

Good afternoon, thanks for tuning in to 91.9 KPTZ FM. I'm Simon Jaynes in Port Townsend, Washington with the local news for Friday, October 28, 2022.

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Last night at 7:30pm a vehicle traveling southbound on Highway 101 near Brinnon struck the embankment and rolled several times, coming to rest of its top in the center of the highway near milepost 302. The driver of the Honda Passport was a 21-year-old man and the passenger was a 19-year-old Port Angeles woman. Both were injured in the collision and the passenger had to be airlifted to Harborview. There were no other vehicles involved in the crash but both lanes of the highway were blocked for approximately 2 hours. According to the Washington State Patrol, the cause of the accident was "speeds too fast for conditions."

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The Port Townsend/Coupeville Ferry is back up and running after a slew of cancellations yesterday and this morning. There were tidal cancelations already scheduled for 10am today and Thursday, but beginning with the 3:30pm boat yesterday the route was essentially shut down for the day. The Washington State Department of Transportation released a statement at 5:30pm saying, "The Port Townsend/Coupeville route is out of service for the rest of the evening due to high winds, rough seas and scheduled tidal conditions.

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These same high winds knocked out power yesterday for over 1,000 Jefferson County residents. The outages were mainly from Chimacum south, to the end of the Coyle Peninsula along Dabob Bay. Crews were dispatched yesterday and it is believed that the majority of customers have had their power restored. The PUD's website still states that "Line crews are responding to multiple outages across the utility and updates are available on the PUD's Facebook page." (<https://www.facebook.com/JeffCoPUD>)

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Another note for ferry passengers: Vehicle reservations for winter travel on the Port Townsend/Coupeville route will be released Tuesday, November 1 at 7am. The Washington State Ferries Winter 2023 schedule runs from January 1, 2023 through March 25. Reservations can be made online or by calling and speaking with an Information Agent.

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Two work zones on US 101 along Lake Crescent means travelers will want to build extra time into their trips the week of Oct. 31. Each day from 7am to 4pm beginning Monday, October 31 through Thursday, November 3, Washington State DOT maintenance crews will mow, repair ditches and guard rail, and repair signs. Travelers will see two work zones, one at each end of Lake Crescent between mileposts 232 and 220. At both sites, a pilot car will lead one-way alternating traffic through the work zones. Travelers can expect to see delays of at least 15 minutes, depending on traffic volumes. As work progresses travelers may see only one work zone by the end of the week. This work is weather-dependent and could be rescheduled.

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The Washington State Committee on Geographic Names approved nine proposals to rename features bearing a derogatory term that refers to Indigenous women during its meeting Tuesday morning. The proposals came

from tribes came in the wake of the U.S. Department of the Interior's orders last year to rename geographic features throughout the country.

The Committee also handles approval of naming newly recognized (or newly created) geographical features. For Jefferson County, the committee deferred consideration of two naming proposals for a passage between Marrowstone Island and Indian Island to allow additional community discussion. One proposal is drawn from Chinook Jargon, while a second proposal – the Clallam word for “a passage through” – was provided by the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe. This passage was a significant travel route for S’Klallam and Chemacum peoples in the 18th and 19th centuries before being blocked by a causeway for approximately 100 years. The passage was reopened in 2019, reconnecting Kilisut Harbor with Oak Bay to its south.

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Jefferson Healthcare is pleased to welcome Frederic Joseph, MD to the Diagnostic Imaging care team this week. As a board-certified radiologist, Dr. Joseph provides experience and expertise in Vascular Radiology, Invasive, and Interventional Radiology. This makes it possible for patients to have minimally invasive procedures like biopsies, angiographies, paracentesis, thoracentesis, and injections done at Jefferson Healthcare rather than traveling out of the area.

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As the days are getting shorter and nights longer, the State Fire Marshal’s Office wants to remind everyone about fireplace and chimney safety. Before starting up your fireplace for the upcoming cooler nights, make sure that your chimney is ready to use. Almost half of all heating-related fires occur in the months of December, January, and February. Washington State Department of Health also reported that in the years 2016 through 2020, there were 44 deaths attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning. Chimneys should be cleaned and inspected every other year by a qualified professional, depending on the frequency of use.

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And that’s it for today’s local news. KPTZ 91.9 FM brings you local news at noon Monday through Saturday, and at 5pm Monday through Friday. You can contact us at [news@kptz.org](mailto:news@kptz.org). I’m Simon Jaynes, thanks for listening and have a great day.