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Fall Sunrise over Ludlow Bay.

Photo by Jay Syverson

Feature Articles

A Merry Local Christmas!

by Bev Rothenborg, Arts and Entertainment Editor

We can have a festive and joyful holiday without traveling far from home, getting stuck in heavy traffic, or spending a lot of money. The following suggestions offer you a stress-free way to enjoy the season.

Start off on **Saturday, December 1**, by heading to Port Townsend for the lighting of the Christmas tree at Haller Fountain, when Santa comes to visit on the Kiwanis Choo Choo Train. He'll light the tree about 4:30 p.m., and visit with children at the Cotton Building, 607 Water Street, afterwards. There will be caroling in the streets with the Wild Rose Chorale from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. That evening the Art Walk begins at 5:30 p.m., when all of the galleries and shops will be open and aglow with lights, music, art, and food. Choo Choo Train rides for families will also happen from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. on **Saturdays, December 8 and 15**.

Also, in Port Townsend the Victorian Open Parlor Tours occur on **Saturday, December 15**. You'll be able to tour beautifully decorated 19th-century buildings and homes, where you'll meet costumed docents who will give you the building's history. There will be seasonal music and holiday treats. Tickets are \$15 a person and may be purchased at your first stop. The buildings confirmed at press time were the Old Consulate Inn, built in 1889, and the Bishop Victorian Hotel, a lovely 3-story brick building erected in 1891 at a cost of \$15,000. More homes are to be confirmed.

An event that I never miss is Port Gamble's Country Christmas, which happens on **Saturday, December 8** (10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.) and **Sunday, December 9** (11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.). The town is aglow with 100,000 sparkling holiday lights. You can enjoy craft-making for kids at Santa's workshop, horse-drawn hayrides, and a holiday fireworks display after dark. The Port Gamble Theater always has a special matinee of their holiday play with treats for kids that weekend. *A Charlie Brown Christmas* will be performed at 1:00 p.m. on **Saturday, December 8**.

Here at home the First Wednesday Luncheon's event on **December 5** will be festive with the program by the Port Ludlow Singers, plus bell-ringers. There will be a raffle of beautiful holiday gift baskets—all proceeds to benefit the Tri-Area Food Bank. Port Ludlow Performing Arts will serve wassail along with their musical offering on **Sunday, December 9**. For details on this and other area performing events, please check the Performing Arts Calendar in the Arts and Entertainment section.

Our Port Ludlow Art League's Holiday Shoppe is now open in the upper Village with a wonderful supply of hand-made items by our local artists. Do we need to buy more poorly-made stuff imported from foreign countries when we have a selection of gifts lovingly made by artists we know? The Shoppe is open from noon to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and the first three Sundays in December.

And if your holiday is not complete without at least one performance by Port Ludlow's Choral Belles, they will be singing at a Candlelight Concert at Trinity United Methodist Church, 609 Taylor Street, Port Townsend, at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, December 20**. This is a benefit for Toys for Tots, with a nominal suggested donation. And, of course, many of us need to hear Handel's *Messiah* at least once during the season. We can go to Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church on Bainbridge Island where we can sing along with the Bainbridge Chorale and soloists on **Friday, December 28**, at 7:00 p.m. Bring your own score or borrow one from the Chorale.

During this wonderful season of Advent, I hope I have given you some ideas to enhance your festivities. I wish you the merriest of holidays and the healthiest of New Years. Peace and Good Will to All!

Shop Local this Holiday Season

There's no need to travel to the big city or go over the bridge. There are lots of wonderful holiday gift ideas right here in Port Ludlow.

A stroll through the Village Center could provide everything you need. Beautiful works of art, made by members of the Port Ludlow Art League (PLAL), are on display at the PLAL Gallery. The Village Store has old time toys and candy for those Christmas stockings, hats and mittens for cold winter days, as well as Seahawks and Mariners souvenirs for the big game.

The Village Post Office has cards and items made by local artists. Ludlow Bay Massage and Wellness Spa offers gift certificates that will help your loved ones relax and unwind after the holidays. Dana Pointe Interiors has antiques for your hard-to-please relative; and you can take time to taste wine at AGoodyear, and buy some there, too.

The Resort At Port Ludlow has gift cards that can be used at the golf course, marina, and the Fireside Restaurant. And, don't forget to stop by the golf course, try out a few clubs, and buy a present for yourself.

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If you're looking for a sweet treat, Megan Eisenman has just started a business, Midnight Confections, "a chocolate for every taste." Give her a call at 360-302-1638.

At the Bay Club, Quilters by the Bay have quilts on display with some available for purchase. Also, Pamela Raine (206-465-5846) and Ann Radwick (360-437-0318) have pottery items for sale in the display case located in the craft room.

Get your shopping done early so you can enjoy the season. Happy Holidays!

The Sky up There: Star of Bethlehem

by Mark S. Rader, Contributing Writer

Probably no astronomical phenomenon in history has been more discussed, more disputed, more questioned, perhaps more studied than the Star of Bethlehem, known throughout the world as the Christian symbol of the birth of Christ. According to the *New Testament Book of Matthew*, this "star"—also known as the Christmas Star—served to guide wise men from the East to travel to Jerusalem, then on to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn king of the Jews. As we all know, he was called Jesus, and in time he became the foundation for Christianity. All this evidently happened about two thousand years ago. In truth, almost nothing is known about these events since almost no corroborative evidence exists, even about Jesus.

To begin, we examine the Christmas Star. The first question to be asked is, was there a Star? The easy answer in conventional terms is, no. The only star in our sky truly bright enough to serve as a guide beacon is the Sun, and that clearly was not the Star of Bethlehem. So what possible alternative explanations can there be? There are a few. One possibility frequently mentioned is a comet—perhaps even Halley's Comet, the best known of them all. Modern-day astronomy can determine the orbital characteristics of this comet for that period in time. In fact, those computations have been done, and they disqualify Halley's Comet. It was nowhere in sight in the relevant time frame. So, what about another, hitherto undiscovered comet? Again, the answer is no, for a number of reasons. First, a comet as bright as the Christmas Star would not appear star-like. It would have a tail and move significantly day-by-day. The tail's length would also change as it moved toward the Sun. Finally, comets during this time typically portended something ominous—scarcely how the birth of Christ would be received. So, what about a conjunction of stars or planets? In the case of stars, the distances between them are too great, and their comparative rates of motion too slow ever to allow two or three of them to appear as a

single bright star. Only a nearby nova or supernova—two types of exploding stars—could fill the bill, but no such event can be found in any of the history of that time.

What about a conjunction of planets, perhaps Jupiter and Saturn, or Mars and Jupiter, or all three of them together at one time; thus, giving the appearance of a single extraordinarily bright star? The problem with this scenario is tied in orbital mechanics and orbital inclination of these planets, each to the other. Even if two or three came into relative alignment two thousand years ago, within hours they would be seen to move apart, away from each other—hardly appearing as a star. Moreover, there is no record of any such planetary alignment of any significance in our time-frame, and computer simulations bear that out.

So where are we then? In the end we're simply left with our beliefs. But it's worth noting, science isn't infallible. After all, numerous miracles are found throughout history.

"All Aboard!" the Port Ludlow Express

by Tim Rensema, Contributing Writer

While there never was a Port Ludlow Express Train, there was the McCormick Logging Train that accessed the interior of Jefferson County, where logging teams were cutting large Douglas fir. The tracks were laid in the early 1930s by the McCormick Lumber Company. It started at Picnic Point (near Ludlow Cove) and traveled west, by the Port Ludlow Associates' (PLA) buildings, off Breaker Lane, across Ludlow Creek, and following along the south side of Oak Bay Road to the RT 19 and Oak Bay Road intersection. The logs were then brought back to Walker Camp (currently Ludlow Cove) and dumped into the cove to be stored until the logs were needed by the Port Ludlow Mill. Walker Camp was named after Cyrus Walker, who was one of the owners of Pope and Talbot Lumber, and also the mill manager until the early 1900s.

Pictures of Walker Camp and McCormick Trains are mounted in one of the dining rooms of the Fireside Restaurant. Walker Camp was previously named Talbot Camp, when it was constructed on Crocker Lake to provide support to the logging operations near Discovery Bay. When all the merchantable logs were removed, McCormick moved all the buildings and tracks to Port Ludlow. Nothing remains of the tracks or trains today. If you use your imagination and hike the Picnic Point Trail from Paradise Bay Road, once it crosses the pedestrian bridge, you will see that the trail narrows into a six foot wide "berm" with blackberries on both sides. This is the old right of way for the railroad tracks.

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Leslie Delbert's, *In and Around Port Ludlow, Yesterday and Today*, refers to the train as a commuter train that had two tracks, one going south to Shine and one going west toward Sandy Shore. It probably carried loggers out to the cutting sites and brought them back at the close of work, but during the day would have transported logs to Picnic Point. On the shore of Picnic Point you can still see where the end to the train tracks were located, at a large log with track spikes imbedded in them. In the USGS Maps of 1938, one line of train tracks is shown leading to the intersection of Beaver Valley Road and Oak Bay Road, going south along the future Route 19. Perhaps a two inch cable that crosses the intermittent stream on the Interpretive Trail is a remnant of the trestle crossing. It may have helped to anchor the trestle. Otherwise, note the somewhat level ten foot wide path going back toward the PLA buildings.

So, the next time you visit Picnic Point, using the newly renovated trail (it is now a dry route) or are walking along the Interpretive Trail, just imagine the sound of a train whistle blowing almost one hundred years ago, continuing to provide logs and jobs to the Puget Mill at Port Ludlow.

Postal Tips for the Holidays

by Frances Rawski, Guest Writer

You're mailing your parcels and you're checking them twice!

November and December are the busiest times of the year for shipping and mailing parcels and letters. Be prepared when you go to the post office to send off your parcels, holiday cards, and mail in general; being prepared will help with the waiting time and assist the elves behind the counter who place postage on your parcels and letters.

Mail early, don't wait too late to get those special items to your loved ones and friends. Dates to remember:

- Mail first class and priority mail before December 20
- Mail priority express mail before December 22
- Mail USPS retail ground before December 14

Here are some friendly suggestions:

- Have all parcels and letters prepared and ready before you get in line for postage.
- If you're shipping parcels, tape boxes with shipping tape.
- Include two labels on your packages: (1) Return Address (2) Ship To (include all of the following information: Name, Street Address or PO Box, City, State and Zip Code).

- Purchase your forever stamps before the holiday rush. Rumor has it that after the first of the year, there may be an increase in the price stamps.

The Village Mail and More will assist in taping your box and preparing your labels for a fee.

If you would like to add some "bling" under your tree, we will be offering a giftwrapping service for a fee during the holidays. Bring your gifts in to be wrapped in holiday gift paper by our friendly Elves. Of course, bows will be included.

Wishing you Happy Holidays and a safe and healthy New Year.

Voter Turnout

by Jen Portz, Contributing Writer

The election of 2018 is history. Whether you are crying or crowing, the number of people exercising their right to vote was astounding! Across the United States, during this mid-term election, a whopping 47 percent of registered voters cast a ballot - a level not seen since the mid-1960s, when 49 percent voted. Historically, the average turnout for mid-term elections sits at a low 40 percent nationwide, and for presidential elections it only averages 60 percent. "But wait!" I hear you say, "That means half of voters decide elections?" Alas, in our great country that is true and that's only *registered* voters. In 2016, the US Census Bureau estimated that only 64 percent of *eligible* voters were registered.

If that seems crazy, you must live in the state of Washington, where nearly 77 percent of eligible voters are registered, and for the past half century, we have averaged a whopping 63 percent participation in mid-term elections, and 80 percent during presidential elections. Here in Jefferson County, residents routinely vie with other counties to lead the state in voter turnout, and this year was no exception. While the final vote won't be certified until after Thanksgiving, as of this writing Jefferson County's turnout was 82.2 percent, with Garfield County just edging us out for the top spot with 82.6 percent.

So, huzzah!! Here's to all who exercised their sacred right to vote. Your actions show not only how much you hold dear the ability to voice an opinion, but how much you cherish our great nation. And for those who chose not to cast a ballot, don't bother crying or crowing; if you want a voice, you have to vote!

Watch Out for Deer

A message from the Washington department of Fish & Wildlife



More than half of all deer/vehicle collisions occur in October and November. Stay safe on the roads and check out these driving tips to prevent collisions:

- Be especially watchful during dawn and dusk when deer are most active.
- One deer crossing the road may be a sign that more deer are about to cross. They will move fast to catch up with leaders, mothers, or mates, and may not pay attention to traffic.

Home Owner Association Laws

by Jen Portz, Contributing Writer

Port Ludlow is neither a city nor a town; we are a gathering of Home Owner Associations (HOAs) within the geographic boundaries of a Master Planned Resort (MPR) that was created by a developer. Broadly speaking, HOAs are private governing entities whose resources (club houses, common areas, etc.) are managed for their members only and whose meetings are generally open to members only. HOAs are not bound by public open meeting laws, but there are similar regulations that ensure HOA boards are held to strict standards when it comes to representing their members. If the mix of these HOA governing documents and state laws make your eyes glaze over, you're not alone, but in reality, they are pretty simple.

Port Ludlow is governed by two separate Master Associations. In North Bay, whether you are a homeowner or a landowner, you are a member of the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC). South Bay is a bit of a different duck. Overarching almost all of the homes south of the stop sign at Oak Bay and Paradise Bay Roads there is South Bay Community Association (SBCA), an umbrella master association for the roughly 16 village associations, each of which are separate from and subordinate to SBCA.

LMC, SBCA, and the village associations were created as private, non-profit corporations with articles of incorporation and by-laws. Such corporations are bound by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 24.03: Nonprofit Corporation Act, which begins to shape the rights and responsibilities of boards and members. In tandem with this law is RCW 64.38: Homeowners' Associations, where such things as open and closed meetings, quorums, and reserve accounts are explained and discussed. Lastly, all our HOAs have legally binding covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs) that spell out how the HOA is to be run. In South Bay, if there is a conflict between SBCA's and a village's CC&Rs the more restrictive regulation takes precedence.

Through the years, efforts have been made to unite the master HOAs, but none have succeeded... so far. Changing CC&Rs is a high bar to reach as it generally requires a 75-80 percent member approval. Still, someday we could see a change, until then, whether you think of HOAs as a boon or a bane, in Port Ludlow they are a fact of life.

(Writer's Note: You'll notice the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) has not been mentioned here. That is because it is not an HOA and therefore not a governing body. It is merely a private nonprofit corporation that was created in 1999. Its stated purpose was to be "a unifying force in the community: to identify issues of importance; to formulate a consensus of opinion among residents, merchants and developers; and to represent those community interests to the public as well as to government entities.")

Ken's Gardening Corner

by Ken Taylor, Contributing Writer

With Christmas right around the corner, it is time to dole out that good 'ole' Christmas tree advice once again. First off, check the needles. On a moist tree, the needles will bend in your fingers; on a dry tree, the needles will snap. Cut 1 - 2 inches off the trunk base when you get the tree home. Store it outside in water until you're ready to decorate. Check the tree stand daily to ensure water levels remain constant. When you are placing your tree, keep in mind, the warmer the room is where your tree is stored, the faster it will dry out. Try to keep your tree away from fireplaces, heating vents, and other sources of warm air. If you remove lower branches from your tree, use them to decorate other areas of your home, inside or out. Indoors, protect wood finishes by placing boughs on a piece of fabric or parchment.

If a frost warning is issued, water plants before temperatures drop. Plants that are well-watered survive frost better. When frost comes without warning, watering afterwards

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helps plants survive. Irrigate after plants start to thaw. When you're covering plants for the night, ensure your protective coverings touch the ground. Frost protection covers work by trapping radiant heat in soil. As soil releases its heat, the cover holds the heat around the plant. Use fabric covers, such as plant insulating blankets, burlap, or bed sheets. It's easy and quick to build a shelter around tender plants: Anchor stakes in soil and attach a cover to stakes. Not all plants can withstand the same low temperatures. If temperatures are predicted to drop below 15 degrees F, protect broadleaf evergreens such as rhododendron, camellia, and holly. When a lawn is frozen, or grass blades are frost-covered, keep off! Walking on lawns in this condition can actually damage turf crowns.



One of Ken Taylor's beautiful photographs of Mt. Olympus.

Finally, I would like to close out my last article by sending out a great big "Thank you" to every one of you gardening enthusiasts who have been reading my gardening babble for the past two and a half years. It has been a real joy sharing with you all my trials and tribulations of outdoor gardening. Now it is time to once again go back to concentrating on my small business and farm while dealing with the perils of trying to build a home. And for the last time, "Eat Healthy and Happy Gardening."

Ken Taylor's articles have been a major feature over the past few years. It will be hard to replace him, but the Voice is looking for someone who's willing to try. If you enjoy gardening, writing, and volunteering in your community, please contact editor@plvoice.org and let us know.

Brrr! Cold Weather Tips

by SPCA Staff

As we near the end of 2018 the temperatures are going to continue to drop for most us. You're probably pulling out your heavy socks and puffy coats to help you keep nice and toasty when you're outside. It's important to remember how we can keep our four-legged friends happy and healthy during the late fall and winter months.



Bundling Up: Not every dog or cat is built for cold snowy weather. Walks should be adjusted according to how cold it is outside, the lower the temperature the shorter the walk. Short-haired pets may need an extra layer when outside, but remember that in very cold weather long-haired pets may also need an added layer. Cats and dogs are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia, do not leave your pets outside for long periods of time.

Paws: There are many pet-friendly alternatives for ice-melt but you should still protect your pet's feet from ice-melt and snow. You can do this with booties, but if your dog is like mine and absolutely hates booties use Musher's Wax to prevent paw pads from drying out and remember to routinely wipe snow and ice from their paws during walks.

Cars: Antifreeze is incredibly toxic, if you have a car, make sure to clean up any spills that occur and to wipe off your pets paws (and stomach if low to the ground) when coming inside in case they have walked through some. Outdoor and stray cats can also hide in cars for warmth during the colder months, check underneath your car and bang on the hood or honk the horn before starting the engine to encourage them to vacate their roost.

The winter can be a fun time for everyone, just remember to protect your pet so they can have fun too.

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A Lesson in Writing



Alexis Michaels.

Submitted photo

Chimacum Creek Primary School Second Graders (seven year olds) in Sally Pfaff's class have just finished a science unit on birds. To meet their nonfiction writing goals, students researched different types of birds and learned how to put that information into informative, descriptive paragraphs. In addition, students collected nest materials that birds might use themselves and made nests. Owner and wildlife rehabilitator Cynthia Daly from Discovery Bay Wild Bird Rescue shared her knowledge of wild raptors. Students were able to see live, relatively tame raptors up

close! Cynthia gave an informative talk about her birds and introduced the students to five species of raptors: a Great Horned Owl, a Pygmy Owl, a Prairie Falcon, a Kestrel, and a Swainson's Hawk. These birds were not able to return to the wild due to a previous injury. The knowledge gained from this experience has been invaluable. Following the lesson, the class began to write. The following is an example of one student's work:

The Bald Eagle

by Alexis Michaels, Second Grade, Chimacum Creek Primary School

I know a lot about bald eagles. Bald eagles are raptors. Raptors are birds of prey, and they have sharp talons to help them catch their prey. Bald eagles eat fish, seabirds, ducks, rats, and other small mammals. They will also eat dead fish and other animals that have washed up on shore. They are about as big as a second grader when they spread their wings! Baby eagles are called eaglets when they are born and have grey and white feathers. Females are bigger than males. Did you know a bald eagle can see prey a mile away? They live near water like oceans and streams, where they can build their giant nests in tall trees at the edge of a forest. Bald eagles are amazing birds!

Maybe Alexis would like to write for the *Voice*.

Community, Comfort, and Celebration

The holiday season is a wonderful time to come together, and what better way to do that than with fellow library lovers! This season, the Jefferson County Library will be hosting the following events for relaxation and joyous celebration while providing opportunities to find your creative side.

The Danish word *hygge* (pronounced *hoo-gah*) is a feeling more than a word – it is the feeling of enjoying life's simple pleasures and making the ordinary more meaningful, beautiful, and special. The library will be hosting its own holiday *hygge* evening of mellow music and simple crafts on **Wednesday, December 5**, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Appreciate simplicity, togetherness, and comfort while coloring or creating paper snowflakes. Crafting supplies will be provided. This event is for adults only.

All ages are welcome to celebrate at the library's annual Holiday Open House on **Wednesday, December 12**, from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Live acoustic guitar will be performed

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by Trevor Hansen, and light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Jefferson County Library. Seasonal craft projects for adults and kids can be created in the crafting room from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. where all materials will be provided.

During the Holiday Open House awards will be announced for our annual gingerbread house contest, so be sure to submit your innovative entries between **December 1** and the deadline of noon on **December 12**. You can find contest details on the library website. Come in to the library and vote for your favorite!

For more information about these Jefferson County Library holiday events, please call 360-385-6544 or go to jclibrary.info.

Chamber Holds Toys for Tots Luncheon



The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce is holding a Toys for Tots focused Chamber luncheon on **Monday, December 3**, in Port Townsend. Luncheon attendees are asked to bring a new unwrapped toy to donate to the program.

Local Toys for Tots Coordinator Don Olsen will discuss the annual toy drive and the way the local program, which works in partnership with the local Christmas for Children program, serves more than 500 Jefferson County children.

The luncheon, sponsored by Kristin Manwaring Insurance, opens at 11:45 a.m. at the Elks Lodge, 555 Otto Street in Port Townsend. The program begins at 12:15 p.m. sharp. Attending luncheons is free for Chamber members, and guests are asked to make a \$5 donation. Lunch is available for purchase at the Elks.

Toy donations can also be dropped off in December at the Chamber office, 2409 Jefferson Street in Port Townsend, one of many toy donation drop-off sites in Jefferson County. For the complete list of Toys for Tots drop-off sites in Jefferson County, visit port-townsend-wa.toysfortots.org.

For more information, contact the Jefferson County Chamber at 360-385-7869.

Chimacum Schools Matter, Cispus Learning Center

by David Carthum, Principal of Chimacum Middle School



Chimacum Middle School 6th graders visit Cispus Learning Center. Submitted photo

For the past thirty years, one of the hallmarks of arriving at Chimacum Middle School (CMS) as a sixth grader is the trip to the Cispus Learning Center close to Mt. St Helens. Cispus provides an outdoor education program for public school students in Washington State. Our sixth graders typically attend Cispus around the second week in September, as a way for us to build a sense of team and community, and a strong connection to CMS. We intentionally chose this time because it occurs at the beginning of the school year, and is a nice way to bring the students into the CMS community. Other goals of the trip to Camp Cispus are to share a beautiful part of our state with our students, to teach students ways to care for our national forests, to learn about the natural and social history of the area, to learn about volcanoes, and to practice team-building skills through character education.

Cispus Learning Center allows students the opportunity to learn about the flora and fauna found in Gifford Pinchot National Forest, go on hikes to Angel Falls, participate in team-building exercises on the challenge course, and participate in archery. One of the highlights of going to Cispus is the day trip students take to Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. While there, they hike up

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to Windy Ridge to see the power and destruction of the Mount St. Helens eruption, and how nature is repairing the damage that was caused to the landscape.

To assist the CMS students, we invite a group of high school students to attend as camp counselors. Kids in good standing are chosen; typically they experienced Cispus when they were in 6th grade themselves. These CHS students provide leadership, communication, and team-building skills to the CMS students.

Attending the outdoor education program at Cispus Learning Center has been a cherished and valuable part of the Chimacum Middle School experience for over 30 years. We hope to continue offering this opportunity for many years to come.

Chimacum Receives Board of Distinction Award

For 2018, 34 school boards applied to the Boards of Distinction program. Not only is 34 the largest number of applicants ever, it is the fourth year in a row that applications have increased. "I think it went very, very well," said Colleen Miller, director of leadership development services at the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA). "The whole point of the program is to encourage use of the Washington School Board standards, which positively influence student achievement. So, to see more boards applying is wonderful."

Twenty-nine of the 34 boards were successful with their application. In addition to collecting general information, the application requires two written essays that must be supported by evidence. Examples of evidence include data, portions of board meeting minutes, protocols, policies, evaluation tools, and communications.

"Sometimes illustrating a clear alignment between data, a specific board decision, and outcomes resulting from a decision can be tricky," Miller said. "Successfully demonstrating a link between those three things is really what we're looking for."

Reviewing all the applications is no small task, either. A panel of seven judges easily spends six to eight hours each not only reviewing, but even before that, working together with WSSDA staff to "calibrate" how applications are evaluated. Judges include former and current Educational Service District superintendents, State Board of Education members, former school directors, and others who are involved in education leadership on a statewide level.

Out of all the applicants, three were marked for even greater recognition as Board of the Year. Boards of the

Year are those that demonstrate the strongest alignment in the trifecta of evidence, outcome, and board decision-making. One winner is selected for each category: small, medium, and large school districts. The winners of that distinction are announced at WSSDA's annual conference in November. The 2018 Boards of Distinction for the small districts are: Chimacum, Morton, South Bend, and Toledo. Visit wssda.org/bod to learn more about the Boards of Distinction program.

Chimacum School District Announces Board Vacancy

At the November 7, 2018 meeting, the Chimacum School Board accepted the resignation of Robert Bunker. The open seat represents Director District 4, Port Ludlow.

Interested candidates should first confirm with the county elections office (360-385-9117) whether they reside within the boundaries of District 4. A link to Jefferson County boundaries is at the co.jefferson.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5323/SD49-Director-Districts?bidId.

The board expects to review applications on **January 9, 2019**, during the regular meeting. Candidates need to complete an application, which is posted on the district's website, at csd49.org. Interviews are conducted in an open public meeting at a board meeting at a time suitable to a quorum of the board, likely in January.

The District 4 seat is open to election in 2019. The filing window is **May 13 - 17, 2019**; a primary election (if more than two candidates file) will be held **August 6, 2019**, and the general election is scheduled for **November 5, 2019**.

The successful candidate will receive orientation to board service. For more information about board service, interested applicants should see Washington State School Directors' Association School Board Standards at wssda.org/LeadershipDevelopment/WashingtonSchoolBoardStandards.aspx.

For more information, contact Chimacum School District Superintendent Rick Thompson, at 360-302-5896, or email rick_thompson@csd49.org.

Jefferson Healthcare Recognized for Excellence

On November 15, on National Rural Health Day, Jefferson Healthcare announced it has been recognized by The Chartis Center of Rural Health, and the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH), for overall excellence in outcomes, reflecting top quartile performance among all rural hospitals in the nation.

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“To be recognized as a national leader in performance leadership for our patient outcomes is a wonderful validation of the work we do for our patients and community. Delivering safe, high-quality patient care is Jefferson Healthcare’s highest priority, and it is very rewarding to be heralded for our work,” said Mike Glenn, chief executive officer for Jefferson Healthcare.

The Performance Leadership Awards are determined each year using iVantage Health Analytics’ Hospital Strength INDEX, the industry’s most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Leveraging data from public data sources, the INDEX aggregates data from 50 rural-relevant metrics across eight pillars to derive a single overall percentile rating for all critical access hospitals, and rural and community hospitals. The Performance Leadership Awards spotlight top performance in the areas of quality, outcomes, and patient perspective.

“National Rural Health Day provides the ideal opportunity to spotlight the power of rural, and recognize those facilities excelling in quality, patient satisfaction, and outcomes,” said Michael Topchik, national leader of the Chartis Center for Rural Health. “We’re thrilled to partner with NOSORH on this program and commend this year’s recipients who are working diligently to provide quality care within their communities.”

Jefferson Healthcare Announces New Chief Nursing Officer

Tina Toner, R.N., is the new Chief Nursing Officer at Jefferson Healthcare. Tina brings a wealth of experience, including 15 years of medical, surgical, and family birth nursing, as well as nurse leadership. Most recently, Toner spent nine years as the Chief Nursing Officer of a critical access hospital in Lovell, Wyoming. At Jefferson Healthcare, she will lead the acute care unit, emergency department, express clinic, family birth center, house supervisors, intensive care unit, pharmacy, respiratory, and surgical services departments, and hospital-based providers.

Tina and her family relocated to the Pacific Northwest and appreciate the beauty and small town feel they find in Port Townsend and the surrounding areas. Tina stated, “Even with the beauty of the area, it wasn’t until meeting the people and seeing the work being done by Jefferson Healthcare employees and the leadership, that I knew I wanted to be a part of such a dynamic team.”

Along with her extensive experience, Toner has a Master of Science in Nursing, Master of Business Administration, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is the recipient of the 2016 Wyoming Nurse of the Year – Norman S. Holt Award for Excellence in Nursing.

Hip Fracture Treatment

Jefferson Healthcare is 5-star rated for hip fracture treatment outcomes, according to a study released by Healthgrades, the leading online resource for comprehensive information about physicians and hospitals. This achievement is part of new findings and data featured in the Healthgrades 2019 Report to the Nation. Every year Healthgrades evaluates hospital performance at almost 4,500 hospitals nationwide for 32 of the most common inpatient procedures and conditions.

A 5-star rating indicates that Jefferson Healthcare’s clinical outcomes are statistically significantly better than expected when treating the condition or performing the procedure being evaluated. The demonstration of exceptional quality in the treatment of hip fractures started at Jefferson Healthcare with recruiting a skilled and passionate team of orthopedic surgeons. Surgeons worked in collaboration with the Surgical Quality Committee to elevate best practices, identify opportunities for improvement, and enhance teamwork and communication. Jessi Taft, R.N., clinical practice manager, also supported the work of the quality committee and advocated for the creation of a hip fracture program after returning from a conference. She shared the best practices with the surgeons, who were supportive of this work. “In addition to our incredible surgeons, it was the work of the team - including the surgeons, CRNAs, inpatient nursing, rehab, pharmacy, infection prevention, surgical services, quality and patient safety, and front line staff members who worked hard to ensure that we were providing the best possible care for our patients, while inviting patients and family members to become valued members of our patient care team,” said Brandi Manuel, chief of patient safety and quality.

Jefferson Healthcare was also recognized with the 2018 Patient Safety Excellence Award and is the only hospital in the State of Washington to receive that distinction. Brad Bowman, M.D., chief medical officer at Healthgrades stated, “This 5-star rating for hip fracture treatment showcases the expertise and commitment of Jefferson Healthcare to their patients.”

Healthgrades recognizes a hospital’s quality achievements for cohort-specific performance, specialty area performance, and overall clinical quality. Individual procedure or condition cohorts are designated as 5-star (statistically significantly better than expected), 3-star (not statistically different from expected) and 1-star (statistically significantly worse than expected) categories. The complete Healthgrades 2019 Report to the Nation and detailed study methodology can be found at [healthgrades.com/quality/](https://www.healthgrades.com/quality/).

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

Alarm Statistics October 2018

Alarms

Fires	5
Rescue/Emergency Medical	54
Service Call	6
Good Intent	16
False Alarm	4
Hazardous Conditions	1
Total Alarms	86

Ambulance Transports

Jefferson Healthcare	17
Harrison Medical Center, Bremerton	1
Harborview	1
Airlift Northwest	1
Olympic Memorial	1
Total Transports	21

Aid

Aid Given	27
Aid Received	4

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- A folding shovel
- A small tool kit

Plan ahead for windstorms and possible power outages at home:

- Use flashlights, not candles, for alternative lighting.
- Have foods on hand you can cook on an outside grill or a camp stove. NEVER use a camp stove indoors.
- If you have a generator, have a supply of extra fuel and don't run a generator from inside your garage. Put your generator either in your driveway or on an outside deck.
- Plan to check on any neighbors who might need help.

NOTE: As the weather turns, smoke columns from outdoor burning could hang lower than usual causing an unpleasant environment for you and your neighbors. If that occurs as you are burning outside, please consider holding off on your burning until the weather allows the smoke to rise and dissipate.

If you have any questions about the services Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue provides, please contact me at 360-437-2236 or via email at bmartin@plfr.org.

Prepare for Winter

by Brad Martin, Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue Chief

While forecasts are everchanging, the time of year is indicative of winter. Here are some things you can do to prepare for colder weather:

- After removing your garden hoses from outside faucets, use foam hose bib covers to protect the faucets from freezing.
- If you have a wood-burning stove, make sure the chimney is free of any bird nests or other debris that could prevent smoke from rising up the flue.
- Install new furnace filters.

Be prepared if you are on the go. Items to keep in your car include:

- Blanket
- Flares
- First aid kit
- Extra winter clothes and/or a small blanket
- Jumper cables
- A bag of sand for traction if you get stuck in snow or ice
- An ice scraper
- A couple of bottles of water
- Dried foods like beef jerky, granola bars, or something that meets your dietary needs
- Emergency tire sealant

Ludlow Private Car Ride Service Switches Back to Uber

Many of you have seen a recurring ad in the *Voice* for "Port Ludlow private car rides," and many have taken advantage of this local service for rides to physical therapy appointments, the Jefferson Healthcare clinic, casinos, SeaTac airport, and other destinations. Dave Cunningham, a Port Ludlow resident who drives for Uber, started the service to help those who don't have the Uber app.

He allowed riders to call or email him for private rides, which he provided for 20 percent less than Uber rates. This month, Cunningham told the *Voice* that he can no longer provide rides unless passengers use the mobile-phone Uber app to request a pickup.

"It's simply an insurance issue," Cunningham said. "I'm covered by special rideshare insurance when passengers use the app, but I just found out that it doesn't apply to private car rides. So, all rides will have to go through the Uber app."

He said riders can still contact him personally at 32cunningham@gmail.com, or 360-344-8327, for a ride when desired. If he's available, he will then turn on his Uber driver app, which enables him to accept your request when you use your Uber Rider app to ask for a ride.

New Medicare Cards are Coming!



Do you have Medicare or care for someone who does? Medicare is mailing new cards to all people with Medicare. Instead

of your Social Security Number, the new card will now have a number that's unique to you. You don't have to do anything to get your new card. Medicare will automatically mail it to you, so be sure your address is current with the Social Security Administration (SSA). Once you get your new card, destroy your old card and start using the new one right away. Mailing all of the cards will take time, so you might get your card at a different time than your spouse, friend, or neighbor. And, remember, no one from Medicare will call or contact you, uninvited, to ask for your personal information. To learn more, visit Medicare.gov/newcard, or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877- 486-2048.

Agate Pass Bridge Closure

The Agate Pass Bridge will be closed Sundays through Thursdays from **December 2 to 21**, with alternating periods of one-lane traffic and full-bridge closures between 8 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.

Department of Transportation maintenance crews will be replacing steel beams that were damaged last March by a vehicle carrying a load that exceeded the bridge's height limits, according to *The Kitsap Sun*.

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Community Meetings

First Wednesday Luncheon

The always popular First Wednesday Holiday luncheon will be held on **December 5** at 11:00 a.m. at the Bay Club. The festivities will include performances by The Port Ludlow Singers and the ever-entertaining Bell Ringers. The entertainment will be followed by a special holiday basket raffle.

There is no admission fee. Guests are asked to donate non-perishable foods, personal toiletries, household products, pet food, and diapers. Monetary donations to the Tri-Area Food Bank are also gratefully accepted.

December's luncheon is always spectacular, so sign up by November 30 at either club to ensure your spot. For this luncheon, table service will be provided. Contact Marilyn Durand at 360-437-7677 to cancel or make a late reservation.

Martha's Book Club

Join us at 6:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, December 11**, at the Bay Club to discuss *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles, the story of an aging itinerant news reader who agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa tribe back to her people.

In the wake of the Civil War, a seventy-year-old retired army captain does live-readings to paying audiences hungry for news of the world. He is offered a \$50 gold piece to deliver a young orphan, raised by Kiowa raiders who killed her family, to relatives she doesn't remember.

Their 400-mile journey south, through unsettled territory and unforgiving terrain, proves difficult and at times dangerous. Johanna has forgotten the English language, tries to escape at every opportunity, throws away her shoes, and refuses to act "civilized." Yet as the miles pass, the two lonely survivors tentatively begin to trust each other, forging a bond that marks the difference between life and death in this treacherous land.

In this beautiful and spare novel, the landscape comes alive, as does the sense of desperation of being on the road during such dangerous times. Through the author's words, we see, smell, and feel the conditions that the pair experience.

The book selection for January is *Eating Dirt* by Charlotte Gill. Everyone is welcome.

Garden Club Annual Holiday Tea

Port Ludlow Garden Club (PLGC) is hosting one of its most highly anticipated events each year, the annual holiday tea. The tea will be held **Wednesday, December 12**, 11:00 a.m., at the Bay Club. There is no charge to 2018 members and the cost for a guest is \$10.

Enjoy a glass of sparkling wine or cider while chatting with your friends and fellow gardeners during the social hour. There will be lovely and interesting table settings provided by garden club members. The Tea follows the social hour with a selection of tea sandwiches, scones, cookies, and miscellaneous savories and sweets specially prepared by our members. It is too delicious to pass up!

2019 memberships are \$20. Please renew your Garden Club membership before the end of the year. New members for 2019 may attend the 2018 Holiday Tea by paying their 2019 membership plus a \$10 non-member fee for the 2018 Holiday Tea.

Please RSVP by **December 5**. Place RSVPs, guest payments for the tea, and membership renewals (cash or check made payable to PLGC) in an envelope marked PLGC. Take this to the Post Office in Port Ludlow, requesting it be placed in the PLGC basket.

Men's Book Club Meeting

Have you read any great books recently? With a dark, rainy Northwest winter approaching, perhaps we can help you find some inspiring reads. History, biographies, fiction, art—we leave no genre untouched, and we would appreciate the unique perspective and personal history you would bring to our discussions.

We love enthusiastic and engaging reviews. And we don't do any assigned monthly reading, nor do we do politics. We do, however, look forward to meeting you at the Bay Club on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Bring some of your favorite books and join us at our next meeting on **Wednesday, December 19**, in the conference room.

Port Ludlow Bookworms

Bookworms will meet on **Monday, December 17**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bridge Deck to discuss Min Jin Lee's novel, *Pachinko*.

Book Browse describes *Pachinko* as “a sweeping saga of an exceptional family in exile from its homeland and caught in the indifferent arc of history. Through desperate struggles and hard-won triumphs, its members are bound together by deep roots as they face enduring questions of faith, family, and identity.”

National Public Radio adds a thought-provoking perspective: “In fiction we seek a paradox, the familiar in the foreign, new realities that only this one particular author can give us. *Pachinko*, the sophomore novel by the gifted Korean-born Min Jin Lee, is the kind of book that can open your eyes and fill them with tears at the same time. *Pachinko*, for those not in the know, is one of the national obsessions of Japan, a dizzying cross between pinball and a slot machine, wherein small metal balls drop randomly amid a maze of brass pins... the game is a perfect metaphor for the ricochet whims of fate.”

Join us for a lively discussion of this multiple award-winning second novel by Min Jin Lee. Everyone's welcome!

In January, we will be discussing Heather Morris' *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* and in February Per Petterson's *Out Stealing Horses*.

For more information, text Leslie Carlson at 360-643-0291 or email her at lcarlson554@gmail.com.

Senior Singles Lunch

by Diane Roulier, Guest Writer

On **Tuesday, December 18**, at 12:30 p.m., Port Ludlow Senior Singles will be dining at Doc's Marina Grill, 141 Hudson Street in Port Townsend.

Doc's is a favorite and offers a wide variety of lunch choices from seafood to salads and burgers. Carpooling is always encouraged, and seniors from all points of the Olympic Peninsula are invited to join us. Please give Diane Roulier a call at 206-910-0639 to add your name to the “I'm going” list.

Because the Christmas season is the time of year when the less fortunate are especially in need, I will be collecting money at this luncheon for the Tri-Area Food Bank. Please open your hearts. Thank you!



All gatherings are in a South Bay Club classroom and are open to the public. Invite your friends too, to our problem-solving and helpful workshops. Here are the meetings in December

- **Photo Editing Group: Monday, December 10, 9:30 a.m.** Fix your photos, create slideshows, printing, and scanning. Questions and on-the-spot help every second Monday.
- **DigitalLife Board Meeting: Monday, December 10, noon.** Open to all. Please come to share with us. Your ideas are welcome. Every second Monday.
- **All Things Apple Group: Monday, December 17, 6:00 p.m.** Questions and help with all Apple devices. Presentations and applications support. Individual help breakout. Held on third Mondays in the evening.
- **Digital Camera Group:** No workshop for December. Usually held on the fourth Monday at 9:30 a.m. Learn more about your camera's capabilities. All skill levels and cameras are welcome.

Note: Our monthly calendar is on our website, pldigitallife@live.com. It has blue links to some clubs that contain helpful documents and PDFs.

Stamp and Paper Arts

Come join us for a holiday celebration on **Wednesday, December 12**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Not only will we share some cookies, but we'll also share the latest creations you bring to show off.

In addition, Christine and Carol are proposing some changes to our meetings, including altering the day of each month that we meet. We also need to schedule presentations for 2019. So, stop by for cookies, coffee or tea, and some fun discussion about card-making, stamping, inking, and creative uses for paper!

Reminder to Dog Owners

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





Arts and Entertainment

This section features news on Port Ludlow arts and entertainment events, as well as a performing arts calendar for Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties. Submit news and calendar items to editor@plvoice.org by the 10th of the preceding month.

Ludlow Village Players Need You

It is time to start recruiting the crew for the annual spring play *No Crime Like the Present*, a totally camp comedy by Bill Gleason. Have you ever wanted to know how live theater plays get from auditions to performance? It takes many people behind the scenes. Have you worked in theater in high school or college, and remember how much fun it was? Whether you have specific theater skills, or just want to do something new and different, we will find the right niche for you.

The first behind-the-scenes crew meeting will be **Tuesday, January 8**, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Director Val, 11 Foster Lane, Port Ludlow. We welcome anyone interested to sit in on the meeting, whether or not you are ready to commit to joining the effort, as we discuss the various areas of work we must do to make the play a success.

You may be interested in helping with costumes, building sets, decorating sets, props for the actors, makeup, special effects, prompting (cuing actor's lines), hospitality (greeters, ushers, refreshments), and more. We have a specific need for a sound person or technical director (sound effects, mics, etc.), also a propmaster or mistress (two people, even better), publicity people (posters, distribution, electronic, and media advertising, banners, writing press releases, etc.). Call me, Director Val, for more information 360-4387-2861. I'd love to talk with you.

Auditions are completed, casting is underway, and rehearsals begin the second week of January, while performances will be **March 29 – 31** and **April 5 – 7**.

Ludlow Village Players is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, all-volunteer organization that supports local schools' performing arts programs. Visit our website, ludlowvillageplayers.org, and/or "like" us on Facebook.

The Sounds of Music

by Peggy Welker, Communications Chairperson

The sound of music at Port Ludlow Performing Arts (PLPA) concerts just keeps getting better and better. A collaborative effort between the South Bay Community Association and PLPA has resulted in the installation of a brand new sound system in the Bay Club auditorium. Those of you who attended the October 18 concert had a chance to experience it first hand.

This new sound system is versatile and can be utilized not only for concerts but can be adapted to the sound requirements of various groups that use the auditorium for large meetings, plays, movies, social events, exercise (Zumba, line dancing, tap dancing, etc.). It also increases our ability to meet the needs of hearing challenged individuals who attend events in the auditorium.

We would like to give a special thanks to those whose dedication and expertise made this possible:

- **Tom Brown**, a creative problem solver, collaborator, and sound wizard also understands the limits of our auditorium. The installation of this system was made possible in no small part through the efforts of Tom and his team.
- **Justin Davis**, sound technician, working with Tom, is known as "He who climbs tall ladders."
- **Jay Syverson**, PLPA liaison, worked closely with Tom throughout the process and with **Mark Torres**, General Manager of the Bay Club. He has spent many hours at the Bay Club throughout this process.
- **Mike Derrenberger** and **Roger Ponto**, PLPA board members on the sound system team, also gave many hours to the project.

This sound system is still in the developmental stages in an effort to fine-tune it to meet the needs of all groups and individuals who use the auditorium. Feedback from those who have a chance to experience it first hand is appreciated. There is a great deal of excitement surrounding this new sound system, and it comes at a time when we are still enjoying the newly decorated Bay

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Club. If you would like a chance to experience the new *sounds of music* in Port Ludlow, there are still tickets available for the holiday concert, *Six Appeal*, scheduled for **Sunday, December 9**, at 4:00 p.m. Please see the November issue of the *Voice* for details.

The Port Townsend Community Orchestra



Gwen Franz.

Submitted photo

The Port Townsend Community Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Tigran Arakelyan, will present its concert “Around the World,” on **Saturday, December 1**, at 7:30 p.m. at Chimacum High School Auditorium. Everyone is invited to this free concert.

The concert features Port Townsend’s Gwen Franz who received her Doctorate in Musical Arts from the University of Washington. She has been a featured soloist and chamber musician throughout the United States and Chile, performing with the Seattle Symphony, Northwest Sinfonietta, Grand Rapids Symphony, Lansing Symphony, and the Evansville Philharmonic. She has released two

record albums – one with Guitarist Hilary Field and one with jazz violinist Michael Gray and cellist James Hinckley.

This will be the West Coast premier of Keith Jarrett’s *Bridge of Light* for viola and orchestra, with Dr. Franz as soloist. Also included in this performance are Alfred Reed’s *Russian Christmas Music*, Johann Strauss’ *Emperor Waltz*, *Festive Sounds of Chanukah* and *Christmas at the Movies*. More information is available at porttownsendorchestra.org.

Keith Jarrett is a well-known jazz and classical pianist, and composer, who’s worked with Art Blakely, Charles Lloyd and Miles Davis. *Bridge of Light* was released in 1993 and is a pastoral piece with musical lines interweaving in a manner that lets the soloist shine.

Russian Christmas Music was originally written for symphonic bands and arranged for full orchestra by Clark McAlister. It is based on a “Carol of the little Russian Children”. Reed adds material from the Eastern Orthodox Church liturgy to build four different sections.

The Emperor Waltz, composed by Waltz King Johann Strauss, Jr., was written for a meeting of Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph and German Kaiser Wilhelm. It starts with a march giving a regal feeling before making the transition to the waltz tunes.

This year Chanukah starts the night after the concert. In preparation, the orchestra will play an arrangement of popular Chanukah tunes. The orchestra rounds out the program with a medley of tunes taken from six classic holiday films by popular arranger Bob Krogstad.

The players in the orchestra look forward to sharing this program and season with you.

Rejoice and Sing with the Bainbridge Chorale

Get in the mood for the holidays with the Chorale’s presentation of *Rejoice and Sing!* The concert opens with J. Edmund Hughes’ quietly meditative combination of two traditional texts accompanied by handbells: the Latin *Christ is Born Today, Today the Savior Has Come* with *O come, O Come, Emmanuel*. Traditionalists will enjoy two favorite selections from Handel’s *Messiah*--*Glory to God* and *Hallelujah*. John Rutter’s lively *Rejoice and Sing* incorporates the traditional carol text of *I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In*, building to a joyful crescendo in the words “For Christ is born in Bethlehem on Christmas day in the morning.” Also included are works by contemporary composers, such as Ola Gjeilo’s mysterious *Tundra*, featuring evocative drawn-out chord clusters that embody the essence of the winter landscape. David von Kampen’s

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A Cradle Hymn is an exquisitely tender meditation on the Nativity, as is Jake Narverud's heartfelt *Lunar Lullaby*.

The dates for the concerts are **Friday, December 14** at 7:00 p.m.; **Saturday, December 15** at 3:00 p.m. (Family Concert) and 7:00 p.m.; **Sunday, December 16** at 3:00 p.m. The concerts are held at Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church, 11042 Sunrise Drive NE, Bainbridge Island. General admission is \$23; seniors (62+) \$20; students, military, and teachers \$15; children 13 and under free if accompanied by an adult.

The whole family is invited to an old-fashioned carol sing in downtown Winslow on **Saturday, December 22**, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., at Eagle Harbor Congregational Church, 105 Winslow Way W., Bainbridge Island. Admission is free, suggested donation of non-perishable food items, cash, or checks payable to Helpline House.

Finally, a *Messiah* Sing-along will feature favorite choruses and solo arias from Handel's beloved oratorio with various soloists. Chorale Artistic Director Michael Austin Miller will lead the audience and the Messiah Festival Orchestra on **Friday, December 28** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church.

Loaner scores will be available at the door, but we encourage you to bring your own if you have one. Admission is by a suggested donation of \$10, cash or check only at the door. Children and students are free.



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Performing Arts Calendar

Saturday, December 1

The Port Townsend Community Orchestra's free concert will feature Dr. Gwen Franz performing the West Coast premiere of *Bridge of Light* for viola and orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Chimaicum High School Auditorium, ptcommunityorchestra.org. Complete details in Arts and Entertainment section of this issue.

Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2

Olympic Music Festival Artistic Director Julio Elizalde performs a benefit piano concert at the Chapel, Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend, 2:00 p.m., 800-838-3006, olympicmusicfestival.org.

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays - December 1 – 16

The classic television special *A Charlie Brown Christmas* comes to life in this musical adaptation in which Charlie, Snoopy, and the rest of the Peanuts Gang discover the true meaning of Christmas, 7:00 p.m. with 2:00 p.m. Sunday matinees, Port Gamble Theater, 360-977-7135, portgambletheater.com.

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, December 1 – 9

A Tuna Christmas takes us to the third-smallest town in Texas where radio station OKKK reports on various yuletide activities including the hot competition in the annual lawn display contest, Poulso's Jewel Box Theatre, 7:30 p.m. with 2:00 p.m. Sunday matinees, 360-697-3183, jewelboxpoulso.org.

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, December 1 - 30

Instead of performing Dicken's beloved holiday classic for the umpteenth time, three actors decide to perform *Every Christmas Story Ever Told*—a madcap romp through the holidays, at the Key City Public Theatre, 7:00 p.m. with 1:00 p.m. Sunday matinees, 360-386-KCPT, keycitypublictheatre.org.

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, December 6 – 30

KCPT's holiday tradition kicks up its heels and delivers a musical treat for young and old in this love letter to the Pacific Northwest, Key City Public Theatre, 7:00 p.m. with 1:00 p.m. Sunday matinees, (alternates with above performances) 360-385-KCPT, keycitypublictheatre.org.

Sunday, December 9

Six Appeal takes you on a journey that spans decades of music, performing classic oldies, current chart stoppers and original tunes—all sung *a cappella*, Port Ludlow Performing Arts, Bay Club, 4:00 p.m., 360-437-2208, portludlowperformingarts.com.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 14 – 16

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Friday, December 28

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Port Ludlow Art League

Artist of the Month – Winter Group Show



What Lies Beneath, by Pamela Raine.

An art exhibit spotlighting Port Ludlow artists will be on display at the Port Ludlow Sound Community Bank in December. Participating artists will use a variety of mediums so no two pieces will be the same.

You can meet these talented artists at the Port Ludlow Art League’s Second Wednesday Reception on **December 12** in the lobby of the Port Ludlow Sound Community Bank from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and next door at the Gallery from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. The Bank and Gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive. For more information, contact League President, Claudia Wicks at 206-351-2414 or email her at claudiawicks@msn.com.

Jeweler of the Month – Ginny Ford at the Port Ludlow Art League’s Gallery

Ginny creates fine artisan jewelry in her design studio, Heavenly Mountain Studios. She works primarily in silver, copper, and brass and enhances these metals by creating textures and patinas using hammering, pressing, heating, and chemicals.

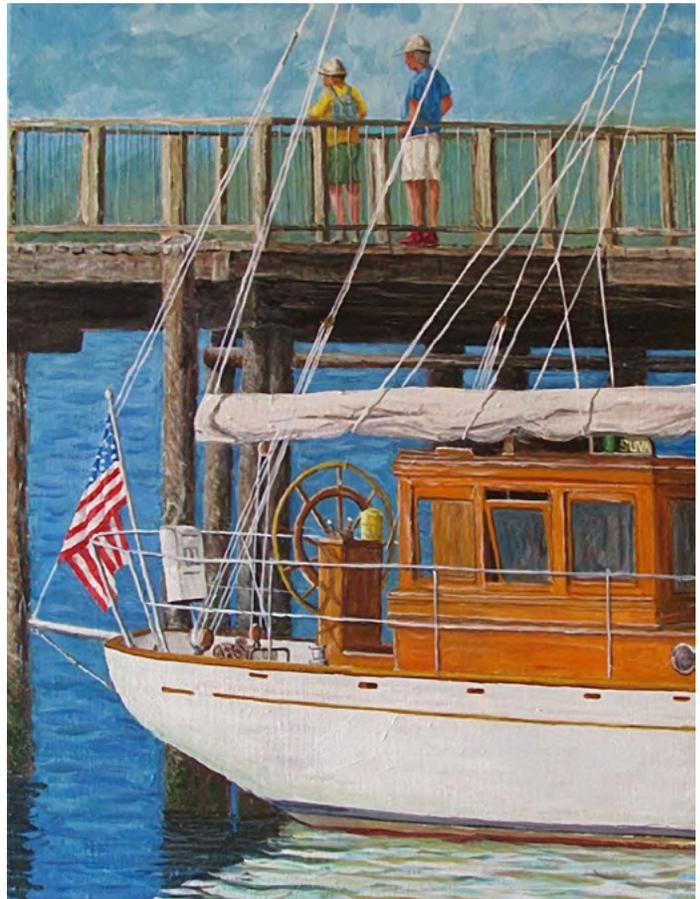
Ginny’s favorite technique, silver reticulation, is a process by which metal is made to draw itself into ridges and valleys, creating



Fine silver with blue spinel pendant by Ginny Ford.

a unique texture. Unusual and colorful stones add depth and drama to her work. Many pieces feature clasps and ear wires that are either hand forged or made in Bali and Indonesia. Recently, Ginny has been experimenting with transparent enamels over fine silver and stencils with enamels on copper. Her one-of-a-kind jewelry will be featured at the Port Ludlow Art Gallery in December.

Port Ludlow Bay Club Exhibition – Steven H. Hammond



Awaiting the Catch, by Steven Hammond.

Submitted photos

Steven has been involved with art in one form or another all his life, from drawing and sculpture to home design and commercial giftware. He strives to create artwork that captures a viewer’s memories, emotions, and curiosity. Steven’s work has been shown at shows in Arizona, Panama, and Washington State.

After graduating from the University of Oregon, Steven served as an Air Force fighter pilot before entering a career in corporate marketing. In 2013, he and his wife moved to Panama to experience small village living. Two years later, they moved to Port Ludlow.

Steven’s exhibit at the Port Ludlow Bay Club showcases quintessential scenes from Puget Sound. The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place in Port Ludlow.

Port Ludlow Art Gallery - Extended Hours for Holiday Shopping



As a cooperative art gallery for over 100 members, the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery features a variety of artwork by local artists. The gallery is open from noon to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For the holiday season, the Gallery will be open from noon to 4:00 p.m. on the first three Sundays in December. The Gallery is conveniently located next to the Sound Community Bank, at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. Stop by and shop for cards, jewelry, woodwork, ceramics, fine art, photography, and ornaments.

Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair

The Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair is in its 32nd year, and is the largest and longest running holiday festival in the area. With over 100 vendors from around Washington State, shoppers are guaranteed to find beautiful items made with care. Crafts include gold and silversmithing, textiles, candles, woodwork, leather works, artisan foods, clothing, and more. The fair will be held on **Saturday and Sunday, December 8 and 9**, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day. There is an admission charge of \$3.

The 4th Chimacum holiday portrait by David Conklin, and the opening ceremony will be held at the entrance to Chimacum High School on **Saturday, December 8**, at 9:50 a.m.—all are welcome to join. The festivities will start at 9:30 a.m., and while the community gathers, the Chimacum High School Marching Band will serenade the crowd as the fair kicks off.

Each year over 100 students from the Chimacum School District contribute countless hours to make the fair possible. Student volunteers help with marketing, set up, assisting vendors, hosting booths, making and selling crafts, and much more. The fair showcases the

collaborative spirit of East Jefferson County and Chimacum High School, while raising money for school programs, supporting the artisan-maker economy, providing a marketplace for youth and nonprofit program fundraisers, and building community.

If you would like to learn more about this fun and festive tradition, visit chimacumarts.com.

Exhibits at Northwind Arts Center

Small Expressions 17 is Northwind Arts Center's 17th annual exhibit of extraordinary smaller works. Come celebrate small works, and support artists and Northwind by making the ARTS a part of your gift giving this season.

Juror Richard La Londe has created art with glass since 1974 and fused glass since 1980. His work is included in museum collections in Washington and around the world. La Londe was one of the original glass fusing instructors for Bullseye Glass Company, has taught at the Pilchuck Glass School, and has given many glass fusing workshops throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. He has authored two books. See his website richardlalonde.com.

The exhibition runs through the month of December and closes on **Sunday, December 30**. The opening reception occurs during Port Townsend Gallery Walk from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. on **Saturday, December 1**. An art talk by juror La Londe entitled *Art and Artifact: My Perception as Juror* will be on **Sunday, December 2**, at 1:00 p.m.

The Artist Showcase 2018 is in its 5th year and features the work of 36 artists from across the Northwest. The Showcase provides a professional exhibit space in which artworks are presented in a curated show that is changed monthly.

Showcase Artist of the Month for December is local photographic artist Joe Englander. Englander has been photographing, publishing and exhibiting for over four decades. Working in all formats, he has produced color and black-and-white photography both for commercial and artistic projects. His commercial work has been used nationally and internationally.

He assisted Ansel Adams and was a contributing editor to both *Camera & Darkroom* and *View Camera* magazines. One of his books, *They Ride the Rodeo*, published by Macmillan, was featured on CBS TV.

Englander has participated in innumerable photography and mixed media art shows and had solo exhibits in Texas and Calgary, and Alberta. His photographs are in an expanding number of private collections and numerous museum permanent collections.

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The show runs through **Sunday, December 30**. Opening reception will be on **Saturday, December 1**, from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. during Art Walk.

Northwind Art Center is located at 701 Water Street in Port Townsend. Exhibit hours are Wednesday through Monday, 11:30 – 5:30 p.m. They are closed Tuesdays. The phone number is 360-379-1086, website is *northwindarts.org*.

Art Walks

Art walks are held in nearby communities on the following dates:

Saturday, December 1 – Port Townsend

Friday, December 7 – Bainbridge Island and Sequim

Saturday, December 8 – Poulsbo.

Walks begin at 5:00 p.m. Most area galleries stay open and, in addition to the art, many serve refreshments, and some have live music. The holiday season will be especially festive!



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Village Council

PLVC November Board Meeting Summary

The Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) November board meeting was a well-attended and information-packed event, with two major topics of discussion on the agenda. We heard from Jeff Chapman, county assessor, who brought us up-to-date on the mysteries of property tax assessment, and from PLVC Roadway Safety Committee co-chairs Steve Frenzl and Alan Kiesler on the progress being made regarding their efforts with Jefferson County's Public Works Department to make Port Ludlow's streets safer.

Jeff Chapman's overview of the county's formula for assessing property tax was as interesting as it was complex. He compared Port Ludlow with the other major residential area in East Jefferson County—Port Townsend; but for this report we will focus on the comments regarding Port Ludlow.

Jeff reported that, by law, the entire county must be revalued each year either by visual inspection or statistical (comparable sales) evaluation. One sixth of Jefferson County is visually inspected each year and, obviously, the developed areas are much easier to evaluate than rural areas. All property should be valued at 100 percent of fair market value, however, and values are not keeping up with sales, making the effort to be fair and equitable extremely difficult.

He gave a history of Port Ludlow's value fluctuations in the last 10 years, indicating that in 2008, we were valued at \$1.3 billion. With the financial crisis, that value went as low as \$900 million, but it has recovered up to \$1.15 billion currently. In 2018, we had a 9 percent increase based mostly on statistical data.

The current assessed value of Port Ludlow is \$1.15 billion; although, Chapman stated, there is still a great, puzzling gap in unimproved lots compared to lots with homes.

He also addressed the issue of appealing an assessment decision through the State Board of Equalization, and noted that an appeal can take several months to be reviewed, and that a separate appeal for each year contested must be presented.

Steve Frenzl and Alan Kiesler then directed our attention to a presentation on the ongoing efforts of the Roadway Safety Committee. Steve gave an overview of the initial multi-point recommendation made to the county Public Works Department which, after consultation with them, was narrowed down to five major points of concern. Those points included a four-way stop at the corner of Oak Bay

Village Council Meetings

General Meeting
Thursday, December 6
3:00 p.m., Bay Club

Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, December 18
3:00 p.m., Bay Club
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Road, Marina View Drive, and Walker Way; reduction of speed to 35 mph on sections of Paradise Bay Road and Oak Bay Road from Timberton to Swansonville Road; crosswalks and better signage from four-way stops at Oak Bay Road, Paradise Bay Road, and Osprey Ridge Drive; and six bicycle safety signs at key points along Bay Road, Paradise Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive.

Steve reported that the staff at the county's public works department will begin looking at the feasibility of all these recommendations, and while this may not seem like much progress, he noted that it was a very important first step to get these safety items on the department's agenda.

Additional reports were made concerning the very successful emergency management meeting for the Bird Hill residents, presented at the Beach Club by Kate Riley, and the Olympic Tourism Summit, presented by Commissioner Kathleen Kler.

Communities Work Best

by Kate Riley, PLVC-EM North Bay Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator

One of the ongoing goals of the PLVC Emergency Management Committee (PLVC-EM) is to train Block Captains in each section of Port Ludlow to know how to appropriately respond in a disaster. The primary role of a Block Captain is to provide their immediate neighbors with tools and resources to help them prepare their own households. They do this by visiting with neighbors and assessing each household individually. The goal is to not only to have each and every household prepared, but also to form a network of readiness and support for themselves and each other.

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As a Block Captain myself, I approached the PLVC-EM a couple of months ago to present them with an adjunct method of achieving their goal. Communities work better when the people in them *feel a part* of a community. With that in mind, I suggested there be gatherings for each neighborhood where all the residents can come together to assess their own readiness, coordinate readiness with their neighbors, and become aware of any neighbors who may need assistance. At the very least, it would give neighbors the opportunity to know each other a little better.



Residents of Bird Hill meet on October 22, 2018.
Photo by Kate Riley, PLVC-EM North Bay Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator

On September 9, I agreed to help our PLVC-EM North Bay Block Caption Coordinator Ginny Munger with this project. On October 22, we hosted the first of these neighborhood-wide gatherings for the residents on streets located up Osprey Ridge Road; aka, "Bird Hill." The event was very well attended.

The gathering began with assigned seating at tables designated by participants' streets. The Jefferson County Neighborhood Preparedness and Emergency Planning (NPREP) team provided an overview of the Map Your Neighborhood program. PLVC-EM CERT Coordinator Debbie Wills also introduced participants to Port Ludlow's FEMA Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Following the presentation, participants used maps to begin the process of coordinating readiness on their respective streets. This included setting a date for a full in-depth *Map Your Neighborhood* training session, hosted by the Block Captain and led by the PLVC-EM team, so all residents could benefit from tools and resources for emergency preparation.

The response has been good. To date, there are three full-training gatherings planned, and more to come. Please

contact me at nbneighborshpl@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to request a neighborhood gathering on your street.

Learn more about the work of the PLVC-EM at plvc.org/plvc-committees/emergency-management and download or request a free print copy of the *Think-Plan-Do! Repeat-Guide to Individual and Neighborhood Preparedness*.



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Village Activities Calendar

Events are open to everyone in the community unless they are specified for members only, or are for a special interest group.

December

Mon., December 3

9:00 a.m., LOA Board meeting (members), Beach Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Timberton HOA, Bay Club
5:30 – 8:00 p.m., Dine & Discover, Beach Club

Tues., December 4

9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Trails Committee meeting, Beach Club
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Bluebills Holiday Social, Bay Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., *Voice* Staff meeting, Fire Station
6:00 – 8:45 p.m., LVP Reader's Theatre, Beach Club

Wed., December 5

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., First Wednesday Luncheon, Bay Club

Thurs., December 6

1:00 – 3:00 p.m., KnitWits, Beach Club
3:00 – 4:00 p.m., Bluebills meeting, Bay Club
3:00 - 5:00 p.m., PLVC General meeting, Bay Club

Sat., December 8

10:00 a.m. – noon, Highland Greens HOA meeting, Bay Club
5:30 p.m., SBCA Holiday Gala, Bay Club

Sun., December 9

2:45 p.m., Benefactors and Subscribers check in for seating for *Six Appeal*, Bay Club
3:00 p.m., General Admission ticket holders welcomed
4:00 p.m., PLPA presents *Six Appeal*, Bay Club

Mon., December 10

9:30 a.m. – noon, DigitalLife Photo Editing, Bay Club
Noon – 1:30 p.m., DigitalLife Board meeting, Bay Club

Tues., December 11

9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Facilities Committee meeting, Bay Club
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Bluebills Gift Wrapping, Bay Club
Noon – 3:00 p.m., Fly Fishers Holiday Brunch, Bay Club
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., SBCA Finance Committee meeting, Bay Club
5:00 p.m., PLPA Board Holiday Party, Bay Club
6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Martha's Book Club, Bay Club

Wed., December 12

10:00 a.m. – noon, Inner Harbor Village Board meeting, (members), Bay Club
10:00 a.m. – noon, Stamping and Paper Arts, Bay Club
11:00 a.m., Garden Club Holiday Tea, Bay Club
6:30 – 8:30 p.m., LVP Anything Goes, Beach Club
4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Artist of the Month Reception at Sound Bank and the Art Gallery

Thurs., December 13

Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLPA Board meeting, Bay Club
5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Olympic Terrace Holiday Party, Bay Club

Fri., December 14

8:30 a.m., Hiking Group departs for North Kitsap Heritage Park, Bridge Deck
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
9:30 – 11:30 a.m., SBCA Board meeting (members), Bay Club

Mon., December 17

5:00 – 8:00 p.m., LVP 3 Holiday Party, Bay Club
6:00 -7:30 p.m., DigitalLife All Things Apple workshop, Bay Club
6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Port Ludlow Bookworms, Bridge Deck

Tues., December 18

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Fly Fishers General meeting, Bay Club
12:30 p.m., Senior Singles lunch at Doc's Grill, Port Townsend
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., KnitWits, Beach Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLVC workshop, Bay Club
5:00 p.m., SBCA Community Free Movie Night, Bay Club

Wed., December 19

1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Artists League meeting, Beach Club
5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Inner Harbor Winter Social, Bay Club
6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Men's Book Club, Bay Club

Thurs. December 20

1:00 p.m., LMC Board meeting (members), Beach Club

Fri., December 21

9:30 – 11:30 a.m., SBCA ARC meeting, Bay Club

Sat., December 22

9:00 a.m. – noon, Breakfast with Santa, Beach Club
5:00 – 7:30 p.m., LVP 4 Holiday Party, Bay Club

Mon., December 24

7:30 a.m. - noon, Bay Club open
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Beach Club open

Tues., December 25

Merry Christmas, Everyone; Bay and Beach Clubs closed

Thurs., December 27

9:30 – 11:00 a.m., SBCA AAC meeting, Bay Club
Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club

Friday, December 28

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
9:00 a.m., Hikers meet at Niblicks Cafe, for Port Ludlow Trails

Sat., December 29

11:00 – noon, LMC Annual Polar Plunge, Beach Club

Future Events:

Tues., January 1 – Happy New Year, Everyone!



Beach Club/North Bay News

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Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

As we move closer to the holiday season, I thought it would be a good time to let everyone know that the Beach Club will close at 1:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and will be closed on Christmas Day **December 25**, and on New Years' Day **January 1**.

This year's Polar Plunge will be held on **Saturday, December 29**, at 11:00 a.m. For those of you who may be new to the community, this is the fourth year we have held this event in our unheated outdoor pool. The first year we had the coldest conditions with air temperature in the upper 30s and water temperature in the low 40s. Needless to say, this is our shortest event of the year.

We will all jump in as a group at 11:00 a.m., and five seconds later, we will all be scrambling to get out of the water as fast as possible. To warm up everyone, the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) will have plenty of coffee and hot chocolate on hand, along with some snacks.

We will again require all participants to sign a liability release. Please come down 5 - 10 minutes early so that we can get the paperwork completed. We don't have any age restrictions, but I encourage everyone to use common sense. If you aren't feeling 100 percent or have a heart condition, this is probably not the event for you. And we will again ask our Port Ludlow Fire Department to be onsite. Fire Chief Brad Martin and his firemen have been very supportive of this event in past years, but there is always the caveat that they will be here unless called out for an emergency.

Diana "Di" Monti, who has worked in our Maintenance Department since 2012, is moving out of Port Ludlow. Her last day of work was October 30. The Beach Club staff and many of our members will miss Di tremendously. She was a good co-worker, a good friend, and a good person. We all wish her the very best and hope she comes back to visit.

Taking over for Di is a new LMC employee Scott Braund, who should be easy to spot. Like me, Scott is 6' 5" tall, but unlike me, he has a full head of hair. I'm so jealous. Scott

Important Dates

LOA Meeting
Monday, December 3, 9:00 a.m.

Email: portludlowloa@yahoo.com
Sign up for the *LOA Bulletin* by emailing the above address

LMC Board Meeting
Thursday, December 20, 1:00 p.m.

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is catching on quickly and seems to be a good fit for our Beach Club crew. If you see Scott around, please make him feel welcome.

If you have questions about my article or other Beach Club activities, please contact me at the Beach Club at 360-437-9201 or by email at beachclub@olympus.net.

Drainage District Winterization

Our summer growing season has kept the maintenance crew of the Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) very busy. To ensure stormwater is transported down the hill and into the bay, the PLDD crew is in the midst of an intensive readiness effort to trim and clean all of the district facilities in preparation for winter.

Now would be a good time for homeowners to clean driveway culverts and ditches to maintain free flow through the culvert. Driveway culverts are installed by owners and are the responsibility of owners to maintain, clean, and replace. While the ditches along our roadways are the responsibility of the county, driveway culverts placed in ditches are not county culverts. The county did not install them, and the county will not replace them.

Roadside ditches are located within county right-of-way and are not on private property. The purpose of a ditch is to direct stormwater off of the road surface to a designated point of discharge. If the ditches are filled or obstructed by landscaping materials, the capacity of the ditch to convey stormwater is compromised. Jefferson County Public Works does not approve of filling in ditches or installing culverts in the ditch, other than for a driveway access.

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Uphill stormwater - PLDD Project #12.

Submitted photo

The county performs basic maintenance on the ditches such as mowing and reshaping; however, if a homeowner has installed rocks or other landscaping materials in the ditch, the county cannot provide maintenance. Many homeowners maintain the ditches surrounding their culverts and property, which adds to the appearance of individual properties and is appreciated by the entire neighborhood.

In a recent district meeting, it was noted that some trimmings have been discarded into ravines and ditches, rather than being hauled away. This debris can cause blockage of the stormwater path and create drainage problems. Please, if you cut it, remove it. Do not dispose of trimmings in the drainage facilities or public right-of-way ditches.

This time of year, another effort of the PLDD board is the annual budget-planning. The PLDD Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution on October 11 that ratified the 2019 fiscal year budget, representing a

reduction of 7 percent and an accompanying 8.8 percent reduction in the special assessment that appears on your county tax bill. The board delivers the budget to Jefferson County for implementation. PLDD governs and administers the activities of the district but does not collect, hold, or disburse funds. Those functions are performed and overseen by the county.

Interested in keeping up-to-date with activities of the PLDD? Please attend the regular meetings, held in the training room of the Port Ludlow Fire Hall, at 10:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month, or visit the district website at pldd.org.

Beach Club Breakfast with Santa

The North Bay Lot Owners' Association (NBLOA) will host the annual Christmas breakfast with Santa on **Saturday, December 22**, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. There will be pancakes, entertainment, and, of course—Santa!

Bring the children and grandchildren to the Beach Club and join in the fun! Santa will arrive promptly at 10:00 a.m. (He has a busy schedule that day.)

Please bring a small wrapped gift for your child with the child's name and age clearly written (Santa is old). You may drop off the gift at the Beach Club prior to the day of the event if you wish.

We look forward to having you join us! Volunteers are always welcome and important. For more information or to volunteer, please call Jamie Bima at 360-437-9335. ✪

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SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting
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All SBCA members are welcome. 

SBCA Raises Thousands for Food Bank



*Tri-Area Food Bank Tour. Top left to right: Gil Skinner, Mike Boock,
John Laird. Bottom left to right: Sue Laird, Vicki Derrenberger.*

Submitted photo

Four years ago, the South Bay Community Association (SBCA) began a tradition of sponsoring a Tri-Area Food Bank fundraising drive during October and November. This event helps raise funds to feed the less fortunate members of our greater community.

The first year's efforts resulted in approximately \$3,000 being raised; the next year that amount doubled. Last year, with a goal to help the food bank purchase a new walk-in freezer, over \$8,500 was raised. This year, through our members generosity, \$9,403 was raised. At the November 9 SBCA Member Social, the donations were presented to the Tri-Area Food Bank Manager and Port Ludlow resident Mike Boock.

Thank you to the individuals who dropped off donations at the Bay Club and to the nearly 90 people who attended the community pancake breakfast on November 2, which alone raised approximately \$750.

As part of this fundraising effort, a request was made for SBCA members and friends to tour the Food Bank. Mike Boock hosted the tour on November 5th, giving those attending a better understanding of where their contributions go and how the system operates. This tour is available for others; just contact Mike Boock at 360-385-9462.

Mike explained that 75 percent of the food purchased can be bought for four cents a pound, with the remaining 25 percent costing about \$1.60 per pound. He estimates they will need 450,000 pounds of food in 2019. The Food Bank works with OlyCap, Food Lifeline, Northwest Harvest, Safeway's Food Rescue, QFC's Food Rescue, COSTCO's Food Rescue, and the WSDA/USDA to procure food and grocery items.

Donations are received from food drives, gardens, individuals, and support from Port Hadlock businesses, as well as community organizations such as Port Ludlow's First Wednesday Lunch. They also rely on pro bono assistance for equipment, services, and supplies as well as sponsorships for special events. Carl's Building Supply in Port Hadlock recently provided the lumber and supplies to build a sheltered, outside structure that is attached to the food center, a donation estimated at \$6,000.

The Food Bank is located at 760 Chimacum Road, Port Hadlock, and is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) organization (no one is paid, and contributions are tax deductible). Gates open at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and the food center doors open at 10:00 a.m. Approximately 220 families (550 people) are served every week. Clients include families with or without children, individuals, and seniors.

You can support the Tri-Area Food Bank by volunteering, donating non-perishable food items, and giving financial donations. For any questions, contact Mike Boock at 360-385-9462 or RJBTriAreaFB@outlook.com. Your donation to the Tri-Area Food Bank always delivers a healthy return!

Join Us for a Pancake Breakfast

Pancake Breakfast



Each month the South Bay Community Association Board will be sponsoring a community pancake breakfast to benefit a local charity. The breakfast will be held at the Bay Club on the first Friday morning of the month from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m..

The cost is \$10 for all you can eat pancakes, bacon, sausage links, fruit, and juices. Other breakfast items may also be served. Mark your calendars for **Friday, January 4**, when we'll be flipping up some fun and raising funds for Chimacum Backpacks for Kids!

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Sports & Games

Baby Shower for Golf Pro Kat Simerly



Kat's baby shower. Left to right: Peggy Selby, Kat Simerly, and Sue Carlson.

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Members of the Lady Niners and Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association (PLWGA) joined forces to honor Port Ludlow Golf Course (PLGC) pro Kathryn (Kat) Simerly with a baby shower/going away celebration at Niblicks. Kat, expecting a baby girl, resigned her position at PLGC to join her Navy husband, Jesse, at his new assignment in the Washington, D.C. area.

Jesse and 3-year-old daughter Paige joined Kat in opening many beautifully crafted handmade baby gifts including a fabulous baby quilt, several knitted sweaters and hats with matching booties, and a number of burping and changing blankets. The lady golfers also put together a Diaper Tree decorated with money-laden pastel diaper ornaments.

Kat recently sent a thank you note to the women's golf leagues stating she was looking forward to using all of the great baby presents. She will be putting the "green" from the Diaper Tree to good use by purchasing "fun stuff" – such as real diapers and wipes.

Many of the Lady Niners and PLWGA members owe their improved golf games to clinics and individual golf lessons presented by Kat and the resident Golf Pro, Tyler Sweet. Kat will be sorely missed for her sunny smile and leadership qualities. She made the 2018 golf season truly enjoyable for everyone in the PLGC Women's leagues.

Port Ludlow Hiking

New people are always welcome to join the adventures. Just show up! There is no expense except for the use of some new muscles. If you have questions, call the hike leader listed below. If you would like to be on the e-mail list for reminders and other information, send a request to desdarrow@olympen.com.

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

Friday, December 14 - North Kitsap Heritage Park

This is an easy hike of approximately 4 – 6 miles. Explore this park on trails named Spine Line, Ravine Run, Forked Tongue, and Beaver Ridge. Consider stopping in Port Gamble, which will be decorated for the holidays, for lunch after the excursion. Information: Deisy Bach 925-785-3137.

Friday, December 28 – Port Ludlow Trails

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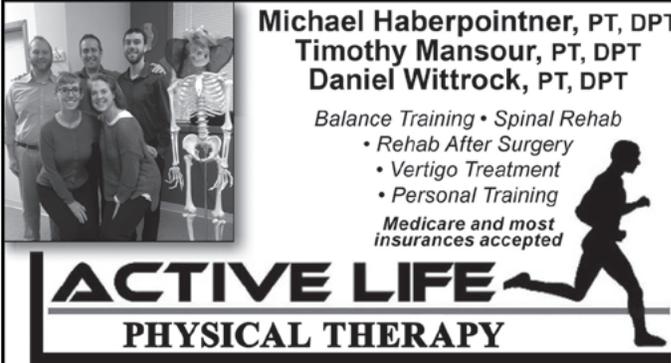


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