

This is KPTZ 91.9 FM in Port Townsend, Washington. I'm Ann Katzenbach with local news for today, August 5, 2022.

The state primary elections eliminated several aspirants from contention, but since Washington does not have party affiliation primaries, the top two contenders go to the November election that will determine the final outcome of who represents us in the U.S. Senate, Congress, state legislature, and county government. Tuesday's election has not been certified, but there can be no doubt that November's election will pit Patty Murray against Tiffany Miley for the Senate, Derek Kilmer against Elizabeth Kreiselmaier for the U.S. Congress, Mike Chapman against Sue Forde for state rep, and Steve Theringer against Brian Pruiett for state rep. Greg Bretherton against Marcia Kelborn for County Commissioner, and Joe Nole against Art Frank for Sheriff. At this point it looks like voters are pleased with those who were previously elected; all top voters were Democrats and incumbents.

First Federal Foundation, set up by the parent company that owns First Federal Bank, benefits their banking communities. The foundation distributes funds to qualified charitable or public organizations and donates volunteer hours as well. Since 2015, First Federal Foundation has awarded more than \$5.7 million dollars to nonprofits, tribal, and government agencies in Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, and Whatcom Counties. Of late, funding from First Federal Foundation has helped the YMCA purchase a refrigerated van, now brightly painted and named "Y on the Fly." It and a team of volunteers have been delivering nutritional meals to families in the farthest reaches of Jefferson County this summer. As the *Leader* reported, Sarah Henry, food security coordinator for the YMCA says, "We don't want anyone in Jefferson County to believe that they cannot access the safety and happiness that comes from a good meal." The Y is still looking for volunteers to help pack and deliver food boxes. Go to meals@olympicpeninsulaymca.org. They also really appreciate donations to help with this effort and you can do this at <https://www.olympicpeninsulaymca.org/donate>.

Perhaps you've noticed the dark green paint job on the artistic markers that once were painted white. Mari Mullen of Main Street explains: the creative district sculptures have been vandalized recently. It was decided, with the consent of the artist, Jonah Tropol, to temporarily paint the sculptures in the teal color of the Creative District logo and other Creative District signage while the Creative District Subcommittee evaluates a variety of options for the color of the sculptures. KPTZ will update this story as it develops.

Heads up for travelers! From 9am to 3pm next week starting on Monday, August 8 and on-going through Thursday, August 11, State Route 104 between mileposts 2 and 4.5 – that's US 101 and Center Road – will be undergoing chip-sealing. This will mean one-way alternating traffic controlled by flaggers. In some sections, a pilot car maybe used to lead drivers through the work zone. Delays are optimistically reckoned to be 15 minutes, but it could take as long as 90 minutes to get through the work zone. Miles-long backups in both directions are anticipated. The speed limit will be reduced to 35 miles an hour around the clock throughout the week. You are asked to slow down and avoid distractions to help keep everyone safe and consider traveling early or late in the day.

And Sunday is National Lighthouse Day! Why not visit the Point Wilson Lighthouse at Fort Worden? It's open Saturday and Sunday from 11 to 4. As it marks the entrance to Puget Sound, the light house is one of the most important navigation aids in Washington. If you're lucky, you might see a super container ship heading for Seattle.

And that's it for today's news. Whatever you do this weekend, the weather looks just about perfect. As always, there's lots of music, movies and markets happening throughout the county this weekend with a special concert by the Port Townsend Summer Band at 3pm at Pope Marine Plaza on Sunday.

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