

This is Casey Dolan with your local news and commentary for Wednesday, November 29, 2023 on KPTZ 91.9 FM in Port Townsend, Washington.

The *Peninsula Daily News* reports that Jesse T. Taylor, from Port Hadlock will be arraigned this Friday on charges stemming from allegations that he assaulted a man with a club and had a three-hour standoff with police. Taylor was arrested on November 17 after it had been determined that he had assaulted a man with a club, 3 feet to 4 feet long, with obsidian stones on the edges. He remains in Jefferson County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 bail on Thursday. Arrest came after an almost three-hour standoff with police that included a crisis negotiator.

According to the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, the stretch of Highway 101 between Sequim and Port Angeles has one of the highest rates of cars colliding with deer in western Washington. The department warns drivers that deer are especially active at this time of year as the mating season is at its peak. Add to that the fact that a huge number of deer are migrating from high country to lower elevations where they spend the winter. The department advises that drivers need to be extra vigilant to protect both themselves and deer.

The number of wildlife hit by vehicles on Washington roadways is staggering. WSDOT maintenance crews remove roadkill from state highways and have been tracking the number of carcasses, including deer and elk, since the mid-1970s. Data from those efforts suggest that around 5,000 collisions with deer and nearly 300 collisions with elk occur each year.

Amanda H. Dorrough of Port Angeles was booked into Clallam County jail Saturday evening for investigation of second-degree malicious mischief and third-degree assault, plus fourth-degree assault and resisting arrest, according to the *Peninsula Daily News*. Second-degree malicious mischief and third-degree assault are Class C felonies which are punishable by up to five years in prison and/or \$10,000 in fines. Dorrough is scheduled to appear in court on the Monday ahead of her February 12 trial for one count of delivery of controlled substances to a minor. Her conditions of release include no contact with any of the alleged victims as well as anyone younger than 18. She also is barred from coming within 500 feet of any school district property or 200 feet of any state, county, or city parks. When she was booked in May, Dorrough told jail staff that she identifies as a 15-year-old boy.

The Summary Results of the November 7 Election have been published by Quinn Grewell, the Election Coordinator for Jefferson County. Here are the final results for some of the contests. A complete accounting can be found at <https://results.vote.wa.gov/results/20231107/jefferson/>. There was a 44% voter turnout. With 27,706 registered voters, 12,225 ballots were cast.

- The Port Townsend Benefit Transportation District to raise money for infrastructure won handily 77% to 20%;
- Brandon Mack retained his position as Superior Court Judge with 78% of the vote;
- In one of the few contested races, Pam Petranek received 80% for Port of Port Townsend Commissioner District 1 and Chuck Fauls received 20% of the vote;
- Bruce J. McComas received 78% for Public Hospital District No. 2 Commissioner Position 1;

- David Dickson received 85% for Public Hospital District 1 Commissioner 1; Brian Hoctor with 83% for Public Hospital District 1 Commissioner 2;
- Monica McHager received 69% for City Council Member Port Townsend Position 3; Owen Rowe with 68% for Position 4; Amy Howard with 69% for Position 6; David Faber with 63% for Position 7;
- Kristin Mayer received 82% for School District No. 49 (Chimacum) Position 3; Tami Robocker won 76% for Position 4;
- John Nowak received 74% for School District 50 (Port Townsend) Position 1; Simon Little received 76% for Position 2; Matt Klontz won 73% for Position 3; Nathanael L. O’Hara received with 50% for Position 5;
- Geoff Masci received 70% for Fire Protection District No. 1 Position No. 4;
- Marcia Kelbon received 77% for Fire Protection District No. 2 Position No. 3;
- Richard Moore won 79% for Fire Protection District No. 4 Position No. 1

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