

This is KPTZ 91.9 FM in Port Townsend, Washington. I'm Jim Burke with your local news and commentary for Thursday, November 28, 2024.

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone! Today I am expressing gratitude by reminding everyone of some of the great things going on around the county. This is a Local News – Community Calendar hybrid!

PT Main Street reminds us to shop local on Saturday November 30. Ring in the Holidays in PT at the Festival Tent at Tyler Plaza. Look for the large white tent which will offer a welcoming outdoor space. It's Small Business Saturday. Families can join in an ornament-making activity from 2 to 4pm with PT Artscape elves under the heated tent. Enjoy caroling by the Wild Rose Chorale and take a selfie with the holiday cartoon cut-outs.

In the *Peninsula Daily News* this morning there is a picture: Joseph Molotsky is holding Jet, a Harris's hawk. Jet, 14 or 15, has been at Discovery Bay Wild Bird Rescue for about seven years. Jet used to hunt with a falconer and was brought to the Rescue after sustaining injuries while attempting to escape an attack from a great horned owl in Eastern Washington. Discovery Bay Wild Bird Rescue will host an open house from noon to 3pm Saturday. The purpose is to showcase the new facilities at 1014 Parkridge Drive, built with funds from public donations and grant dollars, said founder and Executive Director Cindy Daily.

Saturday will be the first opportunity for the public to visit the rescue in six years, Daily said. In addition to adding three large, visually transparent enclosures, the rescue has constructed a covered space outdoors for education. The Rescue plans to host field trips when the space is completed and is already in communication with the Chimacum and Port Townsend school districts. The Rescue already has educational programs in local schools, education coordinator Joseph Molotsky said. The Rescue's primary focus is on rehabilitation of injured birds, Daily said, with the intended outcome of reintroducing the birds into the wild. The Rescue takes in a wide variety of cases and species, Molotsky said. "Everything from hummingbirds, eagles, we do a lot of seabirds," Molotsky said, "We get a lot of songbirds in, especially in the spring and summer. There was a week we got in like 55 baby swallows. It was just one of those times when it gets really hot for a week and they had all jumped out of the nest because they were nesting on buildings that got too hot. They couldn't stay in their nest any longer." That is Saturday from noon to 3pm, at 1014 Parkridge Drive in Port Townsend.

On Saturday you can go to Nordland on Marrowstone Island for your holiday shopping. There are two opportunities with local artists and crafters, lots of variety, and wonderful holiday spirit. Both locations are open from 10am to 3pm. A Holiday Gift Show at the Old Nordland Church Community Hall at 7120 Flagler Road and the Holiday Arts Market at the Nordland Garden Club at 320 Garden Club Road. And while you're on the island check out the newly renovated and well-stocked Nordland General Store at 7180 Flagler Road for coffee, treats, and good food.

And after the gratitude, the stuffing, and the shopping, GIVING Tuesday is coming up. From the Give Jefferson website: There are people living in our community without homes, without food, without medical and mental

health care. Give Jefferson raises funds to support the local frontline organizations that provide safety net services to meet needs like these: Housing & Shelter * Food Security * Healthcare * Children & Family Services * Education * Advocacy and *HOPE! (<https://www.givejefferson.org/>)

Longhouse for the People: As the visionary behind Longhouse for the People, Naiome Krienke articulates a world of Indigenous sovereignty built on collaboration and mutual aid within the broader community of the Olympic Peninsula. Her vision is to restore Indigenous presence here, on her ancestral territory, through the construction of a traditional longhouse and restored cultural practices. This project is already well underway, supported by other members of the community, supporters from other Indigenous nations, and Black, people of color, and white settler allies. (<https://www.thetamanowasfoundation.org/>)

And, of course, I am grateful to the community for supporting *your* community Radio Station 91.9 FM KPTZ in Port Townsend. The staff and volunteers here have certainly enriched my life over the past 4 years and I invite you to show your support on giving Tuesday as well, or anytime by texting KPTZ to 44321 or go to KPTZ.org and press the blue donate button. Thank you. Happy Thanksgiving!

KPTZ 91.9 FM broadcasts your local news Monday through Friday at noon and 5pm and at noon on Saturday. You can contact us at news@kptz.org. This is Jim Burke. Thanks for listening.