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Projections show major growth in North County

Battle Ground, Ridgefield populations to jump significantly

STEVE KADEL
staff reporter

Battle Ground's population will grow by 17,500 people in the coming years to reach 37,700 in 2035.

Ridgefield will add more than 14,000 new residents to hit a population of 20,500 by the same time.

Those estimates are among projections in the Clark County Comprehensive Plan update due for adoption by Clark County commissioners in June 2016.

The comprehensive plan is a long-range look at where popula-

tion and employment growth will occur in unincorporated parts of the county, and includes options to mitigate the impacts of that growth. The document is important because it determines future development.

"(It) guides the infrastructure plans and investments, which have a big impact on where development can happen," La Center

Consulting City Planner Elizabeth Decker told The Reflector in an email. "The plan also shapes the development code and zoning to implement the plan, which again we see translating into specific development projects on the ground."

Cities within Clark County, and the Town of Yacolt, each update their own growth plan in

coordination of the county's plan.

On June 24, Commissioners Ed Barnes, David Madore and Tom Mielke unanimously approved population and employment estimates for the next 20 years. Some municipal officials, including La Center Mayor Jim Irish and Ridgefield City Council member Lee Wells, addressed commissioners to ask for flexibil-

ity in the document.

La Center currently has the capacity to accommodate 4,772 new residents, according to Decker. La Center officials hope commissioners will revise upward the current estimate for 3,551 new residents by 2035.

"We are hopeful we can work

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Photo by Steve Kadel

RIDGEFIELD CITY COUNCIL members are considering revisions to downtown parking regulations, including the possibility of more 15-minute parking spots.

Ridgefield council considers parking

Trucks towing trailers would be prohibited

STEVE KADEL
staff reporter

Parking of vehicles hauling trailers, such as those carrying boats, would be banned in some parts of downtown Ridgefield under a city code amendment being considered.

City Council members are scheduled for second reading and action on a measure that would prohibit those vehicles on Main Avenue, Pioneer Street and one block of Mill Street. The amendment also would authorize City Manager Steve Stuart to add up to two more 15-minute parking spots per block downtown.

A vote could be taken during the council's Thur., July 10 meeting.

City Planning Consultant Elizabeth Decker said downtown parking "has been an issue before us for approximately two years." Several public forums have been held so citizens, including property owners and business owners, could give their input.

While most didn't see parking as a huge issue, Decker said, there was consensus that the city's unofficial two-hour limit on downtown parking should be removed.

Police Chief Carrie Greene said during an interview that the two-hour limit has never been enforced because it hasn't been posted with signs.

Council member David Taylor questioned whether the ban on over-sized vehicles downtown would prevent trucks from making deliveries to businesses located there. Decker said language could be written into the amendment that would allow deliveries to take place.

Under the proposed amendment, up to two new 15-minute parking spots could be added on some streets, with City Manager Steve Stuart having discretion to choose those spots. Council member Darren Wertz said with tongue in cheek that Stuart is probably up to the task of choosing appropriate sites.

"Thank you, councilor," Stuart replied with a grin.

Cowlitz Tribe eyes I-5 interchange project near La Center



Photo by Steve Kadel

THE COWLITZ TRIBE would pay for a construction project to widen the bridge over I-5 at the La Center exit if it is allowed to build a casino in the area.

Development depends on casino approval

STEVE KADEL
staff reporter

The Cowlitz Tribe is working toward a possible \$30 million development project at the I-5 La Center interchange.

It would proceed if the tribe succeeds in its bid to have 152 acres it owns at the intersection put into trust, allowing construc-

tion of a casino. The case currently is in federal appeals court.

"We won't do the improvements to the interchange unless the tribe gets a casino there," said Steve Horenstein, attorney for Salishan-Mohegan LLC, the Cowlitz Tribe's development partner. "We are going to widen the bridge over the freeway and realign the frontage roads on both sides to accommodate that."

The tribe would pay all construction costs, he said. No state or federal money would

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THE BRIDGE UPGRADE and other work would cost an estimated \$30 million, all of which would be paid by the Cowlitz Tribe.

Interim county commissioner choice questioned

Selection bypassed Democrats' top candidate choice

STEVE KADEL
staff reporter

Vancouver resident Karen Hengerer is raising questions about the methods Clark County Commissioners David Madore and Tom Mielke used to select Ed Barnes as interim commissioner. The two commissioners, both

Republicans, chose Barnes from among three Democrat applicants June 3. In doing so, they rejected Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Kelly Love Parker and Craig Pridemore, a former Clark County commissioner.

Pridemore was Clark County Democrats' top pick for the post after official balloting of party officials. Traditionally, sitting commissioners have chosen a party's No. 1 candidate to fill a vacant seat.

Steve Stuart, a Democrat, resigned from the commission's Seat 3 to become Ridgefield city manager in April.

Hengerer spoke during the June 24 Board of Commissioners meeting. She noted that when the two Republican commissioners were asked shortly after their announcement why they had not selected Pridemore, Mielke replied that he and Madore compared the three candidates against their "goals and criteria."

After that, Hengerer filed

a Freedom of Information Act request for all notes, minutes, emails or other records between April 3 and June 3 that involved the interim commissioner selection. Clark County staff found none.

County staff member Linnea LaRocque told Hengerer in an email dated June 10 that "both commissioners expressed that they had taken no notes regarding the selection process/goals during the executive session or otherwise."

Hengerer testified during last week's meeting that because there are no notes, minutes, emails or other records between Madore and Mielke regarding the vacant commission seat "one can only assume that either such mentioned goals and criteria were established either in a private meeting or non-recorded phone call, therefore constituting an illegal county business transaction without public knowledge."

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Candidates to appear in public forums

Focus will be on county sheriff, utility commissioner

Four candidates running for Clark County sheriff will answer questions in an open forum on Wed., July 9, at the Vancouver Public Library, 901 C St., Vancouver. The public is invited to attend. Also speaking at the forum will be four candidates for commissioner of Clark Public Utilities. The candidates for commissioner of Clark Public Utilities will speak first at 6 p.m., followed

by the sheriff's candidates at about 7 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Clark County. Marvin Case, former publisher of *The Reflector*, will serve as moderator for the evening. Byron Hanke, Jane Van Dyke, Michael Piper and Bill Hughes seek a seat on the board of Clark Public Utilities. Hanke is the incumbent and Van Dyke is a former commissioner. The race is non-partisan. Shane Gardner, Chuck Atkins, John Graser and Ed Owens have



CHUCK ATKINS



SHANE GARDNER



ED OWENS



JOHN GRASER

filed to replace Clark County sheriff Garry Lucas. Atkins and Graser are Republicans, Owens is an Independent, and Gardner expressed no party preference when he filed for the office.

Lucas, who has served as sheriff for 25 years, did not file for reelection. In both races, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the Aug. 5 primary

election will appear on the Nov. 4 general election ballot. During the forum, members of the audience may write questions on cards. Audience questions will be sorted and forwarded to the moderator. Then on Thurs., July 10, also 6-9 p.m., candidates for the state legislature from the 17th, 18th and 49th districts will appear in a forum also slated to take place in the Vancouver library building. Candidates in the 17th District who are slated for the forum are Paul Harris, Chris Rock-

hold and Richard McCluskey. Candidates in the 18th District are Mike Briggs, John Ley and Brandon Vick. Candidates in the 49th District are Sharon Wylie, Anson Service, Scott Dalesandro, Carolyn Crain, Lisa Ross and Jim Moeller. The League of Women Voters of Clark County is a non-partisan organization that seeks to promote voter participation and education. More information is available by calling Judy Hudson, (360) 253-7712, or Anne McErmey-Ogle, (360) 695-5124.

Growth

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towards a reasonable number that captures La Center's growth potential," Decker said. Likewise, Wells said during last week's public hearing that Ridgefield will probably grow even more than the projected 14,374 residents by 2035. He asked commissioners to at least keep the status quo for Ridgefield's projected population growth. "We don't want our wings clipped because we've put a

lot into our infrastructure," Wells said. Wells added that Ridgefield was the state's fastest-growing city in 2013 and has been in the top seven cities for growth rate during the past seven years, according to figures from the state Office of Fiscal Management. Madore acknowledged the need to weigh input from local government leaders as far as projected jobs and population. "Each jurisdiction knows their city best," Madore said. "These numbers are not cast in stone," said Clark County

Community Planning Director Oliver Orjiako. "We will work with the cities." Sydney Reisbeck, president of Friends of Clark County, told commissioners she's concerned about having enough senior housing in the future. She urged the board to include a healthy percentage of multiple family housing in the plan. "There already is not enough senior housing in the county," Reisbeck said. She read a letter from Friends of Clark County board member Val Alexander, who wasn't able

to attend the meeting. "With our population aging in Clark County, multi-family housing will be preferred by many," Alexander wrote. "Single family housing is a burden to the taxpayers for the infrastructure needed for it. When you consider roads,

utilities, schools, safety and health concerns the cost to the taxpayer is a huge burden." As for the future of commercial agriculture, the plan's goal is to "minimize the conversion of productive farmland." The plan also calls for geo-

graphic distribution of commercial lands throughout the county, and green spaces between communities. The 2007 urban growth boundaries should be maintained to "respect cities' investment in capital facilities."

BG mayor, council member earn Certificate of Municipal Leadership



SHANE BOWMAN



ADRIAN CORTES

Officials recognized at AWC conference

Battle Ground Mayor Shane Bowman and Council Member Adrian Cortes were recognized at the recent Association of Washington Cities (AWC) conference for having earned AWC's Certificate of Municipal Leadership (CML) in 2013. Council Member Bill Ganley previously earned the

distinction in 2005. The CML program is designed to enhance the ability of elected municipal officials by providing the knowledge and skills to effectively operate within the law, plan for the future, secure and manage funds, and foster community relationships. Recipients complete more than 30 hours of training through attending a variety of workshops and courses designed to equip them with the essentials of municipal service. The City of Battle Ground operates under the Council-Manager Plan of Government (RCW 35A.13) in which the City Council is responsible for the legislative function of the city such as establishing policy, passing local ordinances, approving budget appro-

priations and developing an overall vision for the city. Council members appoint a city manager who implements their policies and oversees administrative operations. Both Bowman and Cortes were elected to the City Council in November 2011 and began their four-year terms in office in January 2012. Ganley was elected in 1993 and is currently serving his sixth consecutive term in office. For more information about the City of Battle Ground and its City Council, visit the City's website at www.cityofbg.org.

Interchange

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be involved. Realignment of Paradise Park Road east of I-5 also would be part of the project. Horenstein said land needed for that part of the development already is under contract. The timetable anticipated by the Cowlitz Tribe and Salishan-Mohegan LLC shows construction beginning in spring 2016 and concluding in fall 2017. Current work is focusing on completing the Interchange Justification Report (IJR), a planning document that supports redesign and reconstruction of the intersection. The IJR includes such things as the interchange form, ramp layout and traffic control, frontage road alignments and NW 319th Avenue realignment. Both the Washington State Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration must approve the finished IJR. That step is anticipated by August, according to the tribe's timetable. "We're in the IJR process and doing a fair amount of technical work," Horenstein said. He recently made a presentation to City of La Center officials outlining the tribe's intentions. Part of that meeting updated the federal litigation situation. That issue began in December 2010 when the Department of Interior issued its decision to take the Cowlitz land in trust under the Indian Reorganization Act and declare it the tribe's initial reservation. That step made it eligible for a casino under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. However, the La Center cardrooms, Clark County, the City of Vancouver, the Grand Ronde Tribe and some individuals filed complaints in District of Columbia federal district court. Those complaints challenged the Department of Interior's decision as arbitrary, capricious, and contrary to law. After some court decisions, the parties have requested oral arguments before a judge. A date hasn't been set but Horenstein indicated during his meeting with La Center officials it may come within a few months, with a decision yet this year. If things go as the Cowlitz Tribe hopes, design of the revamped intersection would take place from January 2015 to January 2016, setting the stage for construction.

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PHS graduate sees success with academics, journalism

Makayla Freitas graduated this year with top honors

JOANNA MICHAUD
staff reporter

Makayla Freitas may have just graduated from Prairie High School on June 11, but this 18-year-old has already accomplished quite a lot and is heading down the path to success.

Not only did Freitas graduate with high grades, adorning two honor cords around her neck during graduation – one for being a Distinguished Falcon with a 3.5 GPA with Advanced Placement (AP) classes and club involvement – and one for being a member of the National Honor Society, she also accomplished many other feats during her four years at Prairie.

Recently, Freitas found out she was the recipient of a merit scholarship from the University of Arizona. She said it is almost a half-ride scholarship and she will study nursing with a minor in Spanish and journalism. She hopes to one day be a nurse anesthetist.

In addition to her involvement in numerous AP classes, including AP history, AP language, AP government and AP literature, Freitas was also very involved with clubs at the high school. She was a class officer with the ASB until her junior year when she became the executive treasurer, which she also continued to do her senior year.

Also during her senior year, Freitas took on the role of editor-in-chief of Prairie's school newspaper, The Falcon Flyer. She said she first became involved with the newspaper during her ju-

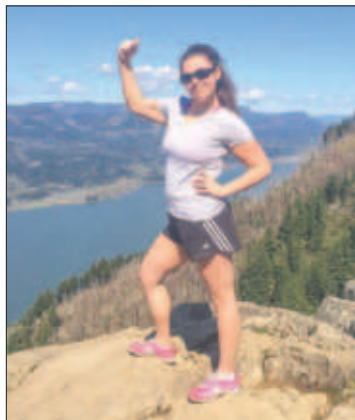


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ASIDE FROM ACADEMICS and being involved at school, 18-year-old Makayla Freitas also enjoys hiking, volunteering, traveling, studying other cultures and more.

nior year when Madison Wolter, last year's editor-in-chief, encouraged her to join and be her assistant. Freitas discovered she loved being in the journalism class and immediately accepted the job of editor-in-chief when her adviser, Patty Alway, offered her the job.

"I liked journalism because one of my favorite things is communicating with people, especially through writing," Freitas said. "And as editor, it was the best of both worlds. I not only helped people improve their writing skills every week, but also was able to communicate my opinion to the school once a week through my opinion pieces."

Although Freitas enjoyed being editor-in-chief of the newspaper, she said that being editor was a lot harder of a job than she had originally anticipated. She said it wasn't the work aspect that was difficult for her, but the leadership aspect.



Photo courtesy of Makayla Freitas

RECENT PRAIRIE HIGH School graduate Makayla Freitas is shown here with Prairie High School Principal Jason Perrins and her journalism adviser Patty Alway. Freitas was the editor-in-chief of Prairie's student newspaper, The Falcon Flyer, during her senior year of high school.

"The class was made up of 20 of my senior friends," she said. "In the classroom, I had to become the teacher that critiqued their work and made them rewrite their articles. Outside of the classroom, however, I went back to being their regular teenage friend. I found it a personal challenge as a 17-year-old to tell one of my really good friends, who is 18, that their article wasn't up to par with my expectations and they needed to rewrite it."

"I lost a few friendships over having to 'crack the whip' in the classroom, and it was hard for me, at first, to accept that that was just part of the job. Out of all four years of high school, I changed the most my senior year. Being journalism editor not only enhanced my writing and leadership skills, but also was a catalyst to so much personal growth and change."

Freitas said that writing is one of her favorite ways to communicate with people, and she said she wouldn't be surprised if her minor in journalism turned into a major and she became a writer for a nursing blog, like AANA Journal, someday.

Aside from all of her involvement in school, ASB and the newspaper, Freitas said she also loves hiking, volunteering, traveling, studying other cultures, meeting new people, hanging out with friends, writing and working out. Above all, hiking is her favorite hobby.

"Hiking is my absolute favor-

ite," she said. "I love exploring nature and new places. The Columbia Gorge and Hana, Maui, have some of my all-time favorite trails to explore."

Freitas is the daughter of David and Cindy Freitas, and she has one younger sister named Olivia. Freitas will leave for the University of Arizona at the end of August, and she said she is looking forward to it.

"I am not nervous at all, but rather extremely excited to start my future and explore another state," she said. "I love the sun and so I look forward to seeing it every day."

Carney named Woodland Primary School principal

Former principal faces assault charges



STEVEN CARNEY

Woodland School District officials have named Steven Carney as principal of Woodland Primary School.

He replaces former principal Mark Edward Houk, who was arrested April 17 by Woodland police on three counts of fourth-degree assault. Houk allegedly used excessive force to restrain a 9-year-old mentally disabled boy, according to a police report.

Houk was placed on administrative leave while the school district and police conducted investigations. Woodland School District Superintendent Michael Green said that Houk is entitled under state law to appear before an independent hearings officer. The hearing is scheduled for January 2015 and Houk will remain on administrative leave and receive this salary until then, Green said.

Houk is scheduled to appear in Cowlitz District Court on Tuesday, July 15, for a trial date to be set, a court spokeswoman said. He has pleaded not guilty to the gross misdemeanors.

Carney, a 22-year education veteran, has worked as a teacher,

principal and assistant superintendent in California before moving back to his home state of Washington three years ago, according to a news release from the school district.

He most recently was an instructional coach providing school and district leadership, the news release said. Carney brings a strong background and wealth of experience in building and delivering research-based professional development programs and learning support systems in schools and districts throughout the country, the release added.

"I love the work that I've done nationally," Carney said, "but where it really matters is in the classroom. One of the most important parts of being a principal is building solid relationships with students, families and staff. I plan to spend a lot of time in the hallways, classrooms and playground getting to know your students."

Houk's arrest occurred after staff members at Woodland Primary School complained to Green about his treatment of the disabled student. Staff members said Houk went beyond reasonable means to restrain the boy on at least six occasions, a Woodland police report noted.

Commissioner

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or on the other hand, that indeed there were never any goals or criteria for this selection."

She added that the public has a right to know why they did not select Pridemore, who was Clark County Democrats' favored candidate.

Madore replied that their choice was for the "best representation for the people of Clark County."

Mielke noted that discussions in executive session are not to be made public.

"You have been a recognized

leader of this area," Madore told Barnes when the decision was announced June 3. He added the former International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers local union business manager has a long history of championing jobs.

Madore said the same day that he believes Barnes has the knowledge to help improve Clark County. "I'm convinced you're very well able to take on that challenge," Madore said.

After last week's meeting, Hengerer said she was not satisfied with the answers and would continue to investigate the selection process.

"They're just sticking it to the Democrats," she said.

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Who should decide what's offensive and what isn't?



I have to admit, I'm one of the hardest people to offend. I'm an observer by nature, if I don't like what I see I move on, turn the other cheek, change the channel, or excuse myself from the situation. I don't get involved in causes. Growing up, my dad always taught me not to worry about was going on our neighbor's yard and our neighbor shouldn't worry about what was going on in ours.

U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA), obviously has a different idea about this crazy little world that we live in. Even though Cantwell represents those of us who live here in the great State of Washington, she has made it her own personal crusade to try to force the National Football League's Washington Redskins to change their name. She finds the name "Redskins" offensive.

Again, I qualify my views on this subject by recognizing that very little offends me. I'm a middle-aged white male, I'm not sure I could find something to be offended about if I tried. That said, Cantwell's position baffles me for many reasons. First of all, voters in our state sent her to Washington, D.C., to represent us. Why is she spending so much time and energy fighting an NFL team some 3,000 miles away when there are many sports teams in her own state with the same, or similar, team names?

In Vancouver, the athletic teams at Columbia River High School have long been known as the Chieftains. Up I-5, the Toledo High School sports teams are known as the Indians. Wellpinit High School, located in Eastern Washington, shares the same team name as Washington's NFL team, the Redskins.

Port Townsend High School is one of the oldest in Washington State, having graduated its first class in 1891. Not too long ago, students at Port Townsend High School must have made Sen. Cantwell very pleased by voting to replace their team name of Redskins with Redhawks.

The Wellpinit School District serves students on the Spokane Indian Reservation. The district's student body is 67 percent Native American. Recently, members of the Wellpinit School Board met to discuss the issue of the name of the district's athletic teams. Those board members reaffirmed support for the Redskins name. It seems the

people who have lived in Wellpinit are proud of the mascot that has reportedly been a part of their community since 1907.

I haven't found any word on how Cantwell feels about the Wellpinit board members' decision. I must admit, it's largely because I really don't care how a white, liberal, middle-aged politician feels about what's offensive to Native Americans. I'm more concerned about what Native Americans find offensive to Native Americans.

James Williams, a Wellpinit school board member, said the community members he talked to didn't want to see their team's name changed.

"It's something they have been brought up with all their life, and you know I don't think they look at it being very derogatory," Williams told Spokane's KXLY.com.

Here's my point. I don't need Maria Cantwell to tell me what I should be offended by. And, I don't think you need her to tell you what you should be offended by. Far too often in our society, it's the politicians and media telling people how they should feel. That dynamic creates a culture that teaches us that there must be something wrong with us if we're not offended by something, as a result I strongly believe that people act offended, when they're actually not, either out of obligation or purely to gain social acceptance.

I'm quite certain that fans of the Washington Redskins, Wellpinit Redskins, Columbia River Chieftains, Toledo Indians and even the former Port Townsend Redskins, aren't attempting to disparage or disrespect Native Americans. The same goes for fans of Major League Baseball's Atlanta Braves and Cleveland Indians and the NCAA's Florida State Seminoles.

If Native Americans or any other segment of our society are truly being offended, oppressed, or discriminated against, then it should be dealt with aggressively. Count me in when it comes time for those battles. But, I agree with the popular notion that when claims of discrimination are made when it really doesn't exist, it only weakens the fight when it is real.

Ken Vance
Editor

Syrian problem needs an appropriate resolution

I was born in Rangoon, Burma in 1937, my father was Scottish and my mother Anglo-Indian. My father was a Major in the British Army and was stationed in Calcutta, India following the end of World War II.

While waiting for demobilization, a conflict broke out between the Hindu and Muslim people, that resulted in bloodshed.

Initially, the War Office in London instructed the British Army not to get involved, as the conflict appeared to be a civil problem for the Indians to resolve. After months of fighting, during which thousands of people died on both sides, the War Office instructed the British Army to intervene and enforce Marshal Law, which later was referred to as "Partition" and was the birth of Pakistan.

The recent developments in Syria (where Ashad

was elected president) seems to show a similarity with the Indian problem, i.e., the problem largely brought about due to religious differences.

It is my humble opinion that the UN and NATO should step in and arrange "Partition" (similar to what occurred in Korea) where two nations would merge, i.e., North Syria and South Syria.

I believe if the British Army had not stepped in and pulled the two combatants apart in the late 1940s, the conflict might still be going on. History has shown that religious wars are not easily resolved by the combatants involved and that an outside force is necessary for the good of all.

I feel a similar approach in the Syrian conflict is the only way to bring out an appropriate resolution of the problem.

David Ross
Woodland

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Little has been learned from school shootings

Roy Wilson's premise (The Columbian, June 18) is every six minutes someone in the U.S. is shot dead. This equates to 87,600 deaths by gun per year. The Center for Disease Control reported for 2010: 2,468,435 total deaths; 35,332 by motor vehicle, 31,672 by firearms, 38,364 suicides, 16,259 homicides.

Of the 11,078 homicides reported, 358 were by long gun, 6,009 by handgun, 1,939 unspecified type of gun. This writer did not research how many homicides were justifiable, i.e., by law enforcement in line of duty, thousands which are part of the matrix.

Quoting Wilson, in part, "... recent shootings connect to the need for sensible background checks." The efficacy of background checks in preventing shootings validates the trite adage "when guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns."

Luby's in Killeen, TX, Virginia Tech, Phoenix, Sandy Hook, Aurora, Baltimore Navy Yard, Columbine, Fort Hood, San Marino - these shootings all share in common mental illness of the shooters at core. Evidence indicating response to deteriorating

mental health (Cho, the Virginia Tech shooter was diagnosed before admission at Tech) shows shootings could have been prevented.

Little has been learned from school shootings. Campuses are open to anyone; a student easily carried weapons onto the Reynolds campus in Troutdale, OR. Airport-style security is not out of the question with restricted means of ingress to campuses. Presently, school resource officers are tasked to react more than be proactive so as to prevent shootings.

Isn't it time for a pragmatic approach to preventing these incidents versus the dogmatic that sacrifices our most vulnerable upon the altar of liberal group-think? Why not take the difficult path of addressing mental health issues? That many believe in repeating the practice of enacting gun law after gun law and expecting different results each time is a measure of insanity.

Peter L. Williamson
Vancouver

America's Great Anniversary Festival

John Adams said the 4th of July is "America's Great Anniversary Festival." The inscription on the Liberty Bell is from Leviticus 25:10, "Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants."

In the early days, the Liberty Bell rang to summon legislators to work serving free people. It rang at the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence, and during the movement to free the slaves. It rang to remind all that men are created equal endowed by their creator with unalienable rights, among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit (not entitlement) of happiness - that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed.

Thomas Jefferson said, "The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time."

John Adams said, "America's Constitution exposes the principles of republican government, and the genuine source of correct republican principles are the Bible." He also said, "The general principles

on which the fathers achieved independence were ... the general principles of Christianity." Therefore America's Motto "In God We Trust" is the genuine source of American independence.

The Founders agreed with Apostle Peter who said in 1 Peter 2:16, "Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil." We celebrate freedom, not lawlessness or licentiousness on the 4th of July. In America we practice "love (not hate) thy neighbor."

Freedom is never more than one generation away from being forgotten. So, on the Fourth of July, remind your family that freedom must be fought for, protected and passed on, and to thank all who serve the cause of freedom. That is the least we can do for the blessings we all enjoy. It is an ongoing active endless effort to maintain our land of liberty. Let freedom ring again. Happy Fourth of July.

Keith Mathison
Battle Ground

Gardner has ability to pull people together for common cause

As a Clark County Neighborhood Association leader and a member of the Clark County Sheriff Citizen Advisory Board, I have had the privilege of working with Shane Gardner for the past five years in his capacity as sergeant of the Clark County Sheriff's Office Outreach Unit.

Shane has helped coordinate projects in our neighborhood where we partnered with several agencies, providing numerous training opportunities and presentations at neighborhood meetings and ongoing support.

Several years ago, Shane helped us institute a Neighborhood Crime Watch program and today we have several hundred homes actively involved in

this program. He encouraged our neighbors to get involved and to reach out and meet their neighbors.

Shane's ability to bring people together for a common cause has been evident to me over the past several years. Shane's involvement in our neighborhood has not stopped when he is off duty. He and his family have volunteered on work projects in our neighborhood.

I want someone for our next sheriff who exhibits the compassion, professionalism and commitment to our community that I have witnessed these past few years with Shane.

Barbara Cabe
Vancouver

Gardner will develop programs for Clark County community

As vice president of the Washington State's Search & Rescue Volunteer Advisory Council, I am endorsing Shane Gardner for Clark County sheriff.

I have known Shane for five years and trust his experience as a community servant. His military leadership and linguistic capability, have prepared him well for leadership. His experiences in our county, as sergeant, and Community Outreach

officer, provide him with insight facing today's paid and volunteer servants. He will develop needed programs within the department for our community.

As you consider the candidates for Clark County sheriff, I urge you to elect Shane as our next sheriff of Clark County.

David Bennie
Vancouver

Faith, real or 'pretend,' leads to excesses with sad consequences

Mr. Norris' concern over people abusing their positions of authority in the name of their faith is indeed a legitimate concern. ("Faith shouldn't allow people to abuse their position." *The Reflector*, June 11).

Faith, real or "pretend," has in the past and will in the future, lead to all kinds of excesses with sad consequences. But his use of those excesses and abuses appears to be a reason to attack the faith of multiplied-millions of true believers down through the ages who, like Abraham, have believed, trusted, and obeyed from the heart the Word of Almighty God.

To use the abuses of not-so-well-meaning, immature, or ill-informed believers to attack the faith of all who are "children of Abraham through faith in Jesus Christ" (the Seed of Abraham) - that is a tactic of those who reject the truth of the Gospel by pointing to the bad behavior of the few. To label as "the moral midget of the Bible" the natural father of the historic Jewish messianic nation and the spiritual father of all who demonstrate the same faith of Abraham, betrays a lack of understanding and a smallness which is sad indeed.

The rest of the story is that Abraham's willingness

to obey God was all that was required. He did not have to literally sacrifice his son. His willingness would serve as a prophecy of the divine sacrifice many years later that would provide redemption for all who would demonstrate the same faith as our spiritual father, Abraham.

As Mr. Norris says, hope is indeed "a fine word." The hope of which the Bible speaks is based on absolute assurance (faith), that God will perform all He has promised those who will believe and obey His Word. Mr. Norris denigrates as "pretenders" those who believe in "sin" and "facts about hell." These are "facts" that, if not dealt with here in this life through repentance and faith in the Redeemer, will destroy true hope, not only in this life but also in the life to come. Faith in Christ and His finished work of redemption is not, as Mr. Norris says, "just dumb."

True believers and "pretenders" do sometimes abuse the faith; history is replete with examples. But it is not "just dumb" to take God at His word and, trusting in the "facts" of scripture, secure eternal life for yourself.

George T. Willett
Battle Ground

Barnes named Clark County's First Citizen for 2014

Award recognizes Barnes for modeled exemplary citizenship'

Twyla Barnes has been selected as Clark County's First Citizen for 2014.

The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington recently convened a selection committee of community leaders and past First Citizens to review a number of worthy nominations for Clark County's 2014 First Citizen Award. Recently, they announced that Barnes, the retiring 20-year superintendent of ESD 112, was selected as Clark County's First Citizen for 2014.

The First Citizen Award recognizes a Clark County resident who has modeled exemplary citizenship through their actions and service to the community. The



TWYLA BARNES

Barnes' leadership, ESD 112 has furthered its impact in the 30 school districts it serves and shaped local education policy and practice. Barnes' influence extended beyond the classroom too.

"With her compassion, knowledge and a vibrant energy, Twyla has built networks of support for community causes and contributed leadership to numerous local organizations," read a press release announcing her declaration

honor will be awarded on Tues., Oct. 7, 2014 during a reception and presentation from 4-6 p.m. at the Hilton Vancouver Washington.

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as Clark County's First Citizen. "In these roles she has improved access to higher education, advanced regional healthcare and supported local preservation efforts. However, Dr. John Deeder, Superintendent of Evergreen Public Schools, said that her most valuable asset as a leader is her encompassing community vision."

Accomplishments in Barnes' career and service include:

- 20 years as Superintendent of Educational Service District 112, which serves 100,000 K-12 students in 30 school districts across six counties, employing 1,000 professionals.
- Led the expansion of the ESD 112 Special Education Cooperative to include 28 member districts across the state, and worked with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction to assure ongoing funding for this new model under an ESA designation.
- Implemented and grew the Construction Services Group, which has supported more than 195 school districts across the state and managed more than \$6 billion in capital projects.
- Created strong community partnerships that grew the Child Care Consortium (SWCCC) into one of the largest community-based not-for-profit child care consortiums in the nation. Today it serves 1,600

children through 25 centers in Clark County.

- Oversaw the success of the AmeriCorps program at ESD 112, which encompassed the Northwest Service Academy and became the fourth largest program in the nation.
- The K-20 Network created under her leadership, brought Intranet, Internet and interactive video services to every K-12 school district and community college in the state.

Selections of Barnes' awards include:

- Chancellor's Community Service Award, Washington State University Vancouver
- Justus A. Prentice Distinguished Leadership Award, National award for distinguished leadership in education
- Women of Achievement Honoree, YWCA
- Governor's Award for Best Practice, Work Force Strategies

Barnes' current and previous appointments include:

- Chair-Elect, National Center for Learning and Civic Engagement
- Governor's Task Force: Children and Youth Services
- Member, Columbia River Economic Development Council
- Member, Washington State University Advisory Board
- Trustee, Fort Vancouver

National Trust; Chair, Education Committee

- Past Member and Chair of the Southwest Washington Medical Center Board
- Appointed by Governor to Washington K-20 Education Network Board
- Special Advisor to the U.S. Department of Education, "No Child Left Behind" Act

"Dr. Barnes is among the finest women leaders I have ever known," said Renate M. Atkins, retired CAO for PeaceHealth. "Working with her to achieve 'greater good' for the community was characterized by her knack for collaboration, her reaching out to staff and making them feel appreciated and supported while holding them accountable, and her functioning as a passionate role model for leadership."

"Twyla has been instrumental in the university's growth, tireless in building support for the university with the legislature and in the community, and deeply committed to connecting the university with local and national educational resources," said Mel Netzhammer III, chancellor of Washington State University Vancouver. "Her work has helped to establish strong and effective community partnerships among higher education, the schools and local businesses, to strengthen education at all levels in southwest Washington."

Recipients of the First Citizen Award, presented since 1939, are selected by a volunteer committee of community leaders and past award recipients. Recipients are chosen for their accomplishments and contributions to the community in a number of areas, including effectiveness in leadership roles, raising community standards and expectations, strengthening community identity and civic pride, and exemplary giving of time, self and resources. For a full listing of criteria and past recipients, visit www.cfsww.org/our-community/first-citizen.

The Oct. 7 reception in Barnes honor will begin at 4 p.m., while the formal awards program will be held at 5 p.m. Regents Bank is the presenting sponsor of the event, which is supported by The Columbian and Community Foundation for Southwest Washington. For questions regarding tickets, contact Audri Bomar at (360) 735-4466 or audri.bomar@columbian.com.

Established in 1984, The Community Foundation helps southwest Washington residents build a more vibrant community by inspiring them to engage in philanthropy. The Foundation holds nearly 300 distinct funds, which are pooled, managed and invested to generate growth and income for granting purposes. Governed by an esteemed volunteer Board, the Community Foundation offers benefits and services to donors, nonprofits and the community at large.



MILL CREEK PUB owner Russell Brent recently accepted the Cornerstone Humanitarian award from the National Restaurant Association. Pictured here, from left to right, are: Tracy Wilson, CEO of DeWils; Lynda Wilson, running for State Rep. in the 17th district; Anthony Anton, president and CEO of the Washington Restaurant Association; Russell Brent, owner of Mill Creek Pub; Liz Pike, State Rep. 18th district; and Lori Lindberg, board member with ROCKSOLID Community Teen Center.

Brent awarded for his community contributions

Mill Creek Pub owner receives Cornerstone Humanitarian Award

Russell Brent, owner of the Mill Creek Pub in Battle Ground, recently accepted the Cornerstone Humanitarian award from the National Restaurant Association.

The Cornerstone Humanitarian honors a specific individual for this or her personal commitment to community service. Unlike other awards given by the association, this award isn't given to a restaurant but a person and only one person, per state can receive the award.

"I am honored to be recognized for serving this great community by the National Restaurant Association," said Brent. "It is so rewarding to help those in need and I'm happy to work in an industry where I can do that. My current focus is to improve hunger relief. I will be continuing to look for partners to help solve this issue."

Brent was nominated by three community members: Jeff Lann, executive director of the School of Piano Technology for the Blind; Diana Smith, Battle Ground Rotary; and Gilda Ciraulo, executive director of the ROCKSOLID Community Teen Center.

The nominators each had amazing stories about how the restaurateur helped his community in remarkable ways. Some examples include when Brent hosted a piano for the school for the blind and donated a \$1,000 to the organization, helped the teen center raise \$40,000 for its afterschool programs and regularly donates gift certificates to

his local Rotary group. WRA CEO, Anthony Anton, was on hand June 26 to give Brent the award.

"We are so pleased to give Russell Brent this award," said Anton. "He is a perfect example of how restaurants serve their neighborhoods and our state. Restaurants not only help their employees move upward, they unite people and provide immeasurable value to their community."

Currently, Brent is working with the North County Community Food Bank, Community Garden, Meals on Wheels, and ROCKSOLID Community Teen Center to serve those in need. He is planning a year-long campaign to make a difference for hunger relief and said he encourages others get more involved in missions in their area.

For more information on the Cornerstone Humanitarian award visit: www.nraef.org/Build-Talent/Industry-Awards. For more information about Mill Creek Pub, visit the restaurant website at: www.millcreekpub.com.

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Vitals Obituaries

Battle Ground boater missing for days



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Authorities presume Jones drowned in Columbia river

A 25-year-old Battle Ground man went missing from his aluminum boat on the Columbia River on June 28 and is presumed drowned.

James Jones is believed to have been tossed into the water about 5:30 p.m., Clark County Sheriff's Office spokesman Fred Neiman said in a news release.

An extensive search by citizens, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Clark County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol was conducted in an attempt to locate the boat's operator, but the search was unsuccessful. Searchers focused on a half-mile area of the Columbia from the mouth of the Lewis River at Austin Point upstream to the northern end of Bachelor Island on the Washington side of the Columbia River, according to the release.

The exact location where

Jones separated from the 16-foot Smokecraft boat is unknown, making the search area extremely large. Search boats scanned the river bottom using a high definition echo sounder and side scan sonar in an attempt to locate Jones' body.

The Clark County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol was dispatched after citizen callers reported finding an unoccupied boat with the motor running. At least one caller reported seeing a person in the water. It's unknown whether Jones was wearing a personal flotation device.

Water temperatures are too cold for even strong swimmers, and marine deputies encourage all boaters to wear a life jacket, especially when riding in open small craft vessels, Neiman said. Even while searchers looked for the presumed drowned victim June 29, they continue to see boaters in small boats transiting the search area, not wearing a personal flotation device, he said.

THIS PHOTO TAKEN from the Clark County Sheriff's Office boat in the area searched for a missing boater shows a Columbia County Sheriff's Office patrol boat in the background.

Skateboarder dies in collision

A 16-year-old boy was killed on impact May 29 when he was struck by a vehicle in the 14100 block of NE 172nd Avenue.

A Clark County Sheriff's Office spokesman said in a

news release that the youth was skateboarding in the "travel section" the the road and was struck by a north-bound vehicle at 10:40 p.m. The skateboarder was wearing dark

colored clothing and there are no streetlights in the area, according to the release.

The vehicle left the road and struck a tree after hitting the boy. The driver, Landon D. Stewart, 18, and his passenger, Paige J. Bong, 19, of Kalama, were transported by ambulance to PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center where they were treated for minor injuries and released.

Authorities had not released the skateboarder's name as of The Reflector's deadline.

Clark County Sheriff's Office spokesman Fred Neiman said no charges were filed and there was no evidence of alcohol being involved.

Tower of Power to perform July 20

Journey, Steve Miller Band also appearing

Tower of Power, Journey and the Steve Miller Band will perform Sun., July 20, at the Sleep Country Amphitheater in Ridgefield.

Tower of Power, as we know them today, began playing gigs in August 1968, and soon became very well known in the area.

Many other bands came out of the San Francisco Bay area in the late 1960s. Bands such as Journey, the Grateful Dead, Jefferson Airplane, Santana, Big Brother and the Holding Company, Cold Blood and others all helped to define the "San Francisco Sound." Tower of Power has always claimed Oakland, CA, as its hometown. Playing area venues and making a name for themselves, Tower of Power's big

break was just around the corner.



After playing at a Tuesday night audition at the Fillmore in 1970, Tower was signed to Bill Graham's San Francisco records and their first album, East Bay Grease, was recorded. All of the compositions were original tunes written by Emilio Castillo and Doc Kupka. Their next album, "Bump City," was recorded on the Warner Brothers label, and this led to a string of hits and memorable albums that include many of the songs that Tower fans come out in force to hear, even to this day.

Over the years, the Tower of Power Horns has recorded with hundreds of artists as diverse as Aerosmith, Elton John, Little Feat, Phish, Santana, Heart, and many others, forever infusing the radio airwaves with Tower's musical DNA.

Tower celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2008 at a reunion show at the Fillmore Auditorium in San Francisco. In addition to the 10 current members of the band, another 20 musicians and vocalists that at one time held a position with the band appeared with them. The show was filmed and is available on DVD. Emilio Castillo, Rocco Prestia, Stephen Kupka, and David Garibaldi are original Tower performers who remain with the band.

Current band members are Castillo, band leader and tenor saxophone; Kupka, baritone sax; Prestia, bass guitar; Garibaldi, drums; Tom Polizer, tenor sax; Adolfo Acosta, trumpet and flugel horn; Ray Greene, lead vocals; Sal Cracchiolo, trumpet; Roger Smith, keyboards; and Jerry Cortez, guitar.

A Celebration of Life

Jeannette Brothers Sharon (Brothers) Johansen

Graveside services for Jeannette and Sharon, beloved Mother and Daughter, who both passed away in November 2013 will be held at Lewisville Cemetery in Battle Ground, Saturday, July 12th at 2:00 pm.

Layne's Funeral Home is in charge of the service. Friends and relatives are invited to gather for a Celebration of Life potluck at the home of Jerry and Linda Brothers, 27006 NE 114th Avenue, Battle Ground, WA 98604.

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HARRY C. S. PARK, M.D.
September 17, 1929 ~ June 10, 2014

Harry C. S. Park, M.D., 84, of Vancouver, WA, passed away June 10, 2014. He was born in Honolulu, HI to Yoon Cho Park and Kum Sun Kim, the youngest of six children. Harry spent his formative years in Honolulu and Korea. In high school at Hawaiian Mission Academy, he met his future wife, Lucille, and together they left paradise to attend and complete their degrees at Walla Walla College.

On July 13, 1952, Harry and Lucille were married in Portland, OR. Their first two children were born while he completed medical school and residencies. While making plans to open his first practice in the Seattle area, he heard that a small town just north of Vancouver was seeking a doctor. Ridgefield welcomed the family warmly and the roots of a forty-year career in Clark County were planted alongside numerous friendships.

In 1967, the family, including four more children, moved to Meadow Glade. Harry's practice shifted from the Ridgefield and Yacolt area to Battle Ground and Hazel Dell. As a solo practitioner, he was always "on call." For patients who became ill after office hours, he made home visits with his black bag, treated them in his own residence, or roared off on his Harley Davidson to deliver newborns in the hospital. It was not unusual for Harry to begin his day at the hospital performing a tonsillectomy, hernia repair, or tubal ligation; check on patients at a nursing home during lunch; end a full day in the office with a vasectomy procedure; then play basketball with his Medics team or attend a Trail Blazer game.

Most meaningful to Harry, though, was the opportunity to use his job as a springboard to minister; invariably vexing his staff with extended patient chats and not staying on schedule. An unbending policy of providing free care to leaders of any faith (reverends, monks, pastors) was an extension of his belief that carrying out God's work rendered its own rewards.

Throughout his life, Harry was a force of nature. He was a natural athlete who excelled in numerous sports with a competitive streak. Musicality flowed out of him like water from a spring and he thrived in being unconventional. You always knew where you stood with him as well as the expectation to be equally driven. Harry was generous, to a fault, to every panhandler or person who presented in need. Even when his health started failing over a decade ago, he remained confident in his ability to impact the world. Although Harry was firmly entrenched in the belief that a person should go down swinging, he passed away peacefully in the early hours of a beautiful June day with a son by his side. To the very end, his faith in God never wavered. A few days before his heart, liver, and kidneys failed, he responded to his daughter saying, "Don't worry, God's going to take care of everything."

Harry is survived by Lucille, his wife of nearly 62 years; brother, Bill; children, Dennis (Melissa), Dianne (Jeff), Doreen (Robert), Delanne, Douglas (Elizabeth), and Darres; grandchildren, Talia, Samara, Jacob and Brittnay; nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

Harry did not wish to have a service. However, longtime family friend, Dorothy Kuehnle, is planning a Celebration of Life on July 13th at the Red Lion at the Quay, 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Meadow Glade Seventh-Day Adventist Church or Meadow Glade Seventh-Day Adventist Cowboy Church, Attn: Shirley Romig, 8102 NE 179th St., Battle Ground, WA 98604.

Refuge program focuses on basketry

Basketry of the Columbia Basin will be the topic of a program Sun., July 13, at the Cathlapotle Plankhouse on the Carty Unit of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, 28908 NW Main Ave., Ridgefield.

The program will be from noon to 4 p.m., and is part of the refuge's

Second Sunday Event Series. The Columbia River Basketry Guild will be in the plankhouse demonstrating traditional basketry techniques found in Native American basketry in the Columbia Basin.

The guild will demonstrate materials and techniques traditionally used in basketry of this

region. Included will be cedar bark preparation and weaving of Pacific Northwest coastal sweetgrass, tule and cattail. There will be hands-on activities for adults and families all day.

Children's activities will also be available from noon to 4 p.m. Refuge admission is \$3 per vehicle.

Obituaries

VERNA MAE HENDRICKSON

Verna Mae Hendrickson, 85, died June 19, 2014. She was born April 27, 1929.

Hendrickson was preceded in

death by her oldest son, Leonard Hendrickson. She is survived by two sons, David and wife Teresa Hendrickson of Ridgefield, and Rocky Hendrickson of Salmon

Creek; and a daughter, Linda and husband Bobby Nichols of Vancouver. She also had nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

No memorial services will be held according to Hendrickson's wishes. She will be cremated and watched over by Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver and will be in the Good Shepherd Mausoleum. All cards or flowers may be sent to 3005 NW Carty Rd., Ridgefield.

In Loving Memory
Marjorie Regina Jagelski
July 28, 1918 - June 15, 2014

Marjorie Regina Jagelski passed away peacefully in her home on Sunday, June 15, 2014 in the loving presence of her family.

Born to John J. and Rosalia Miller of Molalla, Oregon on July 28, 1918, Marjorie's life was devoted to her family and her faith. She touched many lives with her wisdom, love, strength and kindness. She found great joy in reading, sewing, knitting and quilting; along with cooking and baking all of which she shared with her family.


Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years Frank Jagelski (2006), daughter Betty Restoule (2000), sisters Anne O'Connell and Louise Felling; and brothers John and Joe Miller.

She is survived by sons John (Janet) Jagelski of Vancouver, WA and Stephen Jagelski of Vancouver, WA; daughters Marjorie (Rich) Yelenich of Lacey, WA and Deanna (Jim) Boone of Shoreline, WA; an especially close, great nephew, Alex Parthenay; 14 grandchildren, six great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Cold water in rivers and lakes heightens need to swim safely

Warmer and dryer weather predicted for July 4 weekend

With warmer and dryer weather predicted for the July 4 holiday weekend, swimming is sure to be on the minds of many. But even on hot days, most rivers and lakes in Southwest Washington remain cold in early summer.

Cold water – especially when high or swift – can immobilize even the strongest swimmer in minutes. If your plans for the July

4 holiday include a trip to local swimming hole, here are some safety tips:

Drowning prevention

• When possible, choose a supervised area with trained lifeguards. Kline Pond in Salmon Creek Regional Park is the only place Clark County provides lifeguards, typically from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, July 1 through Labor Day. Visitors to Kline Pond can use life

jackets from the loaner station.

- Know the water. Washington waters are cold enough to cause hypothermia even on the hottest summer day. Hypothermia can weaken even strong swimmers.
- Know your limits. Drowning often occurs when a swimmer tires.
- Wear a life jacket when swimming anywhere without lifeguards or whenever on a boat, jet ski, inner tube or other

water sports equipment.

- Ensure children wear life-jackets. Inflatable toys and mattresses will not keep children safe. By law, children 12 and younger must wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket or vest on all vessels 18 feet or smaller.
- Never leave children unsupervised in or near water, even for a minute. Drowning can happen swiftly and silently. Supervision requires complete attention, even if other adults

are present.

- Always avoid alcohol when swimming or boating.
- Avoid swimming in potentially dangerous areas such as fast-flowing rivers or ocean beaches with riptides.
- Don't dive into shallow water or unfamiliar swimming holes.
- Cover your spa when not in use. Ponds, five-gallon buckets and wading pools also are drowning hazards for young children. If you have a pool, be

sure a barrier, such as a fence, prevents unauthorized entry.

For additional information:

- Swimming pool safety: www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/WaterRecreation/PoolSafety.aspx.
- Staying cool during hot weather: www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/EmergencyPreparednessandResponse/Factsheets/HotWeatherSafety.aspx.

July 4 fireworks sales, discharge in unincorporated Clark County

The Fire Marshal's Office reminds residents and visitors to celebrate the July 4 holiday within the laws governing the purchase and discharge of fireworks in Clark County.

Fireworks are on sale in unincorporated areas of Clark County, as well as Amboy and Yacolt. Through Thu., July 3, both the sale and discharge of fireworks in unincorporated areas, Amboy and Yacolt are limited to 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

On Fri., July 4, selling and

discharging fireworks in those areas can begin at 9 a.m. Sales must conclude by 11 p.m., but discharging fireworks can continue until midnight.

Those who plan to purchase fireworks, should know that your best option is to buy them locally from a dealer whose merchandise and stand have been inspected and approved by the Clark County Fire Marshal.

Possessing the following fireworks is illegal in Clark County:

- Firecrackers
- Salutes

- Chasers
- Bottle rockets
- M-80s and M-1000s
- Homemade devices

Fines for illegal possession and use of fireworks can be up to \$1,000 and/or 90 days in jail. Possession of illegal devices is a felony and may also violate state and federal explosives laws.

For more information, go to <http://www.clark.wa.gov/development/fire/fireworks.html>.

Applicants sought for one Animal Control Advisory Board vacancy

Vacancy to be filled by operator of licensed animal facility

The Board of County Commissioners is seeking applicants for an open position on the volunteer Animal Protection and Control Advisory Board.

The vacancy is to be filled by a Clark County resident who owns or operates a licensed facility, such as a kennel, in Clark County.

Advisory board meetings

are held quarterly at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month. Meetings are at Clark County Operations Division, 4700 N.E. 78th St.

Functions of the 10-member board include:

- Reporting to the Board of County Commissioners and Vancouver City Council at least once a year to recommend modifications to county code and general operations of the Animal Protection and Control Program.
- Acting as an appeals hearing

board. For an application, go to www.clark.wa.gov/development/animals/advisory.html. For more information, please contact Paul Scarpelli at Animal Control, (360) 397-2375 ext. 4705 or Paul.Scarpelli@clark.wa.gov.

Applications must be mailed to Animal Protection and Control, P.O. Box 9810, Vancouver, WA 98666-9810 or dropped off at the department office on the third floor of the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St.

Application deadline is 5 p.m. Fri., Sept. 12.

Commissioners appoint three to fill seats on Board of Equalization

The Board of County Commissioners recently appointed three community members to fill seats on the Board of Equalization.

Lisa Bodner, who has served as an alternate board member since 2004, was appointed to full-time position. Her term will be July 14, 2014 to July 14, 2017. She is past president of Clark

County Credit Union.

Amanda Schoolfield, a Vancouver real estate appraiser, was reappointed as an alternative board member, a position she has held for several years. Her term also will be July 14, 2014 to July 14, 2017.

The board also appointed Richard Bailey, a real estate attorney, to fill Bodner's unexpired

term, which ends July 14, 2016.

The board provides an impartial citizen forum in which property owners can resolve issues of assessed valuation and exemptions. Members are paid \$75 per day while attending meetings. Meetings usually are Tuesday through Thursday and scheduled during regular business hours, as needed.

Workshop to focus on benefits of LED lighting, financial incentives

Clark County has scheduled another free workshop showcasing creative uses of LED lighting, including how it can lower electricity bills.

The workshop, sponsored by the Clark County Green Business Program, is set for 3:30-5 p.m. Thu., July 17, at the Heathman Lodge, 7801 N.E. Greenwood Drive.

At a March 19 workshop, more than 30 participants received information on the recent price reduction for LED lighting. The July 17 event will highlight financial incentives, such as from Clark Public Utilities, to help

property owners, managers and tenants pay for LED upgrades. It also will showcase how LED can best be used as outdoor lighting.

Light-emitting diode, or LED, lights have several advantages over traditional incandescent bulbs. They use far less electricity, last much longer, are more difficult to break and produce relatively little heat. Until recently, however, consumers had to pay more for LED lights.

"LED lighting is more affordable than it ever has been before," said Don Benton, Environmental Services director. "It can more than pay for itself through lower

energy costs. We want to get the word out to businesses and other community members. Not only will their pocketbooks benefit, but so will our environment."

While rebates and incentives are available only for commercial properties, all community members are welcome at the July 17 workshop. Participants can join industry specialists for an informal question and answer session. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Registration is required. Please register at the Clark County Green Business Program website, www.clarkgreenbiz.com.

Memorial honors POW/MIA soldiers

The nonprofit Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) is selling bricks for a POW/MIA memorial at the Armed Forces Reserve Center at 15005 NE 65th St., Vancouver. The memorial will serve as a reminder to visitors that our POW/MIA soldiers are not forgotten, and to remind citizens of Vancouver what these soldiers gave up for their country.

Bricks around the memorial are available for purchase to help fund the project. Vancouver Granite Works will engrave 18 characters per brick at a reduced rate to honor POW/MIA soldiers. A limited number of bricks is available for \$100 each. To make a purchase, contact Robert Bean at (360) 696-2326, (360) 903-2340 or robertbean511@msn.com. The last day to buy a brick is Tue., July 15.

Memorial construction broke ground in March 2014 and will be completed and dedicated on Sat.,

Sept. 27, National POW/MIA Recognition Day. For more information on the project or how to volunteer, contact Larry Smith, CMAC co-chairman, at vancouvertiger@comcast.net or Dan Tarbell, CMAC co-chairman, at dantarbell@comcast.net or visit CMAC's

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Anchor Point Counseling Center offers several self help support groups as well. One of the new meetings is called S.M.A.R.T. recovery (Thursday @ 7PM). Self Management And Recovery Training is a proven way to help change any behavior that is causing distress in one's life. In addition to SMART recovery, a "12 step" support group meets on Tuesday and Thursday at noon. A third group is Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (Happy Hour) meets on Friday at 5:30 PM led by Drew Lindsell LMHC. Lastly, we have an Alumni group that meets on Tuesdays @ 4:30 PM. All of these programs are funded by participant donations.

Anchor Point continues to offer individual counseling as well as group counseling for mental health, substance abuse, anger management, relationship issues and family counseling. Anchor Point is a preferred provider for all of the major insurance companies. We offer affordable payment plans and scholarships to help low income families. Anchor Point Counseling Center's mission is:

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Teach One to Lead One program aims to help at-risk students

Program has been implemented in some North County schools

JOANNA MICHAUD
staff reporter

According to a blog post written by Marc Logan, executive program director for the Teach One to Lead One mentoring program, when mentors from the program first started working with students at Prairie High School in the fall of 2012, one of the teachers reported that his 40 students had a combined 70 F grades.

This was at the school's six-week progress report. At the semester break in January 2013, mentors and teachers were shocked to see those 70 F grades shrink down to only three for the same group of 40 students.

"Last year at Prairie High School, we were astonished to see the amount of F's decrease amongst the students that we were working with," Logan said.

"One 15-year-old boy in the Teach One to Lead One program at Hudson's Bay High School had this to say: 'When I lost my dad I looked at the world differently, but when I met my Teach One to Lead One mentor this year there was a spark inside of me that helped me to believe in people again and find the emotional support that had been lacking.'"

The Teach One to Lead One mentoring program places adult

mentors in public schools who teach Universal Principles to at-risk children. Those principles include respect, integrity, self-control, courage, humility, excellence, compassion, enthusiasm, teamwork and honor. Since getting its start in 2012, the program in Clark County has grown from serving 80 students at Mountain View High School to serving more than 500 students in four high schools, including Prairie High School, and piloting in an elementary school in the Clark County area this year.

"This year we have piloted our elementary curriculum at Sifton Elementary and the school reports that they have seen a 58 percent decrease in office referrals with the same kids last year," Logan said. "It is working because the mentors invest volunteer time and are committed to the kids and the program. Next year the staff at Sifton have asked Teach One to Lead One to add one more class so all fifth graders will be provided with mentors."

The Clark County Chapter of Teach One to Lead One kicked off in 2012 when the program featured Dr. Lori Salierno, CEO and co-founder of the Teach One to Lead One program, leaving Clark County and riding her bicycle across the U.S. back to the headquarters in Atlanta, GA.

According to the Teach One to Lead One website, although the government's exact definition of "at-risk" differs from state to



Photo courtesy of Marc Logan

IN THE FALL OF 2012, mentors from the Teach One to Lead One mentoring program began working with students at Prairie High School. By January 2013, the mentors had helped to bring the number of F grades in one particular class down from 70 to just three.

state, the core program remains the same: "A significant group of the next generation is being led into a purposeless life. Of the 1.8 million young adults (ages 16-21) who have left high school without a diploma, 66 percent are not working."

The website states: "Many kids who are at-risk grow up in abusive homes that encourage negative habits from an early age. With no taught principles and no direction, many kids succumb to habits that are harmful to themselves and those around them."

Logan said the Teach One to Lead One program was first started 17 years ago in Atlanta, GA, and has now been multiplied to

eight states and five countries. It was originally started to address the needs of more than 20 million at-risk kids in the U.S. These are children who have an increased risk of dropping out of school, suicide, abuse to themselves or others, and who lack vision and purpose. Currently, Logan said there are 78 certified mentors in Clark County who use the Teach One to Lead One curriculum every week in the classrooms. The mentor teams teach the curriculum, lead small groups, demonstrate life skill principles and participate with the kids in a community service project. Students also often hear from a communi-



Photo courtesy of Marc Logan

THE CLARK COUNTY Chapter of the Teach One to Lead One program started out serving 80 students at Mountain View High School and now currently serves more than 500 students in four area high schools.



Photo courtesy of Marc Logan

THE TEACH ONE to Lead One mentoring program places adult mentors in public schools who teach Universal Principles to at-risk children.

ty public speaker regarding topics related to the curriculum.

At Prairie High School, Logan said there are 20 mentors who "take the risk" away from the students by providing them positive mentoring coupled with the Teach One to Lead One program. This year, there were 133 students that were mentored with the program at Prairie. The goal, Logan said, is to reach 600 students next year

with the program county wide.

Next year, Logan said they will work closely with Battle Ground High School to start a pilot program.

"It is our goal to add one school per year and have been in contact with Laurin and Chief Umtuch middle schools," Logan said.

For more information on the Teach One to Lead One program, visit www.T1L1.org.



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La Center grad headed to Washington, D.C.

Hanna Person receives Smithsonian Museum internship

Hanna Person, who graduated this month from Central Washington University with a degree in anthropology, is headed to Washington, D.C., for a paid summer internship at the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of Natural History.

Person is the daughter of Robert and Mary Beth Person of La Center. She is a 2012 graduate of La Center High School and, thanks to Running Start, finished her four-year degree at CWU in just two years.

Person, who's always been a natural history buff, chose CWU because of its anthropology program and museum studies minor and because she wanted to attend a small school. In addition to her classes, Person participated in a five-day field course at Mount Rainier and assisted in multiple exhibit installations at CWU's Museum of Culture and Environment. She says the experiences helped her land the Smithsonian internship, as did the great recommendation from Mark Auslander, professor of anthropology and museum studies and director

of the CWU museum.

"She's extremely hard working, very creative, and takes a good deal of initiative," Auslander said about Person. When he learned the Smithsonian might be looking for an intern to help organize its Rastafarian collection, he didn't hesitate to recommend Person to Jake Homiak, director of the collections and archives program at the Museum of Natural History.

"Internships like this at the Smithsonian are extremely competitive, but my museum studies colleagues and I had no doubt that Hanna would be a very strong candidate," Auslander said. "We are just thrilled for Hanna."

Person will help register and accession the museum's collection of global Rastafarian material culture, working under Homiak, a noted scholar of Afro-Caribbean religions.

"I realize that, for most people, being in the back room and handling the objects is pretty boring. But for me it's interesting," Person said. "It's a little mystery. You're learning about the object, you're handling it; it's like a treasure hunt. A quiet adventure."

Person was an intern at CWU's Museum of Culture and



Photo courtesy of Central Washington University

LA CENTER HIGH SCHOOL graduate Hannah Person is headed to Washington, D.C., for a six-week internship program this summer.

Environment under collections manager Lynn Bethke, who said Person's work and the work of other interns is vital to the operation of the museum.

"Hanna is a great student - always ready to take on new challenges, but also detail oriented;

great attributes for anyone interested in museums," Bethke said.

Person helped in multiple CWU exhibit installations, "writing text, mounting panels, installing objects, and doing all of the many little things that go into making an exhibit come to

life," Bethke said. "She also did a great deal of work processing a collection of baskets from the Philippines which was donated to us in 2012."

The Museum of Natural History is right on the National Mall in the heart of the capital. Person

hopes to visit as many museums as she can during her six-week stay in Washington, D.C., and expects the experience to give her a better feel for museum collection and help her decide what sort of graduate studies she wants to take part in.

BGPS' students win top awards at National History Day



Photo courtesy of Battle Ground Public Schools

PLEASANT VALLEY MIDDLE School students Logan Gibert and Jethro Abatayo recently won two top awards at the National History Day Competition in Washington, D.C.

Students brought home first place finish, special award

Pleasant Valley Middle School students Jethro Abatayo and Logan

Gibert won two top awards at the National History Day Competition recently in Washington, D.C.

The students brought home a first place finish and Naval History Award with their Junior Group

Documentary, "Vietnam War Prisoners of War: Taking Responsibility When Deprived of All Rights." The students traveled across the county to interview POW's and share their story through a 10-minute video documentary.

Jethro and Logan started their journey to the national competition by taking home top place finishes in the region and state competition. Joining them in the national competition was Pleasant Valley Middle School students Ally Orr and Simon Benko. Ally's junior individual exhibit, "Hanford Nuclear Waste 1943-2014: Seventy-one Years of Denial and Delay, a Disaster Waiting to Happen," received the Outstanding Jr. Washington State Project Award. She presented her research at the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C., earlier that week. Ally's project also received a

seventh place finish overall in the national competition. Simon

Simon's Junior Individual Performance, "Fish-ins: Non-Violent Protest to Restore Native American Fishing Rights," placed in the top two within his section and brought home a 12th place finish overall.

"We are so proud and excited for our students," said Irene Soohoo, Pleasant Valley Middle

School history teacher. "They have worked hard and done an outstanding job, they are very deserving of these awards."

National History Day is a year-long education program that culminated in the national competition. Over half a million students from across the country participate in the regional level with only top performers competing in Washington, D.C. This year's

theme was "Rights and Responsibilities in History." Students produce dramatic performances, imaginative exhibits, multimedia documentaries, and research papers. Battle Ground Public Schools has participated in the History Day competitions since 1993 and continues the legacy of winning entries. For more information on National History Day, visit their website www.nhd.org.

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Sports

Hockinson grad contends at prestigious equestrian event

COLLEGE ROUNDUP

Arn named All-American for George Fox University

CHRISTOPHER GRABER
for The Reflector

A number of college athletes from the North Clark County area wrapped up the 2013-14 collegiate athletic year by achieving milestones and receiving awards.

Here is a look at those athletes from area high schools now competing at universities and colleges during the past year:



BRYNN LARSON

Brynn Larson (Hockinson 2010) competed for New Mexico State University at the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) Derby, hosted by State Fair Arena in Oklahoma City.

For the competition, the senior was one of four riders to compete who earned All-American first team accolades from the National Collegiate Equestrian Association (NCEA).



CHARITY ARN

Charity Arn (Woodland 2011) captured All-American recognition for George Fox University by clinching fifth in the heptathlon with 4,896 points at the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track Championships, hosted by Ohio Wesleyan University from May 22-24 in Delaware, Ohio.



GRACE MIDDELSTADT

Grace Middelstadt (Prairie 2011) has been selected All-Northwest Conference first team in softball, the conference announced on April 29.

To garner the recognition, the junior infielder for Linfield College had 42 runs scored, 23 stolen bases, 10 RBIs, two doubles, two triples, one home run and a .328 batting average.

Zach Olivera (La Center 2012) clinched a title in the pole vault with a personal-record



BRYNN LARSON, a 2010 graduate of Hockinson High School, recently competed for New Mexico State University at the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) Derby, hosted by State Fair Arena in Oklahoma City. She was one of four riders to compete who earned All-American first team accolades from the National Collegiate Equestrian Association.

leap of 15 feet, 11.75 inches for **Connor Perry** (Hockinson 2012) has been selected as a second-team performer to the NWAACC baseball All-Star team as a utility player for Centralia College. For the season, the infielder had 18 runs scored, 16 walks, nine RBIs, four doubles, three stolen bases and a .300 batting average.

Jessica McDonald (Prairie 2012) has been selected to the NWAACC All-Academic Sports Team, the league announced. To be eligible, an athlete must be sophomore eligibility with 36 credits earned, maintain a 3.25 GPA and be recommended by their college. McDonald finished with a 3.78 GPA and competed in 30 games as an infielder for the Lower Columbia College softball program. For the season, she finishes with 10 runs scored, nine RBIs, eight walks, two home runs, one double and a .275 batting average.

Caitlyn Paul (Battle Ground 2013) has been selected as a second-team performer to the NWAACC Western Region All-Star softball team for Centralia College, which finished with a 27-15 record and an 18-2 mark in conference play. For the season, the infielder contributed 34 RBIs, 13 runs scored, 13 walks, five doubles, two triples, two home runs and a .400 batting average.

Gerrit Chambers (Prairie 2010) finished his senior season as a member of No. 8 University of Washington, which

ended with a 15th place finish at the NCAA Division I Men's Golf National Championships, hosted by Prairie Dunes Golf Course from May 25-28 in Hutchinson, KS.

Mark Tedder (Battle Ground 2013) clinched 16th in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 14 minutes, 25.24 seconds for Cornell University at the Ivy League Outdoor Track and Field Championships, hosted by Yale University from May 10-11 in New Haven, Conn.

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Men's track and field



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Athletic Conference and Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America Outdoor Track and Field Championships, hosted by Princeton University from May 16-18 in Princeton, N.J.

Alex Olson (Ridgefield 2013) nabbed third in the discus with a mark of 146-4.75 for Clark College at the NWAACC Colleges Outdoor Track and Field Championships, hosted by Community Colleges of Spokane from May 19-20 in Spokane.

Bailey Glessing (Woodland 2013) collected sixth in the 400-meter dash at the NWAACC Outdoor Track and Field Championships with a time of 50.48 seconds for Clark College.

Joshua Helmes (Battle Ground 2013) finished eighth in the 1,500-meter run at the NWAACC Outdoor Track and Field Championships with a time of 4:13.22 for Clark College.

Brian Sievers (Battle Ground 2013) ended 11th in the hammer throw at the NWAACC Outdoor Track and Field Championships with a mark of 127-1.25 for Mt. Hood Community College.

Women's track and field



KRISTINA OWSINKI

Kristina Owsinski (Prairie 2012) captured ninth in the pole vault with a mark of 12-6.75 for University of Washington at the Pac-12 Outdoor Track and Field Championships, hosted by Washington State University from May 17-18 in Pullman.

From May 29-31, the sophomore collected 17th in the pole vault with a leap of 13-3 at the NCAA West Preliminary Outdoor Track and Field Championships, hosted by University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark.

Lindsay Tompkins (Battle Ground 2013) collected ninth in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:35.66 for University of Portland at the West Coast Invitational, hosted by Willamette University on May 15 in Willamette, Ore.

Northwest Avalanche goalball team places fourth at national event

Team represents Northwest Association for Blind Athletes

The Northwest Association for Blind Athletes (NWABA) recently announced that the Northwest Avalanche men's goalball team placed fourth at the National Goalball Championships in Ames, IA on June 19-21.

Goalball is a Paralympic sport played by individuals who are blind and visually impaired. Developed after WWII as a way to keep blinded veterans physically active, it has become the premiere team game for blind athletes. Played competitively by men and women, it is a very fast paced, physically challenging, strategic and exciting game.

"We would like to congratulate all of the athletes who helped the Avalanche take fourth place at the National Goalball Championships in Iowa last weekend," said Billy Henry, NWABA co-founder and executive director. "Opportunities like these are essential to building confidence, self-esteem, and physical fit-

ness, all of which improve quality of life for individuals who are blind or visually impaired in our community."

The Northwest Avalanche is made up of individuals of all ages with visual impairments primarily from Clark County. It is part of Northwest Association for Blind Athletes Sports Teams Program which has a goal of increasing the number of opportunities for people with visual impairments to participate in ongoing sports and physical fitness.

NWABA is a 501c3 charitable organization that provides programming to over 1,000 individuals of all ages and ability levels with visual impairments. The mission of NWABA is to provide life-changing opportunities through sports and physical activity to individuals who are blind and visually impaired. The Association was formed by a group of visually impaired students in 2007 to ensure that people who are blind were participating in sports and physical activity.

For more information, visit www.nwaba.org.



MEMBERS OF THE Northwest Association for Blind Athletes goalball team are shown here (from left-to-right) Nov Gnik (Vancouver), TJ Breitenfeldt (Vancouver), John Hinman (Vancouver), Miguel Pena (Clackamas, OR) and Nathan Purcell (Vancouver). Purcell is a former resident of Battle Ground.

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VANCOUVER RODEO

Celebrates its 44th year

Rodeo is family-oriented fun for Independence Day weekend

VIKI EIERDAM
For The Reflector

The Fourth of July weekend marks the 44th annual Vancouver Rodeo at the Clark County Saddle Club. Rodeo fans are encouraged by event organizers to come out July 2-5 to enjoy the action.

"It's non-stop," said Shannon McKinzie-Scott, committee member. "There's never a moment when nothing's going on."

McKinzie-Scott said the Fourth of July is known as Cowboy Christmas. Cowboys will compete in seven or eight rodeos over the four-day period increasing their chances of winning more money with each venue.

The Vancouver Rodeo is known for high dollar payback. Through entry fees and sponsorships, organizers are able to give about \$50,000 in prize money to competing cowboys and cowgirls, which makes the event a popular destination on the circuit. It's so popular that about 450 cowboys from Washington, Idaho, Oregon and as far away as Canada and Australia will converge on the Clark County Saddle Club.

According to McKinzie-Scott, so long as a cowboy or cowgirl is part of the Northwest Professional Rodeo Association they are eligible to compete in more than 30 rodeos in Washington or Oregon. The top 15 then head to the finals, which are held in a different location the third weekend in September every year. Prineville, OR, will host the 2014 event. Placement is determined by money won at local rodeos.

Events at the Vancouver Rodeo include Mutton Bustin, which is designed for boys and girls 8 years or younger. Riding atop a sheep, they're able to test their cowboy skills to determine if they'll play with the big boys some day. Timed events include Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Barrel Racing, Tie Down Roping and Breakaway Roping.

The big draws tend to be rough stock events that consist of Bareback, Saddle Bronc and Bull Riding.

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"Come out and have a good time. If they've (attendees) got kids, it's great. We're family-oriented."

Shannon McKinzie-Scott



(TOP) LAST YEAR'S Vancouver Rodeo included Bareback riding at the Clark County Saddle Club.

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(LEFT) THE BULL RIDING event at last year's Vancouver Rodeo was a big hit among those in attendance. Area residents are encouraged to come out and cheer 450 cowboys and cowgirls on at this year's event.

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BAGPIPERS ADD their distinctive sound, above, during a past Ridgefield July Fourth celebration. The festival's parade, top right, is always one of the highlights.



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TABLE MANNERS go out the window when contestants in the Ridgefield July Fourth pie-eating contest get down to business.

Ridgefield plans super July Fourth celebration

Fireworks, coaster derby, parades on agenda for event

Ridgefield will be the place to celebrate July Fourth, with a full day and evening of activities planned.

The crowning event will be a fireworks display at 10:15 p.m. The spectacular colors will be launched west of the railroad tracks near the boat launch marina. Spectators may only view the show from east of the railroad tracks along Railroad Avenue, in the marina parking area and the waterfront trail.

Private fireworks won't be allowed in or near the viewing areas, and no parking will be allowed on Railroad Avenue or in the marina. Lots of fun activities are

scheduled throughout the day, leading up to the fireworks show. Those who want to get a good breakfast under their belt may stop by the Ridgefield Community Center from 7-10 a.m. for a pancake breakfast put on by the Firefighters Association.

Fun runs of 5K and 10K will be held at 8 a.m. at North Main Avenue and Simons Street. Entry fees are \$30 for the 10K (\$40 with tech shirt) and \$20 for the 5K (\$30 with tech shirt).

Entry fees increase by \$5 on the day of the events.

A pet and kid pre-parade begins at 10:15 a.m. with participants gathering at the corner of Pioneer Street and Main Avenue. Admission is free and no registration is required.

Then at 11 a.m. it's time for the big one – the Fourth of July parade with the theme of "Storybooks on Parade." Floats will travel from Main and Division to N. Eighth Street and Pioneer with

staging in Abrams Park.

The Lions Club will present a chicken and salmon barbecue lunch from noon until 3:30 p.m. at Abrams Park. Entertainment begins at noon, too, and runs until 6 p.m. The Opus School of Music, Tony Starlight, El Diablos and High-Fidelity Entertainment will provide the music.

The pie-eating contest, free to those 17 and younger, begins at 4 p.m. on the stage.

Speed will be king from 2-4

p.m. during the Coaster Derby at Fifth Avenue and Simon Street.

There also will be food, drink and craft vendors throughout the afternoon in and around Ridgefield Refuge Overlook Park.

July 4th celebrants can kick up their heels from 6 to 10 p.m. during a dance at Refuge Overlook Park with High Fidelity Entertainment playing.

More information about the day's events is at www.ridgefield4th.com.

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Coaster Derby among Ridgefield event highlights

Children and adults alike can get a thrill going downhill during the Ridgefield Fourth of July celebration.

The annual Coaster Derby is scheduled from 2-4 p.m. at Fifth Avenue and Simon Street in downtown Ridgefield. Pre-registration isn't required, but racers must check in at 1:30 p.m. with their car.

The rules are simple. The car must be powered only by grav-

ity, with no propulsion allowed. The car must have at least three wheels contacting the ground, a functional steering system, and be no wider than 5 feet.

Also, each car must have working brakes. As the festival website notes, "Fred Flintstone" brakes won't be allowed.

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Ridgefield Fourth of July celebration

7 TO 10 A.M. – Pancake breakfast, Ridgefield Community Center, 210 N. Main Ave.

8 A.M. – Fun runs, N. Main Avenue and Simons Street.

10:15 A.M. – Pet and kid pre-parade, Pioneer Street and Main Avenue.

11 A.M. – Parade: "Storybooks on Parade."

NOON TO 3:30 P.M. – Chicken and salmon barbecue, Abrams Park, and Kids Day at Ridgefield Overlook Park, Pioneer and Main.

NOON TO 6 P.M. – Musical entertainment.

NOON TO 6 P.M. – Food, drink and craft vendors, in and around Ridgefield Overlook Park.

4 P.M. – Pie-eating contest at the stage.

1:30 P.M. – Check-in for Coaster Derby, Fifth Avenue and Simon Street.

2 TO 4 P.M. – Coaster Derby.

6 TO 10 P.M. – Dancing to the music of High Fidelity Entertainment, Refuge Overlook Park.

10:15 P.M. – Fireworks display.

Some entrants might think that simply building the heaviest car possible will result in a victory. There's a problem with that theory, too, because the

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Refuge Overlook Park ready for celebration



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BRICK PAVERS give an attractive appearance to the stage area at the renovated Refuge Overlook Park in Ridgefield.

July Fourth revelers will notice improvements

Those flocking to downtown Ridgefield for July Fourth festivities will have more than the nation's independence to celebrate.

They will also be able to enjoy many upgrades to Refuge Overlook Park that weren't completed in time for last year's July 4 event.

Sandy Schill, director of the Ridgefield July Fourth Committee, said what was once just a big grassy area now has a plaza with stage for musical performers and other entertainment. The park in the 200 block of Pioneer and Main also has an overlook circle that faces the refuge.

A path leads along an area with decorative pavers installed

near the stage.

Other upgrades include two restrooms, a dog water station and electricity all around the park for concerts and other events, Schill said.

"This part was put in to be the focal point of our downtown," she said.

The park was made possible by community members who raised the money to secure the property until the city could buy it, Schill added. Former Ridgefield City Manager Justin Clary got a special federal \$750,000 grant tied to the refuge which allowed the work.

More finishing touches are still to come, Schill said. Interpretive panels will be located on large posts on the stage, each depicting a different part of Native

American artwork.

They won't be in place in time for July Fourth festivities, but should be installed soon.

Schill noted that the annual extravaganza, which draws people from all over Clark County, is organized by about 100 volunteers. No one is paid for their contributions to the celebration, which requires 35 committee members to plan logistics for events such as the parade and coaster derby.

The parade is scheduled for 11 a.m. Its theme is "Storybooks on Parade" to reflect the Ridgefield library's 100th year of operation. The fun starts at 7 a.m. with a pancake breakfast and continues until the fireworks show at 10:15 p.m.

"It's quite a day," Schill said.

Car show planned at event center

Show to take place July 4-6

More than 1,600 vintage vehicles will be on display Fri.-Sun., July 4-6, at the Clark County Event Center, 17402 NE Delfel Road in Ridgefield, during the Northwest Street Rod Nationals.

The show will be from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day and is intended for all ages. It is sponsored by the National Street Rod

Association. Hours will be 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on July 4-5 and from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on July 6. Admission each day is \$15 for adults, \$6 for children 6 to 12, and those 5 and under free.

"Spectators will be treated to the sights and sounds of some of the best constructed, most beautiful vintage automobiles ever to gather in one place," according to a news release from the National

Street Rod Association. Cars on display will be from the 1950s through 1984, with almost every make, model and style represented, the release said.

In addition to cars, manufacturer displays of leading auto specialty and aftermarket suppliers will be displayed. There also will be "Women's World" arts, crafts, special exhibits, children's games, food, evening entertainment and more.

Medallion hunt set in Ridgefield

Tradition is part of Fourth of July celebration

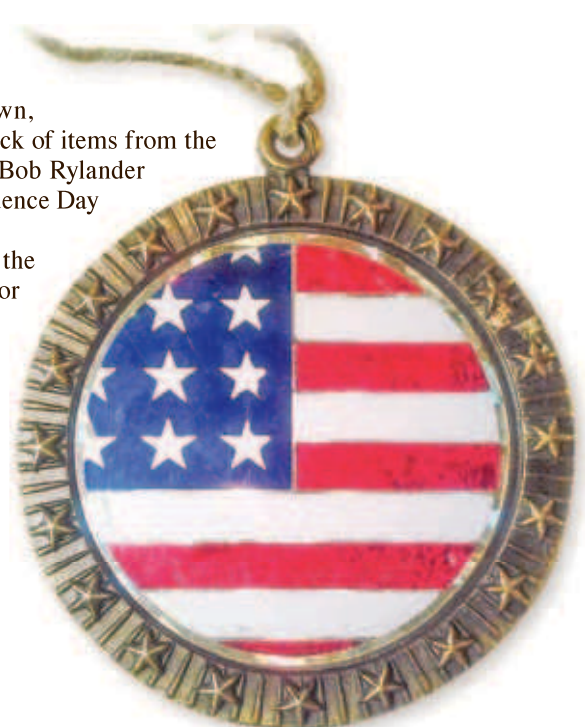
The medallion hunt, a traditional part of Ridgefield's Fourth of July celebration, will be one of the events again this year.

The medallion is placed somewhere in town, clues are given and the finder receives a gift pack of items from the local businesses. This tradition was started by Bob Rylander and was a cherished part of the town's Independence Day festivities.

Whoever finds the medallion may bring it to the Ridgefield Pioneer Marketplace to exchange it for the prize package. This year's prizes include:

- \$50 cash – Ridgefield Pioneer Marketplace.
- \$50 gift certificate – Sportsman's Restaurant.
- \$20 – Ridgefield Floral.
- \$25 gift card – Zebrun's Starliner Food Mart.
- \$20 gift card – Old Liberty Theater.
- One free haircut at Coach's Cuts.
- \$10 cash – Lilly Wiggans Antiques.

This year's first clue: No clues for now, just get out and look. I'll give you a hint if more than a week is taken.



AREA RESIDENTS can search for this medallion during the Ridgefield Fourth of July Celebration.

Red Cross offers 10 safety tips

Safety will increase enjoyment of Fourth of July celebrations

The Fourth of July holiday is a favorite among Americans; however, it can sometimes lead to unintended and dangerous situations.

Whether your plans involve travelling, firing up the grill, playing in the water or just enjoying fireworks, it is important to keep safety in mind.

The Red Cross offers these 10 holiday safety tips:

- When travelling, pay full attention to the road; don't use a cell phone to call or text.
- When grilling, always make sure the barbecue is supervised, especially when children or pets are nearby.
- Be aware of the dangers of rip currents while at the beach. If caught in one, swim parallel to the shore until out of the current. When free, turn and swim toward shore. If unable to swim to the shore, call out for help, float or tread water until free of the rip current and then head toward shore.
- Stay hydrated; drink plenty of water regularly, even if not thirsty. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine in them.
- Provide close and constant attention to children and inexperienced swimmers you are supervising in or near the water. Avoid distractions while supervising.
- With fireworks, keep a supply of

water close by as a precaution.

- Light only one firework at a time. Never attempt to relight "a dud."
- Never throw or point a firework toward people, animals, vehicles, structures or flammable materials.
- Know how and when to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number.
- Download Red Cross mobile apps.

To further provide assistance through these summer months, the Red Cross offers multiple free apps for different situations.

Swim App users can learn water safety and drowning prevention information for a variety of aquatic environments. Children can have fun learning water safety tips with the child-friendly videos and quizzes in the app.

The First Aid App puts expert advice for everyday emergencies at someone's fingertips. The apps are available for smart phones and tablets and can be downloaded from the Apple or Google Play for Android app stores.

For more safety information, visit www.redcross.org.

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Search and rescue dog finds missing girl

Handler, Robin Pelletier, very proud of Tru

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Through the coordinated efforts of the Clark County Sheriff's Office and search and rescue teams, a missing Battle Ground girl was located back with her family in May. It was trained air scent dog, Tru, who led deputies to the outbuilding where the 11-year-old girl was found safe.

Vancouver resident Robin Pelletier, Tru's handler, is a member of the all-volunteer, Clark County-based search and rescue team, Evergreen Search Dogs.

"We were probably in our first area, we had worked probably an hour and half in that area, and then in this other area," Pelletier said. "It took about 10-15 minutes, which was a pretty good search duration for Tru. He was tired at the end. I was very, very proud of how he did."

Pelletier has had an interest in search and rescue for many years, but never felt she had the time to pursue it. With two other dogs at home, she was interested in acquiring a third. She was leaning toward dogs with working lines and found a breeder in St. Helens, OR, Tudorose Standard Poodles – that was having great success with poodles.

Tru is a 19-month-old Standard Poodle, who stands 21 inches at the withers and weighs just 40 pounds, which is on the smaller size for a Standard.

With the outdoor activities Pelletier engages in, she wanted a dog she could carry if need be and one who loves people. Tru ticks those boxes and more. At 7 weeks old, he was already showing tendencies toward his calling. Pelletier calls him "a nose with four legs" and said she had to figure out something to tire him out, so she started hiding old socks in the backyard to exhaust his brain.

"He had a tenacious work ethic and he wouldn't stop until he found that thing," Pelletier said.

From an obedience standpoint, Tru's fondness for people is a bit tricky, but for a search and rescue dog, it's an outstanding trait. The Sire comes from German lines and the Dam from American lines. Pelletier wanted him to remain a natural so keeping his dewclaws and full tail helps him retain a uniqueness about him.

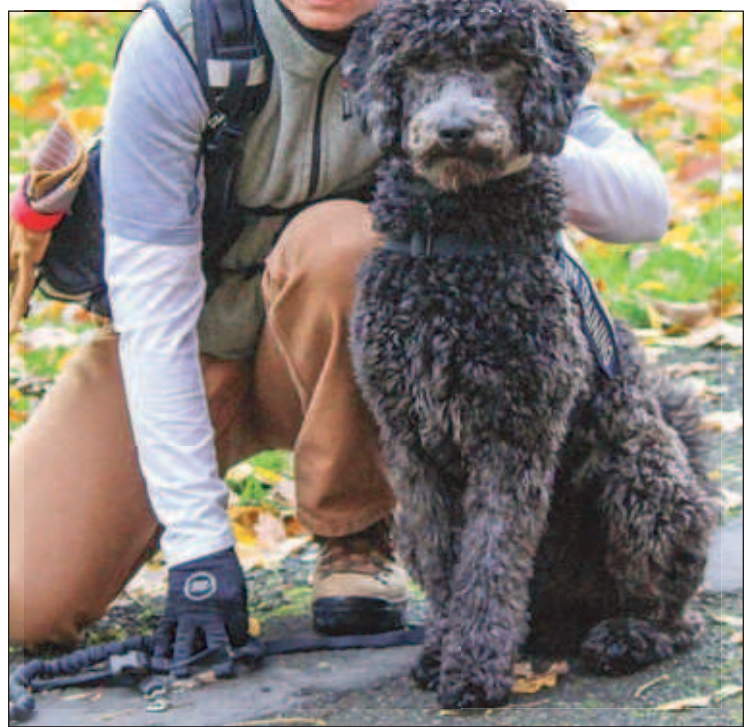
When Tru was younger, he was put in every puppy class Pelletier could find. She finally concluded that he needed to be tested for search and rescue abilities. She found a man named Alan Murphy who works with Cascade Dogs Search and Rescue Unit. He put Tru through some testing and Pelletier and Tru practiced with Murphy's team a couple of times from there.

Closer to home, she discovered Evergreen Search Dogs and spoke with the president, Dean Counts. They weren't looking for air scent dogs at the time, but Counts said he'd take a look at his potential. At 10 months old, Tru was put through a series of

hide-and-go-seek tests and performed so well that he earned a spot on the team.

His job is to find anybody in an area who's not in his group. He'll find the "lost" person, come back to his handler, bump her hand and then take off back to the person who's "lost." He continues this pattern of behavior until the handler is united with the "found" person. Pelletier says that he's a bouncy, playful dog, but as soon as he has his working vest with a bell attached to it is put on him, his whole persona changes and he's all business.

May 29 was his first live search. With all the excitement, tension and chaos around him, Tru performed exactly as he and Pelletier had practiced for hours and hours together. He ruled out the detectives and support staff on his team as the find, searched under cars and left chickens and horses alone. With an unwavering focus on his task at hand, he worked with his handler and support person,



ROBIN PELLETIER is shown here with her search and rescue dog, Tru, after locating a missing Battle Ground girl in May.

Brenda Wilson, to successfully locate a missing child.

Pelletier credits the entire Clark County team for their dedication to a successful outcome, but after all the practicing, the physical demands, the required classes as a human search and rescue volunteer

and the dog work on top of it, her pride in Tru can not be denied.

"It's magical watching it happen, I'll tell you," Pelletier said.

For more information on Evergreen Search Dogs or to become a volunteer, go to www.evergreensearchdogs.org.

Pets finding acceptance through 'companion' label



Photo by Steve Kadel

BLAKE BELLINGAR, 6, on left, and Garrett Bellingar, 10, are allowed to have Tucker, a 1-year-old wire-haired dachshund, in their Meadow View apartments home in Battle Ground through the companion pets program. Their mother, Joy Bellingar, said Tucker helps with Garrett's anxiety.

Landlords make exceptions to rules

Not many years ago, having a pet – especially a large dog –

made it difficult to find rental housing. Owners and landlords more often than not had a strict "no pets" policy.

But things have changed.

Now, having an animal certified as a "companion pet" can open doors that once were closed. It requires getting written confirmation from a medical provider that the animal helps its owner overcome an emotional disability.

The certifications allow tenants to have their animal, regardless of size or breed.

"It is used more now than it was years ago," said a spokeswoman for Whipple Creek Village apartments in Ridgefield.

Whipple Creek has breed restrictions for dogs, but the companion pet status usually overrides that, the spokesman said.

A representative of The Management Group, which operates

Seasons on the Park apartments in Battle Ground Village, said they have the same policy.

"I, as a property manager, can't turn them down," he said. "It is a fair housing law. If they (renter) have a special need, I must make every conceivable effort to make the home livable for them."

Some Seasons on the Park tenants currently have animals through the companion pet program, The Management Group spokesman said.

The benefits of owning a pet, especially for those with emotional problems, has become well accepted, according to Kate Brewer of the Animal Legal and

Historical Center.

"Medical professionals have long recognized that animals can assist persons with physical disabilities, including blind or deaf persons," she wrote in a recent article on the center's website. "Recently, medical professionals have discovered the profound effects that animals can provide for persons with mental and emotional disabilities."

"When provided with an emotional support animal, depressed patients show decreased depression and children with severe attention deficit hyperactivity disorder show an increased attention span."

She noted that under the Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, people with disabilities have an equal right to housing as those without disabilities. Under the statutes, disabled persons are also entitled to reasonable accommodations so they can equally use and enjoy the dwelling.

"Courts have held that a waiver of a 'no pets' provision is a reasonable accommodation for a mentally disabled person who needs and emotional support animal to lessen the effects of the disability," Brewer wrote.

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Lifestyles Area Happenings

La Center concert series underway

Admission is free for each show

The City of La Center is once again presenting the free concert series "Saturdays in the Park" at the Sternwheeler Amphitheater Park. The concerts will be from 6-8 p.m. on select Saturdays through Aug. 16. Six bands will play, all presenting its own musical specialty.

The next presentation will be Sat., July 12, when Abby Roadster performs an evening of all Beatles songs. Then teenage rock band Pull for Fire will showcase

its abilities Sat., July 19, while running through classic rock covers and original tunes.

Lonesome Highway, a country rock band that includes original Cadillac embers Richie Bean and Susan "Crash" Costa will take the stage Sat., Aug. 2, to play alt-country, folk rock and rock 'n' roll covers and originals.

There will be more country in the air Sat., Aug. 9, when Countryside Ride brings its classic country, high-energy honky-tonk and western swing to La Center. The series concludes Sat., Aug. 16, with the pop, rock and country dance stylings of Catherine

Loyer and Strawberry Roan. Merchandise will be for sale to offset the cost of bringing free music to the public. Items include a limited-edition T-shirt and a compilation CD featuring tracks by Lisa Mann, Sonny Hess, Vicki Stevens, Pull for Fire, Lonesome Highway and Countryside ride. The CD is \$5 and the T-shirt is \$10, and may be purchased online at www.MandKEvents.net.

Sternwheeler Amphitheater Park is located at 100 E. 4th St. Music fans are invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnics to help enjoy the shows.



THE CONCERT SERIES, "Saturdays in the Park," will be presented at Sternwheeler Amphitheater Park in downtown La Center.

Color Vibe fun run to benefit Share

Participants may run, walk or dance

The Color Vibe 5k run will be held Sat., Aug. 16, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Clark County Events Center, 17402 NE Delfel Road, in Ridgefield.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Share, which provides housing and meals for the homeless and summer food programs for children of low-income families. Participants are also encouraged to bring donations of non-perishable food to benefit Share.

The entry fee is \$43 for those who register by Thur., July 31. For a limited time, children age 12 and under can participate free with a registered adult. The fee includes an official Color Vibe T-shirt, Color Vibe pack and Color Vibe sunglasses. Participants may register online at www.thecolorvibe.com/vancouver_wa.php.

The Color Vibe is a unique 5k fun run series that is gaining popularity throughout the United States. Throughout the course, participants run, walk,

or dance their way through color stations, where vibrant colors tie-dye white outfits and costumes. When it's over, everyone is invited to stay for a large colorful dance party hosted by a professional sound crew and DJ.

Runners and walkers of all ages and skill levels to participate. According to Nate Sorenson, Color Vibe race director, "The Color Vibe 5k is full of inspirational stories of runners and non-runners alike coming together to share a life experience, accomplish fitness goals, and become rainbow junkies. We do not time our 5k fun runs so every participant can take their time getting colored."

To make this event unique, the Color Vibe uses a cornstarch-based colored powder to tie-dye participants. The colored powder is made in the U.S. from food-grade quality cornstarch using an advanced manufacturing process that's been custom developed for the Color Vibe Race Series. It's non-toxic, 100 percent safe, and biodegradable. It also washes out easily from skin and hair.

Pet food drive underway at Hockinson Cafe

The owners and employees at the Hockinson Cafe in Battle Ground are sponsoring a pet food drive to help local residents with pets that are in need of assistance.

The drive is already underway and will continue through July 10. Organizers are asking those interested in contributing to bring canned and dry food for dogs and cats to the restaurant at 219 NW 20th Ave. in Battle Ground. Organizers say there is currently a greater need for cat food.

Cash donations will also be accepted for the cause. At the end of the drive, organizers will take the cash donations and pur-

chase pet food. The donated pet food will be distributed to area food banks as well as the Meals on Wheels' AniMeals Program.

"Even one can will help," said organizer Mary Edwards. "We don't want people to think they have to bring a whole case in order to help."

Edwards said the inspiration for the pet food drive comes from the employees of the cafe, which is owned by Rob & Lora Rhode.

The Hockinson Cafe at Battle Ground is open from 6 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday-through-Saturday and from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, contact Mary or Lora at (360) 687-2700.

Tower of Power to perform July 20

Journey, Steve Miller Band also appearing

Tower of Power, Journey and the Steve Miller Band will perform Sun., July 20, at the Sleep Country Amphitheater in Ridgefield.

Tower of Power, as we know them today, began playing gigs in August 1968, and soon became very well known in the area.

Many other bands came out of the San Francisco Bay area in the late 1960s. Bands such as Journey, the Grateful Dead, Jefferson Airplane, Santana, Big Brother and the Holding Company, Cold Blood and others all helped to define the "San Francisco Sound." Tower of Power has always claimed Oakland, CA, as its hometown. Playing area venues and making a name for themselves, Tower of Power's big break was just around the corner.

After playing at a Tuesday night audition at the Fillmore in 1970, Tower was signed to Bill Graham's San Francisco records and their first album, East Bay Grease, was recorded. All of the compositions were original tunes written by Emilio Castillo and Doc Kupka. Their next album, "Bump City," was recorded on the Warner Brothers label, and

this led to a string of hits and memorable albums that include many of the songs that Tower fans come out in force to hear, even to this day.

Over the years, the Tower of Power Horns has recorded with hundreds of artists as diverse as Aerosmith, Elton John, Little Feat, Phish, Santana, Heart, and many others, forever infusing the radio airwaves with Tower's musical DNA.

Tower celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2008 at a reunion show at the Fillmore Auditorium in San Francisco. In addition to the 10 current members of the band, another 20 musicians and vocalists that at one time held a position with the band appeared with them. The show was filmed and is available on DVD. Emilio Castillo, Rocco Prestia, Stephen Kupka, and David Garibaldi are original Tower performers who remain with the band.

Current band members are Castillo, band leader and tenor saxophone; Kupka, baritone sax; Prestia, bass guitar; Garibaldi, drums; Tom Polizer, tenor sax; Adolfo Acosta, trumpet and flugal horn; Ray Greene, lead vocals; Sal Cracchiolo, trumpet; Roger Smith, keyboards; and Jerry Cortez, guitar.

Avonlea Acres to host Backyard Benefit Aug. 23

Community members can help support Avonlea Acres Maternity Home by attending their Backyard Benefit, hosted by Kim and Jonell Majdali in Battle Ground, on Sat., Aug. 23, tours from 5-6 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m. and live music beginning at 6 p.m.

Enjoy a fun evening of food, lawn games, music and local beer and wine, or win of the raffles. There will also be live and silent auctions, as well as door prizes. The evening will also feature the There She Goes band.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chair and/or picnic basket.

Reservations are required. Tickets are \$15 and includes dinner, one glass of

wine and live music. Tickets are available at www.avonleaacres.com.

Avonlea Acres is a Christian not-for-profit ministry located in Battle Ground, founded to serve homeless, single mothers in crisis due to unplanned pregnancies and/or domestic violence situations. The 18-28-year-old women live in a family atmosphere learning parenting and life skills. They will be able to further their education and advance their employment to help them live successfully and independently in the community.

For more information, contact Kim at kim.avonlea@gmail.com or call Avonlea Acres at (360) 601-0272.

Cruise-in planned at La Center

Members of the public are invited to bring their classic cars, trucks and motorcycles for showing at the All Comers Cruise-in at Holley Park in La Center in August.

Vehicles will set up on the grass around the La Center Little League baseball fields from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Sat., Aug. 23, as part of the annual Our Days celebration. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the entry fee is \$5 per vehicle.

About 120 cars were entered last year. Awards will be presented in 20 categories ranging from pre-1920s era cars to contemporary automobiles and everything in between, organizer Bob McCall said in a news release.

Spectators will be admitted to the show free of charge.

There also will be entertainment, vendors, food booths and a Kid Zone Carnival, followed by a street dance from 8 to 10 p.m. on Fourth Street.

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Lifestyles Home & Family

Engagements

Pearl, Scheel to wed in July

Mikaela Pearl of Hockinson, daughter of Tim and Denise Pearl of Hockinson, and Mark Scheel of Vancouver, son of Larry and Chris Scheel of Battle Ground, recently announced their wedding plans.

The couple will be married July 26, 2014.

The bride to be is a 2011 graduate of Hockinson High School and is currently working at Hockinson Elementary School while attending City University for a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

The groom to be is a 2012 graduate of Portland State University where he received a



MARK SCHEEL AND MIKAELA PEARL

bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He is currently employed with USNR in Woodland.

Both Pearl and Scheel are very involved with their church, New Heights. The two will honeymoon in Kona, HI, and will reside in Woodland.

Bob and Jean Webberley celebrate 50 years



JEAN AND BOB WEBBERLEY, 1964



BOB AND JEAN WEBBERLEY, 2014

Bob and Jean Webberley of La Center celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 27. They were married in Camas in 1964.

A few years later, after having two children – Lynn and Wade – Bob and Jean moved their family to La Center, where they still live today.

Both Bob and Jean are enjoying retirement as they like to travel, show off their classic cars

and work around their home. The couple also enjoys spending time with their four grandchildren and feel that God has truly blessed them over the past 50 years.

Friends and family are invited to mail, email or use Facebook to share their congratulations regarding Bob and Jean's wonderful 50 years together.

Thank You

Thank you for support

We would like to thank all our friends for the cards, prayers and support from Jerry's passing away.

Always,
Eleanor & family

Births



FAMILY PHOTO

HANNAH WADLEIGH

Christine and David Wadleigh, Battle Ground, a girl, Hannah Lorena Wadleigh, May 22, 2014, 9 lbs.



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AMERBLY MATTILA

Sonya and Jeremy Mattila, Battle Ground, a girl, Amberly Annette Mattila, March 25, 2014, 8 lbs., 4 oz.

Kimberlee and Greg Ek, Yacolt, a boy, Joshua Benjamin Ek, June 20, 2014, 8 lbs., 6 oz.

La Center library celebrates 10th anniversary with guest

La Center Community Library celebrated two special events June 25, following a Summer Reading event on the library's lawn.

It marked the library's 10th anniversary of its opening, and the local winners of the district-wide Summer Reading bookmark contest.

Margaret Colf Hepola was the special guest of honor for the celebration. She was the driving force behind the 2003-2004 relocation and conversion of an old house – once the community's hospital – into La Center's own public library.

Summer Reading continues at all Fort Vancouver Regional Library District locations through August.



Photo courtesy of La Center Library

LA CENTER Librarian Justin Keeler talks about the library's history and congratulated local bookmark contest winners while Margaret Colf Hepola looks on.

Area Boy Scouts receive Eagle Rank Recommendation

A couple of North Clark County area Boy Scouts from the Fort Vancouver District successfully passed their Eagle Scout Board of Review during the month of April and have been advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout.

Stuart Robertson of Boy Scout Venture Crew 637 led a group of scouts and adult volunteers in a restoration project on the Whipple Creek Trail. Robertson, 18, is the son of Craig and Meredith Robertson, and he just graduated



STUART ROBERTSON



KORBIN GILLETTE



NEAL COLE

from Ridgefield High School.

Korbin Gillette of Boy Scout Troop 344 led a group of scouts and adult volunteers in refurbishing children's furniture for Battle Ground Baptist Church. Gillette, 17, is the son of Kevin and Tina Gillette, and he just graduated

from Battle Ground High School.

During the month of May, one North County area Boy Scout passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review and advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout.

Neal Cole of Boy Scout Troop 393 led a group of scouts and adult volunteers in refurbishing the storage shed at Pleasant Valley Middle School. Cole, 17, is the son of Wayne and April Cole and he will be a senior at Prairie High School.

Correction

An article in the June 25 issue of The Reflector contained an error.

In the article "Yacolt Rendezvous Days will offer Bigfoot Fun Run, entertainment and more,"

the name of the person selected as Citizen of the Year was spelled incorrectly. Susan Wodaeg is this year's Citizen of the Year.

The Reflector regrets the error.

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Lifestyles

Summer concert events gearing up in North County

North County residents have plenty of options

VIKI EIERDAM
for The Reflector

June 21 marked the first day of summer and, with that, the promise of some lazy sunny days spread out before area residents like a blanket of wildflowers.

What better way to enjoy some of them than outdoor music performed by area musicians and there are several opportunities available without leaving North County to attend them.

Battle Ground Village Outdoor Market

A terrific outdoor venue for live local musicians to go along with local produce and merchandise. Here's a look at the upcoming schedule:

- July 5 - Amber Sweeney; July 12 - Lorna Miller; July 19 - Joe Kerry New; July 26 - Melody Guy.
- Aug. 2 - Michael McCabe; Aug. 9 - Scott Browning; Aug. 16 - Tracey Fordice and Randy Yearout; Aug. 23 - Aarun

Carter; Aug. 30 - Steve Rodin & Tom Ryan.

- Sept. 6 - Celtic Muse; Sept. 13 - Amber Sweeney; Sept. 20 - Marianne Flemming; Sept. 27 - Vancouver Community Concert Band.

Music begins at 11 a.m. All ages welcome. 821 SE 14 Loop, Battle Ground.

Bethany Vineyard & Winery

Bethany hosts Music in the Vines.

- Aug 3 - beloved Northwest jazz musician, Patrick Lamb.
- Aug 17 - The Beatnik's. Outside food is allowed but no outside liquid of any kind.

Food for purchase will be available. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. Music from 5-7 p.m. Concert attendees must be 12 and older. Tickets can be purchased at www.brownpapertickets.com. 4115 NE 259 St, Ridgefield.

Confluence Vineyards & Winery

Confluence is hosting several music opportunities this summer.



CURTIS SALGADO is shown here performing at Three Brothers Vineyard & Winery 2013 concert series. Curtis Salgado can be seen this summer on Aug. 3.

- July 5 & 6 - Red Wine & Blues - This Fourth of July weekend celebration runs from noon-6 p.m. with music from 2-5 p.m. both days.
- July 12 - Matt Brown 2-5 p.m.
- July 26 & 27 - Artists in the Vineyard from noon-6 p.m. with music from 2-5 p.m. both days.
- Aug. 15 - Friday night Blues

& BBQ with food from Goldie's Texas Style BBQ, music from 6-9 p.m.

- Aug. 29 - Friday night Blues & BBQ with food from Goldie's Texas Style BBQ, music from 6-9 p.m.

Outside food is allowed at non-BBQ events. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. All ages welcome. 19111 NW 67 Ave, Ridgefield.

Gougér Cellars Winery

Gougér has an inviting roof top patio where local musicians perform sporadically. On windy days musicians set up on the expansive patio in front of the winery.

For safety reasons, no one under 21 is allowed on the rooftop but all ages are welcome in other areas of the winery. Food available for purchase. No outside food allowed.

Music is offered some Friday and Saturday nights from 5-8 p.m. Check their Facebook page for live music events. 26506 NE 10 Ave, Ridgefield.

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A PERFORMER at the 2013 Folk Festival at Moulton Falls Winery is shown here. This year's Folk Festival will be held Sept. 13. Tickets are available through www.tickettomato.com.

Join them for live music every Friday evening from 6-9 p.m.

Each Friday a Battle Ground restaurant caters dinner, which ranges from \$10-12. No reservations needed.

All ages welcome. 28005 NE 172 Avenue, Battle Ground.

Moulton Falls Winery

Live music every Fri. and Sat. from 6-9 p.m. set up in their new outdoor courtyard. Free with minimum purchase. Food, wine and some non-alcoholic beverages available for purchase.

Moulton Falls also hosts several music festivals.

- July 13 - Music from the Foot-hills with a bluegrass focus.
- July 19 - Blues Festival with headliner, Terry Robb, along with other blues favorites.
- Sept. 13 - The Clark County

Folk Festival.

Tickets for all music festivals can be purchased at www.tickettomato.com. 31101 NE Railroad Avenue, Yacolt.

Three Brothers Vineyard & Winery

Three Brothers hosts a summer concert series with three opportunities to spread out on the lawn and enjoy a beautiful Northwest afternoon.

- July 13 - Radical Revolution, music from the 80s.
- Aug. 3 - Curtis Salgado, Blues and R&B.
- Aug. 24 - Stone In Love, Journey cover band.

Outside food is allowed but no outside liquid of any kind. Catering provided by Jo Foody Catering and Chef Service. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. All music begins at 6 p.m.

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Lifestyles Fourth of July

Independence Day at Fort Vancouver promises a full day of fun



Photo courtesy of the Fort Vancouver National Trust

THE ANNUAL Independence Day at Fort Vancouver celebration will once again be capped off by the fireworks display.

Live music, games, entertainment and a spectacular fireworks show scheduled

Tickets are now available for Independence Day at Fort Vancouver presented by Bank of America, taking place on Fri., July 4 at the Fort Vancouver National Site.

Families will find a full schedule of activities, culminating with an impressive fireworks show. The event is produced by the nonprofit Fort Vancouver National Trust.

Fort Vancouver has a 50 year history of providing the community with an exceptional fireworks display. Using state of the art fireworks synchronized to music, the 2014 display will once again be launched from Pearson Air Field. Fireworks may not be visible from Portland or the Columbia River.

"The Independence Day at Fort Vancouver firework show is a beloved community event that families have enjoyed for more than 50 years," said Craig Christenson, Bank of America senior vice president and small business banking manager in Oregon and

Southwest Washington. "Bank of America recognizes this as an important economic engine and local tradition, and that's why we helped bring the fireworks back to the community five years ago. This is one of many investments we're making toward strengthening our communities."

Featuring live music, games, entertainment, food and more, this event should have something fun for everyone. It all begins Fri., July 4, with gates opening at 8 a.m. Entertainment kicks-off at noon, the Kids' Patriotic Parade presented by Fred Meyer begins at 4 p.m. and the fireworks show launches at 10:05 p.m.

The Vancouver Toyota Main Stage features a wide variety of local and regionally-recognized entertainers, including New Social Order and Hit Machine.

General admission is \$5 in advance and \$7 at the gate for those 13 and over. Kids 12 and under are free. Purchase tickets online at www.fortvan.org/fourth, or at any SW Washington Fred Meyer location.

With Prime Viewing tickets, attendees will have access to the

exclusive Kiewit Prime Viewing area where they will enjoy a 4th of July picnic dinner, the exclusive Alaska Airlines stage, featuring 5 Guys Named Moe, and unobstructed front row seats to the spectacular fireworks show. Prime Viewing tickets are \$50 for guests 21 and over, \$25 for those under 21 and free for 5 and under.

Other available activities include:

Getting to the event is convenient with help from C-Tran. Hop on one of C-Tran's shuttles running every 15 minutes from the north side of Westfield Vancouver Mall to the fireworks display from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Return service will be available immediately following the fireworks show. Paid parking lots will be available to the east and west of Fort Vancouver and all downtown metered parking is free for the holiday. Bicyclists are encouraged to bike to the event and leave their bikes at volunteer-staffed bike parking.

For more information, to purchase tickets, or to volunteer visit www.fortvan.org/fourth, email events@fortvan.org or call (360) 992-1808.

Entertainment lineup set for Independence Day at Fort Vancouver

Performers and other activities aplenty at annual event July 4

The Fort Vancouver National Trust has announced the Vancouver Toyota Main Stage Performers at Independence Day at Fort Vancouver presented by Bank of America.

This year's performers set to appear on Fri., July 4 at Fort Vancouver include:

- New Social Order, teen pop band
- The Noted, original alternative
- Jet Set, 70s, 80s and more
- Redcast, indie rock
- Britnee Kellogg, "American Idol" country artist
- Rock Steady, U.S. Army band
- Cadillacs For Everyone, Rock Favorites
- Hit Machine, NW Favorite Event Band

Other activities throughout the site include:

- Guided walking tours of the Vancouver Barracks
- Kids' Patriotic Parade presented by Fred Meyer
- \$3 admission to reconstructed Fort Vancouver (free for age 15 and under)
- Food vendors or bring your own picnic
- Arts & crafts and commercial vendors
- Tours of the General George C. Marshall House
- Costumed interpreters that bring history to life
- Hands-on-history tent to see and learn heritage handwork skills

- Biplane rides at Pearson Field (fee)
- Adult beverage pavilion featuring domestic beer and microbrews, wine and more

- Fireworks Prime Viewing area
- For more information, to purchase tickets, or to volunteer visit www.fortvan.org/fourth, email events@fortvan.org or call (360) 992-1808.

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BG Chamber offering fireworks at Discount Fireworks stand

Volunteers will sell fireworks until July 4

The Battle Ground Chamber of Commerce will once again operate the Discount Fireworks stand for several days leading up to the Fourth of July.

The Discount Fireworks stand at 1203 W. Main St., Battle Ground, across the street from the Fred Meyer gas station, opened on June 28 and Chamber volunteers will continue selling fireworks until the end of the day on the Fourth of July.

The stand will be open Wed., July 2-Fri., July 4, 9 a.m.-11 p.m. For more information, contact the Chamber at (360) 687-1510.

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