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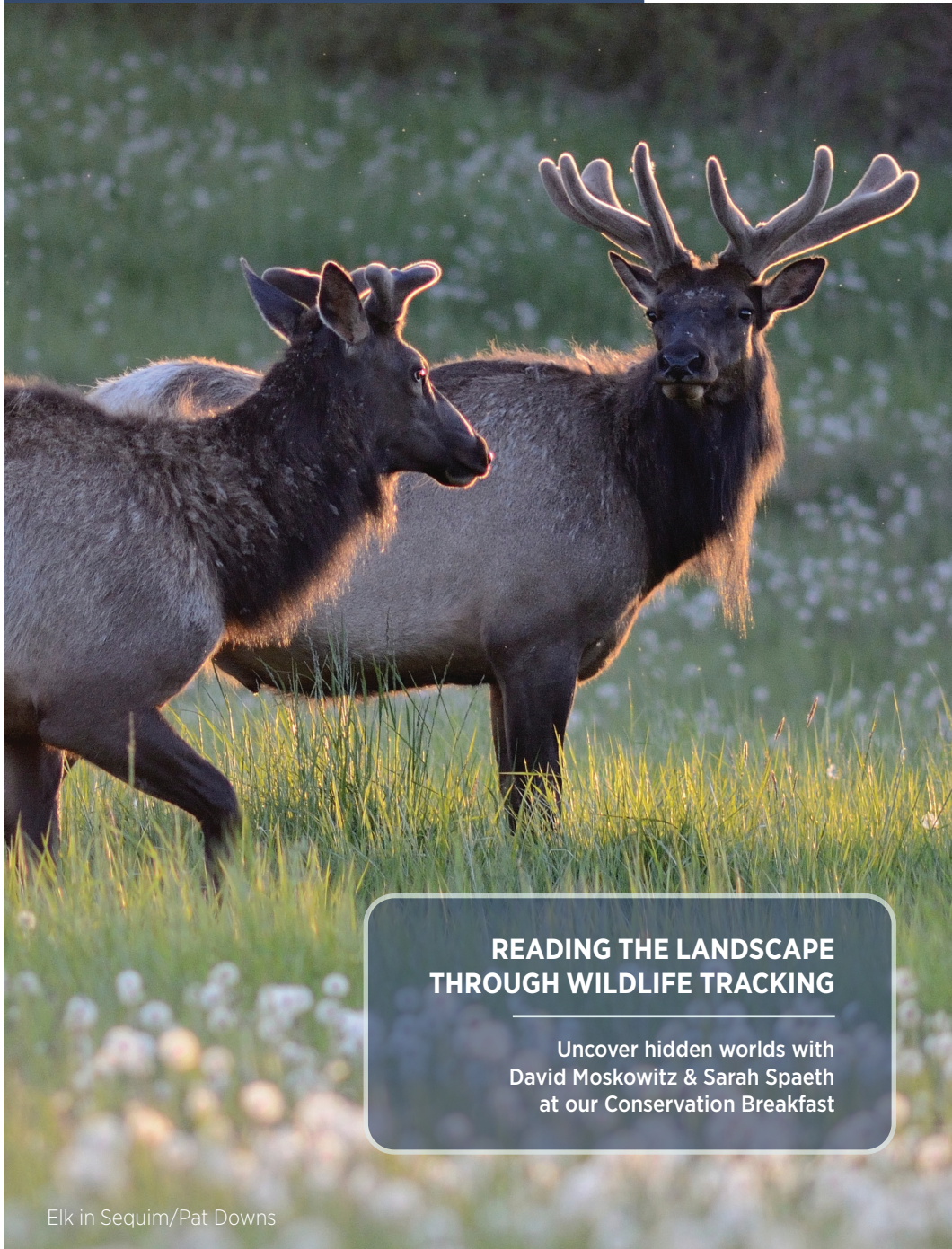
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our community to continue
protecting farmland, forests,
and river habitat on the North
Olympic Peninsula - forever.

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Elk in Sequim/Pat Downs

READING THE LANDSCAPE THROUGH WILDLIFE TRACKING

Uncover hidden worlds with
David Moskowitz & Sarah Spaeth
at our Conservation Breakfast

JOIN US FOR THE 17TH ANNUAL NORTH OLYMPIC LAND TRUST

CONSERVATION BREAKFAST

Reading the Landscape Through Wildlife Tracking

We invite you to Clallam County's biggest celebration of local land conservation! What can you expect?

- **A photo-filled talk from expert wildlife tracker, photographer, and author David Moskowitz exploring our region's hidden wildlife stories.** He'll share tips on finding animal sign—like tracks, feeding marks, and scent—from coast to desert, and reveal the secrets of creatures from mice to bears and cougars.
- **An exploration of how wildlife tracking skills are used in local conservation efforts from Sarah Spaeth**, Director of Conservation & Strategic Partnerships at Jefferson Land Trust (our "sister" land trust in Jefferson County). Also a certified Track and Sign Specialist, Sarah will explain how interpreting animal sign helps land trusts prioritize conservation and engage communities in stewardship and citizen science.
- **The presentation of the 2025 Out Standing in the Field Award to North Olympic History Center** for their work to help our community learn to read our landscape through a historical lens.
- **A look into North Olympic Land Trust's work**, including recent conservation successes and exciting new projects.
- Connecting with our conservation-minded community at a coffee hour after the presentation.

**SATURDAY
APRIL 5**

Field Arts & Events Hall

201 W Front St,
Port Angeles

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Presentatation at 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour & Reception
at 11:00 a.m.

Mink Tracks/Lexi Wagon



Land Trust staff examining tracks on the
Elwha River/Lexi Wagon

Conservation Breakfast in 2024/Katrina Shelby



RSVP TODAY - IT'S FREE!

Space is limited! Scan the QR code, visit our
website, or call us our office at (360) 417-1815.

Refreshments during the reception are included at
no cost with your RSVP. Donations are appreciated.
Bring a mug or thermos to cut down on waste!



A northern red-legged frog observed on a site visit/Courtney Bornsworth

Conservation success: 161 acres of working forestland donated to the Land Trust

Located near Port Angeles, this forest is an abundant tapestry of native trees and shrubs and is home to charismatic native creatures including cougar, bobcat, bear, and mountain beaver. Owned and cared for by the same family since the 1950s, the property’s conservation easement, inspired by John Willits, was donated in 2010 to ensure its sustained natural capacity. Active forest management here maintains and enhances biodiversity.

We are humbled and honored that the landowner (who would like to remain anonymous) donated the property to us in December 2024 and is untrusting us with the ownership of this amazing forest.

Owning the land means that we will be able to further engage in active forest management practices that first and foremost promote ecosystem health, while also providing income to support the costs of property management and the Land Trust’s overall mission. We look forward to sharing this knowledge and these skills with the community as we move forward. The generosity of this gift and our humility in accepting it cannot be overstated.

Save the dates for these Land Trust events

- Apr
5

17th Annual Conservation Breakfast
Details on the flipside.
- Jul
27

10th Annual Family Picnic
This all-ages gathering brings the Land Trust community together for a potluck and live music.
- Oct
5

23rd Annual Harvest Celebration
Featuring a delicious locally-sourced meal, this fundraiser is critical to the future of local farmland.

For a full list of upcoming events and outings, visit us online at NorthOlympicLandTrust.org/events.



Lyre Conservation Area/John Gussman

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Birding in Lower Dungeness/Lexi Wagor



Students at Lower Dungeness Prairie/Lexi Wagor



History Walk at Siebert Creek Conservation Area/Lexi Wagor

Our Community Keeps Us Strong

Community-based land protection is at a critical turning point. Federal protections are shifting and State funding is being stretched thin. Yet, community support over the decades made it possible for our institution to overcome many unknowns while protecting critical lands.

Still, local support for conservation has never been more important.

DONATE TODAY!

- Scan the QR Code
- Use the enclosed remit envelope
- Visit us in person at 319 S. Peabody Street in Port Angeles
- Visit NorthOlympicLandTrust.org and click “Donate”



Your donation today means we can better respond to emerging challenges to:

- Conserve more working lands that support local jobs
- Protect critical habitats
- Improve access to natural spaces that are free to our community

We always say that the *keystone* to our success has been support from individuals who have empowered us to protect and maintain land and conservation easements on 4 open spaces free for all to visit, 26 farms, and over 2,700 acres of forestland. Thank you!

Individual support isn’t just the keystone to our land protection successes, it is also the foundation on which we stand. Recently, many supporters who have reached out to us have noted that **our local Land Trust will succeed because we are:**

- **Community-led**
- **Community-empowered**
- **Stalwart**
- **Nimble**

Support the Land Trust today, emboldening us to protect more of the lands we love though community support!



Thank you,

A handwritten signature of Alex Wilson in black ink.

Alex Wilson, *Development Director*