

This is KPTZ 91.9 FM in Port Townsend. I'm Taylor Nations with local news and commentary for Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

The All County Picnic is this Sunday, August 18, from 11am until 4pm. It will not be at the HJ Carroll Park as it has been in previous years. The new location is the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The All County Picnic is a free community celebration designed to inspire residents of East Jefferson County to learn about resilience and emergency preparedness! Knowing where and how to connect to information and resources before a crisis is key. However, preparedness planning doesn't have to be cumbersome or intimidating, and what better way to put these philosophies into practice than with a fun, family-friendly, celebration!

New this year:

They will be distributing an ACP (Address Confidentiality Program) Passport to all event attendees as they arrive. The passport outlines an emergency scenario and encourages participants to visit with each of our emergency response agencies to learn skills and information relevant to the emergency. There will be fun prizes and everyone who completes the passport exercise will be entered to win something special.

On August 18 at 2pm, during the All County Picnic, all are invited to participate in an Emergency Simulation. We will imagine that we are 24 hours into a large-scale disaster and have gathered around our nearest battery-powered radio for a KPTZ transmission from members of emergency response who have gathered to summarize what is happening and what the community should know in this time of crisis. Here is the scenario: It's a sunny summer weekend afternoon on the Quimper Peninsula. You are home and getting ready for an outdoor dinner on the patio. Without a warning, the ground begins to shake and does not stop for a whole 2 minutes. The quake was shallow (4 miles deep) with an epicenter in Chimacum. Later reports show the main quake was a 7.2 magnitude, followed by a 6.4 and then 6.0 aftershock. Damage county-wide is extensive. Roadways have been sunken and collapsed; aging brick buildings have given way; bluff faces have sloughed into the sea; utility lines crisscross roadways. The Hood Canal Bridge is inoperable.

All participants are encouraged to pack a picnic to the Picnic. There will be a small free food offering of ratatouille and coffee, and some sweet treats available for purchase. But it's up to you to pack your main lunch. Go big – it's a picnic! If an emergency or disaster strikes, we don't have to do it alone – we are resilient together!

From the *Peninsula Daily News*: Public health officials in Jefferson County have announced closures of multiple beaches for recreational shellfish harvesting due to high paralytic shellfish poison levels in shellfish samples sent to the state Department of Health. Closures are now in effect for:

- Discovery Bay, including the northern Quimper Peninsula around to Point Hudson.
- Admiralty Inlet and East Marrowstone Island.
- Kilisut Harbor, including Mystery Bay and Fort Flagler State Park.
- Oak Bay, Mats Mats Bay, and Port Ludlow.

Paralytic shellfish poison is a biotoxin released by the marine plankton *Alexandrium*. Shellfish eat this plankton and the biotoxin can accumulate in their meat. Symptoms of paralytic shellfish poisoning, which can appear within minutes or hours, include tingling of the lips, tongue, hands and feet, followed by difficulty breathing and paralysis. Paralytic shellfish poisoning can be fatal. People experiencing these symptoms after consuming shellfish should call 911. The heat-stable toxin is not destroyed by cooking or freezing. Butter and varnish clams retain the toxin longer than other species, which is why they often remain closed longer than other

species. Crabmeat does not retain the biotoxin, but it can be present in crab guts and butter, the white-yellow fat inside the back of the shell, so they should be thoroughly cleaned and the crab butter and guts should be discarded. For more information, call the Biotoxin Hotline at 1-800-562-5632 or visit www.doh.wa.gov/shellfish_safety.htm.

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