

This is KPTZ 91.9 FM in Port Townsend, Washington. I'm Diane Urbani de la Paz, filling in for Casey Dolan, who is away for a couple of weeks. Here's local news and commentary for Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

For more than five years now, local physical therapist Sarah Grossman and her crew of supporters have been planning for the Jefferson Universal Movement Playground, also known as the JUMP Playground at H.J. Carroll Park in Chimacum. This will be an unprecedented place for all of the youngsters in Jefferson County, as well as their folks. The playground is designed to include the "GT Wave," a net climber any child can play on, an accessible merry-go-round, swings, and a slide. There will be musical instruments, a big kaleidoscope, and a plankton-shaped climbing structure. This playground will also have fully accessible, wheelchair-friendly pathways and turf, plus a "Serenity Spot," for kids who are on the autism spectrum, or who just want a break.

This Friday, at long last, the JUMP Playground organizers are hosting a community build. If you're at least 18, you can join in as a volunteer, either from 8 in the morning until noon or from 1 o'clock until 4 o'clock on Friday. This supervised project is happening at H.J. Carroll County Park, on state Highway 19 in Chimacum, and workers need to RSVP by emailing jumpplayground@gmail.com. Volunteers must wear closed-toed shoes, and be able to lift heavy objects and manage hand tools.

The JUMP Playground is funded by state and county grants plus donations from the community – and the visionaries behind it still need financial support. To find out more about that and about the project's mission, here's the website: <https://www.jumpplayground.org/>. And that email address again: jumpplayground@gmail.com.

Congressman Derek Kilmer's office announced yesterday that Kilmer and U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm will visit the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Sequim today. This is the energy secretary's first-ever visit to Washington state. She'll tour the Sequim campus – the only marine research facility in the U.S. Department of Energy's complex – in the wake of the Senate's passage of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. According to the press release from Kilmer's office, this visit today, "underscores the Department's commitment to working with President Biden to battle climate change, lower energy and transportation costs for American households and reinvigorate domestic manufacturing."

Kilmer's office notes, too, that the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory campus in Sequim is uniquely positioned for marine-based research, focused on helping the nation achieve sustainable energy, a sustaining environment, and coastal security.

Kilmer and Energy Secretary Granholm will take part in a roundtable discussion with Olympic Peninsula community leaders today. The topic, according to the announcement: community collaboration opportunities for climate and energy resilience out here in the rural areas.

And for the first time since 2019, the Jefferson County Fair is back in full, this Friday through Sunday. We're talking horse shows, the 4-H cat show, chicks, ducklings, sheep, llamas and rabbits; many other creatures. The fair has bouncy houses of several kinds, a walk-on-water ride, and lego robot demonstrations. There's also a breakfast at the fair restaurant on all three mornings from 7 o'clock until 10 o'clock. Gates at the fairgrounds, at the entrance off 49th Street, open at 8am and then activities go on till 9pm Friday and Saturday night and just until 6 o'clock Sunday evening. Local musicians will appear, including Olympic Express Big Band, Sound

Advice, the Dukes of Dabob, Rhythm Ride, and the Port Townsend Summer Band. All of this live music is included in the price of fair admission. And I must mention the Master Gardeners presentations, the hip hop show, the goat milking demonstrations and, on Friday night, the dance. For all of the poop on the events and to get tickets in advance, see <https://jeffcofairgrounds.com/>.

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