determination of his or her physical condition when choosing a level of hike in which to participate. Each hiker is responsible for carrying equipment and supplies appropriate to the hike classification and duration and is solely responsible for his or her own safety.

Those on the hiking e-mail 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@olympen.com.

Unless otherwise noted, hikers meet at the Bridge Deck (located near the entrance to the Beach Club) at 8:15 a.m. to get directions to the trailheads and depart at 8:30 a.m. The hikers abide by the "Stay Healthy" recommendations and follow CDC guidelines for outdoor recreation.

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/moderate hike. At one time, this area was considered for a nuclear power plant or a golf course! Information: Gary Hicks 510-566-2401.

Wednesday, May 5 – Spring/Summer Planning Meeting

It is time to plan the adventures for the next six months. Hike leaders are needed, and we welcome suggestions on exciting destinations! Those on the email list have received information on the outdoor location of the planning gathering. BYOB and chair and ideas.

Friday, May 7 – Ebey's Landing

Take the 9:30 a.m. Port Townsend ferry. Once on Whidbey Island, make a short drive to Ebey's Landing State Park

and then explore the National Historic Reserve on Whidbey Island. Expect an easy walk of approximately four to six miles. Ferry reservations required both ways. Information: Sarah and Denny Schuch 360-215-4065.

Friday, May 21 – Tunnel Creek

Expect an easy to moderate to difficult hike with two options available. It is approximately 2.5 miles with a 1,000-foot elevation gain to a restored shelter and lunch. Those with extra energy can continue further and climb another 1,000 feet for an up-close view of Mt. Constance. Information: Burt Peterson 360-437-0849.

Every Wednesday: Timberton Loop

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

Monday/Wednesday/Friday - 8:00 AM

Join the "Trail Club Group" that meets at the golf club parking lot for a self-led walk on the abandoned golf cart path trail or other alternative route.

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

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Port Ludlow Yacht Club (PLYC) Opening Day

by Dave Carbaugh, PLYC Port Captain

Port Ludlow Yacht Club will be celebrating Opening Day of Yachting season differently than usual this year. The **Saturday, May 8** event will not have an opening ceremony due to Covid-19 restrictions. At 10:00 a.m. the new boats from the past two years will gather on A-dock at the marina for private christening ceremonies. A toast from Commodore Lori Longo and a splash of champagne will welcome the new boats.

At 11:00 a.m. there will be a boat parade in Ludlow Bay. Watch all the boats line up to pass in review in front of the commodore's boat just offshore from the totem pole by the Port Ludlow Inn. It should be quite a sight to see the boats decked out and ready for yachting season.

Great viewing for the boat parade should be available anywhere in the middle portion of the bay. After the boat parade, only members of the Port Ludlow Yacht Club will gather for a box lunch at the Wreck Room and continue the opening day celebration. It should be a fun day and all the more reason to join your local yacht club.

Port Ludlow Pickleball Association

by Deanne Pedersen, President, PLPBA

Please join our fun and energetic group and learn the sport of pickleball. Come down and try playing a couple of times and see if you would like to join our group. We meet at the Beach Club courts.

Our Association dues are \$35 for the year. Please contact Deanne at PLPBA@yahoo.com, or 713-504-2969 for play times for new members.



Mel Kivley, Character Actor of Port Hadlock

by Tim Rensema, Contributing Writer

You have heard the saying—"One man's trash is another man's treasure." That is definitely true for Melvin Kivley. As you approach the intersection of the Irondale Road, Route 116, and Center Road in Port Hadlock, I am sure you have seen Ann Kivley Drive and the Kivley Center. Mel was a character of the times. He started his stay in Jefferson County, newly married to Ann, but had a one-year stay in the jail in the County Courthouse for moonshining. He was arrested in Stanwood, approximately 20 miles northwest of Everett in the

early 1930s, but the Seattle court sent him to Port Townsend to do his time. He was fortunate to have grown up on a farm, skills which were exactly what Sheriff Jack Carroll needed to establish his farm on Indian Island. Ann stayed with him on the farm. He promised Ann he would no longer deal in liquor while they were married.

Once out of jail Mel purchased land in upper Hadlock and opened a used furniture (and other items) store near the current intersection. He got to know the people and the area very well, as he always kept his eyes open for great deals. He purchased property behind the Kivley store and farmed there for some time. Ann was well versed in china and other high-value items, while Mel could spot a good deal in wagons, beds, and chests of drawers. Port Hadlock, and for that matter all of eastern Jefferson County, was in a state of flux regarding population. With the Ludlow and Washington lumber mills providing transient work, you had many families and individuals who were just passing through. They needed beds, stoves, chests of drawers and other items to set up house, even for six months. This is what Mel provided them, and then purchased the items back (obviously for a lot less than when he sold them) when the families departed. He also made it a point to learn everything about purchasing real estate and setting up a process to purchase deeds in a very short timeframe (and sell it when the time came). This real estate purchase sideline allowed him to scope out old farms where, after the Depression, it was the habit of farmers to bury their money in lieu of using failed banks. In this manner he was able to find jars of money and valuables on the lands he purchased. In most cases he was able to sell the land for a good profit.

When Ann passed away, Mel's promise not to sell moonshine ended. He had been sent to Port Townsend for operating a 50-gallon still in Stanwood. Given his successful business and an abundance of money, he decided to go into moonshine production "big time." He had two production facilities, one in Irondale (in a home that sat on top of the old Irondale Hospital basement) and at his home in Hadlock. He was doing very well "bootlegging" to avoid the liquor tax, when he was turned in to the revenuers. In most cases there was a bounty to be received for doing this. Mel was not home when they raided his 25-gallon mash still located in his garage. He heard what was going on and was able to escape to Seattle until they found him. Local residents of Hadlock and Chimacum can still remember hearing the police cars speeding down Rhody Drive on their way to Mel's.

However, one of the most important contributions that Mel made to Jefferson County was his down-home and witty writing style. Mel finished three books on his life and his experiences across eastern Jefferson County. His books are a motherlode of information on people, places, and events that occurred here from 1930 to 1975. His first book was *Trash and Treasures* which gave some history on his growing up in Stanwood but covered his time in jail and his marriage to Ann. Here is where there is much of the history, but in a folksy

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way, including the personalities of the people involved. He talks about the Valley Tavern originally located in Chimacum, but after an arson fire was moved to its “new” location at the Port Hadlock crossroads. He met the son of Chetzemoka, called the Prince of Wales, one night in the 1930s, soaked to the skin, having beached his canoe in a terrible storm not far from Carroll’s farm. Ann provided him with a hot meal and something warm to drink. He told Mel a story about how the Hydah Indians had come down and massacred a small part of the Chimacum tribe on the northern part of Indian Island. Mel later met the surviving little girl (she was an old lady at that time) who related the same event to Mel. Mel’s second book, *Hadlock Hill* goes into detail about the establishment of his used furniture business and life with Ann in Hadlock. In this book is where he addresses treasure finds of all types, from buried coin in farmers’ fields to hidden compartments in desks that he purchased. Fittingly, Mel’s last book of his trilogy was called *The Still and I* and covers a bit of his moonshine times in Stanwood, then goes into some detail of Port Hadlock. To get a good appreciation of his life and the events important to eastern Jefferson County, I would recommend you read all three novels. They can be found in the Jefferson County Library. They are fairly short but full of great humor. For those interested in setting up their own still, he gives the procedures and recipes for doing so. You better read all his warnings as well, as stills are known to blow up or the contents from them to poison the unwary imbibers.

Library Reports a Healthy Transition

Jefferson County Library has made steady progress on reopening in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic and attributed its success to the public’s respect for safety protocols. Staff members reported their recent pleasure at seeing new and familiar faces, hearing children laughing again inside the building, and receiving feedback on library changes. Although they are currently unable to provide meeting rooms or in-person events due to space limitations, they said they’re hopeful that will change soon. Below are additional updates:

Health Checkup. The library is disinfected by cleaning staff every evening, and by the time you read this, most (if not all) library staff will be vaccinated. All materials must be returned to book drops located outside the library; from there they go to quarantine for 24 hours prior to processing. If returned materials continue to appear on your account, it is due to this quarantine process. The library has no late fees, so no fines are assessed unless you lose a book.

Browse and Get Info. Grab & Go in-library services—when patrons are encouraged to enter the library and browse or get help from information librarians—are available Tuesday to Saturday from noon to 5:00 p.m. Self-checkout is required to reduce contact, and staff can guide you through the process.

Technical Services. Computer access is now available on desktops inside the library from noon to 4:00 p.m., with reservations recommended. Short-term laptop loans for use in the parking lot are also available. Do you need a boost to your home internet connection so you can work (or play) online? The library has MiFi boosters for cardholders to borrow.

On-Site Delivery. Curbside pickups continue to be available from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday. For a complete list of our contactless services, see [jclibrary.info/2020/11/04/contact-free-library-services](https://www.jclibrary.info/2020/11/04/contact-free-library-services). Please note: The library will be closed on **Saturday, May 29**, in observation of Memorial Day.

Staff Changes. In March, JCL children’s librarian Martha Ashenfelter retired after working for the library for 17 years. The current children’s librarian, Scott Bahlmann, will continue to offer programs and services for kids and teens. Newly hired early-childhood services coordinator Rosaletta Curry is hosting family story times every Monday and Wednesday, from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. on Zoom, sharing stories and movement activities for preschoolers, toddlers, and families.

Tech Tuesdays. Library cardholders have access to over 55,000 free eBooks and eAudiobooks. In the **May 4** Tech Tuesday class, you can learn how to access these resources using your smartphone, tablet, or computer. The **May 11** Tech Tuesday class will show you how to use the creative-goods marketplace Etsy, where you can buy and sell uniquely crafted artwork. For links to join these or other library events, go to jclibrary.librarymarket.com/events/month/2021/05.

Painting Botanicals. You can combine your interest in painting and plants in a class titled Botanical Bookmarks on May 20, where you will learn to paint dandelions. After registering for the class, pick up a kit including watercolors, paper, brushes, and other materials, supplied by the library. Then join the class on Zoom. If you are a beginner, this class is just for you. To find out more and register, visit jclibrary.librarymarket.com/events/live-online-botanical-bookmarks.

Trivia Competitions. First-Friday and third-Tuesday Trivia Nights continue in May. Join professional information librarians for online fun and friendly competition with questions that cover topics including movies, music, literature, art, history, science, geography, and pop culture. For a link to join the fun on Zoom, go to jclibrary.librarymarket.com/events/live-online-friday-night-trivia-10.

Used-Book Sale. On **Saturday, May 8**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Friends of the Library will be holding a used-book sale in the bookmobile garage located next to the library building. Masks and social distancing will be required. Please note the library is not currently accepting donations. All book sale revenue supports the Jefferson County Library.

What’s a Seed Library? JCL is once again partnering with Washington State University to deliver seed orders at regular

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bookmobile stops. WSU will provide instructions on how to sign up for the program as well as tips on how to harvest seeds to donate back to the seed library once the plants are mature. The library also has a collection of seed sieves to lend. Learn more at jclibrary.info/use-the-library/bookmobile/seed-library.

Mobile Services. Both browsing and contactless-hold deliveries are available at regular bookmobile stops Monday to Friday. To meet Washington physical distancing requirements the bookmobile can now accommodate two patrons at a time. For a list of bookmobile stops and other library schedules, go to jclibrary.info/use-the-library/location-hours.

Jefferson County Library is located at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock. Wi-Fi is available in the parking lot 24/7. Contact the library staff at 360-385-6544 or information@jclibrary.info.

Did You Know Vitamin C is Essential for Plant Growth?

by Eline Lybarger, Contributing Writer

It has been known for a long time that Vitamin C is a critical component part of plant health. Precisely what it did for the plant was a mystery until Professor Nicholas Smeinoff at the University of Exeter discovered that an enzyme, GDP-L-galactose Phosphorylase, that produces Vitamin C, or ascorbate, in plants is enclosed in two genes. By genetically engineering plants that were unable to produce Vitamin C, he identified Vitamin C's role in plant growth. Plants lacking the critical enzyme to create Vitamin C did not develop beyond seedlings.

Vitamin C's role in plants is more complex than just growth. Sunlight is an important part of plant photosynthesis, but UV rays can damage the plant. Vitamin C protects the plant from these harmful rays without interfering with photosynthesis. It also functions as an antioxidant, helping plants to deal with stresses like drought, ozone and climate change. An improved understanding of fundamental plant growth can lead to improved crop yield or survival during global warming.

Professor Smeinoff's discovery has already created a new and less expensive approach to producing dietary supplements for humans. Currently Vitamin C is produced in two steps: one step of fermentation followed by a second step of chemical synthesis. The new enzyme has the potential to engineer microbes to produce the vitamin in just one step. The future impact of this discovery is unlimited!



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A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Mike Glenn".

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