

This is KPTZ 91.9 FM. I'm Jim Burke, with local news and commentary for Jefferson and Clallam Counties on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

Tonight at 6pm, KPTZ joins the League of Women Voters of Jefferson County (LWVJC) in encouraging everyone to vote by airing an election forum. This hour-long forum will feature **Greg Brotherton** and **Marcia Kelbon**, candidates for Jefferson County Commissioner, Position 3. You can watch the ZOOM meeting at <https://lwwa.org/Jefferson/>. Afterwards the forum will be edited solely for brevity and linked on the League's website and on KPTZ.org.

If you'd like to see the County Commissioner Candidates **Marcia Kelbon** and **Greg Brotherton** discuss the issues facing Jefferson County live, they will be at the Chimacum Grange tomorrow night from 7:30 until 9pm, to present their respective views and answer questions from voters in person. There is a supper at the Grange at 6:30, and admission is open to all. Bringing an appetizer or a dessert is encouraged. No food is needed to attend the candidate forum.

Next Tuesday, October 18 from 7 to 8pm, KPTZ will re-broadcast the League of Women Voters of Jefferson County Forum from this July of the two candidates for Jefferson County Sheriff: Art Frank and Joe Nole.

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners Meeting was yesterday, and Dr. Allison Berry, Public Health Officer for Jefferson and Clallam Counties and Willie Bence, Director of Emergency Management, spoke to the commissioners during the Public Health Briefing.

In Jefferson County, the two-week COVID-19 case-rate is 488 per hundred thousand, similar to last week. No one is currently hospitalized. 66 new cases were added this week for a total of 6,027 cases. Jefferson County's total count of COVID-19-related deaths is still 31. Dr. Berry said the higher case rate is being driven by cases in schools at this point.

In Clallam County the two-week COVID case-rate is 147 per hundred thousand, 61 new cases for a total of 15,697 cases since the pandemic began. 1 person is hospitalized at this time. Clallam County's total count of COVID-19-related deaths is still 124.

Willie Bence said there are many slots open in a covalent booster clinic taking place this coming Saturday October 15 in Chimacum. Sign up on the Jefferson County Public Health website (<https://jeffersoncountypublichealth.org/202/Public-Health>). Also, talk to your Doctor or Pharmacist about a flu shot. Br. Berry says there's an uptick in cases in the east and southern US, and the flu will be back with us this year.

The Covid public health emergency declaration will end on October 31, so BOCC Health Reports will go to once a month. If you have any lingering COVID-19, or monkeypox, or any other public health related questions, you might want to send them in over the next few weeks. Submit your Public Health questions to Dr. Allison Berry and Willie Bence by emailing contactus@kptz.org by Fridays at noon, to be answered the following Monday.

(You can still order COVID-19 tests from Washington State at: <https://www.sayyescovidhometest.org>)

This past Friday evening, just after 6:30, a 29-year-old man from Independence MO was driving a Jeep SUV at a high rate of speed and crossed the centerline on Route 101 southbound near Brinnon Shop Road. His vehicle collided with a northbound Jeep SUV that was being driven by a 48-year-old woman from Vancouver, WA who had a passenger in the car with her – a 41 year old woman from Copalis Beach WA. The man's SUV struck the other car on the driver's side and both vehicles were thrown into the ditches next to the road on opposite sides of the highway. The two women in the northbound Jeep were wearing seatbelts, but both sustained serious enough injuries that they were airlifted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle by LifeFlight Northwest. The man, Edward Avery, who was speeding and crossed the highway, was not wearing a seatbelt, and was pronounced dead at the scene. The Washington State Patrol report on the collision said it was unknown at that point if drugs or alcohol were involved.

A 23-year-old Sequim man died early Saturday morning in a one-vehicle rollover collision on Palo Alto Road near its intersection with Louella Road. According to Clallam County Sgt. Amy Bundy, Bradley White-Simpson was driving northbound in the 2000 block of Palo Alto Road about 2:54am Saturday. As reported in the *Peninsula Daily News*, White-Simpson's friend was driving in front of him and suddenly didn't see headlights behind him, so he turned around and drove back to find that Bradley White-Simpson had been ejected from the vehicle and the vehicle had landed on top of him. Sgt. Bundy said that alcohol is believed to be a contributing factor.

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