

Hello, one and all. Thanks for tuning in to 91.9 KPTZ FM . This is Jim Burke, filling in for Simon Jaynes with the local news for Port Townsend and vicinity on this Thursday, August 25, 2022.

A walk through Fort Worden yesterday showed that most of the major set-up is complete for the THING Northwest Music Festival, which begins tomorrow. Event staff could be seen hustling through the next steps of lights, power and sound. Fort Worden is a public park and several outdoor THING activities – the food trucks, vendor market and Luminarium – will be accessible to the public without a festival wristband. Some of the family-friendly activities include paper-lantern making, collaborative painting sessions, and Architects of Air's Luminarium – a maze with saturated color and a sensory soundscape. The weather for festival goers this weekend is predicted to be mild – highs in the upper 60s/low 70s with partial cloud cover on Friday and Saturday.

Jefferson County residents may now sign up for a Novavax COVID-19 vaccine by using an online form found in the transcript of this broadcast (<https://tinyurl.com/NovavaxJeffCo>) or by calling 360-385-9400. Based on responses, Jefferson County Public Health will offer the Novavax vaccine in the near future. It is a more traditional vaccine that uses moth cells and tree bark. Instead of an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer, Moderna) or a viral vector vaccine (Johnson & Johnson), Novavax is a subunit protein vaccine. The Novavax vaccine uses a telltale piece of the coronavirus: the notorious spike protein. According to infectious disease expert Dr. Diana Forescu with the CDC, “Unlike mRNA vaccines, the spike protein is already premade in the Novavax vaccine. It's a shortcut....All the synthesis happens outside the body and we just give the end product: the spike protein.” It is important to note that Novavax is for adults who have NOT already completed a primary series of COVID-19 vaccine. Novavax may not be used as a booster dose at this time.

More information about the Novavax vaccine can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website: CDC.gov, search for Novavax (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/novavax.html>).

A commercial fishing boat that sank west of San Juan Island is expected to be raised later this week. Response teams have been taking gradual steps to remove the Aleutian Isle from the seafloor after the 49-foot fishing vessel sank. The plan is to remove the whole commercial vessel and place it on a barge, where contaminants can be safely removed, according to a news release from the U.S. Coast Guard 13th District Pacific Northwest. NOAA is continuing to support response efforts following the sinking of the vessel and the resulting diesel spill 300 yards west of San Juan Island on Saturday, August 13. The F/V Aleutian Isle was reported to have approximately 2,500 gallons of diesel fuel and 100 gallons of hydraulic fluid and lubricant oil aboard. After the vessel sank, responders observed a sheen spanning about three miles that reportedly entered Canadian waters. NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration is providing trajectory assistance for the spilled oil, as well as facilitating Endangered Species Act consultation with NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service for Southern Resident killer whales that are at risk in the area. Commander Jon Ladyga, Federal on Scene Coordinator said, “I am proud of the interagency partnership and collaboration to respond to this pollution threat and minimize environmental impacts...” A barge and crane are being transported from Seattle to San Juan Island to assist in raising the vessel. The hope is that the 49-foot Aleutian Isle will be lifted off its resting place about 210 feet below the surface sometime this week.

Jefferson County PUD's Board of Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting beginning at 10am tomorrow to discuss Meter Replacement and Broadband Loans, Grants, Policies, and Rates. At this meeting the board is expected to approve and sign the Public Works Board Loan Contract granting a \$1.8 million dollar loan to the PUD. These funds will be used to complete the Port Townsend Business Fiber Project, which is expected to connect up to 225 local businesses. Access to high-speed internet service was deemed critical to the success of these businesses which allowed them to qualify for this construction program which supports unserved and underserved communities across Washington. The PUD meeting is open to the public via zoom.

And that's it for today's local news. KPTZ 91.9 FM brings you local news Monday through Friday at noon and 5pm, and on Saturday at noon. You can contact us at news@kptz.org. I'm Jim Burke. Thanks for listening and have a great day.