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Hearing examiner cancels MAT hearing

Environmental review must be separate under code, he said

BY MATTHEW NASH
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A week before a hearing was set to begin addressing appeals for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's proposed medication-assisted

treatment (MAT) application, the City of Sequim's appointed hearing examiner Phil Olbrechts cancelled the hearing because of perceived issues with the city's code.

In an email to parties of record on Sunday, Sept. 20, Olbrechts wrote

that he does "not have jurisdiction over consolidated permit hearings that include a (State Environmental Policy Act, SEPA) appeal."

A virtual, three-day hearing was set for Sept. 28-30 to hear six appeals from four appellants

including Robert Bilow, Parkwood Manufactured Housing Community, LLC, Save Our Sequim (S.O.S.), and the tribe.

Their appeals were collected into one hearing, per city code, for three aspects — the classification of the project (city staff review versus city council review), the environmental

Mitigated Determination of Non-significance (MDNS) SEPA review, and the application as a whole.

Olbrechts wrote he was disappointed to make the ruling, "but unfortunately, there is little room for reasonable disagreement on the jurisdictional issue."

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Kendall, former CEO of PepsiCo and SHS grad, dies at age 99

Sequim B&G club one of many legacies for World War II veteran

BY MICHAEL DASHIELL
Sequim Gazette

Donald Kendall learned the value of hard work early, getting up early to milk cows on his family's dairy farm in Sequim in the 1920s and '30s. If he missed the bus to school, that meant a 2-mile walk. When school was out, it was off to cutting and raking hay.

"I had a work ethic — spending long hours — 12 hour days," Kendall recalled in a 2015 profile in the Greenwich Sentinel (Conn.). "I don't think you get a job working eight hours. You keep going with 12-hour days. I frequently had customers out on weekends. You stay involved — you get to know your people and you get to know your customers."

The peninsula native and former PepsiCo/Pepsi-Cola CEO for more than 20 years who turned the company into an international consumer products juggernaut, died of natural causes on Sept. 19, family members said.

Kendall, who was 99, is survived by Bim, his wife of 55 years, along with four children and 10 grandchildren.

Kendall served as chief executive officer of Pepsi-Cola and PepsiCo for 23 years, and through he officially retired in 1986, he remained a trusted advisor and advocate for PepsiCo leaders, serving the company a total of 39 years, the company noted this week.

The architect behind the deal to merge the Pepsi-Cola Company with the Frito-Lay snack business in 1965, Kendall is widely regarded as the co-founder of the modern

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Irrigation Festival Royalty, from left, prince Logan Laxson, princess Brii Hingtgen, princess Alicia Pairadee, and queen Lindsey Coffman wave from their float for the first time on Sept. 19 outside 7 Cedars Casino after COVID-19 concerns led organizers to delay the reveal in March. Sequim Gazette photos by Matthew Nash

Irrigation Festival makes 125th year official with kickoff, float reveal

Event keeps streak as most continuous festival in state

BY MATTHEW NASH
Sequim Gazette

The "awe factor" remained high for the Sequim Irrigation Festival royalty six months later, as the Sequim teens saw their float for the first time last Saturday.

"It's awesome!" queen Lindsey Coffman said. "I love it," added princess Alicia Pairadee.

COVID-19 concerns led organizers to delay the festival's Kickoff Dinner and Auction for its 125th year along with the float reveal from March to Sept. 19.

Instead, they held a virtual reveal to show the float made by Guy Horton, David Blakeslee and John Riley.



Queen Lindsey Coffman waves for the first time from the Sequim Irrigation Festival's float on Sept. 19.

Health officers concerned about weekend political rally

Clallam County office closes after exposure

BY ZACHARY JABLONSKI and PAUL GOTTLIEB

Olympic Peninsula News Group

Both Clallam and Jefferson counties remain in the state's low-risk category, with COVID-19 infection rates lower than 25 new cases per 100,000 population for the past two weeks.

The state Department of Health released a report last week stating its contact tracers have been having difficulty making contact with confirmed COVID-19 cases in a timely manner and/

or people have been reluctant to share information.

That has not been the case with Peninsula public health departments, as contact tracers have been able to reach the majority of people involved with cases and their contacts, and people have been willing to share information, health officials said.

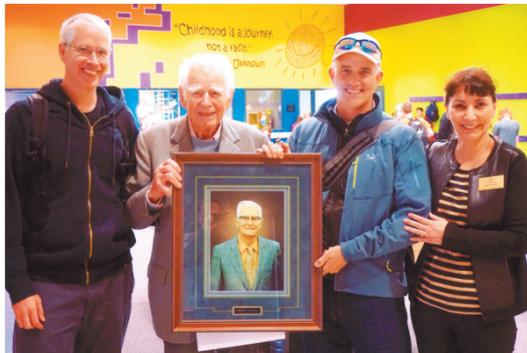
"By and large, people have been quite receptive to us," said Dr. Allison Unthank, the Clallam County health officer. "We've really had much more success (than the state) when we call folks.

"I think it comes from hearing from someone local or someone who seems to know your story, seems to make it a little more acceptable to talk to us. I can only think of two cases where people were resistant to give us information of all the cases.

"We even had a case where the state said the person wouldn't talk to them, so we called them back and they were willing to talk to our staff."

The new case in Clallam County is suspected to have contracted the novel coronavirus through out-of-county exposure and is isolating at home, Unthank said.

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Mary Budke, executive director at the Boys Girls Clubs of the Olympic Peninsula, helps honor Donald Kendall, second from left, during a visit from the benefactor in 2014. It was the last in-person visit for Kendall, who died Sept. 19. Pictured with Kendall are his sons Kent, left, and Don Jr. Photo courtesy of the Boys Girls Clubs of the Olympic Peninsula

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2020 Harvest of Hope event going virtual

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With health restrictions in place, Olympic Medical Center Foundation and the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance are moving a popular local fundraiser online.

The 18th-annual Harvest of Hope Wine & Dinner Gala event is set for 5:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, and will once again raise funds for local cancer patients being treated at Olympic Medical Center.

Organizers say the foundation is looking to raise \$100,000 at the event to purchase equipment that “will keep the Center as a world class treatment center.”

Tickets are \$60 and include dinner and a bottle of wine available for pick up in Sequim or Port Angeles. Or, “Gold Circle” tickets, going

for \$125, buys dinner and three bottles of wine.

Get tickets by going to www.omcf.org or by calling 360-417-7144.

The OMC Foundation has donated more than \$1.6 million dollars to the cancer center in the past three years, including funds for the nearly-completed center expansion.

At the virtual event, representatives from First Federal and the First Federal Community Foundation will present the Rick Kaps Award, an honor that recognizes organizations and individuals who've supported the cancer center.

Attendees will also have an opportunity to help raise funds through the purchase of raffle tickets or live and silent auction items.

Call 360-417-7144.

Tracy Allen Hughes

December 3, 1966 - August 22, 2020

Tracy Allen Hughes, age 53, passed away into the loving arms of God on August 22, 2020 while temporarily living and working in Hyrum, Utah. He was born in Tacoma, WA on December 3, 1966 and spent most of his youth living in Gig Harbor.



Living within a mile of salt water, Tracy grew up loving the outdoors, camping, the woods and creeks, and all types of water sports. Being an avid fly fisherman, he loved fishing rivers at every chance.

After being part of the family business in the construction trades in Gig Harbor, he developed his perfectionist skills in finish carpentry and heavy equipment operation.

He married and moved on to live in Rico, CO and Post Falls, ID, and then settled his family in Fairbanks, AK.

On one of his jobs in northern Alaska, he drove a loaded Belly Dump daily across the frozen Yukon River. In the frigid cold of the winter, as the crew built an air strip out in the bush. He used extreme caution to measure the ice daily so as to not break through the ice and sink into the mile wide river with the equipment. That was the first year his employer didn't lose a piece of heavy equipment in the Yukon River and they finished the job on time.

Later, Tracy moved back to Gig Harbor and then to Sequim. A few years later when his parents moved to Bend, OR, he chose to join them. Since moving to Bend in 2012, Tracy has made many lasting friendships. He worked on numerous construction sites from the Young Life Ranch in Antelope to Bend and beyond.

Over the years he enjoyed playing the guitar, fly fishing, country music, wood carving (and fly fishing), building RC airplanes, evening camp fires (and more fly fishing), and building fly fishing rods.

He loved to cook and create new recipes, loved BBQ (along with fly fishing) and wrote poetry, but most of all he especially loved his children and grandchildren.

Tracy had a big heart, cared deeply for his friends, and family was very important to him. He was often helping others before taking care of himself and his big dream was to develop a youth ranch in Montana for disabled and terminally ill children.

He had a strong faith in God, always had a good word for others, never talked about his health issues, and with his broad skills, experience and knowledge he quickly gained the respect of his co-workers and friends. Tracy's motto developed and became “The Right Thing!”

The medical report stated smoking contributed to his massive heart failure that has now prevented him from being able to be here and share in future milestones with his loved ones. If you're a smoker - quit - now - your life depends on it and those that you love depend upon your life - don't let your life go up in smoke.

In passing Tracy was reunited with his grandparents, his nephew (Clay) and his brother-in-law (Scott).

Tracy is survived by his parents, Meryl and Kay Hughes of Bend, his sister, Lori Newkirk of Tacoma, his brother, Corey Hughes (Bernice Vandegrift) of Gig Harbor, his son, Ricky (Maggie) Hughes of Statesville, N.C., his daughter, Amanda (Joshua) Swanson of Vilas, N.C., his son, Daniel (Karissa) Hughes of Fairbanks, his daughter, Emma Livengood-Hughes of Sequim, five grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews and extended family.

Tracy strived to maintain a close family relationship and will be greatly missed by his many friends and family.

Because of Covid19 there will be no gathering at this time to celebrate his life.

Sequim schools could open in early October

BY MICHAEL DASHIELL
Sequim Gazette

With Clallam County's overall COVID-19 infection rate decreasing in recent weeks, Sequim school leaders are keeping an eye on opening its school doors to at least some of its students.

Sequim schools superintendent Dr. Rob Clark said several students with special needs — about 30 of them — will be the first students on campus on Sept. 28 and, if coronavirus rates stay below the 75 cases per 100,000 threshold countywide, the district could start bringing back students at some grade levels beginning Oct. 5.

“The first kids on campus will be a week from today; then we're going

to move slowly but surely,” Clark told school board directors Monday night.

“I'm not sure we're going to be fully ready by then (Oct. 5), so I'm not setting a date,” he said.

According to the Clallam County Health Department as of Sept. 21, Clallam's COVID-19 rate of infection in the last 14 days is 17 (per 100,000 population) — putting the county in the “low” rating of 10-25. As of that date, Clallam has been below the “high” threshold (75-plus) for 21 days and under the “moderate” threshold (25-75) for nine days.

School district leaders previously noted that the countywide rate would have to be at “moderate” or lower levels for at least 28 consecutive days to start bringing students back into classrooms.

Clark said the district is going to be deliberate in its approach to re-opening its buildings.

“Our goals haven't changed, in the sense that while we want to meet in kids brick-and-mortar (rooms),” he said Monday. “Health and safety of our staff and students and parents and the community is number one. While it's exciting that our numbers our down ... I think that's its naive to think they are going to remain down for the next eight months. We need to have our virtual meeting platforms perfected ... (and) if we have to back and do virtual for a few weeks, we can do that.”

Clark said he hopes to have a document articulating the school district's re-opening plans on the website (sequimschools.org) by the end of this week.



This one's for Donald: Youths at the Boys & Girls Club in Sequim hold up Pepsi cans in honor of Donald Kendall, a Sequim native and former PepsiCo CEO whose contribution during a 2000 capital campaign helped construct the facility that's named after his father. Kendall died on Sept. 19. Photos courtesy of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Olympic Peninsula

Kendall

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PepsiCo, the company said. During his tenure as CEO, the business' revenues increased almost 40-fold, from \$200 million to \$7.6 billion.

Kendall left behind a tribute to his father Carroll Kendall, establishing the Carroll C. Kendall Boys and Girls Club in Sequim

“We're heavy-hearted here,” said Mary Budke, executive director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Olympic Peninsula organization.

“He was a mentor; he called and checked on the kids quite often. Several times a year.”

Founded in 1986, the Boys & Girls Club in Sequim quickly outgrew its facility at the old Masonic Lodge on North Sequim Avenue and then the nearby Trinity United Methodist Church before its current spot on Fir Street.

During a capital campaign to build the club, located at 400 W. Fir St., Sequim Rotarian Cecil Dawley — one of Kendall's former classmates — contacted the former PepsiCo CEO and suggested his family might want to support the youths in Sequim, said Rochelle McHugh, a Sequim Noon Rotary members and co-chair of the campaign.

Kendall agreed and offered \$500,000 in PepsiCo stock for the campaign to honor his father, an award-winning dairy farmer, McHugh recalled.

“(A) super generous man,” McHugh said. “We are hoping his legacy will continue on.”

The Kendall family is planning to hold a small funeral in the coming days and a

memorial service to celebrate his life after the COVID-19 pandemic is under control.

In lieu of flowers, the Kendall family asked that donations be made to the Carroll C. Kendall Boys & Girls Club (see www.bgc-op.org/CCK-sequim or call 360-683-8095).

That the family asked to have donations go to the club rather than another organization is telling, Budke said.

“He said the way he was raised here (in Sequim) gave him the foundation for his success,” she said.

The first donation in Kendall's memorial, Budke said — quite a large one — came through Monday.

Kendall's family confirmed his passing in a news release.

“Our family is heartbroken, but also incredibly proud of the truly epic life he led,” family members said. “From the dairy farm in Washington where he was born and grew up, he went on to serve his country with distinction as a Naval aviator in World War II and then joined the Pepsi Cola Company as a management trainee and route salesman.”

“The fact that he climbed to the top and grew PepsiCo into the global enterprise it is today is a fitting testament to his legendary work ethic, drive, optimism, competitive spirit and love of people.”

Veteran, international salesman, visionary

Born March 16, 1921, in Sequim, Donald McIntosh Kendall became a star football player in high school and earned a scholarship from Western Kentucky State College in Bowling Green, Ky., according to a memorial

page posted on the PepsiCo website.

He started his career as a salesman in Bowling Green, first getting paid on commission at a shoe store.

In 1941, before finishing college, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a pilot to serve in World War II.

Kendall recounted to the *Greenwich Sentinel* that his plane was shot down and he landed in the water off the Philippines, eventually being rescued by a submarine.

By war's end he had earned two Distinguished Flying Crosses and three Air Medals.

In 1947, after leaving the service, Kendall applied for and gained entry in the Pepsi's Queens (New York) headquarters for \$400 a month. He took a job on the bottling line, then got a stint on a route truck. By the time he was 35, he was the top sales and marketing executive in the company, the biography notes.

By 1957 he was president of Pepsi-Cola International and flourished in that position as well: By the time he left that role, Pepsi-Cola was sold in 103 countries.

Kendall became president and CEO of the Pepsi-Cola Company in 1963. Less than two years later, he led the merger with Frito-Lay as the company became PepsiCo.

He retired as chairman and CEO in 1986.

“Throughout Kendall's tenure, PepsiCo continued to flourish, acquiring complementary brands and delivering strong performance over two decades,” the biography notes.

Influential figure

Kendall also had a strong

interest in political affairs, forming relationships with several U.S. presidents (Richard Nixon, in particular) and foreign dignitaries.

“Nixon worked for me as a legal advisor in the 1960's before he became President,” Kendall told the *Sentinel*.

“We opened things up around the world. He traveled with me all over the world.”

According to PepsiCo, Kendall in 1959 served Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev the first cola he had ever tasted and 14 years later Pepsi became the first U.S. consumer product to be made and sold in Russia.

Kendall would also be instrumental in bringing Pepsi products to China after the country resumed diplomatic relations with the U.S. in 1979.

“He believed wholeheartedly in the human benefits of free trade,” the PepsiCo biography records, “saying that international commerce ‘provides jobs, raises standards of living, and builds bridges of communication between people.’”

Kendall also worked to diversify PepsiCo's staff, the company said, defying cultural norms and raised the bar for corporate responsibility. In 1962, with Kendall's support, Pepsi-Cola appointed Harvey Russell the first African-American vice president of a major U.S. corporation. When the Ku Klux Klan organized a boycott of Pepsi, Kendall responded by hiring a second African-American executive.

In 1986, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund honored him with the first Equal Justice Award, citing his commitment to workplace equality.

“All of us at PepsiCo are devastated by the passing of Don Kendall,” Ramon L. Laguarda, current PepsiCo chairman and CEO, wrote on the company's website this week. “

Don was an inspiration to all of us leaders at PepsiCo, from his endless passion to live and make a difference in the world; to his creativity and entrepreneurship; his belief in building bridges between cultures through business; his capacity to connect people and build relationships; his respect for diversity; and his support for the less privileged.”

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