

Hello again. This is Derek Firenze with your local news and commentary for Thursday, May 25, 2023 on KPTZ 91.9 FM in Port Townsend, Washington.

Throughout history, sharing food has brought people together. The Jefferson County Anti-Racist Fund (JCARF) knows the importance of feeding people and has run a Community Supported Agriculture (or CSA) program that serves BIPOC folks in the area for what will be their fourth season this summer. JCARF is holding a fundraising event to support the CSA program and Goosefoot Farm of Chimacum on Sunday, June 4 from 5 to 9pm at Finnriver Cidery. Goosefoot Farm has offered locally grown fruit and vegetables for the CSA program for three of the four seasons, but produce isn't the only thing provided. This year, JCARF will be adding bouquets of flowers purchased from Woodbridge Farm, a Black-owned business. In the past, they've also bought cookies from Two Crows Bakery and had salmon donated from local fishers like Katfish Salmon Co. The Anti-Racist Fund accepts donations from white-owned businesses and purchases goods from BIPOC-owned businesses with donated funds. Chimacum Grainery, for instance, has been donating bread for three seasons, before it's even been available to the public. To help drive donations, JCARF will be holding a raffle at the event and is still accepting donations of goods and services. Local massage therapists, jewelers, and artists have already made contributions alongside businesses like the Food Co-op, the ReCyclery, Good Man Sanitation, and many more. The fund-raising event at Finnriver on June 4 will also have live music starting at 7:15pm with local artists Harlem Ren playing Roots Blues and Folk and Camilia Jade with her take on contemporary Latin folk.

The Jefferson Land Trust recently announced that Egg And I Angus, one of the largest family farms remaining in the Chimacum Creek watershed, is now protected forever. Located four miles south of Chimacum in Center Valley, Egg And I Angus is a 115-acre historic cattle farm run by daughter-and-mother team Julia Nottingham and Laurie Hannan. The farmland has been in agricultural use for more than a century, and nearly a mile of Chimacum Creek – with spawning habitat for coho and steelhead salmon – runs through it. After more than three years of working with Nottingham and Hannan to protect the farm, local, state, and Navy funding made it possible for the Land Trust to purchase two easements on the farm. These easements limit development of the property, ensuring it will remain available as farmland for all time.

Egg And I Angus lies within a specific agricultural geographical priority area identified by the community in the Land Trust's Conservation Plan. The soil has been classified by the Natural Resources Conservation Service as "Farmland of Statewide Importance" and the property's barn and attached milking parlor, built in 1900, is listed on the Washington Heritage Barn Register. Today, they have more than 50 Black Angus cows on the property. And their plans for the future include seeding the fields, digging a well, and building fences thanks to the help they've received.

The monetary reimbursement the farmers receive for relinquishing development rights on their property can serve as a much-needed cash injection to invest into the farming operation during critical years. The Land Trust is proud to have helped many local farms and farming families see the benefits of protecting their land with conservation easements.

It's now what many consider the cutest time of year in this neck of the woods – baby deer season. John Whittet, the Operations Manager at Fort Worden, however, has a warning: Don't touch and don't worry! In an email sent out recently, Whittet notes that newborn fawns can now be seen in the park, and that it's normal for mamas to

leave those babies alone while foraging for grass to build up energy after birthing. On May there was already a police report in the *Leader* about someone calling in a baby deer left alone, but fear not! She'll be back. Other neighbors responded to Whittet's email with reminders to look under and around vehicles before hitting the road as mamas will sometimes leave babies in the tucked away shade of cars and trucks. So remember, while those spotted sweeties might seem stranded, mama knows where to return, and babies need their rest.

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