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Lower Daybreak Park to close as restoration project aims to reduce erosion, expand habitat

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Construction is set to begin on Monday, Aug. 3, on a habitat restoration and riverbank stabilization project at Lower Daybreak Park, where the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership hopes to reduce erosion, reconnect floodplain habitat and improve conditions for fish, wildlife and park visitors.

The project will relocate portions of the park's trail system away from an eroding section of the East Fork Lewis River shoreline while creating new floodplain benches designed to provide additional room for high water during seasonal flooding. The park will remain closed through Oct. 15 while Tapani, Inc. contractors complete the work. The upstream side of Daybreak Regional Park will remain open.

Kari Dupler, principal restoration ecologist with the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, said the existing trail and nearby infrastructure

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City of La Center debuts eagle statue in Our Days parade



Photo by Cade Barker

A new eagle statue for the city of La Center soars down East Fourth Street on the city's parade float during the La Center Our Days Twilight Parade on Friday, July 24.



Photo by Cade Barker

A new eagle statue for the city of La Center lights up and reflects red, white and blue on the city's parade float during the La Center Our Days Twilight Parade on Friday, July 24.

With 50 parade entries in the La Center Our Days Twilight Parade, the city opted to enter their float last to conclude the parade as the float packed something new for residents and visitors.

The city of La Center's parade float in the twilight parade had a big surprise to community members on Friday, July 24, with the debut of a new eagle statue featuring the Declaration of Independence.

The statue will be placed in the middle of the roundabout at La Center Road and Fourth Street.

The parade traveled 2 miles through the city of La Center, spanning sunset to nighttime, and featured equestrian groups, dairy farmers, a large jeep club, Miss Washington and more to entertain the families of La Center.

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Photo by Cade Barker

The Miss Teen La Center parade float heads down the La Center Our Days Twilight Parade route on Friday, July 24.

Yacolt car show raises more than $2,500 for Windhaven Ride for Veterans

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The Yacolt Classic and Custom Car Show hosted by Impact Automotive on Saturday, July 25, raised over $2,500 for the upcoming fifth annual Windhaven Ride for Veterans.

The community car show featured over 50 classic and custom rides, including cars, trucks and motorcycles, along with local vendors, raffles and more activities.

"We've done this for several years now, and just to see the people, we don't always get out to see everybody, and just the support of the community that shows up every single time I do an event," Impact Automotive Owner Melissa Yahn said of her favorite part of this year's event. "This car show, seeing people that don't necessarily drive as much anymore, we don't see their daily cars every day, but we get to see them showing off their pride and joy."

Yahn added that plans for next year's event during the final weekend of July are already underway as Impact Automotive will seek other North Clark County nonprofits.

American Legion Tum Tum Post 168 Amboy thanked Brad Yahn, Melissa McCoy-Yahn, Tara Scott and the entire Impact Automotive team, along with everyone who attended, volunteered, donated or otherwise supported the fundraiser.

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Photo courtesy of John Nanney

Pictured from left, American Legion Tum Tum Post 168 Commander Rick Halle, Tara Scott, Melissa McCoy-Yahn and Brad Yahn of Impact Automotive.

Legacy Park opens in downtown La Center, honoring city's past while creating new gathering place

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La Center residents now have a new place to gather in the heart of downtown after city leaders officially unveiled Legacy Park during a ribbon-cutting ceremony ahead of the Our Days parade on Friday, July 24.

Completed in less than two months, the park located at East Fifth Street and Birch Avenue features space for food trucks, a children's playground and the historic Make Mine Milk building, which was donated to the city by the Cowlitz Indian Tribe.

During the ceremony, Mayor Tom Strobehn said the project represents both La Center's future and the people who helped shape its history.

“This park has been a cultivation of ideas that have come to life in a quick period of time thanks to the help of our extremely hard-working city staff and public works employees," Strobehn said.

He said the city moved quickly once the opportunity arose to transform the property into a community gathering space.

"When the opportunity for this park presented itself, we knew we wanted to incorporate local businesses and what better way to do so than to create a home for food trucks,” Strobehn said. “We wanted a place where people could not only bring their families and children to play, but also enjoy delicious food while supporting local businesses."

A centerpiece of the park is the relocated Make Mine Milk building, a familiar landmark with roots dating back to a former dairy operation near the La Center exit off of Interstate 5.

"In 2021, the Cowlitz tribe purchased the land where the dairy farm was once home, and earlier this year, the tribe chose to generously donate this historical monument to the city of La Center,” Strobehn said. “It was imperative that the Make Mine Milk building could be enjoyed by all, and what better way to do so than to bring it to our park?"

The park's name also reflects the city's desire to recognize the leaders who helped shape La Center over the decades. Inside the cover crafted from the Make Mine Milk building sits a display of all of the city's mayors.

"The leaders in the history of our community are important to the legacy of our city,” Strobehn said. “That is why we have decided the official name of the Fifth and Birch park will be Legacy Park. I am grateful we can honor the legacy of our city through a community space that can serve as a gathering place for all."

Following the ribbon cutting, Strobehn credited the city's employees for turning what began as a rough concept into a completed park in just weeks.

"Well, I've got a great team," he said. "Blood, sweat and tears went into this."

He said discussions began both with how to utilize the Make Mine Milk building as well as bringing food trucks to downtown La Center had been underway for several years before the city acquired the property.

Once city staff believed the project could be completed before Our Days, work accelerated.

“We felt the pinch. But with the team that we had, we just pushed forward,” Strobehn said. “I'm telling you, I've probably got the greatest public works team in the entire county."

For Strobehn, the park fills a gap in downtown by providing a place where residents can gather while preserving a recognizable piece of La Center's past.

"It's in the heart of the city," he said. "We don't have a park where we can just come and gather (in downtown), have some food and have a good time. But this park actually encompasses the feeling of La Center in this small town atmosphere, right? It was a great spot, actually a perfect spot to preserve this building."



Photo by Cade Barker

La Center's newest park opened on Friday, July 24. Legacy Park features a new use for a historical building as the Make Mine Milk building near Interstate 5 has now been transformed into a cover for the park.



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Tom Strobehn, mayor of La Center, left, and Public Works and Community Development Director Tracy Coleman, unveil the sign for La Center's newest park: Legacy Park, on Friday, July 24.



Photo by Cade Barker

La Center city councilors and former mayors cut the ribbon celebrating the opening of the city's newest park, Legacy Park, on Friday, July 24.



Photo by Cade Barker

The Brunch'd food cart moved from Battle Ground to La Center, headlining the offerings at the city's newest park: Legacy Park.



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The city of La Center opened Legacy Park on Friday, July 24. The new park features a children's play area, food carts and covered seating.

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Ridgefield farm becomes first Clark County farm permanently protected through Legacy Lands partnership



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April Thatcher, owner and operator of April Joy Farm, entered into a conservation easement with Washington Farmland Trust to permanently protect the 24-acre Ridgefield farm while keeping it available for agricultural use.



Photo Courtesy of Clark County Legacy Lands

April Joy Farm owner and operator April Thatcher pets a cow in the pasture at the Ridgefield farm, which has been permanently protected through a conservation easement.

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As Clark County continues to lose farmland to rapid growth, a 24-acre organic farm near Ridgefield has become the first agricultural property permanently protected through the county's Legacy Lands program, preserving it for farming for generations to come.

Washington Farmland Trust announced on Tuesday, July 21, that it has placed a conservation easement on April Joy Farm, ensuring the land can never be converted to nonagricultural development. The project marks the nonprofit's first conservation easement in Clark County, the first partnership between Washington Farmland Trust and Clark County's Legacy Lands program and the first farmland conservation project funded through Legacy Lands.

For Washington Farmland Trust Senior Conservation Manager Nate Lewis, the significance extends well beyond a single farm.

"Ultimately we're excited any time a farm is protected forever," Lewis said. "What's exciting about Clark County for us is that, like you mentioned, it's rapidly developing. Its farmland is extremely fragmented. Clark County is losing its big tracks of uninterrupted farm landscape because development's happening."

Founded by April Thatcher in 2006, April Joy Farm is a certified organic diversified crop and livestock operation managed by Thatcher and her partner, Brad. The farm also operates Farm to Heart, a food equity initiative that connects local farmers with families experiencing food insecurity.

The conservation easement permanently limits future development while allowing the property to remain privately owned and actively farmed. According to Washington Farmland Trust, Clark County has lost nearly 40% of its agricultural acreage since 2017 as development has accelerated, particularly around Ridgefield.

"Every acre of Clark County's rich soil is a miracle centuries in the making," Thatcher said in a news release. "We simply can't replace this high quality soil. Protecting farmland isn't about preserving a nostalgic way of life; it's about making sure that 50 years from now, this region can feed itself."

Lewis said the conservation easement was made possible through public funding used to purchase the property's development rights.

"The Washington Farmland Trust's core mission is to protect Washington state's most threatened farmland and preserve it through a variety of legal mechanisms," Lewis said. "But ultimately the bread and butter of the trust is the acquisition of conservation easements on working farmland, which protects the farmland from conversion to non-ag uses like development or other non-farming uses. What we did down in Clark County with the April Joy Farm is we get public dollars through competitive grants and use those dollars to purchase the development rights from landowners at appraised value."

The funding came through Clark County's Legacy Lands program, which has traditionally focused on protecting fish and wildlife habitat, forests and natural areas.

Legacy Lands Program Coordinator Denielle Cowley said the April Joy Farm project represents a milestone more than seven years in the making.

"I think it's a huge milestone. They've been talking about doing this farm protection since 2017," Cowley said. "And we worked with Washington Farmland Trust because we hadn't ever done it before and they have done it before. So we used them as a facilitator to understand how to do these types of things in Clark County."

Cowley said the Washington Farmland Trust provided a lot of knowledge in the process, adding that the Legacy Lands program learned a lot from the experience in protecting the April Joy Farm.

Cowley said the county hopes the project becomes the first of many as Clark County balances continued growth with preserving its agricultural heritage.

"We anticipate seeing more of these types of opportunities with farmers and maybe even foresters, forest lands," Cowley said. "It is done in other counties throughout the state. So we're hoping that this is where we start that process."

Unlike a public park, the conservation easement does not transfer ownership of the property or open it to public access. Instead, the deed restriction remains attached to the land regardless of future ownership, ensuring it continues to meet the easement's agricultural requirements.

"So it's a recorded deed against the title of the property. It's in perpetuity," Cowley said. "It would transfer with the ownership no matter what. They will do a yearly inspection of the property to confirm that it is still maintaining the easement requirements."

Cowley added that participation is entirely voluntary.

"So I would say that it is a willing seller, willing buyer. Farmers would need to come to us if they're interested," she said. "We're hoping to do more of these throughout the county. It would still be their property. It's just a covenant, a deed restriction."

Lewis said the project provides a blueprint for future farmland preservation efforts across Clark County.

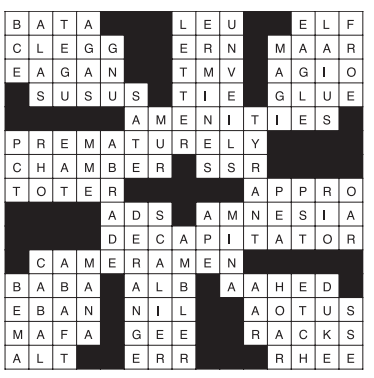
"This isn't a one-off where we want to be present. We want to support those community goals, and we want to do it in a way that works for Clark County," Lewis said. "Now that we have a proof-of-concept that we can do this in Clark County, it lets us develop a strategy to keep farms farming and farms in production."

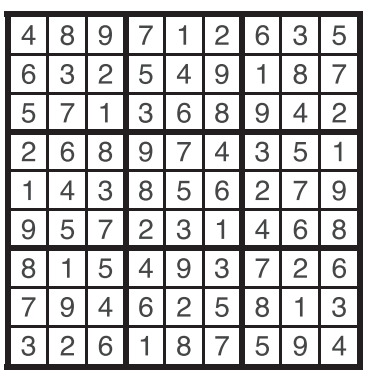
Washington Farmland Trust has now permanently conserved more than 4,000 acres on 38 farms across Washington. Clark County's Legacy Lands program, funded through the Conservation Futures levy, has protected more than 5,600 acres of forests, wetlands, wildlife habitat and now agricultural land since its creation.



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April Joy Farm grows certified organic produce as part of its agricultural operation and Farm to Heart food equity initiative, which connects local farmers with families experiencing food insecurity.





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Knowing where you are can save precious time when calling 911, CRESA official says



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Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA) 911 call center staff can take hundreds of emergency calls during each shift. The most important piece of information a caller can provide is location details.

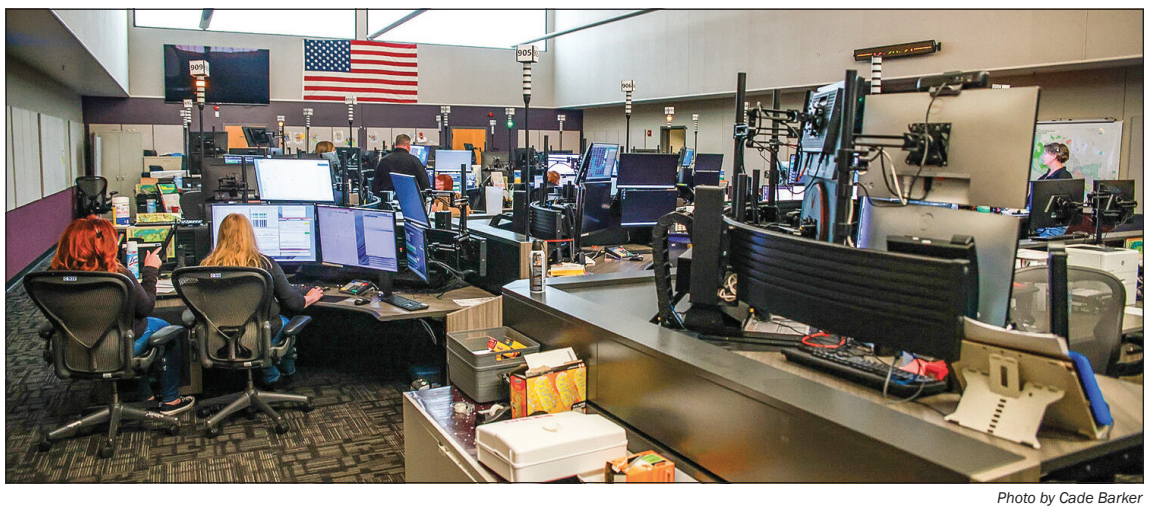


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About a dozen calls were handled in a five-minute visit with the Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency's (CRESA) 911 call center during a visit in March.

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When seconds matter during an emergency, the most important piece of information a 911 caller can provide isn't always what happened — it's where it happened.

That's the message Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA) 911 Operations Manager Greg Rossmiller hopes residents remember when dialing 911, especially as more people rely on cellphones that don't always provide dispatchers with an exact location.

On CRESA's social media, users may have seen a new social media campaign: "Where in the Clark?" The social media campaign focuses on helping people identify location details like street names, intersections, landmarks, mileposts and more throughout Clark County.

"The location is always the most important question. It is always the first question that we ask," Rossmiller said. "That's always got to be the first question that we ask because that's the most important thing. Because if we don't know what's happening, at least if we know where it's happening, we can send somebody to go help and check it out."

Rossmiller said about 90% of CRESA's emergency calls now come from cellphones. While modern technology can provide dispatchers with general location information, he said it isn't as precise as many people believe.

"I think, like in pop culture and some 911 shows and movies ... you see these things, you're like, 'Oh yeah, they're able to triangulate exactly where you are.' And that's just not the case," Rossmiller said.

Even in the best situations, he said, a cellphone's location may only narrow a caller's location to within 50 to 100 feet. In apartment complexes or other multi-unit buildings, that can still leave dispatchers searching several possible locations.

Because of that, Rossmiller encourages people to pay attention to where they are before an emergency happens. Street signs, nearby businesses, utility poles, mailbox numbers and other landmarks can all help dispatchers pinpoint a caller's location if an address isn't immediately available. Dispatchers are trained to ask followup questions and piece together those clues, he added.

"Whatever it is that they see," Rossmiller said when asked what callers should report. "If somebody truly has no idea, there's things that we can do. We're going to be asking those kinds of questions, but just sometimes ... what do you see around you? If that's a mailbox and you can pull a number off that mailbox, sometimes that's really helpful."

After confirming a location, dispatchers ask a series of questions to determine the most appropriate response. Rossmiller said callers shouldn't mistake those questions as delays.

"Whenever you call 911, expect that you're going to be asked a series of questions, and those are designed to just try to help us figure out exactly how to prioritize the situation and what most appropriate resource for whatever your situation is," he said. "It's not to delay things or to frustrate people, it's really just designed for us to get the most pertinent information that we need on the front end of this emergency or non-emergency response."

Those questions also help dispatchers determine whether police, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, behavioral health teams or other specialized resources should respond. Rossmiller noted that response policies also vary among police and fire agencies across Clark County, particularly for incidents such as non-injury traffic collisions.

Rossmiller also encouraged residents to understand the difference between calling 911 and 311.

For any fire or medical emergency, he said people should call 911, even if they believe the situation isn't serious.

On the law enforcement side, Rossmiller said situations involving immediate danger, threats or crimes in progress also belong on 911 because those calls receive the highest priority. By contrast, incidents such as discovering a vehicle break-in after the fact or ongoing neighborhood noise complaints are generally better suited for 311 because there is no immediate threat to life or property.

Rossmiller said preparation before an emergency can make all the difference. He encourages families to learn the addresses of homes and businesses they frequently visit and teach children how to communicate that information if they ever need to call for help.

"Teaching kids and young children where they are, helping them connect them to addresses ... can be really helpful, because we do get calls from kids regularly," Rossmiller said. "If an adult's having a medical problem and the only one there to call is a child, we want them to be able to have the info they need so that we can get the help started really fast."

Robert M. Calvert



Bob was born on March 6, 1930, in Sand Coulee, Montana, to Merton and Mayme Calvert. He joined a family that included older siblings George and Bud Mitchell, Gladys Calvert Renning, and Norman R., Marybelle, and Betty Calvert. Bob was the youngest in the family and maybe just a tiny bit spoiled.

Bob attended schools in Belt, Montana, and Gig Harbor, Washington, before enrolling at Franklin High School in Seattle. There he excelled in football and baseball and credited his football coach, Mr. Lanman, with helping him find a path that kept him out of trouble—most of the time. He graduated from Franklin in 1949 and enrolled at Whitworth as a freshman, then transferred to Western Washington College of Education the following year.

In 1951, Bob joined the Army and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg. He enjoyed many aspects of his service, but when his two years were up, he returned to Washington and completed his education at Western.

Bob became a classroom teacher and then an elementary principal in the Sumner and Puyallup school districts. In 1968, he was hired as a principal by the Vancouver School District. His young family sold their brand-new home and headed to Vancouver to start all over again. With Bob came his wife, Mattie; stepson, Chris; and two daughters, Linda and Cheryl.

After 19 years and assignments at several schools in the district, Bob realized he could retire, and in 1987, he did just that. His retirement was filled with days on the river looking for a steelhead or two, sitting at the cabin on the Lewis with his best friend,Sammy, or hunting the woods for a nice buck and building huge campfires on those chilly fall evenings. Many hunting and fishing trips were shared with the kids, as well as with neighbor John Smith and his boys. When he wasn't fishing or hunting, he enjoyed playing golf and cards.

Bob is survived by his wife of 44 years, Mary; daughters Linda Jordan (Lance) and Cheryl Thomas (Marty); grandchildren Phillip Jordan, Dustin Calvert, Chris Calvert, Amy Beers, Josh Joy, Brittany Jewell, and Destinee Thomas; and great-grandchildren Gunner, Bowdy, Carson, Luke, and Logan. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings, and his son, Chris. He also lost his nephew and gambling partner, Mark.
Bob would have loved a few more trips around the sun—he was planning on it. He will be truly missed by those of us who spent time with him, laughed at his stunts, and listened to his stories.

All County Cremation & Burial Services were in charge of arrangments. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date to accommodate family members.

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Vitals

Obituaries and Death Notices

Christopher Young, 45, of Battle Ground, died July 9. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Debra Bidelman, 74, of Vancouver, died July 12. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

Jose Barrio, 94, of Battle Ground, died July 14. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Larry Brossard, 70, of Brush Prairie, died July 14. Arrangements are under the care of Northwood Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 360-574-4252.

Jeffrey Streitt, 65, of Woodland, died July 16. Arrangements are under the care of Woodland Funeral Home, 360-225-8441.

Nancy Burns, 80, of Brush Prairie, died July 17. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

James Byrnes, 81, of Kalama, died July 18. Arrangements are under the care of Woodland Funeral Home, 360-225-8441.

Linda Roseman, 66, of Woodland, died July 19. Arrangements are under the care of Woodland Funeral Home, 360-225-8441.

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Battle Ground's National Night Out to take place at Chief Umtuch Middle School this year



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Battle Ground officer CJ Cortez guides youth over a small ramp in the bicycle safety course during National Night Out last year in Battle Ground.



File Photo

A Clark County Fire District 3 member assisted youth to use the water hose during National Night Out last year in Battle Ground.

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Battle Ground's National Night Out will move to a new location this year as the community event has outgrown its previous location.

The new location gives organizers more room for activities, vendors and attendees.

The free event, hosted by the Battle Ground Police Department, will be held at Chief Umtuch Middle School, 700 NW Ninth St., on Tuesday, Aug. 4, from 6 to 8 p.m., after previously taking place at Kiwanis Park.

Battle Ground Police Department Lt. Jim Keller said the move is designed to improve parking, increase accessibility and provide more space as attendance continues to climb.

"We're growing just a little bit too big to facilitate parking on public roadways at Kiwanis (Park)," Keller said. "Chief Umtuch allows us the opportunity for people to park at Chief Umtuch, at Captain Strong, as well as Battle Ground High School and Lewisville campus."

The new venue also gives organizers more flexibility in how the event is designed.

"The field at Chief Umtuch, there's no berms. There's no limitations on our layout," Keller said. "And we can spread the vendors out, so it's actually a lot more widespread. It's not consolidated into a specific corner of the park. And people have a lot more opportunity to visit the vendors without feeling rushed."

The larger venue was necessary this year as not only is attendance expected to grow, but the vendor total increased as well. Keller highlighted that 34 vendors are expected this year, up from 26 in 2025. Vendors will be offering safety information, community resources and family activities.

Returning favorites include the Fire District 3 spray house and barbecue, along with the Battle Ground Police Department's bike safety rodeo. Keller said the larger parking lot will also allow officers to expand the bicycle course.

"We're also trying to get two bike officers actually with their bikes to go with the kids through the course," Keller said. "So we're going to actually have a longer bike rodeo course because it's in the parking lot, which will afford us to stretch it out a little bit."

Free bicycle helmets will once again be available for children, with Walmart employees fitting helmets for each child who needs one. During last year's National Night Out event, Keller said 350 helmets were handed out to kids who needed one.

Keller also added event organizers are planning bicycle giveaways for children and prize drawings for adults with outdoors gear courtesy of Caddis Sports in Battle Ground.

After running out of hot dogs during last year's event, Keller said organizers have made one notable adjustment.

"I'm going to double the amount of hot dogs because that was the biggest complaint from last year," he said.

Beyond the activities, Keller said National Night Out is about strengthening relationships between first responders and the community.

"We want the community to know us personally and have one-on-one conversations, whether it's the kids or the adults," Keller said. "I want them to understand that if they see us, we're there to help. I don't want them running away from us thinking that we're coming to take somebody away."

The event also connects residents with organizations offering medical, educational and social services throughout Battle Ground.

Battle Ground Communications Manager Alisha Smith said the city is working to ensure residents know about the venue change through social media, postcards distributed during Harvest Days and neighborhood notifications for nearby residents anticipating increased traffic.

"And just an encouragement for anybody who sees those social media posts to like and share it," Smith said. "Helps us get the word out, helps us get more people through the door, more opportunity for our officers to interact with the public."

Smith added that growing attendance ultimately benefits the entire community.

For additional information on National Night Out in Battle Ground, visit cityofbg.org/847/National-Night-Out.

Additional National Night Out events in the area

The city of **Ridgefield** will also host its National Night Out beginning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 4, Abrams Park, 400 Abrams Park Road.

In **Woodland**, the Woodland Police Department will be hosting their National Night Out event on Tuesday, Aug.4, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Horseshoe Lake Park near the boat launch.

In **La Center**, on Tuesday, Aug. 4, from 4 to 6 p.m., the city of La Center with the Clark County Sheriff's Office and Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue will host National Night Out at Holley Park, 1000 E. Fourth St.

Additionally, the town of **Yacolt** calendar states Yacolt Night Out will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 4, at 6 p.m., located at Yacolt Town Park, 409 W. Jones Street.



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Adom Bolohkovsky, 13, of Battle Ground, builds a LEGO pinewood derby car with decorative flames during National Night Out last year in Battle Ground.

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Legacy Health opens new family medicine clinic in Ridgefield

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Legacy Health has opened a new primary care clinic in Ridgefield as part of a broader effort to address growing demand for healthcare services in Southwest Washington.

The Ridgefield clinic opened on July 14 at 536 S. Royle Road, Suite 1, and is now accepting patients. The new facility is intended to help meet the area's increasing need for primary care providers as Clark County continues to experience rapid population growth, a news release by Legacy Health stated.

According to Legacy Health, Southwest Washington currently lacks enough primary care and specialty providers to meet projected demand over the next five to 10 years. The Ridgefield clinic, approximately 14 miles north of Vancouver, is designed to improve access for patients throughout the greater Clark County area, Legacy Health stated.

The clinic utilizes a team-based care model that coordinates physicians and advanced practice providers with medical assistants, pharmacists, registered nurses, behavioral health clinicians, social workers and case managers. Legacy Health stated the integrated approach is designed to improve access to care while supporting better long-term health outcomes.

"Opening Legacy Medical Group - Ridgefield clinic reflects our commitment to being Here for Good for the patients and communities we serve," said Kevin O'Boyle, president of Legacy Medical Group at Legacy Health, in the release. "As Southwest Washington continues to grow, we are investing in new ways to deliver primary care that is more accessible, more connected and built around our patients' needs. By bringing together collaborative care teams, advanced technology and expanded access, we are strengthening the care patients need, while creating a more sustainable model for the future."

Legacy Health said the clinic incorporates online scheduling tools that connect patients with the appropriate member of their care team and includes automated follow-up reminders, notifications for overdue procedures and preventive services, and standardized care protocols intended to provide consistent treatment across patient visits.

To improve convenience, the Ridgefield clinic offers extended hours Monday through Friday from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. The clinic will also reserve at least 22 same-day appointments each day for urgent and routine healthcare needs, the release added.

The new location is part of Legacy Health's broader investment in healthcare services throughout Southwest Washington. Legacy Medical Group's Camas location has also expanded its primary care hours to include evening and weekend appointments, while Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center plans to open a new observation unit during the first half of 2027 to increase patient capacity, the release stated.



Photo courtesy of Legacy Health

Dr. Susan Huang, new president and CEO of Legacy Health, speaks to attendees at the opening of the new Legacy Medical Group Ridgefield Clinic on July 14.

Plane crashes into Yale Lake, boaters rescue pilot

THE REFLECTOR

A 76-year-old pilot escaped with minor injuries after a small single-engine airplane crashed into Yale Lake in northeastern Clark County on Tuesday, July 22.

According to the Clark County Sheriff's Office, deputies, including members of the Marine Patrol Unit, and North County EMS responded to the crash at about 11:30 a.m.

Investigators said the pilot, who was the aircraft's only occupant, reported experiencing a mechanical failure before the plane went down in the lake.

The pilot was able to exit the aircraft before it sank and was rescued by nearby boaters. He was transported to a local hospital, where he was treated for minor injuries.

The Federal Aviation Administration has been notified, and the crash remains under investigation.

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Mutual interests lead to Clark County's first cat cafe



Photo by Cade Barker

Visitors line up to order coffee beverages and pay for time to play with cats at Milky and Coco's Kit-Tea Cafe in Vancouver on Friday, July 24.



Photo by Cade Barker

A grumpy cat hides in a cat structure in Milky and Coco's Kit-Tea Cafe in Vancouver on Friday, July 24.

Photo by Cade Barker

A cat walks by at Milky and Coco's Kit-Tea Cafe in Vancouver on Friday, July 24.

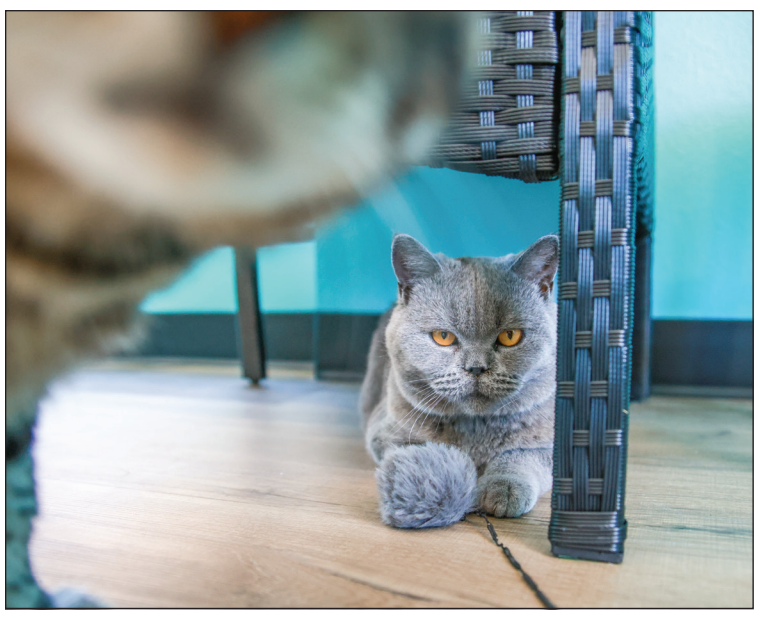


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A curious cat sniffs the camera while another plays with a toy under a seat in Milky and Coco's Kit-Tea Cafe in Vancouver on Friday, July 24.



Photo by Cade Barker

Customers play with cats at Milky and Coco's Kit-Tea Cafe in Vancouver on Friday, July 24.

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Clark County's first cat cafe, located off of Fourth Plain Boulevard in Vancouver, held its grand opening on Friday July 24.

Milky and Coco's Kit-Tea Cafe is a cat-themed cafe with a menu full of cat puns and an extra designated room where customers can spend up to an hour playing with 25 adoptable cats.

"Animal lovers, we all share this fondness for our furry critters," said Diana Perez, co-owner of Milky and Coco's Kit-tea Cafe. "It's uniting, the ability to come and experience something different in Southwest Washington."

Not too long after retiring, Perez was traveling in Utah and experienced the unique coziness of cat cafes.

"I was just wowed by the business model," Perez said.

After pitching the idea to the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, she found out that there were two other people who also had been thinking about starting a cat cafe.

"Vince (Le) had a grandmother with dementia, and it was cats that helped her cope better with daily life," Perez said. "Christiana (Alfonso) had just gotten let go from her corporate company, so she was also trying to figure out what she was going to do."

The three chose to meet each other and, after doing so, they decided to become equal business partners and open the cat cafe together.

Now, several months removed from the meeting, the cafe has gone through a soft opening period providing coffee and kitties that can be adopted from Furry Friends, a local Vancouver cat rescue.

"We reached out to furry friends and they were like, 'we will do whatever you need to help you. We're there for you,'" Perez said.

Furry Friends provides Milky and Coco's with the cats and the volunteers necessary to do wellness checks and take care of the feline friends.

Each of the cats that roam around the room are also available for adoption, with dozens having already been picked up by new families.

"We've been going through the journey as new people to just starting a business," Perez said.

Along the path to opening the cafe, Perez, Le and Alfonso had to overcome several obstacles.



Photo by Cade Barker

A curious cat sits in front of the camera at Milky and Coco's Kit-Tea Cafe in Vancouver on Friday, July 24.

Loan availability was very low since the business hadn't been open very long.

Snares were hit with both landlords not wanting to improve some of the available locations and commercial realtors either not taking them seriously or not believing in the business possibilities.

The three entrepreneurs caught their break when they received financial help from Fourth Plain Forward, a local nonprofit focused on helping local businesses, and found their third realtor.

"We were able to get a loan from Fourth Plain Forward through the Department of Commerce, so that helped," Perez said. "Through Bridge City Contracting, they referred us to Andi Costello, and she found this excellent place."

Once the pieces fell into place, the three owners poured a lot of time and effort into preparing the location for the vision they held.

"We've done a lot of this ourselves other than the electrical, plumbing and the wall partition," Perez said.



Photo by Cade Barker

A cat takes a break from walking around Milky and Coco's Kit-Tea Cafe in Vancouver on Friday, July 24.

On top of their own work, the cafe features the artwork of local Clark County artists, the coffee and tea are locally sourced, and the cafe provides special events for the local community.

On Wednesdays, senior living centers can bring their residents to spend time with the cats.

Other days, the cafe hosts special events such as board game night, community workshops and even cat yoga.

"This is that third space where you can get away from whatever chaos you're going through and reground, recalibrate, re-everything, because cats have that calming effect," Perez said.



Photo by Cade Barker

A cat looks over people from a perch at Milky and Coco's Kit-Tea Cafe in Vancouver on Friday, July 24.

Milky and Coco's Kit-tea Cafe is located at 5000 East Fourth Plain Blvd., E103, Vancouver. It is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

For more information, visit https://www.milkyandcocoskitteacafe.com/ and follow them on social media @ milkyandcocoskitteacafe.





Bitter fight blowing up over tribal fishing rights as Quinault Indian Nation seeks expansion of boundaries

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The Chinook Observer

A high-stakes battle is heating up between the non-federally recognized Chinook Indian Nation and the Quinault Indian Nation over tribal sovereignty and lucrative fisheries along the Southwest Washington coast and the Columbia River.

Following a federal ruling in the Western District of Washington that blocked an initial Quinault effort to expand their fishing treaty boundaries, the tribe has officially vowed to explore all litigation avenues. The Quinault upped the ante earlier this month by asking the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to overturn that lower court ruling.

"While the Ninth Circuit isn't being asked to decide fishing boundaries at this stage, its decision could determine whether this litigation proceeds. The Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe is actively monitoring the case and remains committed to protecting our rights, our sovereignty, and the interests of our Tribal members throughout this process," the Shoalwater Tribe said.

While Shoalwaters stand to be directly impacted by a successful expansion effort into Willapa Bay, at this time the most bitter dispute is between the Quinault and the Chinook.

This was demonstrated in a June 10 Facebook post by Quinault Chairman Guy Capoeman. His formal Quinault Tribal Council letter to Chinook Chairman Tony Johnson lays bare a deep-seated historical and legal divide regarding federal recognition and territorial waters.

Battle over lucrative waters

The ongoing battle centers on a bold push by the Quinault to expand their treaty-protected "usual and accustomed" fishing and shellfish fishing grounds. The Quinault are seeking to secure half-shares of the highly valuable, lucrative Dungeness fishery along with fin-fish harvest extending into Willapa Bay, Shoalwater Bay and approximately 60 miles up the Columbia River.

Without treaty rights of its own at this time, the Chinook Tribe itself would not be directly

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Dramatic skies appear over Ridgefield during thunderstorms



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While thunderstorms moved through Clark County, a sunbreak in the dark clouds opened up sunlight to shine through the smokey haze over Ridgefield in the early evening hours on Wednesday, July 22.

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Battle Ground mayor honors Rego Athletic Scholarship with BiG Heart Award

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The Rego Athletic Scholarship Fund and its founder, Kimberly Roaden, were recognized for their commitment to local student-athletes during the Battle Ground City Council meeting on Monday, July 20, receiving the city's monthly BiG Heart Citizen Recognition Award.

Mayor Eric Overholser highlighted the organization's efforts to continue the legacy of late Union High School football coach and Battle Ground resident Mark Rego by investing in students who demonstrate character, perseverance and service rather than simply athletic achievement.

"Coach Rego was known across Clark County for his dedication to youth sports and his commitment to mentoring young people," Overholser said. "He believed that sports were a powerful tool to teach students about character, hard work and responsibility."

Established after Rego's passing in 2018, the scholarship fund has awarded more than $375,000 to 233 student-athletes in the Battle Ground and Evergreen school districts since 2019, helping graduates pursue college or vocational training.

"What makes this fund unique is its focus," Overholser said. "These scholarships do not just go to the top scorers on the team but they are awarded to student athletes who exhibit true grit, hard work and a dedication to helping others."



Photo by Cade Barker

Battle Ground Mayor Eric Overholser, left, and Kimberly Roaden, Rego Athletic Scholarship Fund founder, stand together after Roaden and the scholarship organization was awarded the BiG Heart Award during the city council meeting on Monday, July 20.



Photo by Cade Barker

Battle Ground Mayor Eric Overholser, left, presents the BiG Heart Award to Kimberly Roaden, Rego Athletic Scholarship Fund founder, during the city council meeting on Monday, July 20.

The mayor also recognized Roaden, Rego's widow and the scholarship fund's founder and program coordinator, for building the organization and keeping its mission alive.

"Following her loss, Kimberly refused to let his bright light fade," Overholser said. "She stepped forward as the founder and program coordinator to help build this organization from the ground up keeping the community united behind its mission and directly supporting the board's vital work with our local schools."

Roaden said receiving the award was an emotional reminder that the organization's work is making a difference.

"It was pretty humbling because the Rego Athletic Scholarship Fund was funded and started because of kids in high school, and we wanted them to make sure that they got to go to college and learn fundamentals," Roaden said. "And to be honored that we are helping kids in Battle Ground is fantastic. It just makes us happy."

During the council meeting, Roaden also highlighted the Battle Ground Public Schools' ongoing funding challenges following the failure of the district's educational programs and operations levy. She announced the scholarship board plans to meet with district officials about helping preserve sports programs facing cuts like golf, swimming , gymnastics and bowling.

"The sports that don't get a lot of attention, but they're important," she said. "Every sport is important. It teaches kids character. It teaches kids responsibility, teamwork and camaraderie."

Roaden added that supporting every athletic program, regardless of its popularity, remains central to the scholarship fund's mission.

Last year, Roaden said the organization awarded 47 scholarships totaling more than $35,000 last year. Looking ahead, Roaden said the nonprofit plans to continue focusing on fundraising while encouraging residents to become involved with local youth.

To learn more about the Rego Athletic Scholarship Fund, visit regoscholarship.com/.

At the end of the awards presentation, Overholser highlighted the need for monthly BiG Heart award nominations, to learn more about the citizen recognition program and to nominate, visit cityofbg.org/1099/BiG-Heart-Citizen-Recognition-Program.

Fight

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impacted by a Quinault incursion. However, many individual members of the tribe harvest fish and shellfish under state licenses and longstanding private property rights. These individuals — along with nontribal recreational and commercial fishermen — would stand to lose 50% of their allowable catch if the Quinault are able to swallow up Willapa Bay and the Columbia estuary.

U.S. District for Western Washington Judge Ricardo S. Martinez denied the Quinaults' motion on June 2, which sought to open a new sub-proceeding under the Boldt decision, United States v. Washington — and upheld the decision on appeal on June 9. Martinez determined that the Quinaults' southern boundary was decided in a 2009 sub-proceeding, which places the contested waters more than 10 miles south of the legally recognized Quinault boundary.

Martinez's ruling was celebrated by the Chinook and Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe as a legal win and affirmation of their ancestral lands. The Quinault responded by making it clear that the fight was far from over and pledged an aggressive appeal to the Court of Appeals.

Sovereignty and strife

The letter published by Capoeman provides a deep, unfiltered look at the ongoing political fallout between the two tribes. Addressed directly to Johnson, it delivers a stern rebuff to comments he and the Chinook have made publicly and outlines the Quinault's demands before any "future reconciliation" could ever take place.

In the letter, the Quinault Tribal Council explicitly ties their opposition to the Chinook's ongoing fight for federal recognition to the current boundary dispute.

"The Quinault Indian Nation is a principal signatory of the Treaty of Olympia, ratified by the U.S. Congress in 1856," the tribal council said. "The present-day Quinault Indian Nation is comprised of several bands and tribes including the Quinault, Queets, Quileute, Hoh River, Chehalis, Cowlitz, and Chinook."

The letter accuses Chinook leadership of making "politically provocative and factually misleading" claims on social media and in regional press — specifically regarding allegations that the Quinault are "stealing Chinook's inheritance" or "taking over" overlapping territory.

"In good faith, Quinault Indian Nation proposed a framework for Chinook Tribal Recognition that does not infringe on Quinault's governmental authority, harm our sovereign powers, or reopen long-settled treaty making and failed treaty ratification, including treaties previously proposed by former Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Anson Dart," the council said.

"Instead, Quinault's attempt to propose a path forward has been met with hostility and misrepresentation of facts in the public and political spheres. The most recent iteration of the Chinook Recognition Proposal includes language that could reopen the long-settled status of Anson Dart Treaty Making by leaving open the door for ratification of failed treaty councils.

"This proposal also failed to include language ensuring that the Quinault Indian Nation's land and sovereignty would not be harmed if the proposal were enacted. This has and will remain a non-starter for the Quinault Indian Nation. No other modern day tribal recognition has included language that could create conflict with and potentially destabilize existing Federal Treaties that have been fully executed and enforced under Federal Indian Law.

"Your recognition effort then bled into our recent Request for Determination of the boundaries of Quinault's usual and accustomed fishing grounds and stations protected under the Treaty of Olympia," the council added.

The Quinault are fiercely defending their legal maneuvers and have asserted that the tribe is not seeking to create new rights and instead wants judicial recognition of "pre-existing rights as reserved by our People when they signed our treaty" on July 1, 1855.

One of the most striking portions of the letter issued by Capoeman is a response to an alleged quote by Johnson, asking the Quinault if the boundary dispute was "really a hill you want to die on?"

The Quinault response was one word — "Absolutely."

What could be coming

With the formal appeal filed to the federal appellate court, the outcome could carry massive economic impacts on Pacific County as well as cultural implications for the Chinook, Shoalwater and other neighboring tribes. If the Quinault should prevail, it could fundamentally reorder commercial fishing rights and reshape the political dynamics of the coastal tribes for generations to come.

The impacts would also drastically upend the recreational fisheries with tighter restrictions, because a new tribal stakeholder would be drawing from the existing resource pool — the non-treaty shares of salmon, steelhead, Dungeness crab and other lucrative fisheries would shrink.

Local anglers could expect shortened fishing seasons, reduced daily catch limits and emergency closures that are designed to ensure the Quinault fleet meets its court-mandated half-share.

Adding to this trickle-down, introducing the Quinault to the Columbia River would upend long-straining, delicate inter-state management agreements, plunging regional fishing regulations into a period of prolonged uncertainty.

Johnson could not be immediately reached for comment.









Photo by Cade Barker

Mounds of dirt erode off the riverbank into rocks while the East Fork Lewis River sits at a low summer flow on Thursday, July 23.



Photo by Cade Barker

An eroded riverbank is visible along the Lower Daybreak Park trail as the East Fork Lewis River sits at a low summer flow on Thursday, July 23.



Photo by Cade Barker

The riverbank, trail and habitat will soon change at Lower Daybreak Park, as the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership and Tapani Inc. work on a habitat restoration and riverbank stabilization project from Aug. 3 through Oct. 15. Power poles have already been moved back off of the eroding riverbank.



Photo by Cade Barker

Large logs staged in the field at Lower Daybreak Park will serve as erosion control and fish habitat aspects to the upcoming habitat restoration and riverbank stabilization project at Lower Daybreak Park.

Park

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have become increasingly vulnerable as the river has steadily worn away the bank.

"The trail alignment will shift back toward the tree line in this new kind of shape that will be moved back away from the river to help prevent the trail from being in an erodible zone in the future," Dupler said. "We've already moved back a couple of power poles from the river's edge. Those were at risk after a few high flow events, so those have been moved back."

The relocated trail will overlook two newly constructed floodplain benches that will serve both erosion-control and habitat restoration purposes.

"So this new area is going to act like a floodplain bench so it will have kind of a two lobe feature to it," Dupler said, adding the trail will overlook the multi-tiered flood plain bench.

The floodplain benches are designed to accommodate seasonal flooding rather than resist it.

"The portion of the benches along the front of the river will come down approximately 4 to 5 feet so that's going to create a lot more flood capacity and a lot more floodplain space for waters to go when the river does get high," Dupler said. "They kind of are seasonally inundated mostly in the winter and then they'll be planted with a mix of all kinds of lovely native species, shrubs and trees and things throughout."

Along the shoreline, large logs will serve a pair of critical purposes towards the project's mission.

"Those structures are to help prevent erosion along the shoreline but they're also designed to help provide habitat and large wood cover for fish that are using the river," Dupler said. "So they'll have a pool below them and those are all going to be along the front of the river."

Dupler said the project addresses years of visible erosion that has threatened existing infrastructure.

"The trail that was put in years ago, and the power poles that were located along the river, you know, the river has been eating into this bank for years and has put those pieces of infrastructure at risk," she said. "Which is why we are moving them back away from the river so that they're not, you know, continually in peril in the future during other high flow events."

The Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership has already implemented similar floodplain restoration work nearby and has observed positive results during recent high-water events.

"One of the things that we have seen just downstream from here we completed our portion of the project called county yard and in that area we moved some county infrastructure from their maintenance yard and used that area to create about five or more acres of additional floodplain space," Dupler said. "And what we saw in the high flow event was that water was flowing through that area so we know that's several extra acres of space that water has that isn't causing the river to have a higher elevation because it's confined. It's spreading out on the floodplain, we're seeing deposition of gravel and sand and we're seeing the vegetation in that area grow really well. It looks really nice now. So we definitely see that the expansion of floodplain space is working and so we're bringing that idea here."

In addition to protecting the shoreline, the restoration will convert what is now primarily a grass field into a more diverse native plant community.

"Like you said it is a little bit of a food desert for pollinators. It is a largely grass system," Dupler said. "It's going to be a mix of trees and shrubs and herbaceous species that will grow a little bit better here once it's been excavated down and getting a little bit more inundation from the river. That mix is always better for nature versus a single species field of grass."

According to Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership Public and Legislative Affairs Manager Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky, community volunteer planting events and student field trips are planned for late fall and winter after construction is complete, with a public reopening celebration currently scheduled for Oct. 15.

Dupler said the Lower Daybreak Park project is one component of the broader Ridgefield Pits floodplain reconnection effort.

"This site is just one piece of the much larger project," she said. "All of these areas are designed to increase the flood capacity of the river and of the floodplain. And so they all work together to just increase that capacity, increase water storage, increase areas for the water to flow during high flow events, and really restore the shoreline, restore the native plant communities. So, yeah, this is just one piece in that whole, long river puzzle."

Clark County Public Health warns of possible measles exposure

THE REFLECTOR

Clark County Public Health is warning that people may have been exposed to measles after a child with a confirmed case of the virus visited The Vancouver Clinic's Salmon Creek 1 Clinic while contagious.

Potential exposure occurred from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. July 17 at the clinic, located at 2525 NE 139th St., Vancouver. Health officials said the unvaccinated child was contagious during the visit. However, it is unknown where the child was exposed to the virus, according to a Clark County Public Health news release.

People who were at the clinic during that time and have not been vaccinated against measles or previously had the disease should stay home and avoid public places for 21 days after the potential exposure, according to Clark County Public Health. Anyone who develops symptoms should contact a health care provider before visiting a medical office to avoid exposing others.

To learn more about measles and preventive measures, visit shorturl.at/cmoWm.



Our Days

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Miss Washington, Battle Ground resident Natalie Worthy, waves to paradegoers in the La Center Our Days Twilight Parade on Friday, July 24.

Photo by Cade Barker



Master Oh's HS Taekwondo performs along the La Center Our Days Twilight Parade route on Friday, July 24.

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The Cowlitz Tribal Department of Public Safety flashes its lights at sunset during the La Center Our Days Twilight Parade on Friday, July 24.



Photo by Cade Barker

A vintage tractor rolls down the La Center Our Days Twilight Parade route highlighting Lavender La Center on Friday, July 24.



Photo by Cade Barker

Van Tol Dairy handed out cheese sticks to paradegoers along the La Center Our Days Twilight Parade route on Friday, July 24.

Car Show

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Photo by Andi Schwartz

Impact Automotive hosted the Yacolt Classic and Custom Car Show on Saturday, July 25, raising over $2,500 for the fifth annual Windhaven Ride for Veterans.

"Brad and I have been involved with that from the very beginning," Melissa Yahn said of Windhaven. "We also do some advertising with Lars Larson and just promote awareness for them."

Melissa Yahn added that in November Impact Automotive provides free oil changes for veterans through the entire month.

The Windhaven Ride for Veterans will be held on Saturday, Aug. 15, at Yacolt Community Church, 34502 NE Amboy Road in Yacolt. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., followed by an opening ceremony at 9:30 a.m. and departure at about 10 a.m. Motorcycles, hot rods and classic cars are welcome on the fully escorted route through north Clark County.

The benefit ride raises money for mental health treatment for local veterans living with PTSD, trauma and other invisible wounds of military service. The Windhaven Veterans Program uses equine therapy, allowing veterans to work with horses as an alternative to traditional treatment approaches. The program has 81% completion rate, compared to dropout rates upwards of 68% in traditional veteran support programs.

Organizers encourage early registration online at amboytumtumpost168.org/wrfv-register/. The fundraising campaign is still working toward its 2026 goal of $20,000 to support veterans. Donations can be made at amboytumtumpost168.org/wrfv_main/.

Note: Reflector designer Andi Schwartz also contributed to this article





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One word that deserves an answer

During the July 20 Battle Ground City Council meeting, Mayor Eric Overholser discussed the staff time spent responding to public reaction following several controversial proclamations.

He stated: "The narrative painted is a proclamation costs the city money. And in all reality, it's the reaction from the public to the proclamation, and the tactics that are used by individuals to flood our staff and inundate them to respond to 1,400 emails and nine exhaustive public records requests — which, again, is all within their rights — but it's a tactic used to bog down our system."

One word in that statement continues to bother me: tactics.

That word implies intent. It suggests that citizens deliberately sought to burden city hall rather than simply exercise rights guaranteed under Washington's Public Records Act.

My question is straightforward: What evidence supports that conclusion?

Public records requests reveal what information citizens seek — not why they seek it. Unless someone openly stated that their purpose was to overwhelm the city, I don't understand how anyone can confidently attribute that motive.

There is another explanation that seems far more ordinary.

The city chose to issue proclamations that generated significant public interest and controversy.

When government actions become controversial, people respond. They attend meetings. They send emails. They ask questions. They request records to understand how decisions were made.

That is not unusual. It is civic participation.

Mayor Overholser himself acknowledged that submitting public records requests is "within their rights." I appreciate that recognition. But describing those same lawful actions as "tactics" changes the conversation. It shifts attention away from the government's decisions and toward the citizens who exercised their legal right to seek information.

If there is evidence that requests were coordinated specifically to obstruct city operations, then the public should know what that evidence is.

If there is no such evidence, then perhaps we should be careful about assigning motives to citizens who are simply participating in their local government.

Transparency is not a tactic.

Accountability is not a tactic.

Public oversight is not a tactic.

They are the foundation of good government.

Liz Shaw
Battle Ground

Dave Larson for Washington Supreme Court

When I vote in a judicial race, I want someone who has actually done the work. That is why I am supporting Judge Dave Larson (retired) for Washington state Supreme Court, Position 5.

I have met with Judge Larson and heard him speak. Judge Larson is the real deal. He is passionate about the judicial system. I am convinced beyond a doubt that our entire state will benefit if he is elected. He is not a career politician. He has 41 years of significant legal experience, including 23 years as a civil trial lawyer and 18 years as a trial judge. That is the real courtroom experience, earned over decades, that our supreme court needs.

What I appreciate most is that Judge Larson has not and will not treat his position as a partisan prize. He insists on fairness, the rule of law, and treats every person who walks into a courtroom with dignity and respect. In a moment when so much feels divided, that steadiness matters. A judge should belong to all of us, not to one party.

He also has a plan that has been recognized on a national level to help our communities better deal with crime and addiction. As he says, we do not need to be tougher or softer on crime; we need to be smarter on crime.

Ballots are already arriving for the Aug. 4 primary. I enthusiastically hope you will join me in voting for Dave Larson. Our Supreme Court needs a justice who has spent a lifetime earning the seat and our confidence. Judge Larson is that candidate.

Myrna Leija-Frantz
La Center

How can I make Battle Ground stronger this week?

If you aren't online or at a Battle Ground City Council meeting, you may not be aware there is discord and division in town.

This is nothing new in some sense, and there will always be disagreements. This is where we should gather strength, not weaken Battle Ground as a whole. Constant division leads to catastrophe.

I'm not sure who you voted for, what you believe, or where you spend your time — but I know you're my neighbor. We cannot let our differences of opinion, and even differences in power dynamics, outweigh showing what the goodness of working together can bloom.

At our faith community, we have been focused on Jeremiah as of late, and Jeremiah 29:7 states: "Seek the peace and prosperity of the city … because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

This instruction was given to people in a place they didn't want to be, with unshared beliefs, strife, and more. God called them to bless the community by digging in deep.

I encourage all of us to serve our neighbors, sit across the table from those you disagree with, but do not lose hope in the midst of it all. There is goodness abounding in Battle Ground. Find ways to volunteer, serve families, support local nonprofits, neighborhood events, schools, food programs or community projects. If it doesn't exist, and you have a passion, start it.

We are building a prosperous, compassionate, loving city, where everyone is seen and valued, and it takes all of us. We each have a passion, set of skills and personality that make Battle Ground what it is.

We are stronger together, in cooperation, even with those we may not fully agree with. Don't lose hope. I'd encourage us to all ask: How can I make Battle Ground stronger this week?

Will Swaney
Battle Ground

No surprise: West Coast climate policies drive the high cost of gas

By Bob Pishue
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BOB PISHUE

New research reveals that gas prices are significantly higher in Democrat-controlled states than in Republican states. That's not much of a surprise, however, until the researchers dive into what drivers already knew: West Coast climate policies are a major driver of high fuel costs in California, Oregon and Washington.

Specifically, the researchers look at gas price increases between 2021 and 2026. In their analysis, prices rose in Red states by $0.62 per gallon versus $0.86 per gallon in Blue states. Excluding California, Hawaii, Washington and Oregon, that $0.24 gap fell to just $0.09 between Red and Blue states. The results led the researchers to conclude, "The faster Blue-state increase is mostly a West Coast story, not necessarily a uniform Blue-versus-Red phenomenon."

Before 2022, this "West Coast premium," after factoring in taxes, was due to strict California refining regulations and federal refining rules, adding about $0.20 to $0.44 per gallon to the cost of gas. Yet, between 2022 and 2026, the West Coast premium effect ballooned from $0.67 in 2022 to $0.91 cents per gallon in 2026.

Researchers first point out the carbon tax in Washington state, called the "Climate Commitment Act," and the Carbon Fuel Standard as the main drivers of the rapid increase in prices, driving gas prices up $0.41 to $0.48 per gallon. They also point to California's cap-and-trade allowances and Oregon's Clean Fuels Program as to blame.

Interestingly, the authors said it has less to do with who is in office than it does with climate policies over the last 20 years. In short, it's the policy to blame.

Shockingly, officials at the Washington state Department of Ecology continue to claim they "haven't seen a clear relationship between the price of carbon and the price of gas." Famously, when imposing the climate tax on gas, then Governor Inslee claimed it would cost "only pennies." Those "pennies" are painfully adding up for families commuting to school and work.

Washington's ongoing denial of the impact its climate policies are having on the price of gas is in stark contrast to California, with similar policies. The Golden State at least has the honesty to acknowledge the cost increases for drivers.

Drivers on the West Coast better buckle up. The price comparisons to other states, like Idaho, are going to continue, as West Coast climate policies continue to keep gas prices high while other states get to travel for less. Higher energy costs, including gasoline, fall hardest on those with the least ability to pay, stressing family budgets and increasing costs for goods and services in the region.

There's an easy fix to this unnecessary climate policy penalty should lawmakers wish to reverse course.

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Braun's silence on key issues is a commentary on integrity

I am a longtime registered independent voter. My parents instilled in my siblings and me that lying was unacceptable and results in the loss of trust in the person who lies. This was not unique to my family obviously. Even the Ten Commandments include lying.

Last week, President Trump gave a prime-time speech about his belief that the 2020 presidential election was corrupted. He lost by over 7 million votes. He litigated and lost over 60 challenges. He stated the Chinese stole hundreds of millions of voter records that are publicly available. And he challenged mail-in voting.

In confirmation hearing after confirmation hearing, candidate after candidate refused to acknowledge that Mr. Trump lost the election.

John Braun is now running to represent my district in Congress. He has mostly run on tax issues. What he has not done is defend Washington state voting, which is convenient to me, protected from voter fraud through both digital records and a paper copy for verification purposes. Nor has he called out issues that I feel are critical to me and my family. I have heard no mention of income inequality in our country, the ravages of climate change that the current president calls a hoax while the east floods and the west and Canada burns, or the misleading ads run on his behalf by a political PAC from outside the state.

As a retired Navy officer, I have heard nothing about the conduct of the Iran war. And I have heard nothing about affordability and the cost-of-living issues that are directly impacted by the war and the tax cut bill passed by the Republican Congress that reduced healthcare coverage for millions of Americans, including constituents in the Third Congressional District. Gasoline, food, healthcare, housing and public services have been diminished.

This district has been waiting too long for the Columbia River crossing to be completed. My previous representative, Jaime Herrera Beutler, squandered years through inaction.

Maybe Centralia is too far removed from the larger concentration of the population in his district. Maybe Mr. Braun is beholden to his endorsement by President Trump. His silence is a commentary on integrity to me. I expect more from someone seeking my vote.

G. Pittman
Ridgefield

Is Eileen Quiring O'Brien qualified to be our next Clark County auditor?

Let's review.

As a legislator, Eileen Quiring O'Brien focused on budgets, revenue, justice, health and human services, education, transportation and economic development.

Her commitment to public service earned her national recognition as a Toll Fellow.

Now let's look at her service in Clark County.

In 2016, Eileen was elected to the Clark County Council. Just two years later, she was elected county council chair.

Why does that matter? Because it demonstrates her ability to lead, build consensus and earn the confidence of the people she served. She has experience developing budgets, establishing policy, solving problems and making decisions that affect the entire county.

Does experience matter? Absolutely. Eileen's broad background gives her a depth of knowledge and perspective that no other candidate in this race can match.

Should we simply promote someone who has worked in the auditor's office for years? I don't think so.

At a time when public confidence in government and especially confidence in our election process is low, Clark County needs an auditor who brings independent leadership, accountability and a fresh perspective.

That's why Eileen has pledged to conduct an independent audit of the auditor's office. An independent review can identify opportunities to improve efficiency, strengthen accountability and restore public confidence.

The Clark County auditor is responsible for protecting the public's trust by overseeing elections, public records, licensing and important financial processes. That job requires integrity, sound judgment, proven leadership and a commitment to serving the people.

Eileen Quiring O'Brien has demonstrated those qualities throughout her career. She has earned my trust and my vote. I hope she will earn yours as well.

Anna Miller
Camas

Vote Dave Larson for Washington state Supreme Court

Four out of nine Washington state Supreme Court Justice positions are on the Aug. 4 primary ballot.

The top two candidates for each position will advance to the November general election.

The state supreme court interprets the constitution and decides major cases that significantly affect residents. The court also sets rules for the entire state that govern how every courthouse and case operates, impacting justice for every Washingtonian.

Dave Larson for Position 5 has served as a presiding judge in Federal Way for 18 years, with a high-volume criminal docket. Prior to that, he gained significant court experience as a trial lawyer for 23 years. Larson has been rated "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by multiple bar associations and AV Preeminent, the highest peer rating. He was also re-elected four times. Judge Larson's innovative criminal justice reforms improved the system and have been recognized nationwide. Larson will continue to work to build a justice system that can be trusted by the people and trial judges, making decisions based on solid legal principles with justice and fairness for all.

Judge Larson was twice recognized as a Hero of Federal Way Public Schools, and was president of the Federal Way School Board prior to his role as a judge. He helped teach street law at Todd Beamer High School in Federal Way from 2009 to 2025 and appeared in classrooms at all grade levels throughout the South Puget Sound.

Larson also coached a rookie robotics team that competed at the FIRST Robotics World Championships against 400 teams from around the world. They finished in the top 25%.

Learn more at his campaign website.

Margaret Tweet
Camas

'I didn't become a Republican because it was the easier choice'

By Sarah Mittelman

You may have already seen the enclosed article about my campaign. I'm grateful to the Jewish News Syndicate for telling part of my story, but like any article, it couldn't capture everything.

There are parts of this journey that have been difficult to talk about publicly because, quite honestly, I'm still processing them myself.

I'm not a politician.

I'm a nurse.

For more than 20 years, I've worked in emergency departments, psychiatric crisis centers, and now in behavioral health outreach. Every day I work with people experiencing homelessness, addiction, psychosis, and severe mental illness. My job has never been to defend an ideology. My job has been to care for people and solve problems.

Over time, I found myself asking difficult questions.

Were the policies we were investing billions of dollars in actually helping people recover?

Were we measuring success by outcomes or by intentions?

Were we willing to change course when something wasn't working?

As someone who worked directly with the people these policies were intended to help, I often felt there was more interest in defending existing approaches than honestly evaluating whether they were producing better lives.

That weighed on me.

Then came October 7.

Watching antisemitism become excused, minimized, or rationalized by people and institutions I had trusted was heartbreaking. As someone whose family practices Jewish traditions and whose children are being raised in that community, I found myself questioning where I belonged politically.

Looking back, I probably should have left the Democratic Party years earlier.

The truth is, I carried assumptions about Republicans that I had never challenged. I believed things about Republicans because they were the people I knew least. I accepted those assumptions without taking the time to meet people, ask questions, and decide for myself.

That was my mistake.

Changing my party wasn't the hardest part. The hardest part was admitting that some of the things I believed about people I had never really taken the time to know simply weren't true.



Sarah Mittleman

That kind of honesty begins with looking in the mirror. When I was finally ready, I wasn't looking for a new party. I was looking for answers.

I reached out to local Republican leaders because I was genuinely curious. I wanted to have conversations. I wanted to understand what they believed, how they approached problems, and whether there was room for someone like me.

No one recruited me. No one pressured me. I had choices. I could have remained a Democrat and run as a moderate. I could have run for a nonpartisan office. Or I could run as a Republican.

One Republican leader offered me very practical advice.

"Choose the path of least resistance."

I didn't. I chose what was clearly the more difficult path because I knew I could no longer honestly remain where I was.

It would have been easier politically to stay where I was known.

Instead, I chose the path that aligned with my conscience.

I also want to correct something that people sometimes assume.

No leader in the Democratic Party ever told me not to run. In fact, my interaction with Democratic leadership regarding my candidacy was respectful and encouraging.

The only person who told me I shouldn't run, and that I didn't deserve the opportunity, was one of my opponents.

That conversation didn't discourage me. If anything, it strengthened my resolve that ordinary citizens should never be told they don't belong in public service.

What ultimately convinced me wasn't that I found a perfect political party.

I found people who welcomed my questions.

I found people who encouraged me to think for myself.

I found leaders who were willing to hear what I had witnessed as a nurse, even when my perspective was different from theirs.

I found people who cared deeply about public safety, fiscal responsibility, individual liberty, strong families, and the belief that government should be accountable to the people it serves.

Most of all, I found a political community where my values, my work, and my convictions finally felt aligned.

That doesn't mean we'll agree on every issue. Healthy political parties shouldn't require that.

But I wanted to belong to a community where honest conversations were welcomed, where disagreement wasn't something to fear, and where I could contribute as myself.

Some of you may still wonder whether someone who spent much of her life as a Democrat can truly represent Republicans.

That is a fair question.

All I can ask is that you judge me by my character.

Judge me by the patients I've cared for.

Judge me by whether I tell you the truth, even when it is uncomfortable.

Judge me by whether I keep my word.

Judge me by whether I am willing to admit when I was wrong.

And judge me by the fact that I chose conviction over convenience.

I didn't become a Republican because it was the easier choice.

I became a Republican because it was the honest one.

Thank you for welcoming me into your party. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to earn your trust, your support, and, I hope, your vote.

Sarah Mittelman is a candidate for state representative in Washington state Legislative District 49, Pos. 1.

Letter writer unfairly characterizes Battle Ground

In response to Jill Stansbury's recent letter to the editor:

The author begins by warning readers about the slippery slope fallacy, yet much of her letter relies on exactly that kind of reasoning — connecting separate events and then assuming they prove Battle Ground is headed toward Christian nationalism or even white supremacy.

For example, she cites the city's support of prayer as evidence of a Christian nationalist agenda. Yet, opening legislative meetings with prayer has been a longstanding American tradition.

The U.S. House and Senate regularly begin sessions with prayer, and the U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly upheld legislative prayer as constitutional when participation is voluntary and the government does not coerce or discriminate.

A city council allowing an opening prayer is not, by itself, evidence of a plan to establish a theocracy.

She also references the firing of a Battle Ground teacher "due to an assumption that she lacked the right beliefs." The actual story is considerably more complicated. The teacher was initially fired after a student claimed she celebrated Charlie Kirk's assassination by calling him a Nazi. An independent arbitrator later found that allegation was not credible and recommended that she be reinstated with back pay. The district has maintained there were additional reasons for termination unrelated to that allegation, and the dispute remains unresolved.

Whatever one's opinion of the case, it is inaccurate to present it simply as someone being fired for holding the "wrong beliefs."

The discussion of downtown property ownership also deserves greater precision. It is true that a private investor and related companies have purchased more than 30 Battle Ground properties. It is also true that one of those projects is a chapel for First Presbyterian Church,

whose pastor, C. R. Wiley, has publicly advocated ideas about Christians "governing unbelievers" and has documented associations with individuals who openly identify as Christian nationalists.

However, those facts do not establish that the investor himself is a Christian nationalist or that Battle Ground's city government shares such a vision. Oregon Public Broadcasting specifically reported that the investor has not publicly identified himself as a Christian nationalist, even while documenting their associations. The investor has publicly stated that his goal is to revitalize his hometown, create jobs and strengthen the community "whether or not you share our faith."

Association is not the same as agreement. Building a church for a pastor with controversial views does not automatically mean the builder shares every one of those views, nor does it demonstrate that city officials are implementing them.

The letter also jumps from local policy disagreements to accusations that Battle Ground leaders support white supremacy, encourage violence, endorse torture, intend to persecute minorities or are preparing to punish political opponents.

Those are extraordinarily serious allegations. If they are true, they deserve equally extraordinary evidence. None is presented.

Finally, the author expresses fear that political opponents will be labeled terrorists. If there is an actual Battle Ground ordinance or resolution declaring peaceful critics or anti-fascists to be domestic terrorists, the public should examine it carefully. But absent such evidence, that claim should not be presented as fact.

Battle Ground's citizens can disagree passionately over religion, immigration, Pride proclamations or the direction of the community. But those debates should be grounded in evidence. Ironically, the letter warns against slippery-slope reasoning while repeatedly assuming that because certain people know one another, worship together, invest together, or hold conservative religious beliefs, Battle Ground is inevitably headed toward a white nationalist theocracy.

That is precisely the kind of speculative leap the author herself cautions others not to make. So, apparently, it's OK if it's one side to write op-eds or letters to the editor that jump to unfounded conclusions, but if the other side did the same, I can just hear the outcry and accusations of hypocrisy.

Renee Ruud
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Fired officers in Washington disproportionately land at tribal police departments

Tribal police in Washington hire officers fired elsewhere at a rate four times higher than their share of the workforce

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File Photo

A Cowlitz Indian Tribal Public Safety Department vehicle drives by the ilani hotel.

Shortly after Kalispel Tribal Police Detective Phineas Haglin arrested a woman at the Northern Quest Resort and Casino outside Spokane, Washington, he found a hotel security guard and asked if video surveillance captured the encounter.

The guard said no, mistakenly.

Haglin, believing there was no video, then gave a false account in his sworn statement, investigators found. The woman never shoved him hard enough that he staggered back two steps when he approached her at a bar at the casino's concert venue, as he had claimed.

Video surveillance showed what really happened. Haglin, who was wearing a mix of police uniform and street clothes, tried to cut the woman off from drinking alcohol. She and a friend walked away. When he approached again, she cursed at him. But she never shoved him backward. Instead, Haglin grabbed her by the arms. When she tried to get away, he grabbed her by the hair, pulling out her hair extensions.

Haglin radioed for help before she got away, and four Kalispel Tribal Police Department officers rushed over believing they were responding to an assault on an officer.

Those officers formally complained about Haglin's conduct. An internal investigation found that Haglin's attempt to arrest the woman was unlawful because she had not shoved him, and that his actions led to "another officer sustaining injuries that she should not have had to endure," a department supervisor wrote.

During the investigation, Haglin admitted he would have "written the report differently" had he known there was video.

When Haglin surrendered his department-issued cellphone, investigators also found evidence he'd been soliciting sex workers and receiving naked photos from their website ads. Haglin was fired on Sept. 27, 2021, about a week after the arrest.

It wasn't the first time he'd been fired from a Washington police department.

Before ending up at Kalispel, Haglin worked at 10 other police departments in Washington over more than 30 years, including four tribal police departments. At least two of those 11 departments — Sauk-Suiattle Tribal Police and Asotin County Sheriff's Office — fired him, according to public records obtained by InvestigateWest.

Neither Haglin nor the Kalispel Tribal police department responded to separate requests for an interview.

Tribal police departments make up a small fraction of Washington's law enforcement workforce, but they are a disproportionately common landing place for officers like Haglin who've been fired elsewhere, according to an analysis by InvestigateWest and the Invisible Institute of nearly three decades of officer employment records in Washington. Though tribal police account for only 2.5% of the state's law enforcement workforce, about 11% of fired officers who stayed in law enforcement went directly to work for a tribal police department — more than four times tribal police departments' share of the workforce.

Many of these officers were fired or resigned in lieu of termination after being accused of misconduct, a review of employment history and state disciplinary records shows.

Critics say that agencies employing "wandering officers," a term which refers to officers fired by one agency who go on to get hired at another, are exposing themselves to increased liability, and their citizens to increased risks to their safety. Research shows that fired officers who move to other departments are more likely to commit misconduct and to be fired again. Though the majority of wandering officers end up at non-tribal agencies, critics say InvestigateWest's findings pose concerns for tribal communities, which data shows are subjected to disproportionate police violence and misconduct.

"Hiring a wandering officer always poses a risk," said Benjamin Grunwald, a professor of law at Duke University and author of prominent research on wandering police officers. "It's especially true when it comes to the tribal departments … which presumably are serving communities with fewer economic resources, less political power, and more opportunities for law enforcement abuse to cause harm to the community."

The trend highlights the unique position of tribal police departments, which may lack resources to recruit officers and struggle with critical staffing shortages. It also points to ongoing failures by the state of Washington's Criminal Justice Training Commission, the state agency responsible for granting, denying or revoking law enforcement certifications. Despite an expanded enforcement mandate to decertify bad cops, the agency has been stymied by poor disciplinary documentation from police agencies and a yearslong investigation backlog — enabling officers accused of disqualifying misconduct to retain their certification for years and get a new job before any investigation shows up on their record. Though the commission was partly intended to prevent wandering officers, the state law on policing certification that expanded the agency lacks any mandates for increased scrutiny of fired officers who move between departments unless there's been a completed investigation finding serious misconduct.

"It's one of the worst trends in eroding police-community relations, and I'm alarmed to see that this is still happening with tribal police agencies," said state Rep. Roger Goodman, D-Kirkland, chair of the powerful House Community Safety Committee.

Officers wander while investigations take years

In 2017, then-Tacoma police Officer Jesse Jahner responded to a 911 call about a child in mental distress. Social workers watching the 9-year-old boy had grown concerned when the child grabbed kitchen knives and broke dishes and windows while his grandmother ran an errand. She'd returned and calmed the boy before Jahner and his partner, Damion Birge, arrived.

It wasn't the first time the officers had been called to transport the boy, who had cognitive disabilities and severe mental illnesses, to the hospital. But this time, the officers told the grandmother they wouldn't reply to further calls unless she beat the child with a folded belt, according to accounts from the grandmother and a social worker.

Birge told the child's grandmother she should "beat the demons out" of the child, according to court records, and the officers instructed her to strike the child "for every window" he broke.

For more than five minutes, the grandmother beat her grandson with the belt at least 20 times while Jahner held the child facedown with his buttocks exposed, witnesses to the beating said, according to court documents.

The grandmother later told police she "had promised [the child] she would never hit him, but she felt pressured to do so by the officers," court documents say.

The next day, medical staff at the Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma called police after noticing marks on the child's back, sides and arms. Jahner was fired over the incident in October 2018, charged with felony assault on a child and official misconduct.

Tacoma Police Department reported "disqualifying misconduct" on his notice of separation sent to the Criminal Justice Training Commission.

But it'd be nearly six years, and after another termination on his record, before Jahner lost his Washington law enforcement certification.

A judge dropped charges against Jahner and his partner in 2019 after the officers petitioned Pierce County Superior Court for dismissal, arguing they'd acted within the law. The state appealed.

As the state's appeal moved through the courts, Jahner didn't want to stop being a cop.

"He's hoping to get back on the force because he's a good officer," his lawyer said.

So Jahner got a job working for the Cowlitz Indian Tribal Public Safety Department, where he worked for around two years until he was fired again in February 2021, records show.

Shortly before his firing from the Cowlitz tribal police, an appeals court reinstated charges against Jahner. In 2023, a jury found him guilty of official misconduct and acquitted him of third-degree assault on a child, after his attorney argued in court that Jahner acted properly and was merely advising the grandmother of her right to use physical punishment under Washington law.

Jahner's 2023 conviction would have disqualified him from keeping his law enforcement certification — but even though the original complaint was received

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in 2018, the commission's official investigation didn't begin until months after Jahner was convicted in 2023. In March 2024, as the probe was still going on, Jahner voluntarily surrendered his certification, ending the investigation. Jahner did not respond to a request for comment.

Grunwald, the expert on wandering officers, says that his research shows these officers are more likely to be terminated again compared to officers who have never been fired, and that they face more civilian complaints. He says that it's a potential red flag if officers have moved around to several departments in short succession, even if they haven't been clearly fired from each post.

InvestigateWest's review of employment data found that the Nooksack Indian Tribe Police Department, Chehalis Tribal Law Enforcement and the Tulalip Tribal Police Department have all hired five or more fired officers, and a total of 22 tribes hired multiple wandering officers, though not all are necessarily employed at any agency at the same time.

The police department that hired the most wandering officers was the nontribal Mabton Police Department, at nine officers, where Haglin — who was fired from Kalispel after the casino arrest — served as the chief of the police between 2016 and 2018. The agency currently has a police chief and two full-time officers on staff.

Jahner is one of 83 officers reviewed by InvestigateWest with multiple firings on their record, but he's one of only nine of those officers who lost their certification to work as a cop in Washington. The rest are actively employed as officers or could be hired as one at any time if they did not have a break in service of two years or more, when certifications require renewal.

Like many officers under investigation by the Criminal Justice Training Commission, Haglin surrendered his law enforcement certification in 2023 amid a review, halting any further investigation or a public hearing. His lawyer, James David, said in a November 2023 email to the commission that it was because Haglin had retired, not because he believed his certification should be revoked.

It had been more than two years since he'd been fired, but Haglin's surrender still halted the commission's investigation, meaning the agency did not hold any hearings or make findings on Haglin's misconduct.

"It really raises a lot of concerns around background checks and if our state decertification processes are being effective," said Anita Yandle, counsel for the New York University Policing Project, a nonprofit organization based out of the NYU School of Law that works to promote public safety.

Recruiting officers

Limited resources and prolonged staffing shortages have incentivized some agencies to rely on officers who have been trained — and fired — elsewhere.

As sovereign entities, tribal governments have broad latitude to set training and certification standards for the officers they hire. Tribes can hire officers who aren't certified by Washington state and don't meet the Criminal Justice Training Commission's requirements.

Still, 25 of the 29 federally recognized tribes sharing geography with Washington and that maintain their own tribal police departments have opted into Washington's certification process through an interagency agreement with the state commission. Tribes with their own police may choose to pursue state certification to improve cohesion with state and county law enforcement, especially in areas where gaming is present, since unless a tribal police officer obtains a state peace officer designation, their jurisdiction is strictly limited over non-Native Americans and uncertified officers can't work alongside general authority agencies.

The interagency agreements with the state commission create a pathway for tribes to work more closely with other agencies while respecting tribal sovereignty. Tribes with an interagency agreement with the state commission were responsible for roughly four times the cost of basic training compared to non-tribal departments in Washington, due to being classified as "non-mandated" departments, according to a 2022 progress report on implementation of the policing certification law. That changed in 2024, after lawmakers passed a bill adjusting the payment structure for tribes holding an agreement with the state commission that brought them in line with state and county law enforcement agencies.

But the report, completed by members of the Criminal Justice Training Commission, found tribes frequently opt to send their officers to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Artesia, New Mexico, then apply for the equivalency certificate, which costs less because tribes only have to pay for the officer's travel. And as the report notes, "it may not align or prepare officers necessarily with Washington state policing," particularly with regard to standards on de-escalation, use of force and duty to intervene when witnessing another officer using excessive force.

Tribes across Washington have hired multiple wandering officers as they still report chronic staffing shortages, including at the Tulalip Tribal Police Department, Chehalis Tribal Public Safety Department, Colville Tribal Police Department, Lummi Nation Police Department and Kalispel Tribal Police Department.

Several tribes that remain under state criminal jurisdiction under a federal law, called Public Law 280, do not currently maintain their own police departments, and others have chosen not to enter agreements with the state commission. Data on the officers employed by departments that do not have an interagency agreement, including the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, were not part of InvestigateWest and Invisible Institute's analysis.

Because many non-tribal departments can offer higher pay, more benefits and pensions that tribal governments don't have access to, tribal departments may be faced with a choice between accepting officers with less-desirable employment histories or being understaffed.

"Currently, state and federal law enforcement can provide retirement and other types of compensation benefits that tribes can't provide to law enforcement … even though tribes have been trying to keep up, we've had a great deal of problems in keeping the commissioned officers," U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell, a Washington Democrat, testified at a 2023 hearing before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

Proposed federal legislation, called the Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act, aims to open up access to federal pension benefits for tribal departments. It has broad bipartisan support among Washington's congressional representatives and tribal governments, but has languished in Congress due to budgetary concerns. A 2023 state law, approved as House Bill 1481, allows tribes to enter interagency agreements to access to the state's police and firefighter pension program. So far only the Puyallup Tribe of Indians has finalized such an agreement. Instead of pensions, a number of tribes offer retirement plans or profit-sharing agreements for officers.

"We've had difficulty recruiting, training and retaining quality officers," then-Tulalip Tribal Police Chief Chris Sutter testified at a public hearing on the bill in 2023.

Missing records

Despite some improvements, the Criminal Justice Training Commission's documentation on

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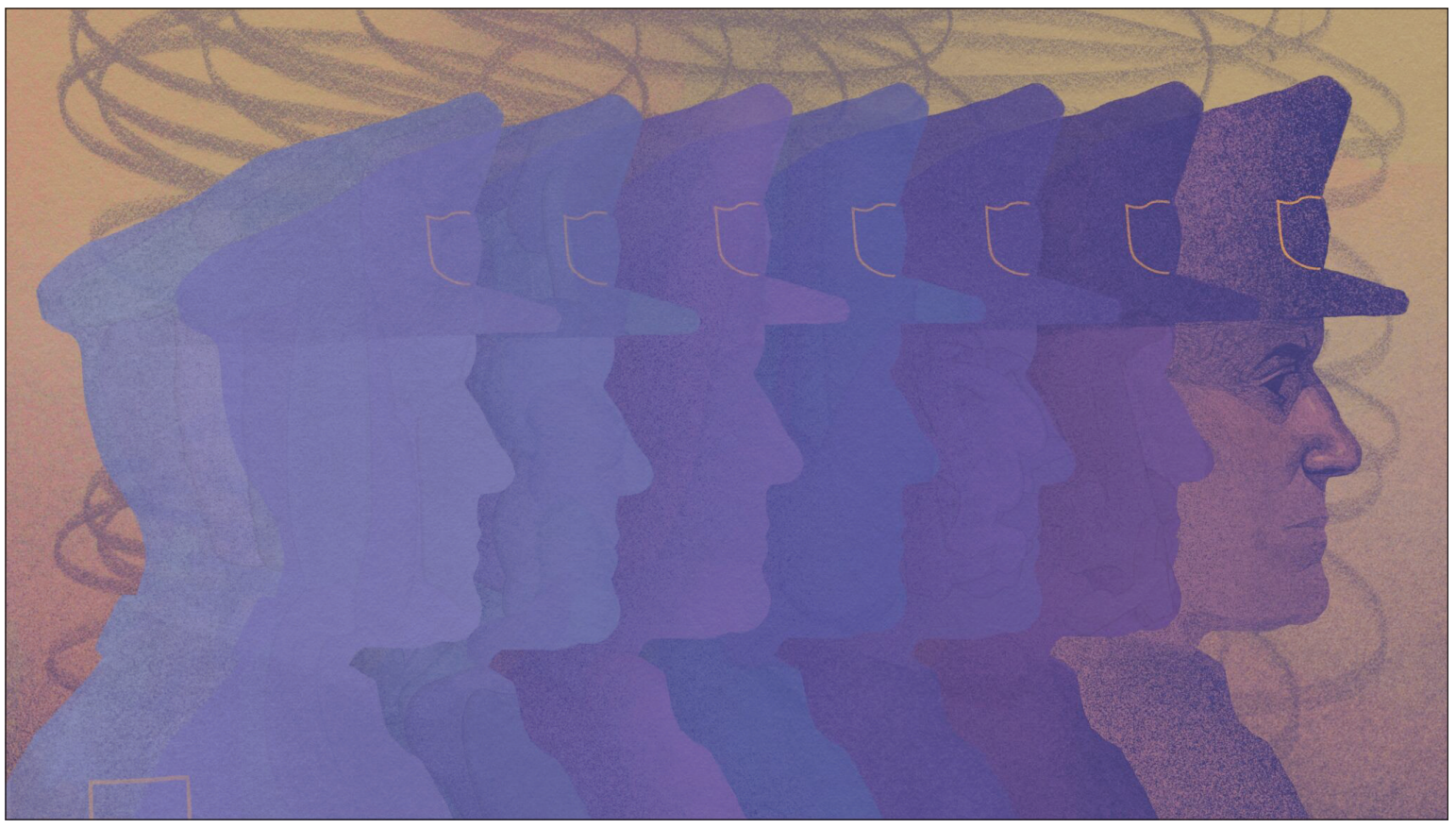


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Facing hiring disadvantages and incomplete state misconduct records, tribal police departments disproportionately become landing places for officers fired elsewhere.



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Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities welcomes new executive director

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The Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities of Southwest Washington (AAADSW) has named Joe Valtierra as its new executive director following the retirement of longtime leader Mike Reardon.

Reardon retired June 30 after 28 years with the agency. Valtierra joined AAADSW in May and previously worked with the agency before leaving in 2016 to continue expanding his professional experience, according to an AAADSW press release.

"I feel blessed to be able to come back to AAADSW," Valtierra said in the release. "I feel honored to do the work I love every day."

Valtierra said he plans to build on the agency's work as it continues to navigate changes in Medicaid and services supporting older adults, people with disabilities and family caregivers.

AAADSW will host a public meet-and-greet with Valtierra from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 3, at the City of Vancouver Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver.

AAADSW connects older adults, adults with disabilities and family caregivers with community resources designed to support independence and improve quality of life. The agency serves Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Skamania and Klickitat counties. To learn more, visit helpingelders.org.



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Joe Valtierra

Officers

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officer firings and misconduct remains patchy, and a case backlog means cops who should be decertified — and ineligible to be hired — fall through the cracks.

The agency can prioritize cases where separated officers facing a potential investigation are seeking employment elsewhere — but an InvestigateWest review shows that doesn't always happen before the officer obtains new employment.

Tribal police departments disproportionately hired those officers without having a complete picture of their employment history.

Robert Lee Anderson III began working at the Lummi Nation Police Department in October 2024. It was nearly three months since he had been fired from Western Washington University Police Department for striking a handcuffed man in the face after he and a fellow officer found the man breaking into one of their private vehicles in January of that year. The Western Washington University Police Department reported misconduct and pending criminal charges on Anderson's notice of separation, and Anderson pleaded guilty to fourth-degree assault, a gross misdemeanor, for the incident. And amid a case backlog that delayed the investigation, Anderson's certification remained active, and still is today, records show. Then a "discrepancy" in his background check with the Lummi Tribal Police allowed him to get hired. Just two months after he started, Anderson was fired again, once the severity of his conviction was discovered, according to Anderson's notice of separation document.

Under the 2021 decertification law passed as SB 5051, all departments with officers certified by the state, including certified tribal officers, have legal responsibilities to conduct background checks on candidates before hiring, including thoroughly examining an officer's past employment history and complaints made against them.

Prior to his employment in Washington, Anderson worked as a police officer in Williams, Arizona, for 12 years. Why he left is unclear, as Arizona law allows officers to purge their disciplinary records after three years. Anderson is currently under investigation by the Criminal Justice Training Commission, and the agency has discretion in his case, since automatic disqualification for excessive force has a high bar — an officer must be terminated from their agency and found to have committed excessive force that was both illegal and resulted in serious injury or death to face automatic disqualification. Anderson was fired and the incident was litigated as an assault, but since it did not cause "serious injury" as defined by Washington law, it is not automatically disqualifying.

Meanwhile, the agency has been operating under a worsening case backlog since SB 5051 broadened the type of misconduct for which an officer would automatically lose, or be eligible to lose, their certification, and also created a process for the commission to begin accepting civilian complaints.

That, along with staffing shortages, contributed to a current case backlog of more than 1,500 cases. Some cases have gone uninvestigated for years, including between 30 and 50 serious cases at a given time, according to lawmakers. The vast majority of cases will be closed either due to lack of evidence or jurisdiction, while others will end in a settlement allowing the accused officer to remain certified. Still others will end with an officer voluntarily surrendering their certification — but that still leaves hundreds of complaints that will need to be thoroughly investigated, especially if the officer contests the commission's findings.

"It's a huge slog that they have to go through," said Goodman, the Kirkland legislator. The agency self-reports its decertification actions, and has decertified about 47 officers a year for the last four years, and addresses about 400 complaints but receives more than 900 per year.

SB 5051 didn't mandate timelines or staffing requirements for conducting investigations. Its only mandatory deadlines are to give officers 60 days to request a hearing after receiving a statement of charges, and then 90 additional days for the hearing to take place. But there's no legal clock running on how long the commission can sit on a case without investigating. Without a statutory deadline, serious cases can languish indefinitely, while the accused officer remains certified and employed.

The commission provided InvestigateWest with data only for officer separations dating back to 1997. But that dataset may not account for every officer who was fired between now and then. When studying Washington employment data, Grunwald found the number of documents accounting for officer separations in Washington during the 1990s and early 2000s were improbably low, meaning that it is possible there are more officers who have been fired or committed misconduct than the available data captures.

Research shows that wandering officers tend to end up working at smaller departments with fewer resources, often policing communities of color — and 82% of all U.S. tribal police departments have fewer than 25 officers, including the vast majority of tribal police departments in Washington.

State Rep. Chris Stearns, D-Auburn, a citizen of the Navajo Nation and sponsor of the state bill on pension access for tribes, says that in his experience working closely with tribes, there's a strong desire to hire qualified candidates that will best protect the needs, culture, and interests of tribal citizens, elders, and children.

Native Americans face the highest risk of deadly police violence of any race, and 2026 research from the University of Washington shows Native Americans on and near reservations face a disproportionate risk of being killed by police, with the report stating that a "coordinated public health response to police violence is urgently needed in Indian Country."

"They should have an interest in hiring the best people," Stearns said. "You don't want your elders to get roughed up by someone, that goes against our values."

Critics like Yandle, the NYU lawyer, say agencies that make a habit of hiring wandering officers are exposing their agencies and their citizens to outsized risk, particularly in tribal communities that are historically overpoliced by law enforcement.

"Placing officers who are known to have committed misconduct or have other similar red flags in their history in communities where we already know that police officers are statistically more likely to violate someone's rights really places a community at risk," she said.

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Highlighting the diverse natural world that surrounds us with special year-long project

Mount Adams rises above Morrison Creek Campground in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest after sunrise on June 27.



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Mount Adams rises above Morrison Creek Campground in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest after sunrise on June 27.

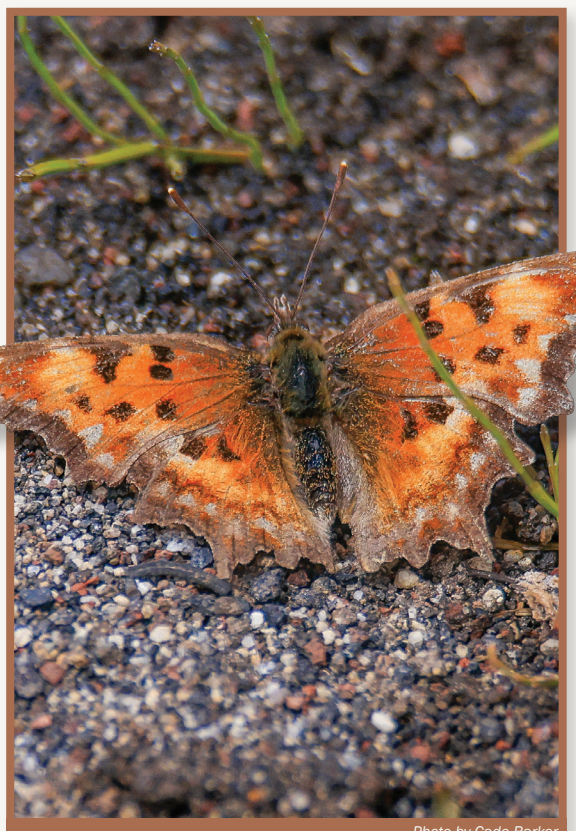


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A Polygonia genus butterfly soaks in water through sandy soil along Morrison Creek near Mount Adams in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest on June 26.

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Across Southwest Washington, various ecosystems help shape the natural landscapes that surround urban areas.

From snowy mountain peaks to mature and working forests, down in elevation to dry landscapes on the eastern side of the Columbia River Gorge, to oak prairies and wetland habitat of Clark County, to the mighty Columbia River and its tributaries flowing to the Pacific Ocean, Southwest Washington is full of defining landmarks.

Beyond the current beauty of the land are stories that stretch back thousands of years — stories of volcanic eruptions, ancient forests, working timberlands, recovering wildlife and the people whose livelihoods and recreation remain deeply connected to the land.

Over the next year, Reflector reporter Cade Barker will explore those stories through a multi-part series highlighting the natural landscapes that define Southwest Washington. Each installment will focus on a different destination, ecosystem or natural feature while examining its history, ecology, significance and the challenges and opportunities it may face today.

The series begins with two neighboring stratovolcanoes: Mount St. Helens and Mount Adams.

Though separated by only a couple dozen miles, the two Cascade volcanoes tell remarkably different stories.

Mount St. Helens remains internationally known for its catastrophic May 18, 1980, eruption, an event that forever changed both the mountain and the surrounding landscape. Decades later, visitors can witness one of the few examples of ecological recovery as forests, rivers, plants and wildlife continue to reshape the blast zone.

To the east, Mount Adams stands as Washington's second-highest peak and the largest volcano by volume in the state. The mountain is less visited in comparison to other peaks with just dirt and gravel roads in its immediate vicinity. Its mountain glaciers, alpine meadows, recovering burnt forests to the south and an overall expansive wilderness around it all provide opportunities for recreation in one of the Pacific Northwest's most rugged landscapes.

Between and around these volcanic giants are millions of acres of forest — landscapes that serve many purposes at once. Some are protected public lands where old growth trees, wildlife habitat and recreation take the forefront. Other forested areas are carefully managed working forests that provide timber, support local economies and continue a tradition that has shaped the economy of Southwest Washington for more than a century.

Together, these forests store carbon, support countless plant and animal species, and offer opportunities for hiking, hunting, photography and exploration. The forests of Southwest Washington illustrate a vital balance between conservation and sustainable resource management.

As this series continues throughout the coming year, Barker will strive to highlight recreation opportunities with lakes and rivers, the importance of wildlife refuges along the Columbia River, how to restore native plant habitat in your own yard and the efforts to restore habitat in the wild, discovering not only the places that make Southwest Washington unique, but also the science, history and effort that shape the landscapes around us.



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A processor machine delimbs logs at an active thinning operation on state forest land in Cowlitz County on July 14.

Mount Adams

offers diverse landscapes, rich history



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Mount Adams reflects off of a riparian area along Morrison Creek in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest on June 26.

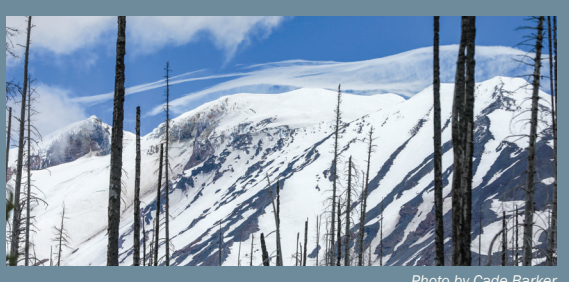


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A lenticular cloud forms around the peak of Mount Adams on June 26.

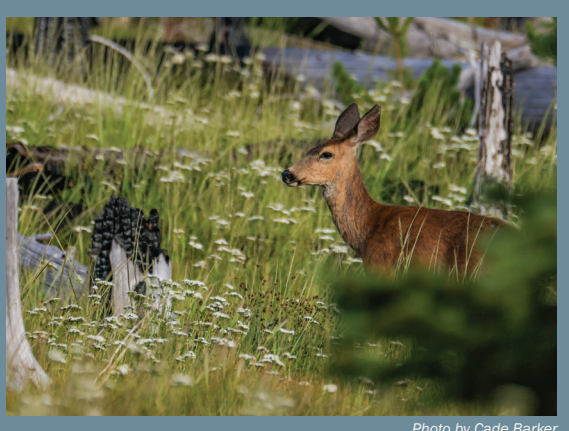


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A Columbian black-tailed deer walks through a forest recovering from a 2010s wildfire in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest near Mount Adams on June 26.



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A common nighthawk flies through dead trees in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest near Mount Adams near the tail-end of sunset on June 26.

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Towering 12,276 feet above Southwest Washington, Mount Adams anchors one of the most ecologically diverse and historically significant landscapes in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

While often overshadowed by neighboring Mount St. Helens and Mount Rainier in visitation and fame, the Mount Adams region offers visitors glacier-covered volcanic terrain, designated wilderness, old-growth forests and centuries of cultural history that continue to shape out the landscape that is managed and enjoyed today.

The greater landscape managed by the Mount Adams Ranger District, located in the eastern portion of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, features several wilderness areas including Mount Adams, Indian Heaven and Trapper Creek wildernesses, said Amanda Kill, public affairs specialist for the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

"The Mount Adams area of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest is distinguished by high-elevation, glacier-covered volcanic terrain with rugged landforms and steep slopes transitioning to wildflower-rich subalpine meadows," Kill said. "The landscape also contains unique geologic features such as the A.G. Aiken Lava Bed, rocky cliffs and talus slopes."

The mountain's varied elevations create an equally varied landscape. Those changing elevations support a wide range of ecosystems, from drier east-side forests to the moist forests on the mountain's western slopes.

Those habitats include old-growth forests and sensitive plant species, including whitebark pine, while providing habitat for northern spotted owls, Cascade red foxes, mountain goats, fishers, American martens, pileated woodpeckers, bald eagles, elk, deer and numerous cavity-nesting bird species, Kill said. Riparian corridors feeding the White Salmon River also provide habitat for chinook and coho salmon, steelhead and other cold-water fish.

The Mount Adams landscape has also been shaped by thousands of years of indigenous history.

"Indigenous peoples have used the Mount Adams area and the broader Gifford Pinchot National Forest for thousands of years," Kill said. "Archaeological evidence shows cultural use dating back roughly 11,000 years."

She added that seasonal gathering of roots, berries, fungi, fish and game continues today, while the U.S. Forest Service partners with Tribal nations on stream restoration, huckleberry field maintenance and vegetation management to support culturally significant resources and resilient forests.

For visitors looking beyond the mountain itself, Kill pointed to the Wind River Historic District as one of the area's hidden gems.

"The Wind River Historic District offers interpretive hikes, day-use facilities at Hemlock Picnic Area, overnight lodging along Chapman Avenue, and access to nearby recreation sites," Kill said. "The area also includes the Pacific Northwest's oldest arboretum, featuring a two-mile interpretive trail with options for shorter loop hikes."

For more information on the Wind River Historic District, visit https://tinyurl.com/56rm35e6.

As visitation continues to grow in the national forest, Kill hopes visitors appreciate both the landscape's diversity and the responsibility that comes with enjoying it.

"The landscape is diverse and extraordinary with changes in elevation and participation creating diverse habitats," Kill said. "When visiting, we encourage visitors to be responsible by practicing Leave No Trace ethics and preparing for their outdoor adventures by bringing the 10 Essentials. We also encourage visitors to check any fire restrictions in place prior to their visit and do their part to help prevent wildfire in the forest."

To learn more about the Mount Adams area and recreation possibilities, visit https://tinyurl.com/3hmu2jzy.

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(#66) Never Ending Story of Redemption

Judas, the one that betrayed Jesus, became notorious because he was among the twelve that were known as disciples that followed Christ during His three and a one-half year ministry. During this time Judas was privileged to see and hear what it was that attracted the multitudes to this One that John the Babtist had called the "Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Right from the beginning in the garden of Eden, sin, or the knowledge of it that constituted good and evil became very attractive. Jesus came to our world to live a life that would expose sin by reflecting the character of heaven as revealed to Him through the God of His Father. Judas, like all of humanity that has spent any time learning of Jesus, has seen the beauty of holiness represented in Christ, the loveliness of His character that is ours by faith. But to Judas, faith to him was not something that was unseen. Jesus was visually with him as he listened to His words. The Holy Spirit has always accompanied God's words; it is with these very words that is to be the foundation that constitutes our faith.

This faith is to bring us into the very presence of Jesus, a presence that is to draw one away from what has been the big attraction ever since birth, and that is sin. For over three years Judas became familiar with what Jesus was offering to the church, a church that could prove their heritage as the very ones that were of the seed of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob. What Jesus was offering Judas and ultimately the church was very attractive, but so was sin. Judas with his church inspired theology, looked at what was being accomplished with all the miracles then being performed, for what could be gained financially and militarily that would bring Israel as a nation to be once again the crown jewel of the world. Being the crown jewel and then losing that status is very humiliating to a heart who loves the things of this world. It is true, during the years of King Salomon, Israel presented to the nation a temple that stood as a marvel to the world that would never be duplicated for its splendor. This structure was known as Salomons temple, it was for all time to represent the purity of Christ righteousness that is to be ours by faith in the work that is being done unseen in each heart of those that make up the individual jewels of God's covenant keeping people. To have a personal experience in this, there can be no love for the things of this world. At one time, the Catholic church stood as a dominate figure to the then known world. It too could trace its heritage back to the church that Jesus established with those that were faithful in the faith that must be worked out unseen with fear and trembling. Because this form of faith was not wanted by the priest and rulers, not even by the succeeding generations of the early Christian church that apostatized, today this system, the Catholic church, has hopes to rule as it once did. This same desire Judas had in hopes of bringing Israel back to days of glory. The Catholic church, following the height of the Protestant reformation experienced a time when various Popes were imprisoned, the most notable being Pope Pius VII in 1809. "Babylon the great (the Catholic system of worship) is fallen" (Revelation 18:2) refers to this as the first of two experiences that adversely affected this church. The verse continues, "Is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Today, Catholism prides itself for the fact that it still stands, just as did the Jewish church right up until 70 A.D. a few short years following the death and resurrection of Christ. The gates of hell did prevail against the Jewish system of apostate worship. The gates of hell will also prevail against the mother church of apostate Christendom known as Catholism just prior to the return of Jesus. To those that are in love with this world, these are not pleasant words. But not everyone has remained drunk on the wine of her spiritual doctrines. "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Revelation 17:5). The mother of harlots refers to apostate Protestantism's many churches that have splintered off from what they first believed. Even the system of Catholism can't understand why the once faithful Protestant movement of churches has more in common now then what it once had shunned. Shunning those who believe differently has never been a good practice. But what we are to shun is spiritualism. (TBC)

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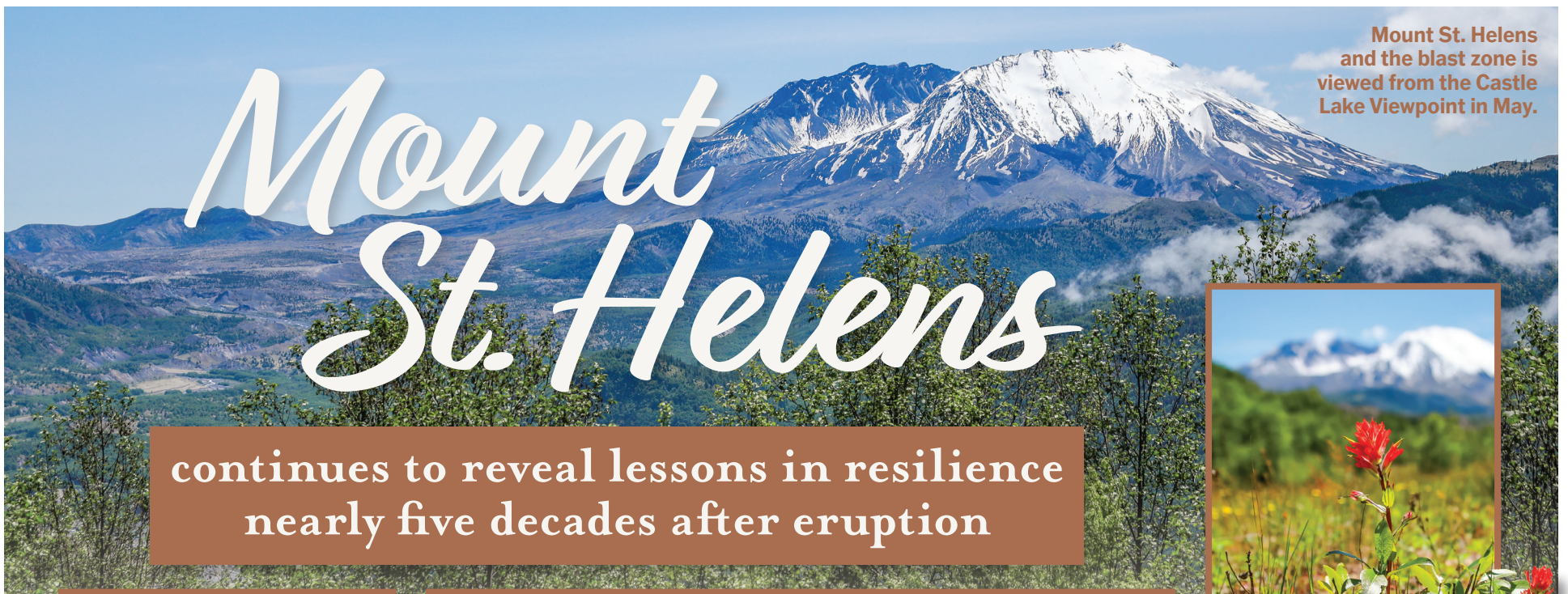
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Mount St. Helens

continues to reveal lessons in resilience nearly five decades after eruption



Mount St. Helens and the blast zone is viewed from the Castle Lake Viewpoint in May.



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A variety of trees grow on what was once bare ash following the 1980 volcanic eruption of Mount St. Helens, seen along the Boundary Trail in May.



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A lava flow thousands of years old is visible from the Butte Camp Trailhead on the southwest side of Mount St. Helens in May.



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An Indian Paintbrush flower blooms along the Hummocks Trail near Mount St. Helens in May.

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Forty-six years after the catastrophic eruption that forever changed the landscape of Mount St. Helens, the mountain and its surroundings remains one of the world's most important natural laboratories.

What was once a barren landscape of ash, rock and fallen timber following the May 18, 1980, eruption, has become a living example of ecological recovery, where scientists continue to study how plants, wildlife and even the volcano itself evolve following one of the most destructive volcanic events in U.S. history.

Donald J. Brown, Ph.D., research ecologist and lead scientist for Mount St. Helens with the U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station, said recovery across the blast zone has not followed a single path.

"Plant species recovery and community composition changes over time have been highly variable across the blast zone," Brown said, "influenced by the type and severity of disturbances caused by the eruption and a wide variety of ecological factors that change across space and time, such as distance to source of potential colonizers, abiotic conditions of the environment, and presence of predators and competitors."

Wildlife has returned alongside the recovering vegetation, though not every species has responded the same way.

"Generally, animal recovery has followed expectations based on the vegetation and other environmental conditions at a specific location and time," Brown said. "This has resulted in some regionally rare species being common at Mount St. Helens due to its unusual environmental conditions, such as horned larks."

Other species have been slower to return.

Brown said amphibians with limited ability to disperse remain absent from much of the disturbance area, while anadromous salmon recovery has been hindered and still require human transportation to reach portions of the upper North Fork Toutle River watershed due to the Sediment Retention Structure.

The landscape itself also continues to change.

"The Mount St. Helens landscape is still very dynamic," Brown said. "The debris avalanche that occurred on the north side of the volcano deposited over 3 billion cubic yards of volcanic debris."

That loose material remains vulnerable to landslides, as evidenced by the South Coldwater Slide in 2023, which destroyed the Spirit Lake Outlet Bridge and closed vehicle access to Johnston Ridge Observatory along state Highway 504.

Smaller landslides, shifting stream channels and sediment movement continue to reshape the blast zone. Mount St. Helens remains an active volcano, Brown added, with small eruptions having occurred periodically since 1980, resulting in smaller scale landscape disturbances and a slow rebuilding of the volcano dome.

Brown said the coming decades will offer another chapter in the National Volcanic Monument's remarkable transformation.

"We expect that over time the Pumice Plain and Hummocks regions will transition back to a mature coniferous forest," Brown said. "But there is uncertainty about the timelines for that transition across the blast zone, something we are currently studying."

As scattered conifers begin producing seed, Brown said researchers expect forests to gradually reclaim portions of the blast zone.

"The past 46 years of research at Mount St. Helens has greatly increased our understanding of the complexity of how natural communities reestablish after severe disturbances and has allowed us to test hypotheses based on ecological theory in a real-world system," Brown said. "At Mount St. Helens, change is the only constant."

To learn more about Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument and its recreation opportunities, visit fs.usda.gov/visit/national-monuments/mount-st-helens.

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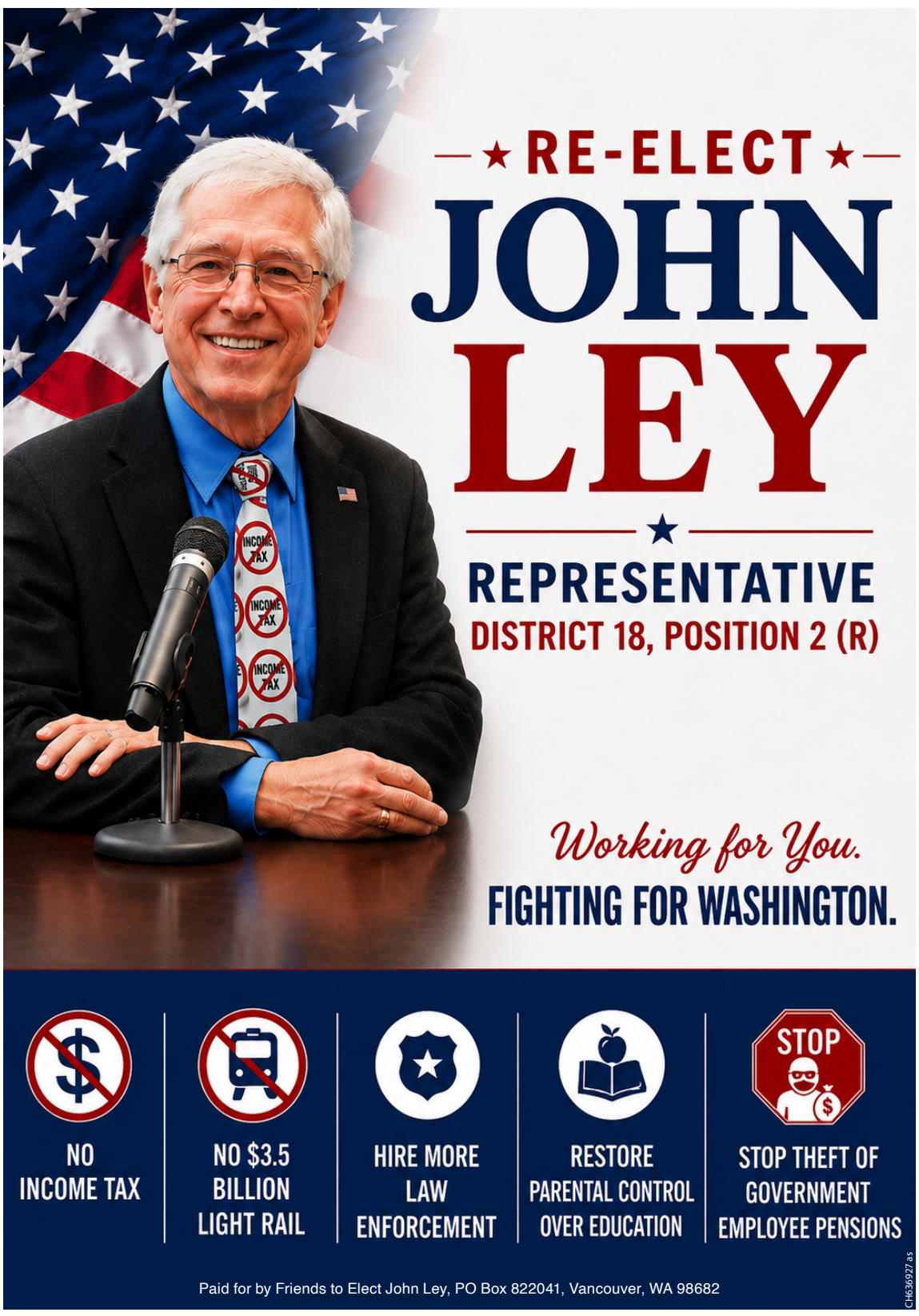
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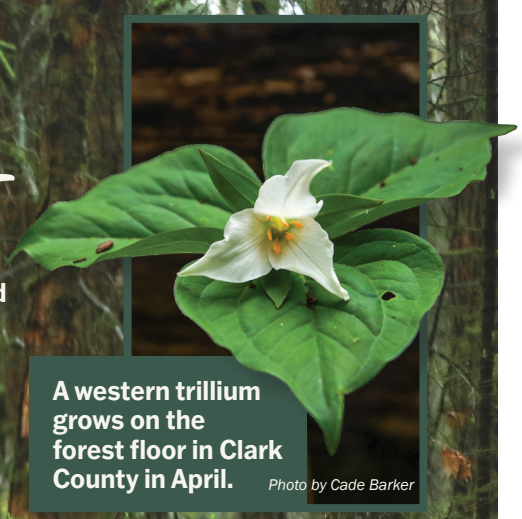
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A western trillium grows on the forest floor in Clark County in April. Photo by Cade Barker

Western sword fern grows on the ground beneath a mature-aged forest at Battle Ground Lake State Park during a rainy day in March.

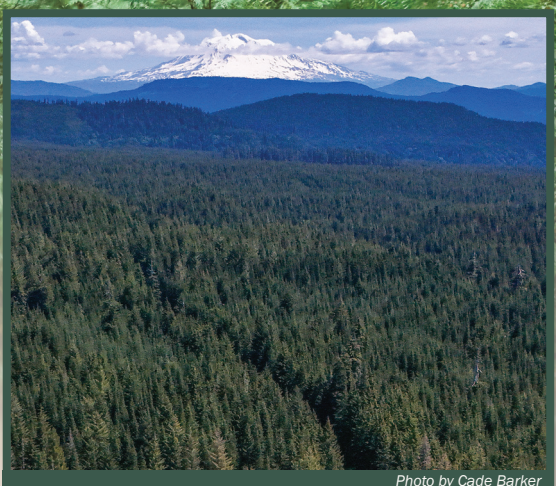


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Expansive forest land of varying ages is in view along National Forest Road 83 near Mount St. Helens looking toward Mount Adams in May.



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Panther Creek Falls dramatically cascades through mature-aged forest in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in March.



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A videographer for PBS walks along a forest road through a mature forest on the south side of Mount St. Helens in May.

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From towering Douglas firs that thrive throughout the lower elevations to mixed conifer forests stretching across the Cascade foothills, mature forests are among Southwest Washington's most valuable natural resources.

While old-growth forests often receive the most attention, mature forests — generally those that have developed many of the structural characteristics of older forests but are still continuing to evolve — play an equally important role in supporting wildlife, protecting water quality and increasing the resilience of the region's public lands.

Across the region, mature forests provide habitat for a wide variety of plant and animal species while serving as an important link between younger forests and the region's remaining old-growth stands.

Large trees, multiple layers of vegetation and naturally occurring standing dead trees and downed logs create a diverse forest structure that supports birds, mammals, amphibians and insects. According to the Cascade Forest Conservancy, the forests of the Cascade Range in southern Washington are home to numerous species such as the North American beaver, black bear, cougar, elk, as well as rare, threatened or endangered species like the northern spotted owl, bull trout and Oregon spotted frog, among many others.

Mature forests also play a significant role in protecting watersheds that supply clean drinking water to communities throughout Southwest Washington, as well as habitat for many cold water fish.

The dense forest canopy helps regulate stream temperatures by providing shade, while root systems stabilize hillsides and reduce erosion. Fallen logs and woody debris slow runoff, helping retain moisture in the landscape and create healthy aquatic habitat for salmon, steelhead, amphibians and other native fish.

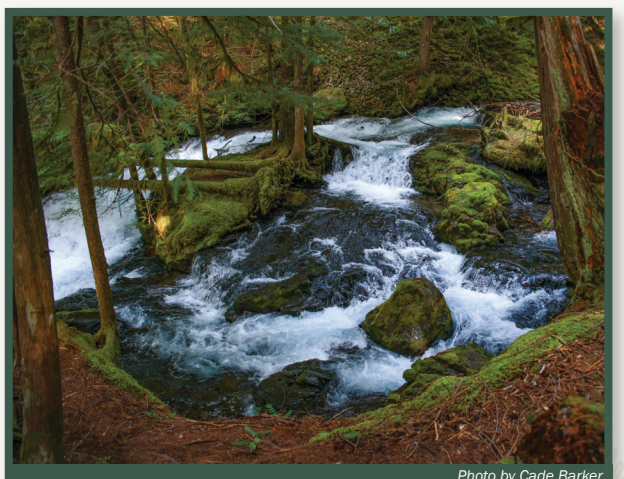


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Panther Creek flows through a dense section of mature-aged forest in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in March.

As climate conditions evolve, mature forests pack a unique ability to store carbon and help moderate the effects of extreme weather.

Larger trees store carbon accumulated over decades, while healthy forest ecosystems continue removing carbon from the atmosphere as the trees grow. A forest understory also retains moisture longer during the summer months, helping create cooler conditions for wildlife and reducing stress on vegetation during extended periods of drought.

Forest managers view mature forests as an important part of building resilient landscapes.

Active management in some areas, including selective thinning and prescribed fire where appropriate, can reduce hazardous fuel loads while encouraging the development of larger trees and more diverse forest conditions. In other areas, mature forests are managed to continue developing naturally to build characteristics of old-growth ecosystems over time.

For visitors, mature forests offer some of the most recognizable experiences found throughout the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and local state parks. Towering conifers, quiet hiking trails, shaded streams breaking into large waterfalls, define many of the area's most popular forest recreation destinations.

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Working forests

provide jobs, recreation and healthier landscapes across Southwest Washington



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Logging equipment known as a shovel moves processed logs at a thinning operation on state forest land in Cowlitz County on July 14.



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A log truck with a full load prepares to depart from a thinning operation on state forest land in Cowlitz County on July 14.



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A track skidder moves logs to an area to be picked up by a processor machine at an active thinning operation on state forest land in Cowlitz County on July 14.

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Working forests are often viewed simply as places where trees are harvested, but forestry professionals say they are also essential to supporting healthy forests, local jobs, recreation opportunities and products people use every day.

During a visit to Washington state Department of Natural Resources land on Tuesday, July 14, where an active thinning operation was occurring in Cowlitz County, representatives of Hampton Lumber, Brandon J. Smith Logging and the American Forest Resource Council, explained how active forest management is designed to improve forest health while sustaining the region's timber industry.

Brandon Smith, whose family has worked in the timber industry for generations, said the operation focused on thinning an approximately 60-year-old stand to encourage future growth.

"We're purposely leaving the better trees," Smith said. "That way we're giving the biggest and best the chance to be even better when we come back."

Rather than removing every tree, thinning reduced competition for sunlight and nutrients.

"It's pretty impressive when you core a tree how much growth response you get by thinning and freeing up all that additional light for the tree," Smith said. "It's pretty neat when you have thinned something for somebody and you go back 10 years later and log it, third cut it, and the growth rings, how much they expand."

The harvested timber ultimately becomes products found in homes across the country.

"All of this is going either to our Morton or Randle sawmills," said Ben Zion, division forester at Hampton Lumber. "Both of those mills are stud mills."

The stud mills make 2-by-4 and 2-by-6 boards of different lengths.

"The majority of our stuff goes to the home centers," Zion said. "So, like Lowe's, Home Depot and Menards in the Midwest."

The two sawmills both use roughly 80 loads of logs a day, putting out around 180 million feet per year just between the two mills while employing roughly 160 people combined, illustrating the scale of Southwest Washington's forest products industry.

One aspect of active timber harvesting is it isn't just gutted and forgotten. Smith believes misconceptions continue to shape public perception of forestry.

"I think a lot of it is just misinformation. It's people who are misinformed of what actually goes on," Smith said. "We're not clear-cutting it and leaving it. Everything gets replanted."

Beyond producing lumber, working forests also support schools, public services and recreation. The thinning project is actively benefiting schools from local school districts to universities in Washington State.

"This is Washington-grown, Washington-made wood products that not only help employ a lot of people, but also generate revenue for schools, fire districts, hospitals, and a range of beneficiaries," said Nick Smith, public affairs director for the American Forest Resource Council. "We do forestry better here than anywhere else on the planet."

Maintaining a stable timber supply is also critical for preserving the region's forestry infrastructure.



Photo by Cade Barker

A saw on a processor machine cuts a log in half at an active thinning operation on state forest land in Cowlitz County on July 14.

"It comes down to timber supply," Nick Smith said. "Some mills like Hampton need a stable and predictable timber supply, not only to keep guys up and working, but keep their mills up."

Nearly every part of every harvested tree is put to use, Zion said.

"I'd say about almost 100 percent of this tree gets used," Zion said. "The bark and chips will go in as hog fuel for our kilns. And whatever's left, the residuals from that, the chips and the sawdust and everything like that gets trucked to the pulp mills. So it all gets used."

Matt Comisky, Washington state manager for the American Forest Resource Council, also noted that working forests help maintain road systems used by hunters, hikers and campers while creating fuel breaks and access for firefighters if wildland fires were to occur.

"The more you reduce or try to eliminate the timber sale program, these recreational opportunities will go away too because there's nobody that's going to fund this work," Comisky said.

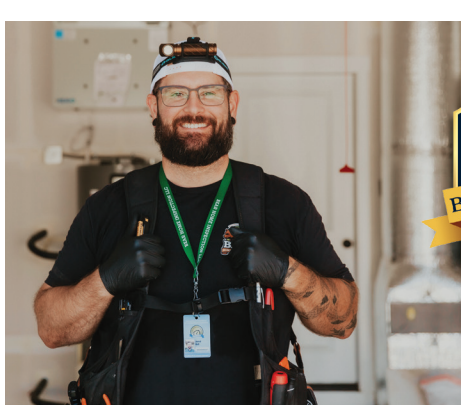
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Vancouver Mall promotes community engagement with new summer program



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This sign is where mall attendees can sign up to join in on the Great Summer Dash experience.



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These are examples of mall stores where people can complete quests on the list for the Great Summer Dash.

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The Vancouver Mall is hosting an end of summer community engagement activity encouraging people to explore and interact with different sites around the property now through Aug. 14.

"The purpose behind the Great Summer Dash is to connect with our community in the means that they have," said Centennial District Marketing Director Tawny Richey, who added the event connects the digital and real worlds inside the mall.

The Vancouver Mall is one of many shopping centers owned by Centennial, a national real estate owner and operator with holdings from the East Coast to the West Coast.

"One of our properties over in Connecticut actually started this last year," Richey said. "They piloted it to see if this was something that would resonate with their community, and it did."

The Great Summer Dash is a hybrid technological and physical scavenger hunt that mall attendees can take part in by simply scanning one of the many QR codes at the location.

After signing up, participants will be tasked with several missions to complete, with the list refreshing new ones into the fold every week.

Objectives range far and wide, taking people all across the mall to do things like playing a game of chess on the gigantic chess board outside Macy's, finding certain shoe models in Famous Footwear, or just visiting various stores throughout the facility.

Other objectives that players may run across include simpler tasks like sharing what they've bought from various vendors or taking part in local arts and crafts events.

"The idea behind the whole thing (is to) get people to explore the mall, get people to understand what's going on," Richey said. "We have so many different local businesses here that are participating in the Great Summer Dash, so (we're) just giving them a platform to connect with customers in a different and more playful way."

Hunters may also find themselves walking outside of the building to visit a limited time attraction in the parking lot.

"We have, right now, the Royal Duck, which is the world's largest bounce house," Richey said. "By going to the bounce house, you get to earn points to win something else here at the mall."

With each task a participant completes, they earn points and gain entries into weekly drawings as well as the final drawing that will take place on Aug. 14.

According to Richey, the gamification of the Great Summer Dash creates value not only because it offers the potential to win a prize, but because the process provides people with an experience rooted in the world outside of technology, too.



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The giant chess board, a spot where the solution to a quest can be found if you look on the bottom of one of the queen pieces.



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The kids play place has a quest to see which animals are present in the designated area.

"I feel like it's taking people out of their comfort zone in a way to explore and experience things but also in a comfortable way through technology," Richey said.

Richey has expressed that, in her home life, she puts the same principle into practice, encouraging her kids to be active beyond technology.

Seeing the positive effects of the philosophy at home led her to bring the event to the mall as a way to benefit the people outside her own immediate family.

"Coming together to experience these challenges, I think, is what draws our community closer," Richey said.

The Great Summer Dash stands as a template for how online activity and technology can benefit, facilitate and enhance physical world experiences and adventures.

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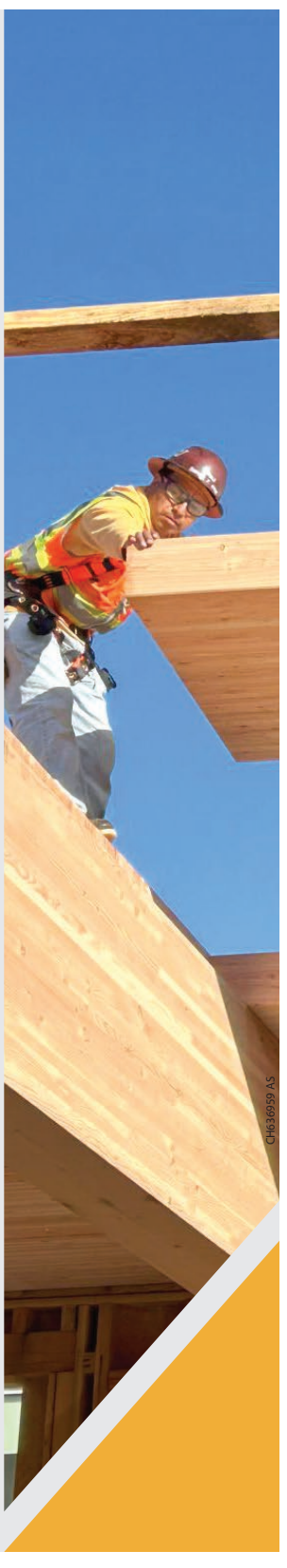
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AC/DC tribute band brings inaugural concert to O'Keefe Farms Sunflower Festival



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Patrick O'Keefe, a fourth generation family farmer on his Hockinson property, is best known as the man behind the Hockinson Sunflower Festival in August.



Photo courtesy of Shoot to Thrill

Shoot to Thrill, an AC/DC tribute band will play a rock concert at the O'Keefe Farms Sunflower Festival in Hockinson on Saturday, Aug. 1, at 6 p.m.

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O'Keefe Flower Farm, host of the annual Sunflower Festival on its Hockinson property, is bringing an entirely new element this year: a "Rock Concert in the Sunflowers" featuring Shoot to Thrill, an AC/DC tribute band.

The concert takes place at 6 p.m Saturday, Aug. 1. It came to be as Pat and Kelly O'Keefe, fourth generation stewards of O'Keefe Farms, were discussing ways to bring new revenue and people in.

"Something to get new boots in here," Pat said.

Kelly suggested a ticketed concert to kick off the festival. It intrigued Pat enough to ask a customer of the farm flower stand her opinion. Stephanie King, a customer buying dahlias, turned out to not only consider it a good idea, but happened to have experience promoting concerts and offered to help the O'Keefes put it on.

The result: a rock concert, set among sunflowers, with the sunset over the trees as the backdrop.

King helped the O'Keefes navigate the many elements involved in organizing a concert, including venue and production prep and band selection. She connected them to Alex Steininger of In Music We Trust PR to arrange promotion. Shoot to Thrill, the Portland-based AC/DC tribute band, is one the O'Keefes had seen live previously. When they realized the band was an option, they jumped at it.

Concert preparations and what to expect

As the O'Keefes prepare for this inaugural experience, they've enlisted their daughter Savannah and many of her friends from Hockinson High to help with tasks such as weeding the grounds to make them pristine for concert and festival attendees.

They've arranged for food and beverage vendors such as Krisey's Kitchen, Lemon Smash, Taco Tom's Lonchera and beer and wine by Courses. The O'Keefes plan to make the concert series an annual addition to the festival if the inaugural event is successful.

The Sunflower Festival runs the first three weekends in August. "Concert in the Sunflowers" will be the sole event for the first weekend, with full activities including access to the sunflower fields, photo ops, food, music and vendors to follow Aug. 8-9 and Aug. 15-16.

Local roots

O'Keefe Farms is family owned and operated by Pat and Kelly O'Keefe. Pat is the fourth generation of family farming the land. The property was originally purchased by Pat's great-great-grandparents, the Brown family, in the mid-1800s.

In the beginning, the family raised turkeys, grew hops, hay and grain, and also milked cows. During the 1970s, 80s and 90s, the farm produced grass hay and ground grain for local customers to feed their livestock. For a time, it was leased out for growing Christmas trees.



File photo

Patrick O'Keefe planted over 50 varieties of sunflowers in the sunflower patch at O'Keefe Farms in Hockinson.

In 2008, Pat took over the farm, along with his wife Kelly and daughter Savannah. They decided to grow flowers because they didn't want to compete with the neighbors, and there was a need for fresh cut flowers in the area.

Pat and Kelly O'Keefe both work full-time jobs: Pat repairs appliances, and Kelly works at a local hospital. The farm is a side hustle that they've maintained and built into a local staple and truly a community effort.

"We couldn't do this without all of the support that we get from our friends, our family, even the kids from Hockinson High School. They help with putting on the festival to weeding and helping out in the parking lot," Pat said.

About the band

Shoot To Thrill AC/DC tribute is Portland's tribute to the Australian band, mimicking the experience.

Pat said, "They're about as close as you can get" to seeing the original band live.

Concert details

"Concert in the Sunflowers" at O'Keefe Farms is Saturday, Aug. 1, at 5:55 p.m. Tickets are available on Eventbrite for $24.50 each plus fees and taxes. Use promo code SUNFLOWER to save $2. This is a general admission, PG-13 event with free parking. Parents are responsible for their children. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. for food and bar carts. Savannah O'Keefe performs "The Star-Spangled Banner" at 5:55 p.m. before Shoot To Thrill takes the stage at 6 p.m. The address is 17604 NE 182nd Ave., Brush Prairie.

For more information about the concert and the Sunflower Festival, visit okeefeflowerfarm.com.

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Sports

Raptors First Responder Night pairs 14-6 win with fundraiser for Kindness 911



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Ridgefield police officer Tanner Steward, left, and Clark Cowlitz Fire Rescue Captain Ian Fagan throw the first pitch prior to the Ridgefield Raptors' 14-6 win over the Marion Berries on First Responder Night Thursday, July 23.



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Ridgefield Police volunteer Elliot Ross stands at the Neighbors on Watch information booth educating visitors on the volunteer program during the Ridgefield Raptors First Responder Night celebration Thursday, July 23.



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Ridgefield Raptors designated hitter Aaron Louis swings at a pitch while wearing the Raptors' First Responder Night jersey with a Washington State Patrol patch on Thursday, July 23.

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The Ridgefield Raptors honored local first responders while raising money for a community nonprofit during a 14-6 win over the Marion Berries of the West Coast League Thursday, July 23.

The Raptors' annual First Responder Night featured a specialty jersey auction and raffle benefiting Kindness 911, an organization that recognizes acts of kindness through local first responders and donates proceeds to charities selected by participating agencies.

Fans also had the opportunity to meet first responders during the big win, which kept the Raptors near the top of the overall standings after earning the South Division's first half title earlier in the season.

The special jerseys included a patch of a Clark County police or fire agency, with different designs every season; countless fans were sporting first responder-themed Raptor jerseys from past years. The auction and a raffle during the game helps Kindness 911 continue supporting charities selected by the area first responder agencies.

"I honestly don't know of any other times when this many law enforcement, firefighters, dispatchers, corrections, EMTs can all come together," Kindness 911 founder Jason Hattrick said. "We have on-shift people. We have off-shift people (here). We can come together and actually just be people with each other, and I think that's really good for the heart."

Kindness 911 works with first responders to recognize everyday acts of kindness in the community through "kindness citations" before donating to charitable organizations in participating communities.

The nonprofit privately raises the money it distributes every year. Hattrick said Ridgefield police have traditionally selected the Pink Lemonade Project as the recipient of Kindness 911's annual donation.

"Every year, we donate $500 to a charity within all of our agency's communities that they get to choose," Hattrick said. "The proceeds from our jersey auction and the raffle tonight go directly to do those donations because we have to privately fundraise that. And so people's generosity today literally comes to us, so we can give it right back out to the community."

To learn more about Kindness 911, visit kindness911.org.

The evening also gave community members the opportunity to meet and learn more about the volunteer wing of the Ridgefield police force as volunteers staffed informational booths and were a presence around the ballpark.

Ridgefield Police Department volunteer Elliot Ross said events like First Responder Night help bridge the gap between public safety agencies and the community.

"Highlighting first responders, you know, it's great. It's needed so families can see that," Ross said.

Ross, who previously volunteered with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department before moving to Ridgefield in 2019, said volunteering has allowed him to build relationships with local officers while helping to educate residents about public safety.

"We don't have a patrol car. We walk the neighborhoods and we help at events like this to help with crowd control and getting information out like our booth we're sitting at today," Ross said.

He encouraged others to find ways to serve their communities, regardless of the time commitment.

"Just volunteer," Ross said, adding that no one has to do many hours. "It could be a volunteer patrol. It could be a lot of social events that go on. It's good to volunteer. It feels good and you help the community."

To learn more about volunteering with the Ridgefield Police Department, visit ridgefieldwa.us/277/Neighbors-on-Watch-NOW.

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Community Calendar

"Into the Woods" by Journey Theater: Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 8, Heritage High School, 7825 NE 130th Ave., Vancouver. Watch Journey Theater students perform "Into the Woods," a fairy-tale story about wishes granted with disastrous results. Adult tickets are $26, and youth tickets are $11. To view performance times or purchase tickets, visit shorturl.at/hDTwK.

Battle Ground Pride: Saturday, Aug. 1, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Battle Ground Event Center, 912 E. Main St., Battle Ground. Enjoy live entertainment, community games and browse local vendors during the family-friendly Battle Ground Pride celebration. For more information, visit shorturl.at/ql6q6.

Pomeroy Farm Jamboree: Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 1-2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Pomeroy Farms, 20902 NE Lucia Falls Road, Yacolt. Enjoy local musical performances during the farm's annual Jamboree. Multiple musical acts will be available each day. A vintage car show, children's activities and more will be available. For more information, visit pomeroyfarm.org/farm-days.

La Center High School All-School Reunion: Sunday, Aug. 2, 1:30-4 p.m., Summit Grove Lodge, 30810 NE Timmen Road, Ridgefield. Reminisce with classmates from La Center High School during the annual All-School Reunion. Attendance is free, but participants are requested to bring cash tips for the wait staff. For more information, email Judy Chipman at jlchipman1@comcast.net.

La Center National Night Out: Tuesday, Aug. 4, 4-6 p.m., Holley Park, 1000 E. Fourth St., La Center. Celebrate local first responders and police during National Night Out. Local officers, deputies and firefighters will be available for meet-and-greets. Police and fire vehicles will also be available for tours. Free hot dogs and drinks will be provided.

78th Street Heritage Farm Walking Tours: Tuesday, Aug. 4; Saturday, Aug. 8, 10 a.m., 78th Street Heritage Farm, 1919 NE 78th St., Vancouver. Join the WSU Extension Clark County Master Gardener Program for a free tour of the historic 78th Street Heritage Farm. Tour guides will share the 79-acre farm's current role in horticulture education and agricultural research. To register, visit shorturl.at/vhh6I.

Woodland Seniors Paint & Sip: Wednesday, Aug. 5, 12-2 p.m., Matranga Vineyards, 2414 NW 369 St., La Center, WA. Join fellow seniors for a time of painting and fun, hosted by the Woodland Senior Enrichment Group. Attendance & fees vary by canvas size: 8-by-10-inch canvases cost $27, and 5-by-7-inch canvases cost $17. Beverages and snacks will be available. To register, email seniorinfo55up@yahoo.com

Bloodworks Northwest Blood Drive: Thursday, Aug. 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Woodland Community Library, 411 Lakeshore Dr., Woodland. Save lives by giving blood during a national blood shortage. Appointments are available online at shorturl.at/Bh3vS.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour: Thursday, Aug. 6, 10-11:30 a.m., Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver. Learn about the City of Vancouver's wastewater treatment during a 90-minute walking tour. To register, visit shorturl.at/LzH8s.

Clark County Fair: Friday-Sunday, Aug. 7-16. Enjoy carnival rides, live music, animal exhibits and more at the annual Clark County Fair, 17402 NE Delfel Road, Ridgefield. A variety of contests for children and adults will be available throughout the fair. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit clarkcofair.com.

Historic Trust Family Fun Day: Saturday, Aug. 8, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Grant House Lawn, 1101 Officers Row, Vancouver. Listen to live entertainment, lawn games and more during the Family Fun Day hosted by The Historic Trust. Participants are encouraged to bring a snack or a picnic lunch, but food vendors will be available on site. For more information, visit shorturl.at/uE50T.

Historic Trust Museum Day: Saturday, Aug. 8, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Providence Academy, 400 E. Evergreen Blvd., Vancouver; Marshall House, 1301 Officers Row, Vancouver. The Historic Trust will open Providence Academy or Marshall House for a day of free, docent-led tours in honor of Washington State Museum Day. Participants may make reservations in advance at shorturl.at/WUSAo.

O'Keefe Farms Sunflower Festival: Saturdays and Sundays, Aug. 8-16, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., O'Keefe Farms, 17604 NE 182nd Ave., Brush Prairie. Celebrate summer during the annual Sunflower Festival. Admission is $10 for those 13 and older, $5 for those ages 6-12 and free for children under 5. Admission includes two cut sunflowers. For more information, visit shorturl.at/5y0u7.

Adult Line Dancing: Monday, Aug. 10, 3-4:30 p.m., Ridgefield Community Library, 210 N. Main Ave., Ridgefield. Learn how to line dance during a class hosted by Ridgefield Community Library. A suitable pair of dancing shoes is recommended.

End-of-Summer Lawn Concert: Wednesday, Aug. 12, 6-7 p.m., La Center Community Library, 1411 NE Lockwood Creek Road, La Center. Celebrate the end of summer with a picnic and live music. Participants must bring their own picnic dinner and blanket. This year's concert will feature Sunny South Bluegrass Band.

Jesus and Friends, An Evening of Acoustic Christian Music: Friday, Aug. 14, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1309 Franklin St., Vancouver. Enjoy an evening of acoustic worship, hosted by KJV Acoustic Christian Music. Admission is free, though offerings will be accepted. For more information, call 503-908-9155.

Windhaven Ride for Veterans: Saturday, Aug. 15, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Yacolt Community Church, 509 W. Cushman St., Yacolt. Join the American Legion Tum Tum Post 168 in raising funds for the Windhaven Veterans Program by Lifeline Connections during a ride across northeast Clark County. Registration starts at $25, and hot rods, classic cars, motorcycles and trikes are welcome. Food, vendors and live music will also be available. For more information, visit shorturl.at/VYMQp.

Teen Escape Room: Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1-2 p.m., Ridgefield Community Library, 210 N. Main Ave., Ridgefield. Teens are invited to participate in an underwater-themed escape room at Ridgefield Community Library. Registration online at shorturl.at/Suwok is required to participate.

Savory, Seeds & Spores On the Road: Thursday, Aug. 20, 9:45 a.m.-4:45 p.m., 78th Street Heritage Farm, 1919 NE 78th St., Vancouver. Join the WSU Extension Clark County Master Gardener Program for a botanical adventure. A van and guided tour will take participants to Garden Delight Herb Farm, Jane Weber Evergreen Arboretum and The Pacific Spore. Tickets are $40, plus tax and fees, per person. Purchase tickets online at shorturl.at/pkTM5.

Meeting History, Exploring Ridgefield's Told and Untold Stories: Friday, Aug. 21, 6-10 p.m; Saturdays and Sundays, Aug. 22-30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m; Saturday, Sept. 5., 10 a.m.-2 p.m, Greely Building, 304 Pioneer St., Ridgefield. Learn Ridgefield's history during a collaborative effort between multiple local agencies. Displays will include information about 1800s churches, hunger-relief organizations, the Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge and more. The ticketed kick-off on Aug. 21 will feature Ne Plus Ultra Jass Orchestra and a 1920s-style dance hall. Tickets are available for purchase at shorturl.at/z3xqS.

Cedars North W58 Fly-In and Car Show: Saturday, Aug. 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Cedars North Airpark, NE 157th Ave., Battle Ground. Meet fellow aviation and automotive enthusiasts during a show expected to draw 4,000 participants. Classic cars, exotic vehicles, airplanes and more will be on display in a family-friendly setting. Admission is free. For more information, visit shorturl.at/5WUli.

Adult DIY Herbal Teas: Saturday, Aug. 22, 1-2:30 p.m., Battle Ground Community Library, 1207 SE Eighth Way, Battle Ground. Learn how to craft herbal teas during a workshop hosted by Garden Delights Herb Farm. Participants may stay after the presentation to create their own signature blend. Supplies are provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cedar Creek Grist Mill Treat Day: 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 29, Cedar Creek Grist Mill, 43907 NE Grist Mill Road, Woodland. Visit the historic Cedar Creek Grist Mill for a sampling of fresh baked treats like scones and cookies, made with whole wheat flour.

Meadow Glade Classic Car Show: Sunday, Aug. 30, 1-4 p.m., Columbia Adventist Academy, 11100 NE 189th St., Battle Ground. Check out classic cars during a show hosted by Meadow Glade Neighborhood. Vehicles from 1975 and older are welcome to join the show. Registration is available at shorturl.at/aCmpa.

Ridgefield Multicultural Festival: Saturday, Sept. 5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Ridgefield Overlook Park, 113-131 S. Main Ave., Ridgefield. Celebrate Ridgefield's diversity with a free, all-ages festival. The festival will include live musical performances, children's activities, shopping and more. For more information, visit ridgefieldculture.org.

The Warrior Expo: Saturday, Sept. 5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 6, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Donald Farms, 425 Whalen Road, Woodland. Participate in feats of strength, such as Heaviest Highlander and Iron Grip Trials, during an event hosted by Psychotic Strength. Team games, vendors and other outdoor activities will also be available. Registration is available at psychoticstrength.com.

Friends of Clark County Dinner: Sunday, Sept. 13, 4-7 p.m., Cedars Public House, 15001 NE 181st Ave., Brush Prairie. Support the conservation work of Friends of Clark County during its annual Dinner with Friends fundraiser. Tickets are available for purchase online at friendsofclarkcounty.org.

Realms Unknown Fantasy Festival: Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20, Lewis River Golf Course, 3209 Old Lewis River Road, Woodland. Participate in an interactive fantasy-themed and family-friendly event featuring story-based activities, vendors and live music. On-site camping is available during the festival. To purchase tickets, visit realmsunknown.com.

Americana 250 Fall Fest: Saturday, Sept. 19, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens, 115 S. Pekin Road, Woodland. Celebrate America 250 during a festival at the Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens. Vendors, music, family-friendly games and more will be available. Participants may also enter a chili cook-off or apple pie contest. For more information, visit lilacgardens.com/americana-fest.

Ongoing

Battle Ground Senior Citizens Coffee Social: Every fourth Monday of the month, 9-10 a.m., Battle Ground Senior Center, 116 NE Third Ave., Battle Ground. Enjoy a morning with fellow senior citizens. Contact Sharon Wodtke, swodtke@comcast.net, for more information.

Thursday Walkers: Every second and fourth Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Kiwanis Park, 422 SW Second Ave., Battle Ground. Join fellow seniors for a walk around the park, organized by Battle Ground Senior Citizens. Contact Sharon Wodtke, swodtke@comcast.net, for more information.

Enhance Fitness Class: Every Wednesday and Friday, 10-11 a.m., Bethel Lutheran Church, 12919 NE 159th St., Brush Prairie. Seniors over 60 are invited to participate in an evidence-based exercise class hosted by the Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities of Southwest Washington. Instructors tailor the activities to match the participants' abilities. For more information, call 360-694-8144.

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Miss Teen La Center Pageant crowns new court



Photo courtesy of Linda Tracy

The Miss Teen La Center Pageant, now including North Clark County, crowned their new "Court" on Saturday July 18, at La Center Middle School, celebrating the organization's 23rd year.

From left to right: Anneliese Oswald, 14, will be a freshman at La Center High School; Bella Mercurio, 15, will be a sophomore at La Center High School; Queen Makayla Daniels, 16, will be a Junior at Woodland High School; Emma Crumbaker, 14, will be a freshman; and Annabelle Ohman, 14, will be a freshman at La Center High School.

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Clark County student finds common ground between aviation and creative writing

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At first glance, flying an airplane and writing a novella may seem like two very different pursuits. For 15-year-old Jenny Luu of Vancouver, they are closely connected.

Both allow her to explore unfamiliar places, consider new perspectives and turn experiences into stories.

Jenny, an incoming 10th grade student enrolled at Washington Virtual Academies (WAVA), is also a student pilot, a Civil Air Patrol cadet and an aspiring author. She recently completed an unpublished novella and hopes to pursue both aviation and writing as she continues discovering where her interests may lead.

"My interest in aviation and travel has opened me up to so many new places and ideas, which has also influenced my writing," Jenny said.

Her interest in flying grew through Civil Air Patrol, a volunteer organization and U.S. Air Force auxiliary that introduces young people to aviation, leadership, service and emergency response. Jenny joined as an eighth grader and found opportunities that challenged her while helping her become more confident.

One particularly formative experience was an eight-day Civil Air Patrol encampment structured around demanding schedules, physical challenges and close attention to detail. The experience required perseverance, especially during long days when participants were tired and still expected to complete each assignment.

"Quitting wasn't an option," Jenny said. "Progress depended on continuing forward, step by step."

That lesson has stayed with her as she has pursued flight training. She is now working toward becoming a pilot and has participated in several flights, with additional glider experiences planned. Gliding is especially dependent on weather conditions, so flight schedules can change quickly, but Jenny looks forward to every opportunity to get into the air.

Flying gives her more than technical experience. It also feeds her imagination.

"To me, flying is a way of experiencing stories through new places, opportunities and emotions," she said. "Through writing, I preserve and reshape those experiences into fiction."

Jenny recently finished a novella titled "Finding North." Set in an isolated area of Alaska, the story follows a teenager named Elias, who is grieving the loss of his older brother, Caleb. Elias' life changes when a mysterious 7-year-old boy named North appears at the gas station where he works. As the two become closer, Elias discovers that North is connected to Caleb in an unexpected way.

Jenny hopes to publish the book someday. She also wants her experience to encourage other young people who have interests that may not fit neatly into a single category.

A student can be interested in aviation and literature. A future pilot can also be a fiction writer. Jenny believes seemingly unrelated interests can influence one another and help a young person find a meaningful direction.

Supporting those interests requires time, discipline and an educational environment that can accommodate experiences beyond a traditional classroom schedule.

Jenny's family began exploring online public school after determining that a conventional school day did not align well with her expanding interests and commitments. Online learning gives her the ability to complete a structured public school curriculum while having more control over when and where she works.

That flexibility does not make the academic work less demanding. Instead, it requires students to manage their time, remain accountable and take greater ownership of their education. For Jenny, the independence she has developed through Civil Air Patrol and flight training carries into the way she approaches school.

The format also gives her room to pursue experiences that cannot always be scheduled after the final bell. Aviation activities, training opportunities and travel may occur during a traditional school day or require significant preparation. With online public school, Jenny can plan her coursework around those opportunities while continuing to make academic progress.

Her experience reflects one reason some families choose online public education. Students may have intensive athletic, artistic, professional or service commitments. Others may learn more effectively outside a traditional classroom or need a school day that can adapt to family circumstances.



Photo courtesy of Jenny Luu

Washington Virtual Academies student Jenny Luu, 15, is a student pilot, Civil Air Patrol cadet and aspiring author.

For students like Jenny, flexibility creates space to explore without separating education from the rest of life.

Jenny is still considering what her future might look like. She is interested in aviation, biomedical engineering and healthcare, and she is developing ideas that combine leadership, creativity and service. She also wants to continue writing and eventually publish her work.

She does not feel pressure to narrow those possibilities yet.

For now, she is learning in the classroom, in the cockpit and on the page. Each experience is helping her build confidence and better understand how her interests connect.

Her path offers a reminder that education can take many forms. When students have access to a learning environment that recognizes their goals and gives them room to pursue them, they can develop skills far beyond any single subject.

For Jenny, that means continuing to fly, continuing to write and remaining open to where both may take her next.

Hailey Chamberlain is a community engagement specialist at Washington Virtual Academies. Washington Virtual Academies offers a full-time, tuition-free online education for K-12th grade students statewide. Learn more at wava.k12.com.

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Woodland grocery store hosts food drive for the community

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The Grocery Outlet store in Woodland is giving directly to the community through the end of July for the Independence From Hunger food drive.

"Grovery Outlet's been doing this annual drive since 2001," said Deanne Moreno, co-owner of the Woodland Grocery Outlet. "Back then, they reached over $220,000, and now, as of 2026, we're over $5 million annually."

The store has a display of sealed paper bags set up near the front registers. The bags include prices to let customers know how much it would cost to donate specific bags for the food drive.

Once a bag is paid for, a cashier takes it to a store cart. Once a cart is full, it is wheeled into the back to join the others that have already been bought.

"That's how Grocery Outlet originally started out with Independence From Hunger, just feeding a family one bag at a time," Moreno said.

Item types vary widely within each bag, including anything from cooking oil and granola bars to bags of chips.

Moreno noted that the assortment of products in each bag exists because different age groups need different types of food, and families need more than just one item to stay fed.

"It's very time-involved when you're bagging the groceries," Moreno said. "Then, for Hands of Hope to come and get it and break it down into their food bank, it's very time consuming."

Each Grocery Outlet store is independently owned and operated, which means each location gets to choose who they partner with to make the food drive successful and reach the intended people.

At the Woodland store, the chosen partner for the food drive is Hands of Hope, a local nonprofit organization that's focused solely in the Woodland community.

"They come over here with signs, and if people can't come and get the food, because a lot of the time they don't have vehicles, they'll literally drive it out to them," said Jocelyn Hatfield, store manager of Woodland's Grocery Outlet.



Photo by Marcus McCormic

Co-owners Deanne Moreno and her son Chris Moreno stand next to the Independence From Hunger display at the front of the Grocery Outlet store.

According to Hatfield, if she sees someone in need while driving around Woodland, she can call Hands of Hope, which will drive out to give them what they need, be it shoes or food from the pantry.

"We've got refrigerators and freezers for any of the cold or frozen stuff. We've got shelves for all the dry goods and canned goods," said Steve Mauldin, president of Hands of Hope. "We have a crew of people that come in beforehand and they get it all set up and ready."

Hands of Hope has their base of operations in their community center. They set it up almost as if it's another store, with the biggest difference being that the food is already paid for by a generous customer from Grocery Outlet.

"The fact that it stays local is huge for the community, because they just want to help each other," Moreno said. "Some customers come in two or three times a day and donate every time they come in."

As people keep flowing through the store, the bags keep piling up in the cart near the registers because of the community's desire to be involved.

Local vendors and businesses have also given their time and resources in contribution to the food drive. Notably, Kalama Sourdough leads a grilling event with the store, and the Woodland Police Department comes to the store and bags people's groceries for a few hours at a time.

"We don't stop in July. We donate every month. We do it every week," Moreno said. "Our focus is in July, Independence From Hunger, and then from there we will start rolling into back to school, Thanksgiving and especially Christmas. Then, it goes into Easter. It's nonstop."

The store keeps a constant focus and dedication at the forefront of its operations, encouraging people to give, not because they want it for themselves, but because the owners and management want to help the community.

"We don't have deep pockets. What we get and what we give is literally from the community. So, we just ask the community to remember us before they go to Walmart, because we do give back to the community," Moreno said.



Photo courtesy of Grocery Outlet

Members from Hands of Hope pick up the donated food for the Independence From Hunger food drive.



Photo courtesy of Grocery Outlet

Woodland police officers and the owners of Grocery Outlet stand together after the police grocery-bagging volunteer hours.





Calendar

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Enhance Fitness Class: Every Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 10-11 a.m., Battle Ground Senior Center, 116 NE Third Ave., Battle Ground. Seniors over 60 are invited to partake in an evidence-based exercise class, hosted by the Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities of Southwest Washington. Instructors tailor the activities to match the participants' abilities. For more information, call 360-694-8144.

Woodland Seniors Bunco: Every first Wednesday of the month, 5-8 p.m.; every third Wednesday of the month, 2-5 p.m., Old Woodland Library, 770 Park St., Woodland. Play games with local seniors during the Woodland Senior Enrichment Group's bimonthly meeting. For more information, email seniorinfo55up@yahoo.com.

Woodland Seniors Fun & Games: Every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Old Woodland Library, 770 Park St., Woodland. Play games with local seniors during the bimonthly meeting, hosted by Woodland Senior Enrichment Group. For more information, email seniorinfo55up@yahoo.com.

Woodland Seniors Seated Chair Dance Exercise: Every Thursday, 10-11 a.m., Old Woodland Library, 770 Park St., Woodland. Participate in low-impact exercise featuring dance music. Donations are welcome, but not necessary to participate. For more information, email seniorinfo55up@yahoo.com.

Woodland Seniors Widows & Widowers: Every first and third Monday of the month, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., The Church of the Nazarene, 2000 Lewis River Road, Woodland. Socialize with local seniors experiencing loss during a bimonthly meeting hosted by Woodland Senior Enrichment Group. For more information, email seniorinfo55up@yahoo.com.

Woodland Seniors Walking Group: Every Tuesday and Friday, 9 a.m., Horseshoe Lake Park, Park Road, Woodland. Enjoy a gentle stroll with fellow seniors during an event hosted by Woodland Senior Enrichment Group. For more information, email seniorinfo55up@yahoo.com.

Pairs & Spares Seniors Club: Join a Vancouver-based social group for seniors aged 50 and older. Each month features a calendar packed with activities, such as social gatherings, sing-alongs, outdoor activities and more. To learn more and receive a complimentary event calendar, call 360-892-8944.

Silver & Fit Senior Virtual Fitness Classes: Every weekday, 10 a.m., Join Silver & Fit for free fitness classes for seniors. Monday is low-impact cardio, Tuesday is easy-going yoga, Wednesday is body-weight exercises, Thursday is balance and flexibility, and Friday is a mix of favorite exercises of the week. To find classes, visit facebook.com/silverandfit. For more information, call 877-427-4788 or email silverandfitonfacebook@ashn.com.

Battle Ground Lions Club: Every second and fourth Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., Old Town Burger and Breakfast, 813 W. Main St., Battle Ground. Join the Battle Ground Lions Club for fun and volunteer opportunities.

Ridgefield Lions Club: Every second Tuesday of the month, 6:45-8 a.m., Rosauers Supermarket Coffee Shop, 101 S. 47th Ave., Ridgefield. Business meeting: every fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m., Ridgefield Administrative and Civic Center, 510 Pioneer St., Ridgefield. Go to ridgefieldlions.org for more information.

La Center Lions Club: Every first and third Thursday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m., New Phoenix Casino, 225 W. Fourth St., La Center. Learn about the community projects undertaken by the La Center Lions Club and how to volunteer. For more information, email secretary@lacenterlions.org.

Ridgefield La Center Kiwanis Club: Every first Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., La Center Church, 111 E. Fifth St., La Center. Learn about the Kiwanis Club of Ridgefield and La Center community projects impacting children and families. To learn more, visit facebook.com/RidgefieldWAKiwanis.

Greater Woodland-Kalama Kiwanis Club: Every first Wednesday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Oak Tree Restaurant, 1020 Atlantic Ave., Woodland. Learn how the Greater Woodland-Kalama Kiwanis Club is helping local children, families and the community. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6 p.m.

Battle Ground Rotary Club Meeting: Every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., 715 E. Main St., Battle Ground. Learn about the community projects undertaken by the Battle Ground Rotary Club and how to volunteer.

Rotary Club of Three Creeks Meeting: Every first and third Thursday of the month, 5-6:30 p.m., Columbia Ridge Winery, 3006 NW 199th St., Ridgefield. Learn about the community service projects and programs during the bimonthly Rotary Club of Three Creeks meetings. Social time is from 5-5:30 p.m. To learn more, visit rotaryofthethreecreeks.com.

La Center American Legion Meeting: Every second Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., La Center Church, 111 E. Fifth St., La Center. Learn about the community works and veteran fellowship of the La Center American Legion Post #189.

Ridgefield American Legion Meeting: Every first Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., Ridgefield Fire Station, 911 N. 65th Ave., Ridgefield. Learn about the community works and veteran fellowship of the Ridgefield American Legion Post #44. Meetings feature community guest speakers and planning for the Parade of Flags program.

Columbia Mothers of Twins Club: Every first Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m., St. John Lutheran Church, 11005 NE Highway 99, Vancouver. The Columbia Mothers of Twins Club meets monthly to provide support and fellowship for mothers of twins. For more information, email columbiamot@gmail.com or visit columbiamotc.com.

Vancouver Sons & Daughters of Italy: Every second Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th St., Vancouver. Celebrate Italian heritage at the monthly Vancouver Sons and Daughters of Italy meeting. For more information, call Paul Zanobelli at 360-521-5584 or visit osdia.org.

Columbia River Chorus Meeting: Every Monday, 7 p.m., Clark College, Beacocks Music Hall, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver. Join the Columbia River Chorus, part of Sweet Adelines International, to dive into the world of female barbershop music. To learn more, visit Columbiariverchorus.org or text 360-518-7829.

Garden Chat: Every second Saturday of the month, 2-3:30 p.m., Ridgefield Community Library, 210 N. Main Ave., Ridgefield. Learn new gardening techniques and share personal strategies during a gardeners' meetup hosted by the Ridgefield Community Library.

Southwest Washington Woodturners Meeting: Every second Thursday of the month, 7-9 p.m., Friends of the Carpenter, 1600 W. 20th St., Vancouver. Learn woodturning techniques from experts at the Southwest Washington Woodturners' monthly meeting. Meetings are free and open to hobbyists, experts and those curious about woodworking. For more information, visit southwestwashingtonwoodturners.org.

Woodland Planters Days Celebration meetings: Every third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars, 434 Davidson Ave., Woodland. Meetings discuss the planning of the annual Planters Days community celebration. For more information, visit planters-days.com.

Vancouver Chrysanthemum Society Monthly Meeting: Every third Monday of the month, 2:40 p.m., 78th Street Heritage Farm, 1919 NE 78th St., Vancouver. Learn how to propagate, cultivate and care for chrysanthemums. For more information, visit chrysanthemumsvancouver.com.

Venersborg Historic Preservation Society: Every second Tuesday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m., The Historic Venersborg Schoolhouse, 24309 NE 209th St., Battle Ground. Help preserve the historic 1912 schoolhouse while assisting with organizing community events. Learn more at venersborgschoolhouse.com.

Columbia River Square Dancers: Sundays, lessons 6-8 p.m.; first and third Fridays of each month, plus-level dances at 7 p.m. and mainstream dances 8-9:45 p.m., 17901 NE 72nd Ave., Battle Ground. The cost is $7 per dancer. For more information, contact Dale Smith at 360-606-8849.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Battle Ground: Every Thursday, 10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Collective Community Battle Ground, 300 SW Seventh Ave., Battle Ground. The meeting starts with a private weigh-in. For more information or directions, call Linda at 360-977-8689.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Woodland: Every Tuesday, 8:30-10:45 a.m., Woodland Community Center, 782 Park St., Woodland. The meeting starts with a private weigh-in, followed by a meeting. For more information, call Vera Porter at 503-806-0795.

Virtual Professional Connections Weekly Meeting: Every Monday, 11:45 a.m. Meet like-minded professionals and network with others in similar career fields. To join, go to zoom.com, click on Join a Meeting, and enter the meeting ID 8092456202 and the password 311397, if applicable. For more information, call 503-348-5330.

Kinship Caregiving Virtual Support Group: Every first and third Wednesday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m., on Zoom. The group offers family caregivers a safe place to connect with others, discuss the challenges of caregiving and learn about community resources. To register, call ADRC Information and Assistance at 360-694-8144 or email ClarkADRC@dshs.wa.gov.

Kinship Caregiving Support Group: Every second Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., on Zoom; every fourth Wednesday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m., in person at Bridgeview Resource Center, 505 Omaha Way, Vancouver. Meet with other caregivers who are relatives caring for one or more children. Registration for the in-person group is not required. To register, call ADRC Information and Assistance at 360-694-8144 or email ClarkADRC@dshs.wa.gov.

NAMI Connection: Every Thursday, 3:30-5 p.m. Meet and discuss mental health during a structured support group hosted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Register by visiting namiswwa.org/support-groups.

NAMI Veterans' Support: Every first and third Monday of each month, 4:30-6 p.m., Clark County Veterans Assistance Center, 907 Harney St., Suite 200, Vancouver. Meet and discuss mental health with local veterans during a structured support group hosted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness in partnership with the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center. Register by visiting namiswwa.org/support-groups. Drop-ins are also welcome.

NAMI Women's Support: Every Wednesday, 10-11:30 a.m. Meet and discuss mental health during a structured support group for women hosted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Register by visiting namiswwa.org/support-groups.

NAMI Family Support: Every first and third Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8 p.m. Meet and discuss mental health during a structured support group for families hosted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Register by visiting namiswwa.org/support-groups.

NAMI LGBTQ+ Support: Every first and third Thursday of each month, 4:30-6 p.m. Meet and discuss mental health during a structured support group for LGBTQ+ individuals hosted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Register by visiting namiswwa.org/support-groups.

Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors: Every second Sunday of each month except May, 2 p.m., Minnehaha Grange Hall, 4905 NE St. Johns Road, Vancouver. Learn about prospecting, small-scale mining, ecological conservation and more. All ages are welcome. For more information, visit swwgoldprospectors.org.

Meetings

Battle Ground City Council: Every first and third Monday of the month, except observed holidays, 7 p.m., Battle Ground City Hall, 109 SW First St., Battle Ground. A 6 p.m. study session is held before regular meetings. Updates are available at cityofbg.org/96/City-Council.

La Center City Council: Every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., council chambers, La Center City Hall, 210 E. Fourth St., La Center. Updates are available at ci.lacenter.wa.us.

Ridgefield City Council: Every second and fourth Thursday of the month, and every first and third Thursday in November and December, 6:30 p.m., Columbia Assembly Room, Ridgefield Administrative and Civic Center, 510 Pioneer St., Ridgefield. Updates are available at ridgefieldwa.us/163/city-council.

Woodland City Council: Every first and third Monday of the month, 7 p.m., council chambers, 200 E. Scott Ave., Woodland. Updates are available at ci.woodland.wa.us/citycouncil.

Battle Ground Public Schools Board of Directors: Every second and fourth Monday of the month, most months, 6 p.m., Lewisville Campus, Room C-26, 406 NW Fifth Ave., Battle Ground. Work sessions are added as deemed necessary at the second meeting of the month. Updates are available at battlegroundps.org/board-meetings.

Ridgefield School District Board of Directors: Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 5 p.m., Columbia Assembly Room, Ridgefield Administrative and Civic Center, 510 Pioneer St., or at other times and places as determined by the board. Updates are available at ridgefieldsd.org/page/board-of-directors.

Woodland School District Board of Directors: Every second and fourth Thursday of the month, and every third Thursday in November and December, 6:30 p.m., Woodland High School, Room 1204, 1500 Dike Access Road, Woodland. Updates are available at woodlandschools.org.

La Center School District Board of Directors: Every fourth Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., La Center High School Library, 725 NE Highland Ave., La Center. Updates are available at lacenterschools.org/school-board.

Clark County Community Action Advisory Board meeting: Every first Wednesday of odd-numbered months, 9 a.m., Center for Community Health, Room C210B, 1601 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver. The Community Action Advisory Board advocates on behalf of low-income residents at the state and federal levels. For more information, visit shorturl.at/re7Eb.

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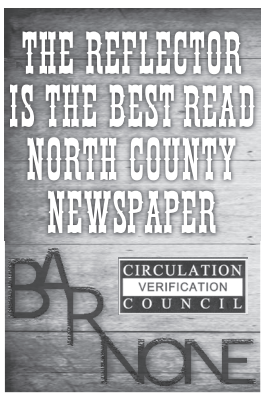
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This notice approved by the state Department of Weights and Measures, (360) 902-1854, Larry Kanouse (360) 902-1857, Kirk Robinson (360) 902-1856, and provided as a public service by The Reflector.

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137814 Clark County FEIS

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

FOR THE UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANS OF CLARK COUNTY, CITIES OF BATTLE GROUND, CAMAS, LA CENTER, RIDGEFIELD, WASHOUGAL, WOODLAND, AND THE TOWN OF YACOLT

Clark County, Washington and the Cities of Battle Ground, Camas, La Center, Ridgefield, Washougal, Woodland, and the Town of Yacolt are proposing to revise their Comprehensive Growth Management Plans to comply with the Growth Management Act 10-year periodic review requirements. The county has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) in compliance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), issued on July 24, 2026. The final environmental review document informs the public of potential environmental impacts of the preferred growth alternative and possible mitigation measures. Issuance of the FEIS completes the required SEPA process. Agencies shall not act on a proposal for which an EIS has been required prior to seven days after issuance of the FEIS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the FEIS in conjunction with public hearings that will be held on the comprehensive plan update. There is not a separate hearing for the FEIS.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:
The FEIS can be found on the Clark County webpage at: https://clark.wa.gov/community-planning/2025-update-eis.

Printed copies of the FEIS are available to review at the Clark County Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St, 3rd Floor, Vancouver, WA 98660. Copies of the FEIS are available for purchase from Clark County for the cost of production. A printed copy or a digital copy on a USB drive may be purchased at the county Permit Center during open hours, Monday through Friday 8am-2pm, at 1300 Franklin Street, 3rd floor reception. Printed copies of the FEIS will also be available to review at the following locations, July 31-Oct. 30:

* Battle Ground City Hall: 109 SW 1st St., Battle Ground, WA 98604;
* Camas City Hall: 616 NE 4th Ave., Camas, WA 98607;
* La Center City Hall: 210 E 4th St., La Center, WA 98629;
* Ridgefield City Hall: 230 Pioneer St., Ridgefield, WA 98642;
* Washougal City Hall: 1701 C St., Washougal, WA 98671;
* Woodland City Hall: 230 Davidson Ave., Woodland, WA 98674;
* Yacolt Town Hall: 202 W. Cushman St., Yacolt, WA 98675;
* Battle Ground Community Library: 1207 SE 8th Way, Battle Ground, WA 98604;
* Camas Public Library: 625 NE 4th Ave., Camas, WA 98607;
* Cascade Park Community Library: 600 NE 136th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98684;
*LaCenter Community Library: 1411 NE Lockwood Creek Rd., La Center, WA 98629;
* Ridgefield Community Library: 210 N. Main Ave., Ridgefield, WA 98642;
* Three Creeks Community Library: 800-C NE Tenney Rd., Vancouver, WA 98685;
* Vancouver Community Library: 901 C St., Vancouver, WA 98660;
* Vancouver Mall Library: 8700 NE Vancouver Mall Dr, Ste 285, Vancouver, WA 98662;
* Washougal Community Library: 1661 C St., Washougal, WA 98671;
* Woodland Community Library: 411 Lakeshore Dr., Woodland, WA 98674; and
* Yacolt Library Express: 105 E Yacolt Rd., Yacolt, WA 98675

QUESTIONS: Please direct questions to the Responsible Official: Oliver Orjiako, Director Community Planning, at oliver.orjiako@clark.wa.gov or 564-397-4112. For other formats, contact the Clark County ADA Office at 564-397-2282 / 711 or 800-833-6388 or ADA@clark.wa.gov.

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137774 NTC Strasburger

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY
No. 26-4-00600-06
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

IN THE ESTATE OF:
BARBARA L. STRASBURGER,
Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty (30) days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:
July 15, 2026
CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES:
Paul G. Hunt and
Lloyd E. Hayne
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WSBA #54200
Pabst Holland & Reynolds, PLLC
ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE:
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137784 NTC Boyce

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NO. 26-4-00842-06
RCW 11.40.020, 11.40.030

In the Estate of:
NOBUKO M. BOYCE,
Deceased.
The Co-Personal Representatives named below have been appointed as Co-Personal Representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, prior to the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Co-Personal Representatives or the Co-Personal Representatives attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Co-Personal Representatives served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:
July 15, 2026
CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES:
Linda Tameno,
Co-Personal Representative
Scott W. Swindell,
WSBA #21268
Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives
Scott W. Swindell,
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137787 NTC CHITTESTER

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY
Case No. 26 4 00816 06
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(RCW 11.40.030)

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
BRIAN L. CHITTESTER,
Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty (30) days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: July 15, 2026
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
Angelique D. Gilligan-Hill
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Bonnie Marino-Blair,
Attorney: WSBA #36167
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c/o Bonnie Marino-Blair, Attorney
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Vancouver WA 98662
TELEPHONE NUMBER:
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137788 NTC Sollars

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK IN PROBATE
NO. 26-4-00861-06
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

In Re the Estate of
Sharon Gayle Sollars,
Deceased.
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
Name of Appointed Personal Representative:
TRINITY A. EGGLESTON.
Date of Filing Copy of Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court: 07/07/2026.
Date of First Publication: 07/15/2026.
Dated and signed this 7th day of July, 2026,
By: S/ TRINITY A. EGGLESTON
Personal Representative of the Estate of Craig E. Brown, Deceased S/ 07/07/26
SUBMITTED BY:
STEVEN M. SOWARDS,
WSBA #20815
Attorney for Personal Representative Boyd, Gaffney, Sowards & Treosti, P.L.L.C.
DATE: July 15, 2026
713 W. Main St., Ste. 101,
PO Box 5
Battle Ground, WA 98604
Ph. (360) 687-3149,
Fax (360) 687-3148

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137790 Summons Espiritu

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF CLARK
Case Number: 25-3-00867-06
Summons Served by Publication
(Clerk Code: SMPB)

In re the marriage of:
Petitioner:
MIRANDA ESPIRITU
And Respondent:
OLIVER ESPIRITU
I have started a court case by filing a petition. The name of the Petition is: Miranda Espiritu. The Petition also requests: child support and parenting plan. You must respond in writing if you want the court to consider your side.
Deadline! Your Response must be filed and served within 60 days of the date this Summons is published:
July 15, 2026
If you do not file and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline:
No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and the court may approve the requests in the Petition without hearing your side (called a default judgment). Follow these steps: **1. Read** the Petition and any other documents that were filed at court with this Summons. Those documents explain what the other party is asking for. **2. Fill** out a Response on this form (check the Response that matches the Petition): FL Parentage 332, Response to

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Superior Court Clerk,
Clark County
1200 Franklin St,
Vancouver, WA 98660
5. Lawyer not required: It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your Response without one.
Person filing this Summons or their lawyer fills out below:
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S/ Millie Anne Roberge,
#31711
Date: 06/29/26
I agree to accept legal papers for this case at Lawyer's address: 900 Washington St. Ste 800, Vancouver WA 98660.
Email (if applicable):
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(If this address changes before the case ends, you must notify all parties and the court in writing. You may use the Notice of Address Change form (FL All Family 120). You must also update your Confidential Information Form (FL All Family 001) if this case involves parentage or child support.) Note: You and the other party/ies may agree to accept legal papers by email under Superior Court Civil Rule 5 and local court rules. This Summons is issued according to Rule 4.1 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the state of Washington.
RCW 4.28.100, .110; CR 4.1
Mandatory Form (06/2026)
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Summons Served by Publication. Law Office Millie Roberge DBA - Affordable Family Law Center:
900 Washington St. Ste 800
Vancouver, WA 98660
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137791 NTC Medak

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030) Probate Department Case No. 26-4-00855-06

In the Matter of the Estate of: SHAWN PATRICK MEDAK, Deceased. The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or to the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Clerk of the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: July 15, 2026
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
Jason Paul Medak
ATTORNEY & RESIDENT AGENT FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
Lindsey George
ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE:
1412 NE 134th St. Ste 130
Vancouver, WA 98685
Dated: July 8, 2026
MYATT & BELL, P.C.
S/ Lindsey George,
WSBA #59721
Attorney for Personal Representative

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137792 NTC Wilson

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY No. 26-4-04436-5 SEA NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In the Matter of the Estate of: Carol Jean Wilson, Deceased. The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced.
The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
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Personal Representative:
Gayle L Kaplan,
for estate of Carol J Wilson
Park Postal
414 NE Ravenna Blvd Ste A PMB #1024
Seattle,WA 98115
Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number:
King County Superior Court,
Case No. 26-4-04436-5 SEA

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137799 NTC Gilbertson

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY Case No. 26 4 00865 06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOUISE M. GILBERTSON, Deceased. The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty (30) days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: July 22, 2026
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Lance M. Bloomquist
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
WSBA #36167
Bonnie Marino-Blair,
Attorney
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137803 NTC BAKER

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF CLARK No. 26-4-00795-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

In Re the Matter of the Estate of COLLEEN BAKER, Decedent. The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (30) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (4) four months after the date of first publication of the Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: July 22. 2026
Personal Representative:
JENNIFER FORREST
Attorney for the Personal Representative: MOLOY K. GOOD
Address for Mailing or Service:
3606 Main Street Suite 100
Vancouver, WA 98663

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137805 NTC MILLER

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS No. 26-4-00809-06 RCW 11.40.030

In Re the Estate of:
LISA M. MILLER, Deceased. The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent that arose before the decedent's death must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: July 22, 2026
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Nash Carter
ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: Heather S. de Vrieze, WSBA#28553
de Vrieze l Carney, PLLC
3909 California Avenue SW
Seattle, WA 98116-3705
COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS:
King County Superior Court
CAUSE NUMBER:
26-4-05240-6 SEA

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137807 NTC Ross

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK NO. 26-4-00759-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

In the Matter of the Estate of:
HAROLD R. ROSS,
Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time, the claim will be forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
DATE OF FILING COPY OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS with Clerk of Court: July 14, 2026
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:
July 22, 2026
S/ Karen Malella-Manker,
WSBA #54165
Attorney for Personal Representative
s/ KRISTA GELOW
Personal Representative
Address for Mailing or Service:
Karen Malella-Manker
Attorney at Law
1014 Franklin Street,
Suite 110
Vancouver, WA 98660
(360) 448-7504
Court of Probate Proceedings:
Clark County Superior Court
P.O. Box 5000
Vancouver, WA 98666
(564) 397-2292
Cause No.: 26-4-00759-06

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137808 Summons Hazen

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF CLARK Case Number: 26-3-00899-06 Summons Served by Publication (SMPB)

In re the marriage of:
Petitioner:
RICHARD G. HAZEN, And
Respondent:
KIMBERLY SUE HAZEN
Summons Served by Publication To:
KIMBERLY SUE HAZEN
I have started a court case by filing a petition. The name of the Petition is: Dissolution (Divorce) The Petition also requests (check all that apply): division of property and debt. You must respond in writing if you want the court to consider your side. **Deadline!** Your *Response* must be filed and served within 60 days of the date this *Summons* is published: July 22, 2026
If you do not file and serve your *Response* or a *Notice of Appearance* by the deadline: No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and the court may approve the requests in the *Petition* without hearing your side (called a *default judgment*). Follow these steps: **1. Read** the *Petition* and any other documents that were filed at court with this *Summons*. Those documents explain what the other party is asking for. **2. Fill** out a *Response* on this form (*check the Response that matches the Petition*): FL Divorce 211, *Response to Petition about a Marriage* **You can get the *Response*** form and other forms you may need at: The Washington State Courts' website: www.courts.wa.gov/forms Washington LawHelp: www.washingtonlawhelp.org, or The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee). **3. Serve** (give) a copy of your *Response* to the person who filed this *Summons* at the address below, and to any other parties. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5. **4. File** your original Response with the court clerk at this address: Superior Court Clerk,
Clark County
1200 Franklin St,
Vancouver WA 98660
5. Lawyer not required: It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your Response without one.
Person filing this Summons or their lawyer fills out below: S/ Millie Anne Roberge, WSBA #31711
S/ Date: 7/15/2026
I agree to accept legal papers for this case at Lawyer's address:
900 Washington St. Ste 800,
Vancouver WA 98660
Email: millie.client@gmail.com
(If this address changes before the case ends, you must notify all parties and the court in writing. You may use the Notice of Address Change form (FL All Family 120). You must also update your Confidential Information Form (FL All Family 001) if this case involves parentage or child support.)
Note: You and the other party/ies may agree to accept legal papers by email under Superior Court Civil Rule 5 and local court rules. *This Summons is issued according to Rule 4.1 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the state of Washington.*
RCW 4.28.100,. 110; CR 4.1
Law Office Millie Roberge DBA Affordable Family Law Center
900 Washington St. Ste 800
Vancouver, WA 98660
TEL 360-695-6000
FAX 360-326-1835
Affordablefamilylawcenter.com

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137815 NTC R.Carter

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NO. 26-4-05240-6 SEA (RCW 11.40.030)

Estate of Robert Craig Carter, Deceased.
THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any persons having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim, and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim will be forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:
July 29, 2026
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Nash Carter
ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: Heather S. de Vrieze, WSBA#28553
de Vrieze l Carney, PLLC
3909 California Avenue SW
Seattle, WA 98116-3705
COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS:
King County Superior Court
CAUSE NUMBER:
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137816 NTC D.Carter

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NO. 26-4-05248-1 SEA (RCW 11.40.030)

Estate of Denice Carter, Deceased.
THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any persons having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim, and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim will be forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:
July 29, 2026
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Fawn Murphy
ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: Heather S. de Vrieze, WSBA#28553
de Vrieze l Carney, PLLC
3909 California Avenue SW
Seattle, WA 98116-3705
COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS:
King County Superior Court
CAUSE NUMBER:
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File No: 25-02020WA

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to RCW 61.24 et seq. Grantor(s) of Deed of Trust PATRICK M SULLIVAN Current Beneficiary Nationstar Mortgage LLC Current Trustee Affinia Default Services, LLC Current Mortgage Servicer Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m Nationstar Mortgage LLC Deed of Trust Recording Number (Ref. #) 5951146 Parcel Number(s) 119592186 I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Trustee will on 08/28/2026, at 9:00 AM sell at public auction located Public Service Center Gazebo near the corner of Franklin and 13th street, across from the Clark County Courthouse Clark County Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98660, to the highest and best bidder, payable at the time of sale, the following-described real property, situated in the County of CLARK, State of Washington, to wit: LOT(S) 6, EAGLE POINTE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME H OF PLATS, PAGE 692 RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. LOT(S) 6, EAGLE POINTE, H/692 Commonly known as: 12812 Ne 101st St, VANCOUVER, WA 98682 The above property is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 08/12/2021, recorded 08/18/2021, under Auditor's File No. 5951146, records of CLARK County, Washington, from PATRICK M SULLIVAN, as Grantor, to Fidelity National Title Company of Washington, Inc. as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for Umpqua Bank, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, under an Assignment recorded under Auditor's File No. 6282835. II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust. III. The defaults for which this foreclosure is made are as follows: 1. Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: $21,601.25 which included the monthly payments, late charges, and accrued fees and costs. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal $276,434.58, together with interest as provided in the Note or other instrument secured from 07/01/2025, and such other costs and fees as are due under the Note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on 08/28/2026. The default(s) referred to in paragraph III must be cured by 08/17/2026 (11 days before the sale date), to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time on or before 08/17/2026 (11 days before the sale date), the default(s) as set forth in paragraph III are cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. The sale may be terminated any time after 08/17/2026 (11 days before the sale date), and before the sale by the Borrower, Grantor, any Guarantor, or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the entire principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees, and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written notice of default was transmitted by the Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following addresses: Patrick M Sullivan 12812 Ne 101st St Vancouver, WA 98682 by both first class and certified mail on 01/07/2026; and the notice of default was personally served upon the Borrower and Grantor, or was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in paragraph I above on 01/07/2026. The Trustee has possession of proof of mailing, and service or posting. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having an objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever are afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to the RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS: The purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the Deed of Trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale, the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only until 90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this Notice of Trustee Sale to be referred to mediation. If this is an amended Notice of Trustee Sale providing a 45-day notice of the sale, mediation must be requested no later than 25 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this amended Notice of Trustee Sale. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Telephone: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) Website: https://www.homeownership-wa.org/ The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Telephone: 1-800-569-4287 Website: https://answers.hud.gov/housingcounseling/s/?language=en_US The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 Website: https://nwjustice.org/home PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT AFFINIA DEFAULT SERVICES, LLC MAY BE DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. DATED 04/10/2026 By: RHYS RAN Name: RHYS RAN Title: Foreclosure Specialist of Affinia Default Services, LLC 16000 Christensen Rd., Suite 310 Tukwila, WA 98188 (425) 800-4703 NPP0487793 To: THE REFLECTOR 07/29/2026, 08/19/2026

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137820 NTC JESSUP

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK Case No.: 26 4 00920 06

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN RE THE ESTATE OF
JOHN R. JESSUP,
Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in Section 11 of this act and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:
JULY 29, 2026
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
KATHRYN THORNTON
ATTORNEY:
Matthew Yates
Yates Marshall PLLC
10000 NE 7th Avenue,
Suite 200
Vancouver,
Washington 98685
(360) 449-6100

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137821 NTC TURNER

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK No. 26-4-00918-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

In the Matter of the Estate of:
CONSTANCE JAY TURNER,
Deceased. The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in Section 11 of this act and RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
DATE OF FILING COPY OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS with Clerk of Court: 07/20/2026
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: 07/29/2026
S/ RONALD W. GREENEN, WSB #6334
Personal Representative
Address for Mailing or Service:
GREENEN & GREENEN, PLLC
Attorneys at Law
1104 Main Street, Suite 400
Vancouver, WA 98660
(360) 694-1571
Court of Probate Proceedings:
Clark County Superior Court
PO Box 5000
Vancouver, WA 98666
(564) 397-2292
Cause No.: 26-4-00918-06

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137825 NTC BARNES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK No. 26-4-00911-06 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of: JUDY RAE BARNES, Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney, at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Name of Appointed Personal Representative: JOHN CHARLES BARNES. Date of Filing Copy of Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court: 07/21/2026. Date of First Publication: 07/29/2026.
Dated and signed this 21st day of July, 2026, by:
S/ JOHN CHARLES BARNES
Personal Representative of the Estate of Judy Rae Barnes, Deceased
Date S/ 07/21/2026
SUBMITTED BY: STEVEN M. SOWARDS, WSBA #20815
Attorney for Personal Representative
Boyd, Gaffney, Sowards & Treosti, P.L.L.C.
713 W. Main St., Ste. 101,
PO Box 5
Battle Ground, WA 98604
Ph. (360) 687-3149,
Fax (360) 687-3148

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137826 Land Acquisition

Public Notice to Acquire Land into Trust - BIA Regional Director Decisions

ACTION: Notice of decision to acquire land into trust under 25 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 151.

SUMMARY: The Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, on the below date, has made a determination to acquire real property in trust for COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE.

The land referred to as former South Andrew Property property, herein and is described as: See "Exhibit A" for legal descriptions.

DATE: This determination was made on 07/14/2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BIA NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 911 NE 11TH AVENUE, PORTLAND, OR 97232, telephone (503) 231-6702. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR § 151.12(d)(2)(iii) that notice be given of the decision by the authorized representative of the Secretary of the Interior to acquire land in trust. A copy of the determination is available [at the following website: n/a AND/OR from the office identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION section of this notice]. Any party who wishes to seek judicial review of the Regional Director's decision must first exhaust administrative remedies. The Regional Director's decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA) in accordance with the regulations in 43 C.F.R. 4.310-4.340.

If you choose to appeal this decision, your notice of appeal to the IBIA must be signed by you or your attorney and must be either postmarked and mailed (if you use mail) or delivered (if you use another means of physical delivery, such as FedEx or UPS) to the IBIA within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. The regulations do not authorize filings by facsimile/fax or by electronic means. Your notice of appeal should clearly identify the decision being appealed. You must send your original notice of appeal to the IBIA at the following address: Interior Board of Indian Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy Street, Suite 300, Arlington, Virginia 22203. You must send copies of your notice of appeal to (1) the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, MS-4141-MIB, 1849 C Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240; (2) each interested party known to you; and (3) the Regional Director. Your notice of appeal sent to the IBIA must include a statement certifying that you have sent copies to these officials and interested parties and should identify them by names or titles and addresses. If you file a notice of appeal, the IBIA will notify you of further procedures. If no appeal is timely filed, this decision will become final for the Department of the Interior at the expiration of the appeal period. No extension of time may be granted for filing a notice of appeal.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION EXHIBIT A

Case Number: 67453
Applicant Name: COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE
Tract ID:
Tract Name: SOUTH ANDREW PROPERTY
Land Area: 132
Land Area Name: Cowlitz
Tract Number:
LTRO: PORTLAND, OR
Region: NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE
Agency: OLYMPIC PENINSULA AGENCY
Resources: Both (Mineral and Surface)
Section: 8
Township: 004.00N
Range: 001.00E
State: WASHINGTON
County: CLARK
Meridian: Willamette
Legal Description: METES AND BOUNDS: THE EAST 1320 FEET OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN IN CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. EXCEPT THE SOUTH 7 FEET THEREOF. ALSO EXCEPT THE NORTH 329.44 FEET THEREOF.
Acres: 9.800

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137828 NOD WFR

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION WFR, LLC

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that WFR, LLC filed articles of its dissolution with the Washington Secretary of State on July 22, 2026. Any person or entity with a claim against WFR, LLC must provide a notice of claim to WFR, LLC no later than November 19, 2026. All claims will be barred if a written notice of claim describing the claim with reasonable particularity has not been delivered to WFR, LLC on or before the above deadline. WFR, LLC has the right to reject any or all such claims by notice. The holder of any rejected claim has 90 days from receipt of the notice of rejection to com-

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mence a proceeding to enforce the claim. All notices of claims shall be mailed to:
WFR, LLC
4610 NE 77th Ave, Suite 100
Vancouver, WA 98662
DATED this 23rd day of July, 2026.

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137829 NOS KIBBEE

SHERIFF'S PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE SUPERIOR COURT STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY
Cause #: 25-2-01606-06

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff
vs
SEAN PATRICK KIBBEE AND JORDAN H. KIBBEE, HUSBAND AND WIFE; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE ADMINISTRATION; STATE OF WASHINGTON; AND OCCUPANTS OF THE PREMISES, Defendant

TO: SEAN PATRICK KIBBEE
The Superior Court of Clark County has directed the undersigned Sheriff of Clark County to sell the property described below to satisfy a judgment in the above-entitled action. If developed, the property address is:
119 NW 103RD STREET
VANCOUVER, WA
The sale of the above described property is to take place:
TIME: 09:30 a.m.
DATE: September 11, 2026
PLACE: FRONT STEPS
CLARK COUNTY
COURTHOUSE
1200 FRANKLIN ST.
VANCOUVER,
WASHINGTON.
The judgment debtor can avoid the sale by paying the judgment amount of $381,331.04 together with interest, cost, and fees before the sale date. For the exact amount, contact the Sheriff at the address stated below:

JOHN HORCH,
SHERIFF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
By: EVELINA KURILENKO
Civil Department
P.O. Box 410
Vancouver, Washington 98666
(564) 397-2225

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 2, EL-NATHAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT TEHREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME H OF PLATS, PAGE 688, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF WASHINGTON. APN: 118261240

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137830 PN Bates

Public Notice
For sale by public auction at 10:00 AM on August 6, 2026: Abandoned mobile home formerly belonging to tenant Sue Carol Bates. The mobile home is located in Gibbons Creek Mobile Estates LLC
4501 Addy St #132
Washougal, WA 98671.
The home is a 1995 Flem 27 X 44 Double wide License# VIN-0RFLS48A20566BS13. Interested buyers may contact park property manager at 503-647-5500 or 503-260-3000 telephone-texts prior to the sale to inspect the home. The sale will be held at the property manager's location by-Bids accepted by Fax 503-647-2100, with a reserve as required by the auctioneer. The home may be left in the park subject to park approval of required repairs and new tenant acceptance.

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137831 SBP Kibbee

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY
Cause #: 25-2-01606-06

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff
vs
SEAN PATRICK KIBBEE AND JORDAN H. KIBBEE, HUSBAND AND WIFE; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE ADMINISTRATION; STATE OF WASHINGTON; AND OCCUPANTS OF THE PREMISES, Defendant

TO: SEAN PATRICK KIBBEE
A writ of execution has been issued in the above captioned case, directed to the sheriff of Clark County, commanding the sheriff as follows: On April 21, 2026, a DEFAULT JUDGMENT AND DECREE OF FORECLOSURE in favor of Plaintiff LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC was entered in the Superior Court of Washington, County of Clark, against defendant SEAN PATRICK KIBBEE ("Judgment Debtor, In Rem"); JORDAN H. KIBBEE: SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE ADMINISTRATION; STATE OF WASHINGTON; and OCCUPANTS OF THE PREMISES ("Judgment Defendants, In Rem"). It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the land and premises legally described as follows: LOT 2, EL-NATHAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT TEHREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME H OF PLATS, PAGE 688, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF WASHINGTON. APN: 118261240 Commonly referred to as: 119 NW 103rd Street, Vancouver, WA 98685 referred to in the Judgment, be sold at public auction, as particularly set out in said Judgment. The total amount due and owing on the Judgment through June 26, 2026 is $381,331.04 consisting of the following: the judgment amount of $369,033.58, principal and interest; $9,728.64 awarded for attorneys' fees and costs; plus prejudgment interest accruing from April 2, 2026 through April 21, 2026, $597.40 ($29.87 per diem x 20 days); plus post-judgment interest accruing from April 22, 2026 through June 26, 2026, at the rate of 3.50% per annum, of $1,971.42 ($29.87 per diem x 66 days); pursuant to the Judgment, post-judgment amounts advanced for attorneys' fees, and costs for publication and Sheriff's fees of an unknown amount. It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the Sheriff is hereby authorized to make the return within 60 days after issuance by the court. For purposes of the sale, the Order may be automatically extended for 30 days, pursuant to RCW 6.21.050.In the name of the State of Washington, you are hereby commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale and to sell the Subject Property, which is more particularly described in the Notice of Sale, and apply the proceeds of said sale as in said Judgment and Decree directed, and to make and file your report of such sale with the Clerk of this Court, and do all things according to the terms and requirements of said Judgment, and the provisions of Washington Law. The court will establish a twelve-month redemption period from the date of the Sheriff's foreclosure sale, and the Sheriff should be ordered to issue a Sheriff's Deed to the successful bidder at the termination of the redemption period pursuant to RCW 6.23.020. The sale date has been set for September 11, 2026. YOU MAY HAVE A RIGHT TO EXEMPT PROPERTY from the sale under statutes of this state, including sections 6.13.010, 6.13.030, 6.13.040, 6.15.010, and 6.15.060 of the Revised Code of Washington, in the manner described in those statutes.
JOHN HORCH,
SHERIFF
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
By: EVELINA KURILENKO
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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1602
On July 20th, 2026, the City Council of the City of Woodland, Washington, approved Ordinance No. 1602, the main point of which may be summarized by its title as follows:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND, WASHINGTON REPEALING WOODLAND MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.24 - PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD, DISSOLVING THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE, AND SUMMARY. The full text of this ordinance may be obtained by contacting City Hall at (360) 225-8281 or by visiting 230 Davidson Avenue, Woodland, WA 98674.

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137833 NOS AUMILLER

SHERIFF'S PUBLIC NOTICE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE SUPERIOR COURT STATE OF WASHINGTON **FOR** CLARK COUNTY
Cause #: 25-2-04340-06

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff
vs
ERNEST AUMILLER AND ALYSHIA AUMILLER, HUSBAND AND WIFE; THE WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.; COLUMBIA COLLECTORS INC.; AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OF THE PREMISES, Defendant

TO: ERNEST AUMILLER AND ALYSHIA AUMILLER, HUSBAND AND WIFE
The Superior Court of Clark County has directed the undersigned Sheriff of Clark County to sell the property described below to satisfy a judgment in the above-entitled action. If developed, the property address is:
406 E. WILSON STREET
YACOLT, WA
The sale of the above described property is to take place:
TIME: 09:30 a.m.
DATE: September 11, 2026
PLACE: FRONT STEPS
CLARK COUNTY
COURTHOUSE
1200 FRANKLIN ST.
VANCOUVER,
WASHINGTON.
The judgment debtor can avoid the sale by paying the judgment amount of $352,156.34 together with interest, cost, and fees before the sale date. For the exact amount, contact the Sheriff at the address stated below:
JOHN HORCH,
SHERIFF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
By: EVELINA KURILENKO
Civil Department
P.O. Box 410
Vancouver, Washington 98666
(564) 397-2225
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 9, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY RECORDED IN BOOK 48, PAGE 108, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. SAID SURVEY IS A RE-RECORD OF SURVEY RECORDED IN BOOK 48, PAGE 75. ALSO KNOWN AS A PORTION OF BLOCKS 6, 7, 8 AND 9, MCDONALD'S ADDITION TO YACOLT, WASH., ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME "C" OF PLATS, PAGE 93, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. APN: 67322018

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137834 SBP AUMILLER

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY
Cause #: 25-2-04340-06

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff
vs
ERNEST AUMILLER AND ALYSHIA AUMILLER, HUSBAND AND WIFE; THE WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.; COLUMBIA COLLECTORS INC.; AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OF THE PREMISES,
Defendant
TO: ERNEST AUMILLER AND ALYSHIA AUMILLER, HUSBAND AND WIFE
A writ of execution has been issued in the above-captioned case, directed to the Sheriff of Clark County, commanding the Sheriff as follows: On June 9, 2026, a DEFAULT JUDGMENT FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF, REFORMATION OF DEED OF TRUST, JUDGMENT AND DECREE OF FORECLOSURE in favor of Plaintiff LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC was entered in the Superior Court of Washington, County of Clark, against defendants ERNEST AUMILLER and ALYSHIA AUMILLER, husband and wife ("Judgment Debtors, In Rem"); THE WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.; COLUMBIA COLLECTORS INC.; and UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OF THE PREMISES ("Judgment Defendants, In Rem"). It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the land and premises legally described as follows: LOT 9, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY RECORDED IN BOOK 48, PAGE 108, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. SAID SURVEY IS A RE-RECORD OF SURVEY RECORDED IN BOOK 48, PAGE 75. ALSO KNOWN AS A PORTION OF BLOCKS 6, 7, 8 AND 9, MCDONALD'S ADDITION TO YACOLT, WASH., ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME "C" OF PLATS, PAGE 93, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. APN: 67322018. Commonly referred to as: 406 E. Wilson Street, Yacolt, WA 98675, referred to in the Judgment, be sold at public auction, as particularly set out in said Judgment. The total amount due and owing on the Judgment through June 26, 2026 is $352,156.34 consisting of the following: the judgment amount of $343,134.08, principal and interest; $8,325.90 awarded for attorneys' fees and costs; plus pre-judgment interest accruing from May 30, 2026 through June 9, 2026, $273.57 ($24.87 per diem x 11 days); plus post-judgment interest accruing from June 10, 2026 through June 26, 2026, at the rate of 3.00% per annum, of $422.79 ($24.87 per diem x 17 days); pursuant to the Judgment, post-judgment amounts advanced for attorneys' fees, and costs for publication and Sheriff's fees of an unknown amount. It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the Sheriff is hereby authorized to make the return within 60 days after issuance by the court. For purposes of the sale, the Order may be automatically extended for 30 days, pursuant to RCW 6.21.050. In the name of the State of Washington, you are hereby commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale and to sell the Subject Property, which is more particularly described in the Notice of Sale, and apply the proceeds of said sale as in said Judgment and Decree directed, and to make and file your report of such sale with the Clerk of this Court, and do all things according to the terms and requirements of said Judgment, and the provisions of Washington Law. The court will establish a twelve-month redemption period from the date of the Sheriff's foreclosure sale, and the Sheriff should be ordered to issue a Sheriff's Deed to the successful bidder at the termination of the redemption period pursuant to RCW 6.23.020. The sale date has been set for September 11, 2026. YOU MAY HAVE A RIGHT TO EXEMPT PROPERTY from the sale under statutes of this state, including sections 6.13.010, 6.13.030, 6.13.040, 6.15.010, and 6.15.060 of the Revised Code of Washington, in the manner described in those statutes.
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Notice of Trustee's Sale
Grantor(s): WILLIAM F. CLEVENGER, AN UNMARRIED MAN Grantee(s): FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY OF WASHINGTON, A WASHINGTON CORP. , as Trustee Original beneficiary of the deed of trust: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR GUILD MORTGAGE COMPANY, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS Current beneficiary of the deed of trust: SELENE FINANCE, LP Current trustee of the deed of trust: CLEAR RECON CORP Current mortgage servicer of the deed of trust: Selene Finance Reference number of the deed of trust: 5629982 Parcel number(s): 117899832 UNIT(S) D, EDGETREE CONDOMINIUM PHASE II I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, CLEAR RECON CORP, 601 West 1st Avenue, Suite 1400, Spokane, WA 99201, Trustee will on 8/28/2026 at 9:00 AM AT THE PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER GAZEBO NEAR THE CORNER OF FRANKLIN AND 13TH STREET, ACROSS FROM THE CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE OF THE CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER, 1300 FRANKLIN STREET, VANCOUVER, WA 98660 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable, in the form of cash, or cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Clark, State of Washington, to-wit: UNIT(S) D, EDGETREE CONDOMINIUM PHASE II, A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 21, 1985, UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 8506210106, AND SURVEY MAP AND PLANS RECORDED IN VOLUME H OF CONDOMINIUMS, PAGE 288 RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO. MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED AS: UNIT(S) D, EDGETREE CONDOMINIUM PHASE III, A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 21, 1985, UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 8506210106, AND SURVEY MAP AND PLANS RECORDED IN VOLUME H OF CONDOMINIUMS, PAGE 288 RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO. Commonly known as: 13806 NW 10TH CT UNIT D VANCOUVER, WA 98685 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 7/23/2019, recorded 7/25/2019, as Auditor's File No. 5629982, Deed of Trust Re-Recorded on 10/09/2019 as Instrument No. 5658186, records of Clark County, Washington, from WILLIAM F. CLEVENGER, AN UNMARRIED MAN , as Grantor(s), to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY OF WASHINGTON, A WASHINGTON CORP. , as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR GUILD MORTGAGE COMPANY, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned to LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, under an Assignment recorded under Auditor's File No 6259531. II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust or the Beneficiary's successor is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: $31,789.29 IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $211,811.69, together with interest as provided in the Note from 11/1/2024, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 8/28/2026. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 8/17/2026, (11 days before the sale date) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 8/17/2026 (11 days before the sale) the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 8/17/2026 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the or the Grantor's successor interest or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es): SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "1" by both first class and certified mail on 9/30/2025, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS - The purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the grantor under the Deed of Trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the Deed of Trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. If you are a servicemember or a dependent of a servicemember, you may be entitled to certain protections under the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and any comparable state laws regarding the risk of foreclosure. If you believe you may be entitled to these protections, please contact our office immediately. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only until 90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this Notice of Trustee Sale to be referred to mediation. If this is an amended notice of Trustee Sale providing a 45 day notice of the sale, mediation must be requested no later than 25 calendar days before the date of sale listed in this amended Notice of Trustee Sale. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Telephone: (877) 894-4663 Web site: www.homeownership.wa.gov Línea directa estatal sobre ejecuciones hipotecarias para obtener asistencia y derivación a asesores de vivienda recomendados por la Comisión de Financiamiento de Vivienda del estado de Washington (Housing Finance Commission): Teléfono: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) Sitio web: www.homeownership-wa.org/ The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Telephone: (800) 569-4287 Web site: answers.hud.gov/housingcounseling/s/?language=en_US Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (Department of Housing and Urban Development): Teléfono: 1-800-569-4287 Sitio web: answers.hud.gov/housingcounseling/s/?language=en_US The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: (888) 201-1014 Web site: nwjustice.org Línea directa estatal de asistencia legal civil para obtener asistencia y derivaciones a otros asesores devivienda y abogados: Teléfono: 1-800-606-4819 Sitio web: nwjustice.org THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Dated: APR 08, 2026 CLEAR RECON CORP, as Successor Trustee Monica Chavez, Authorized Signor For additional information or service you may contact: Clear Recon Corp 601 West 1st Avenue, Suite 1400 Spokane, WA 99201 Phone: (206) 707-9599
EXHIBIT "1"
NAME/ADDRESS
WILLIAM CLEVENGER
13806 NW 10TH CT
VANCOUVER, WA 98685
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TS No: 2025-100839 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF COMMERCIAL LOAN(S) PURSUANT TO THE REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON CHAPTER 61.24 ET. SEQ. Grantor(s): EVERGREEN HQ, LLC, A Washington limited liability company Current beneficiary of the deed of trust: Oakhurst Income Fund I, LP, a Delaware limited partnership at to 73% interest and Palladius Income Fund SPE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company as to 27% interest Current trustee of the deed of trust: Beacon Default Management, Inc., a Washington corporation Current Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Platinum Loan Servicing, Inc., 24025 Park Sorrento, Suite 150, Calabasas, CA 91302, Attn: Thomas Murray Reference number of the deed of trust: 6177034 Parcel number(s): 986050-549 I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Trustee will on 8/28/2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the Clark County Public Service Center Gazebo located at 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98660 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable, in the form of cash, or cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of Clark, State of Washington, to-wit: Abbreviated Legal Description: LOT 1 SP 4-179 VANCOUVER MARRIOTT RESIDENCE INN 0.43A SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" FOR LEGAL DESCRIPTION SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "B" FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY Property Commonly known as: 12330 Southeast 5th. Street, Vancouver, Washington, 98683 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 3/26/2024, recorded 4/17/2024, under Auditor's File No. 6177034, records of Clark County, Washington, from EVERGREEN HQ, LLC, A Washington limited liability company, as Grantor, to WFG NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY OF CLARK COUNTY WA, LLC, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of OAKHURST INCOME FUND I, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, as assigned by that certain Assignment of Deed of Trust, dated 04/02/2024, by OAKHURST INCOME FUND I, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, as to an undivided 100.000% interest, in favor of PALLADIUS INCOME FUND SPE, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company as to an undivided 27.000% interest, recorded 04/17/2024, Auditor's File No. 6177104, records of Clark County, Washington. II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: November 1, 2024; December 1, 2024; January 1, 2025; February 1, 2025; March 1, 2025; April 1, 2025; and May 1, 2025. The loan matured on June 1, 2025, and Borrower failed to pay the unpaid balance of principal and accrued and unpaid interest which became due and payable on June 1, 2025, together with late fees, trustee's and foreclosure fees and expenses, legal fees and court costs arising from or associated with Beneficiary's effort to protect and preserve its security. Failure to pay when due to the following amounts which are now in arrears: $4,451,394.45. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal sum of $3,600,000.00, together with interest as provided in the Note or other instrument secured from 10/01/2024, and such other costs and fees as are due under the note and other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 08/28/2026. The default(s) referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 8/17/2026, (11 days before the sale date) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 8/17/2026 (11 days before the sale date) the default as set forth in Paragraph III is/are cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a state or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after 8/17/2026 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower, Grantor, any Guarantor, or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the entire principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es): SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "C" FOR LIST OF MAILINGS by both first class and certified mail on 1/20/2026, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO GUARANTOR(S) - pursuant to RCW 61.24.042, notice is hereby given to the Guarantors of a commercial loan that (1) the Guarantor may be liable for a deficiency judgment to the extent the sale price obtained at the trustee's sale is less than the debt secured by the Deed of Trust; (2) the Guarantor has the same rights to reinstate the debt, cure the default, or repay the debt as is given to the Grantor in order to avoid the trustee's sale; (3) the Guarantor will have no right to redeem the property after the trustee's sale; (4) subject to such longer periods as are provided in the Washington Deed of Trust Act, Chapter 61.24 RCW, any action brought to enforce a guarantee must be commenced within one year after the trustee's sale, or the last trustee's sale under any deed of trust granted to secure the same debt; and (5) in any action for a deficiency, the Guarantor will have the right to establish the fair value of the property as of the date of the trustee's sale, less prior liens and encumbrances, and to limit its liability for a deficiency to the difference between the debt and the greater of such fair value or the sale price paid at the trustee's sale, plus interest and costs. XI. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS The purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the grantor under the Deed of Trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the Deed of Trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale, the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. [Intentionally left blank, see signature on next page] DATED: 5/28/2026 Beacon Default Management, Inc., a Washington corporation, as Successor Trustee Shannon Papa, Authorized Signatory For additional information or service, you may contact: Beacon Default Management, Inc. 4201 Aurora Ave N, Suite 200 Seattle, WA 98103 Phone: (206) 347-1060 EXHIBIT "A" Legal Description Lot 1, Short Plat, recorded in Book 4, Page 179, records of Clark County, Washington. Parcel B: Easements for access, parking and stormwater drainage appurtenant to Parcel A above, as set forth in the Declaration of Reciprocal Easements recorded on March 26, 2019 under Auditor's File No. 5594421. Situate in the County of Clark, State of Washington EXHIBIT "B" Personal Property All buildings, structures, improvements, fixtures, and appurtenances now and later placed on the Mortgaged Property, including, without limitation, all apparatus and equipment, whether or not physically affixed to the land or any building, which is used to provide or supply air cooling, air conditioning, heat, gas, water, light, power, refrigeration, ventilation, laundry, drying, dish washing, garbage disposal, or other services; and all elevators, escalators, and related machinery and equipment, fire prevention and extinguishing apparatus, security and access control apparatus, partitions, ducts, compressors, plumbing, ovens, refrigerators, dishwashers, disposals, washers, dryers, awnings, storm windows, storm doors, screens, blinds, shades, curtains, curtain rods, mirrors, cabinets, paneling, rugs, attached floor coverings, furniture, pictures, antennas, pools, spas, pool and spa operation and maintenance equipment and apparatus, and trees and plants located on the Mortgaged Property, all of which, including replacements and additions, shall conclusively be deemed to be affixed to and be part of the Mortgaged Property conveyed to Trustee under this Security Instrument. EXHIBIT "C" NAME ADDRESS Alkesh Patel 511 Northeast 138th Avenue Vancouver, WA 98684 Chuck Ng 301 North Lake Avenue, Suite 310 Pasadena, CA 91101 Evergreen HQ LLC 12330 SE 5th Street #3rd Vancouver, WA 98683 Evergreen HQ LLC 1419 W. Main Street, Suite 110 Battle Ground, WA 98604 Evergreen HQ LLC 511 Northeast 138th Avenue Vancouver, WA 98684 Evergreen HQ LLC Attn: Alkesh Patel 12330 SE 5th Street Vancouver, WA. 98683 Oakhurst Income Fund I, L.P., a Delaware limited liability company 875 Century Park East #940 Los Angeles, CA 90067 Occupants/Tenants 12330 Southeast 5th Street Vancouver, Washington 98683 Ply-Tech Corporation, a Kentucky corporation P.O. Box 757 Glasgow, Kentucky 42142 Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, P.C. Attn: Melisa K. Thompson 700 Washington Street, Suite 701 Vancouver, WA 98660 Washington Secretary Of State Legislative Building 416 Sid Snyder Ave SW Olympia, WA 98501

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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TS No.: WA-25-1023219-BF
APN No.: 107358-078
Title Order No.: 250504236-WA-MSI AMENDED Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24.130(4) Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 6187779 Parcel Number(s): 107358-078 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: ROSE A. HERNANDEZ, A SINGLE WOMAN AND HUGO HERNANDEZ JR., A SINGLE MAN AND YOLANDA HERNANDEZ, A SINGLE WOMAN AND DANNY HERNANDEZ, A SINGLE MAN Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC As the prior sale was rescinded pursuant to RCW 61.24.050, this amended notice is issued pursuant to RCW 61.24.050(5) as to the Notice of Trustee's Sale recorded 10/14/2025 under CLARK County Auditor Instrument Number 6280472. I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned Trustee, will on 8/28/2026 , at 09:00 AM At the Clark County Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98660, in the Public Service Center Gazebo near the corner of Franklin and 13th street, across from the Clark County Courthouse sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of CLARK, State of Washington, LOT 39, GRANADA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME G OF PLATS, PAGE 286, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF WASHINGTON. More commonly known as: 11919 NE 80th STREET, VANCOUVER, WA 98682 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 6/13/2024, recorded 6/17/2024, under Instrument No. 6187779 records

Legal Notices

of CLARK County, Washington , from ROSE A. HERNANDEZ, A SINGLE WOMAN AND HUGO HERNANDEZ JR., A SINGLE MAN AND YOLANDA HERNANDEZ, A SINGLE WOMAN AND DANNY HERNANDEZ, A SINGLE MAN , as g rantor(s), to WFG NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY OF CALRK COUNTY , as original t rustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for MORTGAGE EXPRESS, LLC., beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns , as original b eneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC , the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 6220323 II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arr ears: $67,408.32 . IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $397,534.32 , together with interest as provided in the Note from 1/1/2025 on, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 8/28/2026 . The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 8/17/2026 (11 days before the sale date), subject to the terms of the Note and Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 8/17/2026 (11 days before the sale), subject to the terms of the Note and Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashier s or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 8/17/2026 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower (s) and Grantor (s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 9/12/2025 . VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20 th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20 th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. Additional Information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan, in which case this letter is intended to exercise the Note holders right's against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-25-1023219-BF. . Dated: 7/14/2026 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, as Trustee By: Tianah Schrock, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-25-1023219-BF Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com IDSPub #0315988

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY NO. 26-4-03300-2 SEA NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of PIERRE F. BETOULAUD, Deceased.

The individual named below has been appointed as personal representative of the above estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any other-wise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070, by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate assets and non-probate assets of the decedent. DATE OF FILING COPY OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS With Clerk of Court: July 21, 2026
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: July 22, 2026
S/ FRANCOIS BETOULAUD,
Personal Representative/ Administrator
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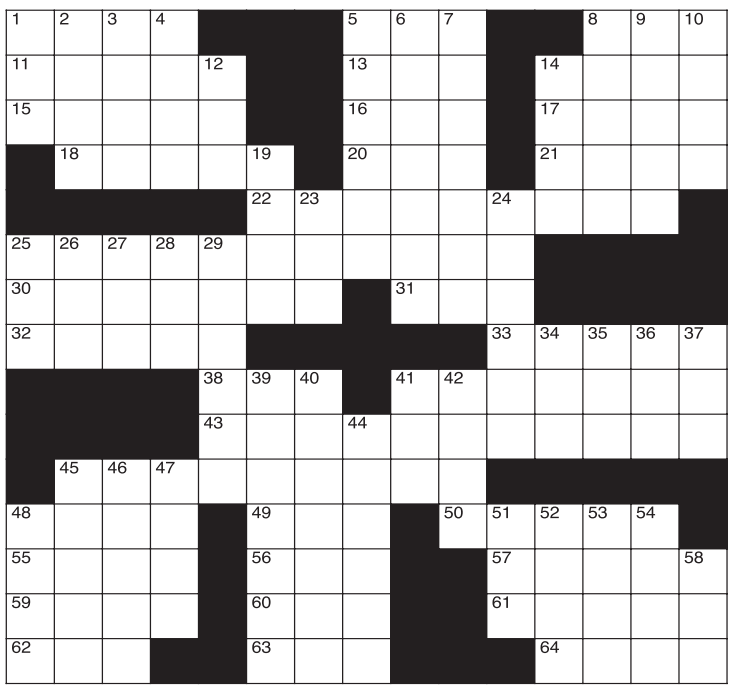
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian bull god
5. Romanian monetary unit
8. Santa's helper
11. Fictional Pink Floyd corporal
13. Sea eagle genus
14. Broad volcanic crater
15. Minneapolis suburb
16. Actual commercial worth (abbr.)
17. Exchange rate
18. Ethnic peoples in Guinea
20. Men's fashion accessory
21. Craft material
22. Offerings
25. Early
30. Large room
31. Soviet Socialist Republic
32. One who hauls
33. Shorthand for accepting
38. Promotional materials
41. Loss of memory
43. One who beheads
45. Photographers
48. Small, rich sponge cake
49. White clerical vestment
50. Partner to "oohed"
55. Abba __, Israeli politician
56. Zero
57. Owl monkey genus
59. Lace bug genus
60. Mild expression of surprise
61. Storage devices
62. Keyboard key
63. Make a mistake
64. One-time Korean president

CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge building degree
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Large, stocky, lizard
4. Rumanian river
5. Missive
6. Stout-bodied moths
7. Brings out
8. Bird of prey
9. King of Thebes
10. Cleaving tool
12. African antelope
14. Three are particularly famous
19. Satisfy
23. C. European river
24. Dictator
25. Portion of (abbr.)
26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
27. Consume food
28. Woman (French)
29. Scrape or wear away by friction
34. Popular vegetable
35. Pacific Standard Time
36. Brazilian state capital
37. Paddle
39. Cause to become insane
40. Drier and flakier
41. Mimic
42. ESPN host Kimes
44. One who moseys
45. Secret political clique
46. Behind the stern of a ship
47. Supernatural force
48. Sanctuary in Orthodox churches
51. Swiss river
52. Grayish white
53. Engrave
54. UNC's chief rival
58. Midway between south and southeast

Answers on Page A3

SUDOKU

		9		1		6		
			5				8	
5		1						
		8		7		3		1
			8		6			9
		7	2				6	
	1		4				2	
7					5			3
	2		1					

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