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Interim City Manager contract tabled for time being; questions around City Manager's termination still lingering

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During the Battle Ground City Council meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 8, council members voted 3-1 to table the proposed Interim City Manager contract for Rob Ferrier, who currently serves as Battle Ground's Deputy City Manager.

Absent from the city council meeting were city councilors Troy McCoy, who is running for Clark County District 5 against Peter Silliman, and Shane Bowman. Both McCoy and Bowman have been outspoken over the council's recent actions of voting to terminate city manager Kris Swanson without cause during a special city council meeting on Aug. 5.

In Tuesday's 3-1 vote, Deputy Mayor Aimee Vaile, Council member Victoria Ferrer and Council

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Richardson family turns to faith, grace following Trent's death



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When facing grief and tragedy, our society frequently defaults to anger and finding fault in others. Yet for Corey and Kelly Richardson, the tragedy of losing their son Trent has provided a renewed perspective on the preciousness of life and the power of grace.

Corey and Kelly say their understanding of the circumstances surrounding their son's death is that it was a tragic accident involving his friend, James Gill — and they

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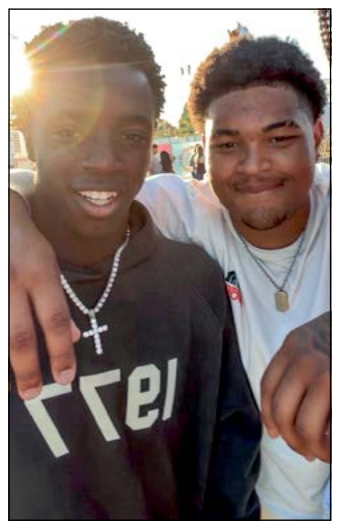


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Trent Richardson and James Gill III pose for a photo together while attending the Clark County Fair.



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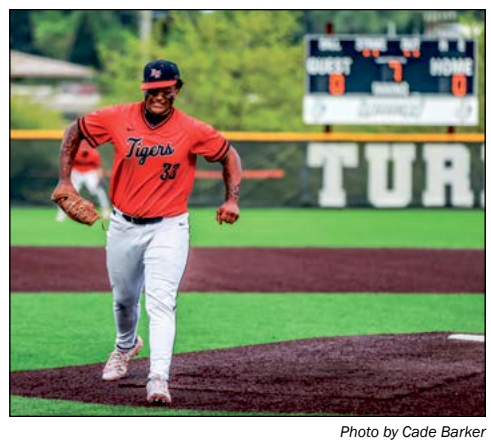


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Above: Trent Richardson gets ready for a play on the Battle Ground football field at sunset during a game.

James Gill III celebrates after a seven-inning shutout pitching performance in a Battle Ground Tiger baseball game.

Vancouver commemorates 25 years since 9/11 with remembrance and service

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Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001.

Twenty-five years later, communities around the globe remembered that day last Friday.

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks reshaped the United States. In Vancouver, community leaders, first responders, veterans and elected officials gathered to remember those who died and reflect on the meaning of service.

The annual remembrance ceremony on Friday, Sept. 11, hosted by the Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC), brought together local officials and members of the community, with speakers returning to the sacrifices made by first responders, military members and ordinary Americans in the aftermath of the attacks.

For Col. Joshua Hovanas of the Oregon Air National Guard's 142nd Wing, the memories of Sept. 11 are personal.

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A combined Vancouver Police and Vancouver Fire color guard goes to post the colors ahead of a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the Vancouver waterfront on Friday, Sept. 11.



A visitor looks at a Flag of Heroes at a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the Vancouver waterfront on Friday, Sept. 11.

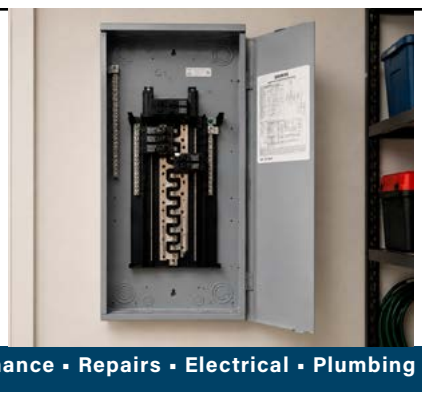


Col. Joshua Hovanas of the Oregon Air National Guard's 142nd Wing was the keynote speaker for the 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the Vancouver waterfront on Friday, Sept. 11.

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Exit 16 Sips and Scoops celebrates grand opening in La Center



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Sam and Trista Glackler cut the ribbon surrounded by friends, family, workers and community members as Exit 16 Sips and Scoops in La Center opened its doors on Thursday, Sept. 10.



Photo by Cade Barker

Kids look at the ice cream offerings at the newly opened Exit 16 Sips and Scoops in La Center on Thursday, Sept. 10.

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Exit 16 Sips and Scoops opened its doors in La Center on Thursday, Sept. 10, in a former bank building in downtown.



Photo by Cade Barker

A large crowd attended the grand opening of Exit 16 Sips and Scoops in La Center on Thursday, Sept. 10.

After years of planning, hard work and sleepless nights, Sam and Trista Glackler officially opened Exit 16 Sips and Scoops in downtown La Center with a community ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The grand opening event on Thursday, Sept. 10, brought together city officials, community members and Greater Vancouver Chamber representatives to celebrate the new business, which combines the Glacklers' brewery with craft ice cream, food and a family-friendly gathering space.

"We started on this journey in September 2020 doing a production brewery," Sam Glackler said. "Always kind of had in our head maybe we wanted to do a brick and mortar and have a bar, restaurant, whatever."

The Glacklers said finding the right location was an important part of turning that vision into reality. They considered opportunities in other communities but ultimately wanted to remain in La Center where the namesake for their brand originates from.

"We had opportunities in Ridgefield. We had opportunities up in Castle Rock and it just didn't feel right because it's not Exit 16," Sam said.

The former bank building became available in June 2025, eventually giving the couple the location they had been searching for.

Mayor Tom Strobehn praised the Glacklers during the ribbon cutting, pointing to their previous involvement in the community and their efforts to create opportunities for young people.

"They've invested in the future of the children in the city of La Center," Strobehn said. "They invest in the community with the events that they host and volunteer for. It's very well known in the community."

Strobehn said the building's transformation was the result of negotiations between the Glacklers and the previous tenant.

"I can't be more excited for you guys," Strobehn said. "This is a journey that is long overdue, and I think with your dedication, it's going to be extremely successful."

For the Glacklers, the restaurant is intended to be more than a place to eat and drink.

"We really wanted to make a community gathering spot and definitely a place for families," Trista Glackler said. "We have six kids. We really wanted a place that had something for everybody."

The business also features a dog-friendly patio and a menu designed around the couple's interests.

"And we want to combine all the things that we love," Trista Glackler said. "So not only is there beer, but I mean, there's craft ice cream. That was a dream of ours."

The menu includes beer cheese fondue, onion rings and other dishes incorporating the brewery's beer. The Glacklers also emphasize making products in-house.

"Our tortillas are handmade, our sauces are made in-house, and they're using our beers to showcase the flavor profiles, right?" Sam said. "Crazy good."

The restaurant also incorporates Pacific Northwest flavors and local products through its savory waffles, homemade waffle cones and seasonal offerings.

"I mean, we're really playing that whole waffle thing and Pacific Northwest flavors, Pacific Northwest liquors," Sam said. "I mean, we try to do as much local as we could."

The owners hope Exit 16 can also encourage visitors to explore other La Center businesses and attractions.

"I think that we hope that this location could be a landing spot," Trista said. "People come and explore La Center. I mean, the river's beautiful."

As the seasons change, the menu will rotate with seasonal ice cream and beers. The current offerings include pumpkin horchata ice cream, while the business also plans to feature craft cocktails.

The opening marked the culmination of nearly six years of work for the Glacklers.

"We're both very emotional about today," Trista Glackler said. "It's been a lot of hard work, a lot of sleepless nights, and just a lot going into this."

"We're just super, super excited about being open and about being able to be what we envisioned that we could be," she added.

With the ribbon finally cut in front of one of the largest crowds ever for a Greater Vancouver Chamber ribbon cutting, Sam Glackler welcomed the community.

"Let's go check it out," he said.





Stolen Kia pursuit ends with juvenile arrest in Battle Ground

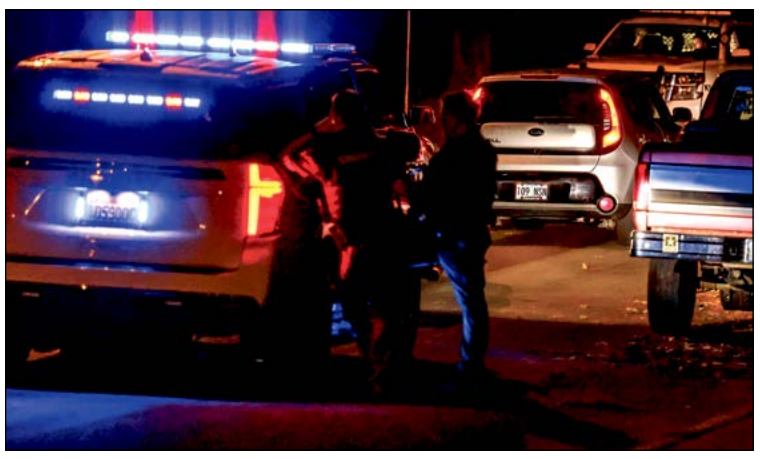


Photo by Cade Barker

A police chase beginning in Clackamas County, Oregon, ended in Battle Ground after a juvenile driver dumped the stolen Kia Soul near Southwest Second Avenue and Southwest 18th Street on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

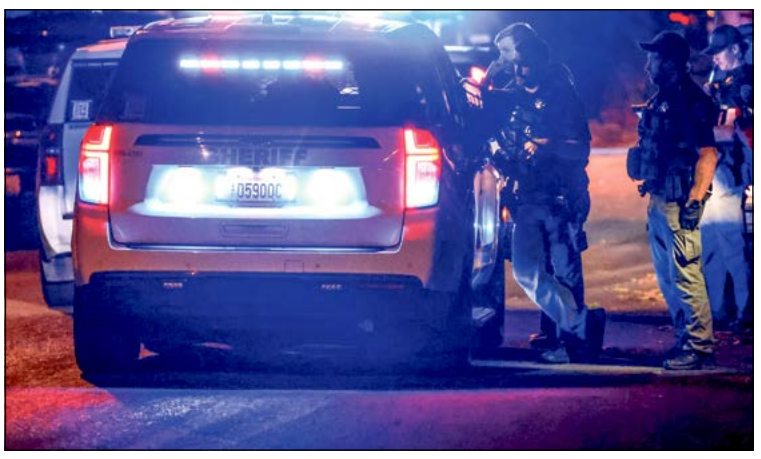


Photo by Cade Barker

Clark County Sheriff's Office deputies speak to a juvenile suspect in the back of a patrol car after a stolen vehicle chase from Oregon ended near Southwest Second Avenue and Southwest 18th Street in Battle Ground on Wednesday, Sept. 9.



Photo courtesy of a Battle Ground home owner

A juvenile suspect was apprehended from the backyard of a home in Battle Ground after a stolen vehicle chase from Oregon ended near Southwest Second Avenue and Southwest 18th Street in Battle Ground on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

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A high-speed pursuit that began in Oregon ended nearly 40 minutes later in Battle Ground late Wednesday, Sept. 9, after a juvenile allegedly fled in a stolen Kia Soul and an additional occupant abandoned the vehicle.

Clark County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) deputies were notified at approximately 11:08 p.m. that Clackamas County deputies were pursuing a 2016 Kia Soul northbound on Interstate-205 toward Washington state, CCSO stated in an email to The Reflector.

A law enforcement fixed-wing aircraft registered to the Portland Police Bureau monitored the vehicle as it crossed into Washington on Interstate 5. According to the sheriff's office, the Kia was traveling at speeds exceeding 100 miles per hour and passing vehicles on the shoulder, including at times when no law enforcement vehicles were actively pursuing it, CCSO stated.

The vehicle eventually made its way off Interstate 5 and stopped near Southwest Second Avenue and Southwest 18th Street in Battle Ground. The aircraft reported seeing two occupants leave the Kia Soul and travel in separate directions, according to the sheriff's office.

With assistance from the aircraft, Battle Ground Police Department officers, sheriff's deputies and community members located and arrested the driver.

The driver was identified as a juvenile. The Kia was later confirmed to have been stolen, CCSO stated.

The juvenile was booked into the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center on suspicion of possession of a stolen vehicle and attempting to elude.

For at least one Battle Ground homeowner, the pursuit ended with an unexpected encounter in their backyard.

The homeowner told The Reflector on-scene that a police officer alerted them that someone was in their backyard. The homeowner then looked outside and saw one of the suspects standing in the middle of the yard.

"I was like, that's a surprise to me," the homeowner said.

The homeowner said the suspect appeared to be upset after leaving a phone in their backyard and later returned to retrieve it.

"He started pounding his head because he left his phone in my backyard," the homeowner recalled.

The homeowner added they planned to check around their property afterward to make sure nothing had been left behind or hidden in a trailer.

Shortly after, CCSO deputies checked around the homeowner's trailer again and found a ski mask.

CCSO deputies said on scene early on Thursday, Sept. 10, that the second occupant was believed to be back in Portland and no longer a possible threat to the Battle Ground neighborhood.

25 years after 9/11: Debate over govt surveillance powers persists

BY THÉRÈSE BOUDREAUX
The Center Square

The 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center occurs as a political battle rages in Congress over government surveillance powers enacted after the deadly event that killed 2,996 people.

At stake is Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, enacted in 2008 to retroactively justify the federal government secretly gathering personal electronic communications between U.S. and Afghan citizens years after 9/11.

On paper, FISA Section 702 allows federal intelligence agencies to conduct warrantless electronic surveillance on foreign nationals of suspicion.

In practice, however, the electronic data of American citizens – including emails, text messages, and phone calls – are routinely collected as well.

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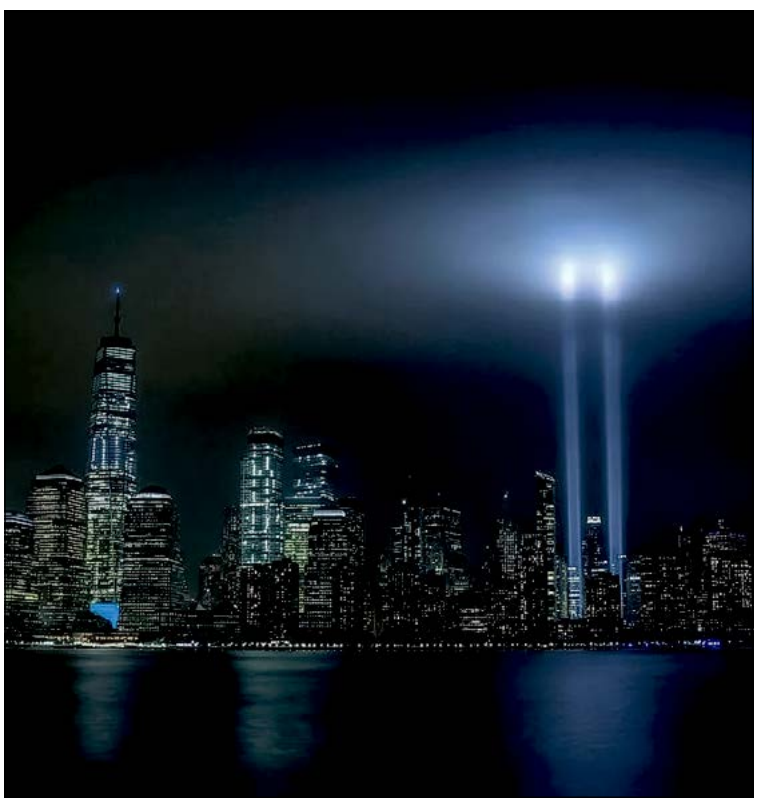


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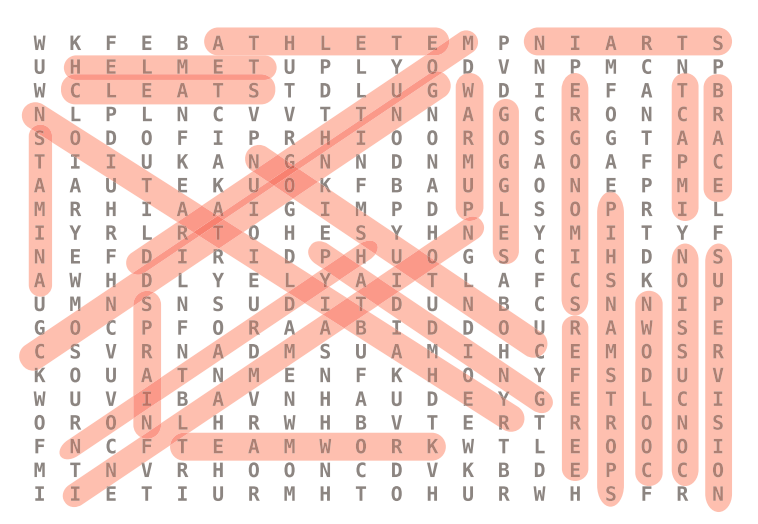
Two beams of light rise above the New York City skyline, memorializing the site of the fallen twin towers.

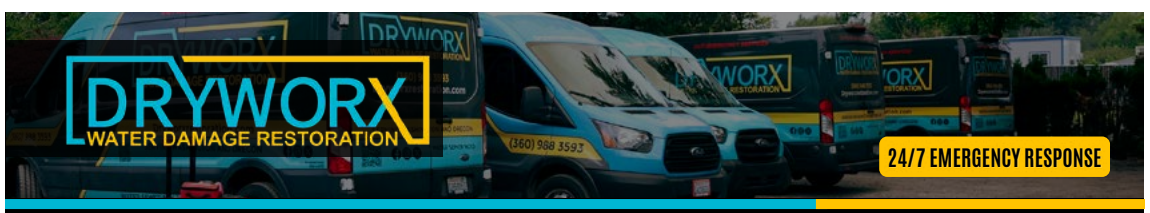


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Pedestrian seriously injured after being struck at Vancouver crosswalk

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A 55-year-old woman suffered serious injuries after a pickup truck struck her while she was crossing NE 137th Avenue in a marked crosswalk in Vancouver on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Deputies responded at approximately 8:58 a.m. to the collision at the intersection of NE 137th Avenue and NE 99th Street. The woman was walking a dog when the driver of a white 2012 Ford F-150 turned right from eastbound NE 99th Street onto NE 137th Avenue and struck her, according to a Clark County Sheriff's Office news release.

American Medical Response transported the woman to a local hospital. The driver remained at the scene and cooperated with the investigation. The dog was not injured and was reunited with its family.

The sheriff's office Traffic Unit is investigating. Impairment may have been a factor, and the driver was released pending toxicology results and completion of the investigation.



Photo Courtesy of the Clark County Sheriff's Office

A white 2012 Ford F-150 is pictured at the intersection of NE 137th Avenue and NE 99th Street after striking a pedestrian.

Vitals *Obituaries and Death Notices*

Death Notices

Willard Williams, 84, of Vancouver, died Aug. 3. Arrangements are under the care of Straub's Funeral Home, 360-834-4563.

Carolyne Molyneux, 73, of Vancouver, died Aug. 3. Arrangements are under the care of Straub's Funeral Home, 360-834-4563.

Clark Mattox, 42, of Ridgefield, died Aug. 7. Arrangements are under the care of Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 360-892-6060.

Randolph Mueller, 84, of Vancouver, died Aug. 22. Arrangements are under the care of Straub's Funeral Home, 360-834-4563.

Bruce Higgins, 82, of Camas, died Aug. 26. Arrangements are under the care of Straub's Funeral Home, 360-834-4563.

Karen Kinsman, 67, of Ridgefield, died Aug. 27. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Ida Horne, 86, of Ridgefield, died Aug. 29. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Peter Vanson, 52, of Amboy, died Sept. 1. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

David Sampson, 90, of Camas, died Sept. 4. Arrangements are under the care of Straub's Funeral Home, 360-834-4563.

Gordon Kates, 89, of Woodland, died Sept. 6. Arrangements are under the care of Woodland Funeral Home, 360-225-8441.

Carl Stuart, 89, of Vancouver, died Sept. 6. Arrangements are under the care of Woodland Funeral Home, 360-225-8441.

James Bennett, 78, of Woodland, died Sept. 9. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

Alejandro Campbell, 22, of Amboy, died Sept. 9. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

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Anna Lorraine "Kuky" Nutter

Anna Lorraine Nutter, affectionately known as "Kuky," passed away on August 31, 2026, in Battle Ground, Washington, at the remarkable age of 103.

Born on March 10, 1923, in Snow Hill, West Virginia, to Anna and Arthur Shawver, Kuky grew up with a strong work ethic and a zest for life. In July 1942, she married the love of her life, George Nutter, and together they raised four children: Nena Falkenstein, Gayle Nutter, Arthur "AC" Nutter, and Alan "Keith" Nutter. After marrying, Kuky and George traveled between West Virginia and Washington before settling in Vancouver, Washington, where they built their home and life.

Kuky was never idle. She raised children, worked on the family farm, drove a forklift at the cannery, and—shovel in hand—even dug her own basement. After retiring in the early 1980s, she and George spent many happy years traveling the United States in their motor home, creating countless memories together.

A woman of many talents, Kuky especially loved gardening and took great pride in her vegetable and flower beds, with tomatoes being her favorite. She was an accomplished seamstress who made clothing for her family for many years, and she enjoyed crocheting, creating beautiful blankets and quilts that remain treasured keepsakes. She was also a wonderful cook, known for custard toast, fried chicken, warm potato salad, baked beans, cooked-down green beans, and pistachio pudding cake served with sweet tea.

Kuky loved people and cherished time spent visiting with family and friends. She remained active throughout her life and was involved with the PTA and Battle Ground Schools, the Clark County Grange, Washington State Elections, and the Clark County Fair. She welcomed everyone into her home with kindness and a smile.

Her 103 years were filled with family, friendship, hard work, travel, creativity, and countless cherished memories. She lived life with zest, positivity, happiness, and a joyful spirit that touched everyone who knew her.

Kuky was preceded in death by her husband, George Nutter; daughter Gayle Nutter (Cumin); and son Arthur "AC" Nutter. She is survived by her daughter Nena Falkenstein; son Alan "Keith" Nutter and wife Gale; daughter-in-law Jan Nutter; along with 12 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She leaves behind a remarkable legacy of love and a family that will continue for generations. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A memorial service was held at Evergreen Memorial on Saturday, September 12, 2026.

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Historic Trust Speaker Series to explore fashion, digital life and print

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The Historic Trust will host a three-part speaker series this fall exploring the history of women's undergarments, the challenges of the digital age and the enduring appeal of print.

The Fall Speakers Series, presented by University Village, begins Sept. 24 with "Hidden Layers: Women's Undergarments and How They've Shaped Ladies' Liberties," presented by theatrical costume designer Diane Johnston. The talk will explore how changes in women's undergarments have reflected broader shifts in comfort, freedom and social expectations.

On Oct. 15, journalist and media educator T. Andrew Wahl will present "Doomscrolling Detox: Finding Your Balance in the Digital Age." The talk will examine how the internet and newer technologies have changed the way people consume information and offer tips for developing a healthier relationship with digital media.

The series concludes Nov. 12 with "Permanent Ink: Why We Still Love Print in the Digital Age," presented by University of Washington professor Geoffrey Turnovsky. The talk will examine how technologies from the printing press to modern digital tools have shaped the way people record, access and consume information.

All three talks will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays at the Red Cross Building, 605 Barnes St., Vancouver. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The events are free and open to the public, but reservations are required due to limited seating, according to a press release from The Historic Trust.

Reservations open about one month before each presentation. Visit The Historic Trust's events calendar at thehistorictrust.org/calendar or call 360-992-1800 for more information.

Surveillance

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Not only can intelligence agencies store that data for up to five years, but intelligence agents can and do routinely search that data without obtaining a warrant, known as "backdoor searches."

Declassified government documents and a report from the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board show that federal intelligence agencies have performed millions of "backdoor" searches over the span of decades, including 57,000 in 2023 alone.

In one of the most infamous known cases, FBI agents scoured the data of 19,000 donors to a congressional campaign. Tens of thousands of American protestors or those simply suspected of "civil unrest" have also had their communications spied upon, government reports show.

The issue is particularly pressing now, as rapid advancements in AI make Americans' privacy even more vulnerable than when Section 702 was enacted in 2008.

Federal agents can simply feed the data into an AI model and effectively create dossiers on innocent U.S. citizens, a process that would normally take enormous amounts of time and money.

Though the U.S. Intelligence Community and the Department of Justice have previously claimed they aren't using AI in FISA databases, they have failed to answer lawmakers' requests for proof.

The issue proved so divisive that Congress failed to renew congressional authorization of Section 702 after a bipartisan group of lawmakers tanked an extension over demands for reforms.

Government surveillance and data collection activities can still continue without interruption through March 2027, however. That's because the FISA Court approves year-long certifications for Section 702, which remain in effect even if the underlying authority has expired.

For now, communications providers are still legally required to assist the federal government with Section 702 surveillance and turn over targets' communications.

Congressional leaders in both parties and both chambers have historically been hesitant to implement reforms. Notable reformatory legislation like the Amash–Conyers Amendment in 2014 and Rep. Andy Biggs', R-Ariz., bill in 2024 failed on the House floor after leadership opposed it.

But Congress fails to ban federal agencies from searching Americans' data without a warrant, as well as prohibit the government from purchasing citizens' personal data from data brokers, civil rights watchdogs warn it could permanently kill privacy rights.

"If the government is purchasing our data and our location data and they can use artificial intelligence to create these kinds of profiles, then there is no privacy," Don Bell, policy counsel at The Constitution Project at the Project On Government Oversight, previously told The Center Square.

"They can reach into our lives in the most invasive way possible, and they can do it at scale," he added. "Entire communities can be surveilled, entire groups of people."

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Too many brews?

Crowded Battle Ground coffee market faces another potential competitor with 7 Brew proposal

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Photo by Cade Barker

Espresso Express owner Sam Cruz helps a customer in Battle Ground on Thursday, Sept. 10.

After pre-application plans from Arkansas-based 7 Brew Coffee were submitted to the city of Battle Ground, a question has been raised: In a city where coffee stands have become part of the community's identity, how much room is left for another one?

For a pair of Battle Ground coffee shop owners, it is a reason to wonder how many more stands the community can support.

7 Brew currently has no locations in the Pacific Northwest, with a pre-application conference possibly on the horizon, adding another drive-thru competitor to an already crowded market is raising concerns and excitement from area residents.

7 Brew Coffee submitted materials for a pre-application conference at the end of August for a proposed location at 805 W. Main St., near Thirst Trap Soda Shack and Espresso Express. As of press time, no pre-application conference has been scheduled as Battle Ground staff continued reviewing the plans, with the review phases scheduled to be completed Friday, Sept. 11.

The proposal remains in its early stages and does not represent final approval for construction.

While the proposed 7 Brew would potentially become the city's 20th coffee-centric business, it follows the anticipated January 2027 opening of Brewed Awakenings as the 19th.

For some local owners, the number itself is becoming difficult to ignore.

"It's a little upsetting. It's very discouraging as a small business owner, just because it's a small town and we already have so many coffee shops, let alone big chains," said Sam Cruz, owner of Espresso Express in the Wilco parking lot.

Cruz has worked at Espresso Express for nearly 15 years, including about five years as its owner. The business itself has operated in Battle Ground for more than 30 years.

That history has given Cruz a base of regular customers and relationships that she believes help distinguish a small, established business from a national chain.

"I have my regular customers that I see daily. I've gained friendships, they're very loyal," Cruz said. "And so they want to come and support me as a small business."

> **"I think there's a hundred different things that Battle Ground as a community could use other than a 7 Brew for coffee."**
>
> **— Austin Slagle**
> *owner, Dev's Coffee Bar*

But the prospect of 7 Brew locating near Espresso Express creates a different concern than previous additions to the city's coffee scene.

"I have to feel like I have to be in competition with someone that's right next door to me," Cruz said, adding that she does not want to feel like she has to do extra just to keep up with a national chain. "I don't want to feel like every day … we have to do extra, just to keep up with these big businesses that can do extra things that we can't as small business owners."

Cruz said Espresso Express has survived previous competition by maintaining its own identity rather than attempting to duplicate what other stands offer.

Among those offerings are specialty blended drinks, including a popular toffee crunch drink.

"I just make sure I stay consistent with everything," Cruz said. "I can give out drinks that maybe are a little different, without being too much."

The concern, she said, is not simply about attracting customers. Large chains can offer promotions and discounts that may be difficult for a small business to match.

"I would hope that people put into consideration that like, as a small business owner, we can't do the extra things that big chains can," Cruz said. "So as much as I can depend on my loyal customers that come through, when they're doing these big sales, or like buy three, get a free one or whatever, like, I can only do so much of that."

Cruz said she hopes those

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Photo by Cade Barker

Dev's Coffee Bar owner Austin Slagle shared his concerns regarding a proposed 7 Brew Coffee location in Battle Ground where 18, soon to be 19, coffee-centric businesses already exist.



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Espresso Express owner Sam Cruz shared her concerns regarding a proposed 7 Brew Coffee location near her stand in Battle Ground.

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Richardson

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want the greater Battle Ground community to extend grace to Gill and his family as they navigate the aftermath.

"Our understanding of what transpired is that this was a tragic accident," said Corey Richardson, Trent's father. "And we want to show our support for both James Gill and his family through this time. I want to ensure that the rest of the community knows that's where we stand."

Kelly Richardson, Trent's mother, said the family has been careful about what it says publicly while the investigation remains ongoing, but emphasized that the two young men were friends.

"It is our understanding it was a tragic accident," she said. "And these were two good friends."

"They were friends who really liked each other," Kelly added.

The Richardsons said they have been able to communicate directly with Gill and have told him that he has their support, love and grace.

Corey said he hopes Gill will continue pursuing his love of baseball.

"We would love to see him pursue his future aspirations in baseball," he said. "And we wouldn't want to derail that in any way. And he has to live with this the rest of his life."

For the Richardsons, that willingness to extend grace has been rooted in their Christian faith, which has become the foundation upon which they are trying to navigate the loss of their son.

Kelly said the family wants Trent's death to become an opportunity to demonstrate the faith that has sustained them rather than a reason for people to turn away from God.

"We just want this to be an opportunity to put our faith on display that God's the God of all comfort," she said. "And He is strengthening and comforting us and our family so well."

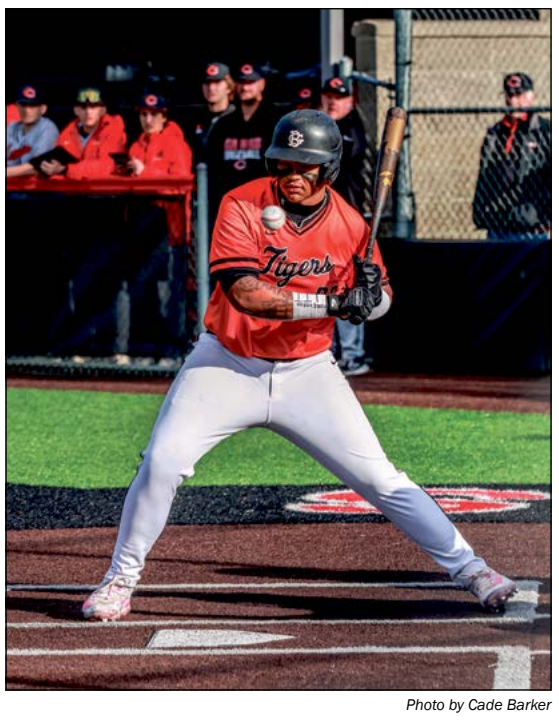


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James Gill III watches a ball during a Battle Ground High School baseball game.



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Trent Richardson looks up field after catching a pass in a Battle Ground Tiger football game.

Kelly said the family has experienced what she described as a "peace that passes understanding," even while confronting the reality of losing a child.

"We are living the reality of God's promises being true in that," she said. "We know where Trent is and that we're going to see him again someday."

Corey described that hope as central to how he views the family's grief.

"To me it's everything," he said. "If all we are is just bodies. If all we are is a brain. If all that's true is materialism and naturalism. Then there is no hope. Lights out. There's no hope."

But the Richardsons' faith tells them death is not the end.

"For us, we truly believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead," Corey said. "And it's a historic faith. It's something you can actually go and read from other witnesses. It's a logical faith."

Corey added, "As the Apostle Paul stated, 'If the dead rise not, we are of all men most pitiable. Because here you are, going out there, risking your life, trying to share this faith, and it isn't even true. Everything hinges on if Jesus Christ rose from the dead, and there are repercussions on both ends."

He said that belief gives the family hope for an eternity with Trent.

"Because we actually have an eternity to look forward to and to hope in," Corey said. "So, to us, it's everything."

Kelly said that hope does not mean the family is avoiding or denying its grief.

"It's not just this false escapism. Or even a denial of grief. Because the grief is definitely there," she said.

Instead, the family is discovering that the promises they have long believed can provide tangible comfort during the hardest moments of their lives.

"I'm truly experiencing that to be a reality and true," Kelly said. "It's this truth you store up and doctrine you store up. Not knowing will it really do what it says it will do."

She added, "But there's a level of peace that does pass human understanding that I am experiencing. And that is because of my faith and that God is so real. So, yes, it's everything."

The Community

That faith also has shaped the family's response to the community's grief. Kelly said she does not want young people who knew Trent to become angry with God because of what happened.

"I just want our message to be that this isn't the time to be angry at God and turn from God," she said. "This is the time to run to God and to see Him as our comfort and our hope and the only constant we have."

Corey and Kelly specifically wanted to highlight the Battle Ground High School family and not only the enormous support for them, but also the Gill family. They also described the thoughtfulness of the vigil that was held for Trent at Battle Ground High School on such short notice. Corey conveyed the magnitude of what Battle Ground Tiger Football meant to Trent and their family and how that has been strengthened through this tragedy in the ways Tiger Football has honored them and Trent.

"I was just in awe that a stadium was packed with such short notice like that," Kelly stated. "It was so intimate, it was quiet. Yet there was light in the darkness. It was just a special moment to just have this opportunity where my son can honor the Lord and shine light in this community even after his passing."

Corey emphasized, "It was real. This wasn't a show."

The Richardsons said their support has come from their church community, friends, first responders and the broader Battle Ground community. They described the response as an example of what they believe the Christian community should look like during suffering.

Corey specifically wanted to shed light on the enormous support they have received from Clark Fire District 3, where their two sons Chase and Brody currently serve and also Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue where Trent had been a cadet for two years.

"We happen to live in a day and age where there's probably a little less tribulation in our lives than a lot of saints through history," Corey said. "And then something like this hits."

He said the experience has given the family a deeper understanding of their faith and of the support available through their community.

"And experiencing the comfort of Almighty God through this process. And seeing the body of Christ come together. It's been a beautiful thing," Corey said. "We are seeing it function as it should."

That support has extended beyond the immediate family. Kelly said the community surrounding them has become an extension of their family as they grieve.

"We have such an extended family. It's not just our immediate family, but our community of believers around us are just like family," she said. "We've all wept together."

Corey and Kelly's gratitude continued in their recognition of Battle Ground's Church on the Rock for hosting such a special memorial. The Richardson family received support throughout this experience from several local businesses, including Ink Ability Copy Shop, which printed all of the materials, and Al and Ernie's bakery, which supplied baked goods. Corey stated it was such an example of different businesses and church denominations coming together to comfort those hurting in the community.

The Impact

The family also acknowledged the way Trent's death has caused young people to reconsider their own lives and mortality.

"We've had so many young people coming up to us, and they're stopped in their tracks because they're wanting to think about how they want to live their lives." Kelly stated this was mentioned at the vigil for Trent.

"All of us just had that sense of invincibility wiped away from us in this moment, like as a whole town and community, that we all just learned we are not invincible."

Both Kelly and Corey shared that numerous individuals have expressed how this tragedy served as a bitter reminder of

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Noticing increased traffic near Vancouver?

I-5 Southbound closures in the Rose City drive congestion across the bridge

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Since Friday, Sept. 11 at 10 p.m., all lanes along a highly trafficked two-mile stretch of southbound Interstate-5 winding through Portland's Rose Quarter have been closed day and night for extensive repairs.

The lane closures will remain in effect until Oct. 17. All northbound lanes will remain open through the southbound closures.

Part of the Oregon Department of Transportation's Rose Quarter Improvement Project, the closure addresses belated repairs and updates, while impacts may inconvenience commuters and local travellers.

The Washington State Department of Transportation warns drivers to expect congestion stretching into Vancouver, clogging on-ramps for I-5 and I-205. According to the City of Vancouver's website, cityofvancouver.us/i-5-closure-resources/, collaboration between the City, WSDOT and ODOT allows the Traffic Management Center to monitor key intersections and ramps in order to adjust signal timing and guide the pace of vehicles entering the roadway.

Both ODOT and WSDOT urge drivers to plan alternate routes, travel outside of peak hours (6 a.m. to 9 a.m., and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.), or by train or bike; to carpool; or to work from home during this time.

For more information on the Rose Quarter improvement projects, visit i5rosequarter.org/current-construction-travel-impacts/.

Ridgefield landmark Sportsman's Public House celebrates 100 years of history and community

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Sportsman's Public House will celebrate its centennial in Ridgefield, as well as debut a new menu, on Friday, Sept. 25 from 2 p.m. until closing.

The event will also feature vendors, giveaways, and karaoke starting at 8 p.m.

"This occasion will also serve as an opportunity to express our profound gratitude to the community for its unwavering support of Sportsman's and its rich history," General Manager Candace Joiner stated in an email. "I extend my sincere appreciation to my dedicated staff for their hard work and commitment over the years. We consider ourselves more than just a team; we are a family, and our collective efforts are instrumental to Sportsman's daily operations."



Owner of Sportsman's Public House Michael Schnidrig and General Manager Candace Joiner

"Over its century-long history, the establishment has been under the stewardship of five different owners," Joiner continued. "Michael Schnidrig [is] the current owner of Sportsman's since 2018. The preceding owner, Terry [Hurd], was responsible for the renovation that transformed Sportsman's into a restaurant with an additional annex."

Before its restaurant conversion in 1926, the pub was a Model T auto shop. The iconic 18th-century back bar — originally from a ship, according to Sportsman's lore — is a piece of history. The building itself is a local historic landmark, and witness to many changes in both the business and the surrounding city.

7 Brew

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considerations are part of the city's discussion as new businesses are proposed.

"Because this is a small town. It's about community," Cruz said. "It's about, you know, wanting to support small and being a close community all around."

Austin Slagle, owner of Dev's Coffee Bar, views the potential arrival of 7 Brew a little bit differently.

Slagle said he does not personally expect the chain to significantly hurt his business, in part because Dev's has developed its own customer base and identity in a slightly different part of town in comparison to Cruz's stand that would share the same entrance and practically the same parking lot.

"I don't think we'll see any loss in business if there is a 7 Brew that opened because we have a different relationship I think with our customers," Slagle said.

However, that does not mean Slagle is enthusiastic about another national chain entering Battle Ground.

"Do I want 7 Brew to come here? No," Slagle said. "I think there's a hundred different things that Battle Ground as a community could use other than a 7 Brew for coffee."

Still, Slagle said businesses cannot control every competitor that enters the market. He added that many businesses have to find a way to stand out and be different, rather than take a backseat approach to national competition.

For Dev's, that differentiation includes food. Slagle said more than half of the business' sales come from bagels, giving customers another reason to visit beyond coffee.

Slagle said he sees a similar pattern across Battle Ground's coffee businesses. While many sell coffee, individual businesses have developed different atmospheres, specialties and customer bases.

"Every single one of these coffee shops has a specific thing that they're known for," Slagle said. "They're the same but they're not."

The potential 7 Brew, however, represents a different kind of competitor to Slagle.

He said the chain's model is similar to existing national drive-thru brands such as Dutch Bros and Black Rock already in Battle Ground.

Ultimately, Slagle said the future of Battle Ground's coffee market will depend partly on what customers value.

He said small-business owners invest time, money and personal relationships into their businesses in ways that customers may not always see.

> **"I want to be able to enjoy it, not feel like ... this is just becoming stressful at this point."**
>
> **— Sam Cruz**
> *owner, Espresso Express*

"I just wish people would slow down," Slagle said. "Stop reading what you hear on the Internet and, you know, go visit some of these local coffee shops and see the people that are working there."

For Cruz, the stakes are more personal.

The long-term goal for Espresso Express was once to remain in Battle Ground indefinitely and potentially pass the business to her children. The prospect of increasingly intense competition, however, has made her reconsider how long she wants to continue.

"If it's really going to be just feeling like on edge with competition, constantly with new shops continuously coming in, then maybe it just won't be something I want to do forever," Cruz said. "I want to be able to enjoy it, not feel like, oh, this is just becoming stressful at this point."

For now, 7 Brew remains a proposal, not a new coffee stand just yet.



Photo by Cade Barker

A proposed 7 Brew Coffee location in Battle Ground, if approved, would be constructed in the same parking area as Thirst Trap Soda Shack, near two long-time coffee stands Espresso Express and Coffee Creation.

Editor's Note: *The Reflector will continue to engage with local coffee shop and stand owners for comment as the process for the proposed 7 Brew location continues to progress. Please email cade.barker@thereflector.com for input.*





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GRO Parade of Homes returns for 49th year in Salmon Creek

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The GRO Parade of Homes returns to Clark County this month, giving residents an opportunity to tour eight custom-built homes while getting a look at some of the latest trends in Pacific Northwest residential design.

The annual event, organized by the Building Industry Association of Clark County, runs Sept. 10 through Sept. 27 in the Emerald Grove community of Salmon Creek. The 2026 event marks the 49th year of the Parade of Homes, which began in 1977.

This year's eight homes are situated on 16,000-square-foot lots and will be located within the same community, allowing visitors to walk between the homes as they explore the different designs.

The homes will feature a variety of architectural and design elements, including smart-home technology, indoor-outdoor living spaces, energy-efficient features and wellness-focused amenities.

"The GRO Parade of Homes is a celebration of what's possible," said BIA Executive Officer Noelle Lovern in a news release. "Every home represents hundreds of hours of craftsmanship, collaboration and creativity from local builders, designers and trade professionals who are redefining how we live."

The event is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Along with the home tours, the Parade will feature several special events throughout its three-week run.

The event kicked off with a VIP Preview Party on Thursday, Sept. 10.

Industry & Design Day will take place on Thursday, Sept. 17, and will include designer-led home tours and discussions from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by the Designed for Success Fashion Show from 2 to 4 p.m. The day will conclude with an Industry Professionals White Party from 5 to 8 p.m.



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The 2026 GRO Parade of Homes in Salmon Creek kicked off with VIP Night on Thursday, Sept. 10. The multi-week event will be available to the public Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Sept. 27.



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A handful of homes in the 2026 GRO Parade of Homes were still for sale while a couple of them were sold by Thursday, Sept. 10.



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Attendees of the 2026 GRO Parade of Homes VIP Night enter one of the eight homes on display on Thursday, Sept. 10.

General admission tickets cost $20 for visitors ages 12 and older. Children ages 3 to 12 can attend for $5, while children younger than 3 are admitted free.

One dollar from each adult admission will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, while all proceeds from children's tickets will go to the organization. Adult season passes are available for $50.

Visitors also can use the new GRO Parade of Homes mobile app, which includes interactive maps, builder profiles, home information and event schedules.

The Parade is intended for prospective homeowners and those considering remodeling projects, but organizers also expect the event to draw visitors interested in architecture, interior design, landscaping and home-building trends.

More information and tickets are available at groparadeofhomes.com.



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A home with copper gutters is illuminated by the evening sun during the 2026 GRO Parade of Homes VIP Night on Thursday, Sept. 10.



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A McLaren supercar is parked in a driveway at the 2026 GRO Parade of Homes VIP Night on Thursday, Sept. 10.

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member Brian Munson all voted to table the contract agreement to a later session. Council member Jeanie Kuypers voted against the tabling and Mayor Eric Overholser abstained from voting.

In an interview with the Reflector on Wednesday Sept. 9, Mayor Overholser was asked why the contract was on the agenda to just be pushed out to a later date by the present majority.

Overholser stated these discussions take place in open forum and there had not been much headway on the contract agreement since the initial votes.

Also present for the meeting, via ZOOM, was Hilary Evans of Kenyon Disend Municipal Law Firm out of Issaquah, WA. Overholser confirmed they were recommended from a neighboring city municipality and is under contract with the city to the end of the year as new legal representation.

Overholser continued, "I think it's kind of a strange subject. Again, you might have been able to sense the tension in the room. It's like we can't go into executive about this except for one little component of it."

Overholser stated it was on the consent agenda to move forward. He also pointed out that a vote had already been done previously to approve Ferrier as an interim city manager and the feedback from Ferrier was to move forward as long as they could all come to an agreement.

Mayor Overholser clarified the reason he abstained from the vote was his reluctance to table this much longer.

For the other sitting council members that voted to table it, Overholser believes this is rooted in those council members wanting to have clarity and a better understanding of the agreement.

Some of the tension at the council meeting could also be driven by an ethics violation against a sitting council member that was mentioned in the session report by council member Munson.



File photo

Battle Ground City Councilors enter an executive session prior to voting 4-3 to terminate City Manager Kris Swanson at a special meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 5.

Council member Munson stated an ethics violation had been filed and received. When asked about this violation, Mayor Overholser stated he could not comment on it at this time but confirmed that the ethics committee made up of him, council member Munson and Kuypers would be reviewing it.

It is unknown at this time if the ethics violation is in direct connection to the termination of Kris Swanson and which council member it involves. The Reflector also recently learned of a litigation hold notice received by the City of Battle Ground from the law offices of Sue-Del McCulloch LLC. This notice, dated Aug. 28, 2026, informs the city that the office is representing Swanson and that the letter constitutes a litigation hold notice and of its "potential liability for breach of contract and employment discrimination."

The letter makes accusations against the city to include termination without legally required notice, breaking of open meeting laws and gender discrimination. Additionally, the attorney's correspondence provides their stance on the relationship between Swanson and Police Chief Dennis Flynn, alongside addressing the complaints lodged against Swanson by Lieutenants Jim Keller and Jason Perdue of the Battle Ground Police Department.

These letters followed the June 2026 internal investigation from Sound Workplace Investigations. During this investigation, lead investigator Paige Dietrich, stated that "more likely than not" Swanson had made a comment in a city leadership meeting regarding using code enforcement as a means to force a citizen to sell their property. This comment was reported by the two police Lts. Dietrich would go on to state in her report though she believed more likely than not the comment was made, she did not believe the intent to carry out the threat was valid.

Overholser was asked if comments to this extent, valid or not, are appropriate to be made by sitting City Managers. Mayor Overholser stated he could not comment on that at this time. The Sound Workplace investigator also noted that code enforcement had a documented history of being complaint driven, but there was no record of a complaint in this instance.

"Certainly, the initiation of this code enforcement case is unusual, because it was opened at the request of the city manager in February 2025, and the source of a complaint is not recorded," Dietrich wrote in the investigation.

Dietrich continued, "witnesses consistently told me that the code enforcement work is complaint-driven, and that CSOs do not have the capacity or resources to pursue proactive code enforcement."

The complaint letters from the police lieutenants stemmed from an alleged confrontation in which Swanson confronted Lt. Perdue over his participation in the internal inquiry concerning her conduct.

Overholser concluded that he believes the city council has the city's best interests at heart and trusts the process will show that to be true.

"I know there are some concerned citizens and I understand that," Overholser said. "I'm hoping that over time the actions of the council are going to show that it is in the best interest of the city in a long-term approach for the betterment of the city for our prosperity. We truly want this to be a place where my kids can grow up here and my grandkids can grow up here and they have a safe place, a prosperous place."

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New owners of Ice Cream Renaissance grateful for support by Battle Ground community

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This summer, the Battle Ground community was treated to a new ice cream cart stationed behind a popular coffee shop: Founder's Mercantile.

The cart is a mobile operation stemming from Ice Cream Renaissance, an ice cream shop located on main street in Vancouver. Darren Wiley purchased the small shop with his wife Mandy during December 2025.

"My history and my background, I come from operations," Wiley said. "My wife is in marketing, so we kind of have a little bit of the best of both worlds there."

Wiley was looking to work in a small town type of business after having spent nearly two decades as district manager for larger companies, eleven years with LA Fitness and eight years with Public Storage.

It was through a friend that Wiley heard the opportunity to set up the cart in a spot behind Founder's Mercantile.

"I reached out to the owner at Founder's and she graciously took us in and said 'absolutely, let's go for it,'" Wiley said.

Founder's Mercantile and Coffee offers two spots behind their building for food cart vendors to operate, and Wiley put his ice cream cart in one of them to give the Battle Ground community a chance to enjoy fresh ice cream.

"It's been a growing experience all summer. I think one of the challenges for us has been that we are kind of tucked back away from main street," Wiley said.

Even in spite of the location, the cart has been attracting new customers and connecting many residents of the area with Ice Cream Renaissance.

"As we continue to grow through the summer, we're getting a lot of customers that have come back and are super excited that we're there," Wiley said. "A lot of community members have come to us and said 'we didn't have any ice cream out here before,' and have really enjoyed having us out there."

Because the business has invested in a mobile food cart instead of an additional location, the costs of operation have stayed at a more manageable level. In addition to lower operating costs, Wiley said this allows for the shop to cater events, adding that it would be difficult to do so if they had another storefront location.

Though they are only nine months into running the ice cream shop and carts, Wiley has already shared a vision of what he wants to accomplish.

"Our end goal would be to continue to grow and hopefully build some additional locations, whether that be carts or storefront locations," Wiley said.

For this entrepreneur, the expansion of the business and success isn't so much about profit, but providing people with a quality experience.

"It's really nice to be able to put smiles on people's faces, whether it's here in Battle Ground, or in another location," Wiley said. "People are coming, and they're here with their family, and they're here for a good experience and a good time."

Being the first summer of Wiley's experience with the ice cream cart, Battle Ground seemed to be the right choice for him. Wiley hinted the cart may make a seasonal return next summer.

"Thanks for welcoming us and making it a nice and easy transition," Wiley said. "We've been happy with where we've been at, and I will definitely say that there's a potential opportunity for us to be back next summer.



Photo by Cade Barker

Ice Cream Renaissance food cart server Alex Green waves from within the cart parked behind Founder's Mercantile and Coffee on Thursday, Sept. 10.



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A cookies 'n cream ice cream cone begins to melt in the late summer sun at Ice Cream Renaissance's cart in Old Town Battle Ground behind Founder's Mercantile and Coffee on Thursday, Sept. 10.



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Big bold letters reading "Ice Cream" can be seen on a white food cart tucked behind Founder's Mercantile and Coffee in Old Town Battle Ground.



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Ice Cream Renaissance food cart server Alex Green scoops ice cream in the cart parked behind Founder's Mercantile and Coffee on Thursday, Sept. 10.

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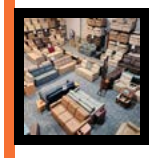
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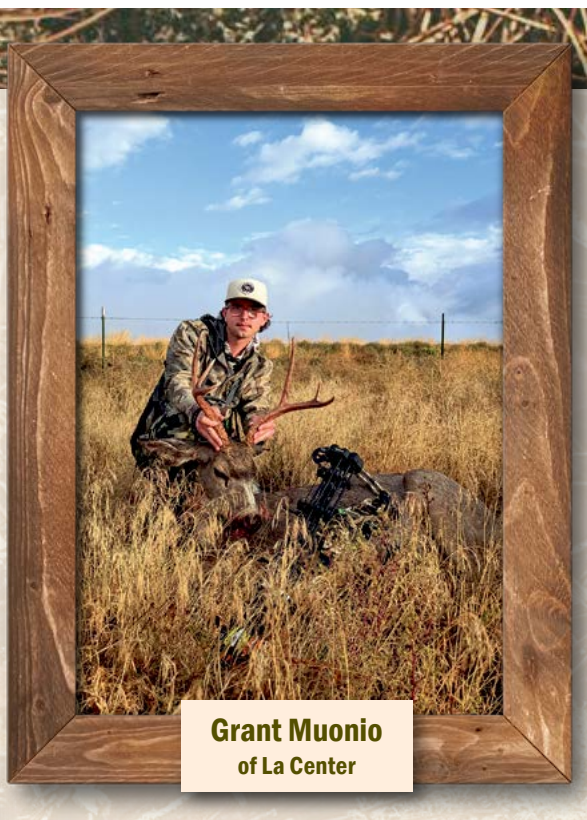
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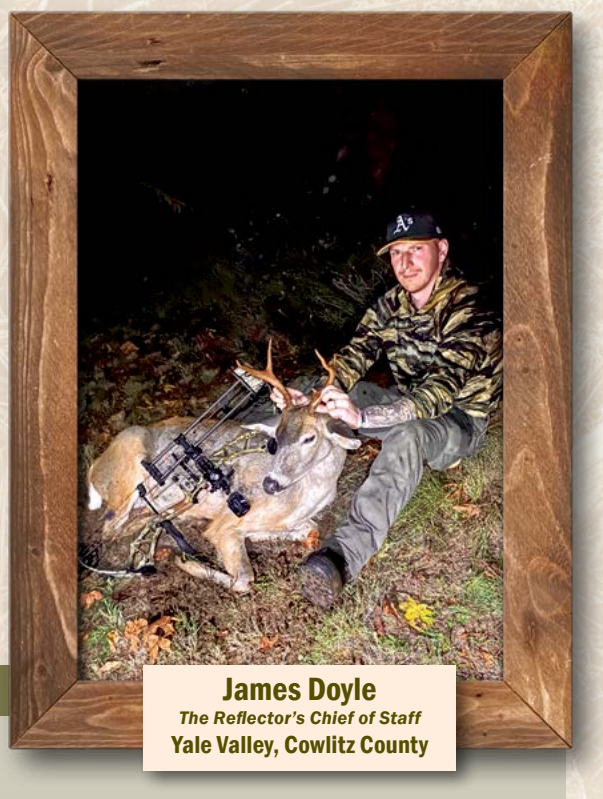
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Wyatt Casey of Rose Valley, Cowlitz County

"I talked my wife into letting me use the long weekend to go up to bear camp. I spent the morning with my amazing girls and left around 9:30. On my way to camp I asked the Lord to keep me safe and bless my hunt. I set up camp around 1:30. I feel like most people stay in camp in the middle of the day during hunting. They either sit around, eat lunch, take naps or heck even go swimming. I figured I only had three days to make it happen, so I better get after it. I thought the middle of the day is the perfect time to try calling into a couple clearings. So I hiked up a bit and glassed up this drainage with a couple of open areas with a good amount of oak trees. I set up in a position that gave me a vantage point on several clearings within 600 yards. I ranged a few spots I thought a bear would come out of and started calling. After about 15 minutes of long winded fawn distress calls. This black bear came on a line out of the oaks. The adrenaline dump you get even 400 yards away when you have a bear coming is something to behold. I knew the exact range from checking beforehand and set up the shot. Bears lose interest quickly so I was lucky there was an oak with acorns right where the bear came out. As the sow started eating, she presented me with a perfect broadside shot and I took a clean shot that led to a short recovery. The unlucky part is that the recovery happened to be at the bottom of this drainage and I was alone. I earned my ice cream that day! I would mention as well I gave ample time to assure that there were no cubs with this bear. As much as we want to control the predator population. We do not want to leave cubs without a mom to suffer. I'm not sure if this is too long but I would also like to add that if you care about your deer and elk populations. You should be out there making sure the predators are maintained as well. It's all about passing on what we have to the next generation. I know my daughter was over the moon that daddy brought home a bear. I want to make sure she gets to be on upcoming hunts with me. Then her with her kids as well some day. It's our job as stewards of the forest to respect and care for all animals, even the ones we hunt. I apologize for being so long winded, I just love these wild places and want to keep them that way."

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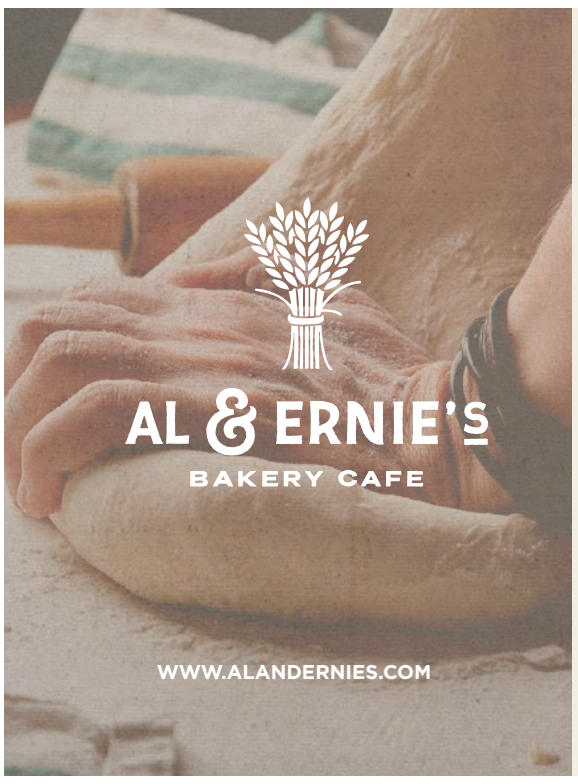
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President's pursuit of a new Gilded Age makes no sense to working folks

I paid almost $75 to fill the tank in my small truck the other day. Now, the president wants to fight another unwinnable war. This time, it's a trade war with our ally to the north — Canada — a people who once disagreed with us about whether to have a king but have been friends with us ever since.

Like any other war we fight, who pays the bill? We will.

The MAGA name implies nostalgia for some time in history when our country was great. We have learned that the president believes that period was "The Gilded Age," a time near the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th century. The name came from a book by none other than Mark Twain, who sarcastically described something with a thin layer of gold covering a hidden base of greed and corruption.

Back then, the name "baron" was a familiar one. We had timber barons, steel barons, railroad barons, barons of finance and of industry. An age of rich and powerful men. It was also the age of the sky-high import tariffs and why our president loves that period in history.

This administration's stated goal is increasing manufacturing in the U.S. At first, tariffs even applied to bananas and cinnamon, but they couldn't explain how that led to the "U.S. manufacture" of bananas and cinnamon, so they dropped that idea. The CATO institute, a far-right (libertarian) think tank, has determined that since tariffs began there has been no economic expansion of American manufacturing, not in new factories or new workers.

Back then, the tariff revenues, another kind of tax, was used to support our country and protect the wealthy industrialists.

However, the living conditions for most of those who were born and lived during the gilded age were starkly different.

There was an excess of plenty for a few very wealthy men and their families compared to the extreme poverty of those who worked on farms and in our cities. Working people (including children) survived the economic conditions of that period of our history.

I imagine today's rich elites would survive its return. My question for MAGA and Republicans would be this: Why would any of us who work for a living want to go back then?

Darrell Anderson
Battle Ground

State response to the Medicaid work requirement emphasizes verification, not expanded employment services

By Elizabeth New

Washington state is preparing to implement federal Medicaid work requirements by Jan. 1, 2027. But the state's public response so far has not focused on helping recipients find work. Much of its energy has centered on an automatic verification system that will use existing records to determine whether recipients meet the requirement or qualify for an exemption, reducing the paperwork required of many recipients.

Under H.R. 1, certain Medicaid recipients between ages 19 to 64 generally must complete at least 80 hours per month of employment, community service, participation in a work program or another qualifying activity — or attend school at least half time. It's a welcome change that could help bring more self-sufficiency and forward motion in individuals' lives.

Apple Health — what the state has named its Medicaid program — covers nearly 2 million Washington state residents. Around 600,000 of those recipients are adults in the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion group who could be affected by the work requirement. (The requirement does not apply to children or people who qualify for Apple Health through traditional Medicaid categories such as pregnancy or federally recognized disability.)

That doesn't mean all 600,000 expansion adults will need to find jobs. Some already satisfy the work requirement, while others will qualify for an exclusion or exemption. Numerous exclusions and exemptions are available for certain parents and caregivers, American Indians and Alaska Natives, veterans with total disability ratings and medically frail individuals, among others.

Washington state's Health Care Authority, which manages Medicaid in the state, is building a verification hub that will use existing employment, education, public-benefit and medical information to determine whether recipients have satisfied the requirement or qualify for an exemption. State officials estimate that the system could automatically verify approximately 400,000 of the roughly 600,000 Washington residents potentially affected.

Automatic verification can make it easier to remain eligible for Apple Health, but it does not help someone who is not working obtain employment, enroll in training or begin another qualifying activity. The Health Care Authority's public materials and the governor's press communications also do not identify any expansion of Medicaid-specific employment, job-placement or training services, even though Washington has high unemployment and more than 600,000 adults in Medicaid expansion.

Minimizing the requirement's effect rather than embracing its purpose describes what's happening in our state.

Washington also plans to allow recipients to self-attest their income, employment or exemption status throughout 2027 when electronic records cannot verify compliance. Federal rules permit self-attestation during the first year, but the decision to allow self-attestation of employment during 2027 raises legitimate questions about program integrity, subsequent auditing and how the state will address false or inaccurate statements. Past Medicaid audits are not encouraging. A 2024 state performance audit found that the state made an average of about $8.6 million a year in unnecessary managed-care premium payments for people concurrently enrolled in Medicaid in Washington and at least one of the seven other states examined. Those payments did not provide clients with additional care, but they did cost taxpayers. The state Legislature also seemed unconcerned about a fix. I hope the twice-yearly Medicaid eligibility determinations required by H.R. 1 will help identify at least some of these concurrent enrollments.

Gov. Bob Ferguson has made clear that his administration is implementing H.R. 1 under protest. At his Sept. 3 press conference, Ferguson described the federal changes as "morally bankrupt" and said it "really ticks me off" that the state must respond to them. The state has little practical choice: Failure to implement federal Medicaid requirements could put federal Medicaid funding at risk.

Ferguson signed an executive order at the press conference that created an H.R. 1 response committee. The order directs state agencies to coordinate outreach, monitor coverage losses and help recipients respond to the new eligibility procedures, reinforcing the administration's primary stated objective: preserving coverage for as many current recipients as possible. While pursuing those legitimate implementation responsibilities, I'm hopeful the outreach will include pointing Apple Health clients to employment resources, urging work as a way to exit poverty and improve one's living situation.

The work requirement is expected to reduce federal Medicaid spending. Washington, meanwhile, stands to receive fewer federal matching dollars on which it has relied for years. That financial stake may explain the governor's resistance more than moral outrage.

The federal government generally pays 90 percent of benefit costs for adults covered through Medicaid expansion, while the state pays 10 percent — equivalent to nine federal dollars for each state dollar. Lower enrollment will reduce federal Medicaid payments flowing into Washington. While it will also reduce the state's corresponding share of benefit expenses, opponents of work requirements worry that the savings will be dwarfed by possible consequences such as increased uncompensated care at hospitals when people become uninsured. The state should be ready to direct what it previously spent on a Medicaid expansion client toward hospitals and other providers left with unpaid bills.

The federal work requirement will connect public assistance with employment or other community engagement and could promote greater independence, reduce poverty and decrease federal Medicaid spending. Our state leaders should be cheering that along and helping get more Washingtonians to work.

Instead, leadership here is criticizing the requirement and explaining how the state intends to verify compliance without client action when possible, identify exemptions, help clients retain eligibility despite the work requirement and measure coverage losses. Agency materials provide considerably less information about employment referrals, job placement or training opportunities.

The missing emphasis matters because the possible benefits of work extend far beyond taxpayer savings. Work can provide a livelihood, confidence, purpose, achievement, positive relationships, community inclusion and structured routines. Employment can also increase household income and create opportunities to move beyond dependence on public assistance.

Those benefits should not be omitted from the Medicaid debate: They're the most important part of a work requirement.

Washington state is building an extensive system to determine who meets the new requirement and who does not. The larger test is whether the state will be as eager to help people trying to find work. The good that can come from H.R. 1's work requirements will be measured in jobs, earnings, skills and greater independence — not merely in federal tax savings. Focusing on navigating the requirement instead of embracing it is a missed opportunity.

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How bad math fueled a national justice reform movement and attracted hundreds of millions of dollars

By Eric Zimmerman

Since 2015, the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) model has been hailed as a transformative miracle in criminal justice reform.

Promoted as a humane, evidence-based alternative to the arrest and prosecution of people who use drugs, LEAD has spread across dozens of cities in more than twenty states. It has been celebrated at the White House, showcased to persuade lawmakers to codify drug-diversion programs into federal law, and buoyed by hundreds of millions of dollars in federal, state, local and philanthropic funding.



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However, this national movement was founded on a statistical illusion.

A large majority of publicly distributed information regarding LEAD's success over the last 11 years contains significant factual and statistical errors. These falsehoods, which drastically exaggerated the program's evidence for improving lives and reducing crime, fueled LEAD's passage through Congress with bipartisan support.

But the truth hides behind its praised numbers and congressional favor: the program's underlying research never showed a convincing reduction in crime, did not show people recovering from addiction, and never showed people becoming employed and self-sufficient.

For communities, taxpayers and people who lost loved ones to drug use, these findings expose a severe failure of public oversight and raise urgent questions about how a decade of justice reform was driven by inaccurate marketing rather than evidence.

The confusion traces back to the release of LEAD's pilot evaluation in April 2015. Initial press releases and advertising proudly declared: "People in LEAD were 58% less likely than people in the control group to be arrested." Subsequent materials claimed LEAD "reduced recidivism for all crimes by 58%."

These claims were false. They roughly doubled or tripled the study's practical results by confusing an abstract statistical measure — a loosely described 58% odds change — with percentage and likelihood drops in real-world arrests. The difference in arrests for the LEAD group may have been a maximum of 22 percentage points, but even this figure is doubtful: the LEAD group showed no statistically significant differences in criminal charges and typical arrests — those without warrants. The study also acknowledges it was impacted by outside influences, differing law enforcement patterns, and an unblinded prosecutor's office that could strategically drop or reduce charges for LEAD participants.

Despite the study falling well short of gold-standard causal evidence, the "58%" myth became the bedrock of LEAD's national expansion. The claim was continuously repeated by police departments, news outlets, state legislatures, medical journals and a sizable group of U.S. representatives and senators.

The most deeply concerning findings of our new LEAD analysis are those that lift away the research jargon to expose the real-world outcomes for the study's participants. LEAD advocates continue to claim in 2026 that participants' odds of being on an "employment continuum" increase by 46%. In the real world, this meant an estimated average of just three additional people found actual employment out of 176 participants. During the 18-month followup period, an estimated 91% of LEAD participants remained unemployed.

Similarly misleading numbers were used to market LEAD's housing success. Advocates claimed participants were "89% more likely to obtain permanent housing." The reality? Of 146 unhoused participants, only an estimated average of 19 appeared to be permanently housed in a given month — a very low 13% success rate. Half as many LEAD participants died during the study period as were estimated to have entered permanent housing, and three times as many died as were estimated gaining employment.

Advocates incorrectly advertise LEAD as aligning with the federal government's "SAMHSA Recovery Framework." The framework's concise definition for recovery includes, "...abstaining from use of alcohol, illicit drugs and non-prescribed medications if one has an addiction problem", and developing "... the independence, income and resources to participate in society." LEAD's framework disagrees, stating it works "... without imposing expectations for abstinence," and "there is no participation requirement other than intake and release of information."

In August 2026, the program's founder clarified LEAD's views on independence and income, stating "(Jobs are) not a stated goal of the program." Instead of aligning with the federal recovery framework, LEAD appears to directly oppose it.

Unaware that LEAD's claimed results were fundamentally incorrect and that the program was opposed to federal best-practices, misled lawmakers eagerly embraced the model's marketing. Two months after LEAD's study was published, District Attorney Angela Rosalina Pacheco was testifying before a U.S. House Judiciary Subcommittee, erroneously assuring Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wisconsin) that LEAD reduced recidivism by 80 percent. In response, Sensenbrenner called it "the most important thing we ought to look at."

The falsehoods quickly permeated the halls of Congress. During the May 2016 floor debate for criminal justice reform elements of the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Reduction Act, Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-Washington) showcased LEAD and a false 60% reduction in reoffending to support her amendment codifying drug diversion programs into federal law. Other Democrats and Republicans voiced support for LEAD by repeatedly citing the false 60 percent reduction. Persuaded by repeat references to these drastically inflated numbers, Congress later codified LEAD into federal law by name. Members of Congress continued citing the same falsehoods in 2017, 2018, and beyond.

After 2017, LEAD benefited from an uninterrupted stream of congressional, state and local funding. Beginning with $2.5 million in 2018, annual federal funding alone steadily increased, reaching no less than $10-11 million annually for fiscal years 2020 through 2026. State, county and local governments must have assumed proper vetting had been done, and many followed the federal example.

Yet, as the money flowed, oversight was weak and late. LEAD's false numbers went undetected for 11 years. A 2024 federal audit of a Seattle LEAD grant revealed a "significant deficiency in internal controls over financial reporting" and a "material weakness in internal control over compliance with procurement procedures." Implementers of LEAD also routinely failed to report basic individual outcomes to public funders. Critical metrics — such as participant mortality rates, progression to housing independence and jobs, or abstinence from drug use — were simply left unmeasured and unreported in LEAD jurisdictions like Seattle and King County since 2015.

The 11-year pattern of erroneous claims, unquestioned congressional appropriations, and widespread adoption of the LEAD model appears to set a dangerous precedent for the loss of public oversight in justice reform initiatives. For over a decade, policymakers and the public were sold a story of 58% reductions in crime and sweeping societal healing. The reality: a dangerous and unproven experiment became an endorsed national alternative.

This demands immediate congressional scrutiny and a fundamental reassessment of how criminal justice reform is evaluated and funded in the United States.

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Columbia Theater brings the Sound of Music back to Clark County



Photo by Marcus McCormic

The actors cast to play the Von Trapp family from left to right: Izayah Finley, Joshua Berkompas, Clara Wigginton, Makayla Mercurio, Melody Taucher, Averi Mason, Luke Shaffer singing the Sound of Music reprise during the Sound of Music Sitzprobe session at Clark College on Thursday Sept. 10.



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Erica Beck and Tanis Gonzaga singing How Can Love Survive during the Sound of Music Sitzprobe session at Clark College on Thursday Sept. 10.



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Orchestra Conductor James Cameron directing the band during the Sound of Music Sitzprobe session at Clark College on Thursday Sept. 10.

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Musical theater patrons have the chance to watch Columbia Theater Arts Foundation reprise their production of The Sound of Music for the last two weekends of September.

Last year, the nonprofit organization put on this same performance as its first ever production, selling out the seats to every show during its run.

"We did this back in 2025, and it was such an incredible production that we thought we should do it again," said Megan Douglas, production manager for the show.

This year, rehearsals for the September shows began as early as July 29.

"We've worked tirelessly, our orchestra has been working so incredibly hard, and now we're at the point where we're merging our vocal and orchestra together," Douglas said.

Columbia Theater's productions, while featuring grand set pieces and performers, also feature a live orchestra sourced directly from the Clark County area.

Because the company is still in its early stages, the performers don't have a home space, something that even long running local companies have struggled with themselves.

"We don't have a home theater, so we have to find rehearsal space, source props, source sets, everything we build from the ground up," Douglas said.

Though the company has only been active for about a year, Douglas cites that the skill with which the shows are produced is what got her involved just three months ago.

"What drew me to the company is quality theater performances for everyone," Douglas said. "I have really found my home here. I love everybody in it and we have so much fun together."

During her childhood, she visited Keller Auditorium and saw a production of The Lion King, an experience she says blew her mind.

"To be a part of a big production like this makes young me really proud and excited," Douglas said.

While The Sound of Music story has existed for a while and been acted out on stages and screens, Douglas put forward that the reason this show should draw an audience is because it's for this specific community.

"We support our community. We have foster kids in our community that are a part of our cast," she said. "We have people in our crew that really love and need our support, and that's why we're here, for building community."

According to her, Columbia Theater is a type of community that hasn't been present in the Clark County area until recently.

"We're really unique in the fact that everyone is truly welcome, come with what you are, who you are," Douglas said. "We really believe that the stage is for everybody, the audience from all walks of life, the crew, the actors, every part of it is from everywhere."

Tickets for The Sound of Music encore production are pay what you will, and are available on the Columbia Theater Arts Foundation website columbia-theater.org

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A Vancouver fireboat and retired military boat on the Columbia River served as a part of the 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the Vancouver waterfront on Friday, Sept. 11.



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U.S. Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, D-Skamania, was a speaker for the 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the Vancouver waterfront on Friday, Sept. 11.



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A Vancouver Fire personnel member plays Taps during a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the Vancouver waterfront on Friday, Sept. 11.

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Hovanas was a student at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy when the attacks occurred. He recalled watching from a rooftop in New Jersey as the second plane struck the World Trade Center.

"In that instant, there was no one to be seen. It was clear that this was a bad thing. We were undoubtedly under attack," Hovanas said.

He then watched firefighters board vessels headed toward Manhattan as first responders traveled toward the destruction.

"They knew what had happened. They could see the same smoke that we could see, and still they went," Hovanas said.

"That image has stayed with me for 25 years," he added. "It showed me that service means moving toward danger when your country needs you most."

Vancouver Fire Department Chief John Drake said that the same willingness to move toward danger remains central to the work of first responders.

"The first responders who died on September 11 understood these responsibilities," Drake said. "They weren't aware of the events or dangers awaiting them that day. However, when their community needed them, they responded. They ascended those stairwells when others were fleeing for their lives. Deservedly, that will always be their legacy."

Drake noted that 18 members of the Vancouver Fire Department who were serving on Sept. 11, 2001, continue to serve the Vancouver community today.

Vancouver Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle encouraged residents to remember the attacks while also looking toward the future.

"We can remember and still look forward," McInerney-Ogle said. "We can remember and grieve and still believe in the goodness of people. And we can honor those we lost by building the kind of community they would be proud to call home."

U.S. Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez also reflected on her own memories of the attacks. She was a student when a teacher told her what had happened, while her older sister had recently moved to New York City.

She recalled trying to reach her sister as phone lines became overwhelmed.

"I was one of those people clogging up the phone lines, trying to get through to see I'm sitting on a busy signal," Gluesenkamp Perez said.

Twenty-five years later, Gluesenkamp Perez said the country still has a responsibility to protect what Americans value.

"We instead considered what is worth sacrificing for," she said. "We chose a sense of unity. We chose a sense of national pride. We chose to be a people who see what is worth having in life and to fight profoundly for that."

Hovanas closed his statement by connecting the sacrifices of 2001 to the service continuing today.

"On September 11, I watched Americans move towards danger, on the water, on the ground, and in the air," Hovanas said. "Twenty-five years later, that same spirit endures in every Airman who takes the watch."

"Because they stand ready for the extraordinary, the rest of us are free to live the ordinary," he said. "May we never forget those who we lost. May we always honor those who answered the call."

Richardson

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life's shortness.

Kelly said the experience has made her more intentional about appreciating every moment with her children.

When asked what message Corey would give to the young men in our community, he stated,

"I think it would be, take life seriously. Don't be flippant about life."

He also added, "Lay hold on eternal life. Seek that out, that's the good life. I always tell my sons, do not chase crystals and Lamborghinis. Get married, have children, love the Lord, serve Him. That is the good life. That is eternal life."

Kelly discussed the impact it has had on her relationally towards others.

"I'm going to drive my kids crazy hugging them every time, because you just never know when it's your last," she said. "It does make you just stop and appreciate each moment."

Corey similarly described his experience. "I feel like it's a renewed sense of purpose, a reminder that you're not guaranteed another day with your children or your spouse," he said.

For Kelly, one of the most powerful reminders came from her 20-year-old son, Chase, who comforted her during a difficult moment.

" My 20-year-old son just said, 'Mom, this life has just been a moment. We're going to have all eternity with him,'" Kelly recalled. "'Mom, you've got to remember, this is just one moment.'"

The grief, Kelly acknowledged, will not disappear quickly.

"It's going to be a hard, long road," she said. "And someday there will be no more tears, no more suffering, and no more crying."

Corey described this feeling for him as a 'gravity' and 'heaviness'.

"I love that word, gravity. Because it comes up in the scriptures often. And it speaks about the weight of it, the seriousness of it." Corey continued, "there is too much jesting, foolish jesting, that goes on in our day to day. It is how we relate, I'm guilty of it myself. It is how we speak, it is in entertainment. It's in everything." Corey described this lack of seriousness that has been exposed and manifested in this incident.

Yet, through this all, faith has given them a way to walk through grief — with hope for the future, gratitude for the people surrounding them and grace for another family facing its own grief.

Corey added the advice to believers to store the word of God for when life's storms arrive.

"The Bible talks about the word of God, which 'effectually works in you as you believe it,' but you need the word of God in you to do so," he said. "We would love to see believers hiding God's word in their heart."

As the interview concluded, Corey and Kelly laughed through the tears as they remembered their son and "the little things" that will be missed. Some of these things included Trent's love for Milky Ways, his obsession with cleanliness and cologne, and the loaning of his clothes and belongings to all his friends.

"He lived with such a passion for so many things and for so many people," Kelly said. "He loved big, and he loved a lot of people. He just loved people from every walk of life, and that is a beautiful picture. Like all of us, Trent was not perfect, but was a story of redemption."

Corey and Kelly wanted to urge the community to honor Trent by looking out for others.

"One thing we have been asked by a lot of people is how they can help or donate," Kelly stated.

"Trent literally would give the shirt off his back. Just like Trent, if you see someone in need, be ready to help in that moment. That can be a way to honor him if you feel the need to give. Give to others."

"God is good," Corey concluded, "That's what I want proclaimed from the rooftops for all of us is, God is good."

Editor's note:

The Richardson family is not seeking additional media coverage or interviews at this time and respectfully asks that their privacy be respected as they continue to grieve and navigate this difficult time.

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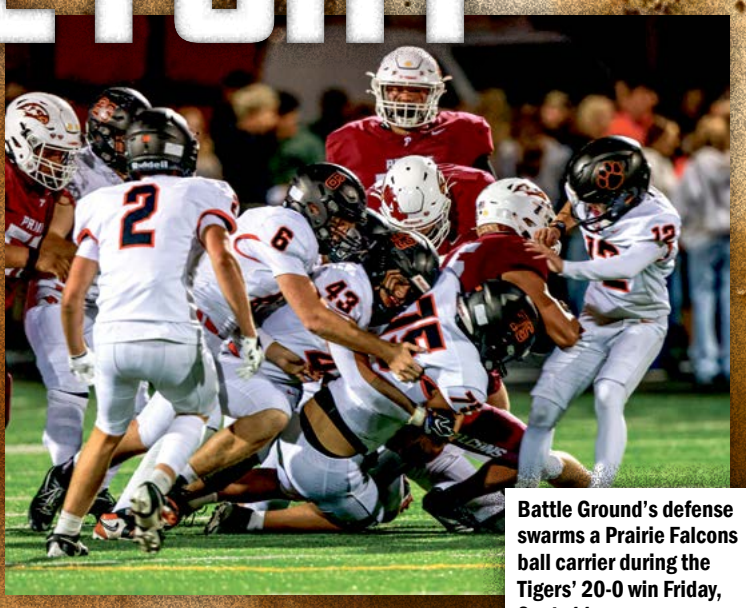
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TIGERS CAGE FALCONS IN 20-0 VICTORY



The Prairie Falcons fail to convert a fourth down try deep in their own territory in the second quarter of the Falcons' 20-0 loss to the Battle Ground Tigers on Friday, Sept. 11.

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Battle Ground's defense swarms a Prairie Falcons ball carrier during the Tigers' 20-0 win Friday, Sept. 11.

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The Battle Ground offense huddles up prior to their first play of the game in the Tigers' 20-0 win over the Prairie Falcons on Friday, Sept. 11.

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Prairie Falcon sophomore Isaac Thoune turns the corner from his defensive line position during the Falcons' 20-0 loss to the Battle Ground Tigers Friday, Sept. 11.

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The Battle Ground Tiger cheer squad performs at halftime during the Tigers' 20-0 win over the Prairie Falcons on Friday, Sept. 11.

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The Prairie Falcons cheer squad pumps up the student section early in the first half of the Falcons' 20-0 loss to the Battle Ground Tigers on Friday, Sept. 11.

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The Battle Ground Tigers line up in a goal-to-go situation during the Tigers' 20-0 win over the Prairie Falcons on Friday, Sept. 11.

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The Battle Ground Tigers defense stood strong in a 20-0 victory in a rivalry matchup against the Prairie Falcons on Friday, Sept. 11.

The Tigers rocketed off to a fast start with a 14-0 first quarter, but the Prairie defense flatlined the Tiger offense nearly the rest of the way until Battle Ground found themselves in a goal-to-go situation in the fourth quarter. The Tigers opted to hand the ball off to the big man, Addison Roa-Cooper, for the insurance touchdown to lead by three scores halfway through the final quarter.

The shutout win was capped off with a game-sealing interception by senior defensive back Jackson Fick.

"Defense is absolutely phenomenal," Battle Ground head coach Mike Woodward said. "They're going to get really tired of our offense real soon if we don't kick it in gear and knock these penalties off. I mean, it's hard to run the ball against this. You can see that. Our defense just gets after it. We tackle well. We're aggressive. We play really, really good football on defense."

The defensive performance has given the Tigers a foundation to build on, but Woodward said the team's biggest issue remains its ability to stay disciplined, particularly on offense.

"Now, offensively, same thing. We can run the ball. We can throw the ball. We do great things. We're blocking. Our kids are aggressive. They get after it," Woodward said. "But we have as many yards going backwards as we do forward. I'm stating the obvious. We've got to clean this up."

With the first round of league play starting this week, Woodward said there is little time remaining for the Tigers to work through those mistakes.

"We have no time for what you saw tonight. It's over," Woodward said of correcting penalties. "We're done playing games. You can't go into this league by playing backwards football. It doesn't work that way."

That urgency will carry into practice, where Woodward said the Tigers will emphasize discipline and physicality without allowing that aggression to turn into penalties.

"Our practices will be different. We don't practice lazy. We go ones against ones. We're in full gear. We're an old

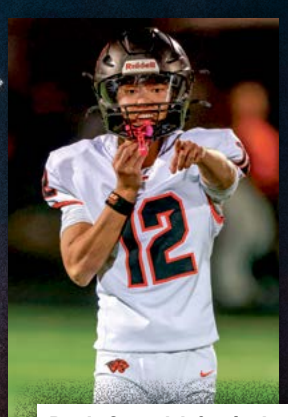
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NOT TO BE UNDERESTIMATED, JACKSON FICK IS A PLAYMAKER



Battle Ground defensive back Jackson Fick intercepts a deep pass late in the fourth quarter of Battle Ground's 20-0 win over the Prairie Falcons Friday, Sept. 11.

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Battle Ground defensive back Jackson Fick making a defensive call during Battle Ground's 20-0 win over the Prairie Falcons Friday, Sept. 11.

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Battle Ground senior Jackson Fick kicks off during Battle Ground's 20-0 win over the Prairie Falcons Friday, Sept. 11.

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For The Reflector

Some might overlook Battle Ground defensive back Jackson Fick on the football field.

Some might simply think they will run straight past him, or through him.

Some might just generally underestimate him.

Those who do so simply do not know him.

"I hope people underestimate me, because then, when I get a chance, I can just prove them wrong," Fick said following Battle Ground's 20-0 victory over the Prairie Falcons Friday, Sept. 11.

This season marks Fick's senior year. He has developed into a strong leader, one who recognizes and appreciates development across all grade levels.

"It means a lot. I'm surrounded by a lot of good seniors, and underclassmen, too. We have a really special group," Fick said. "I love playing with all of them, and we get really close during the week and it makes it fun, which makes us play better."

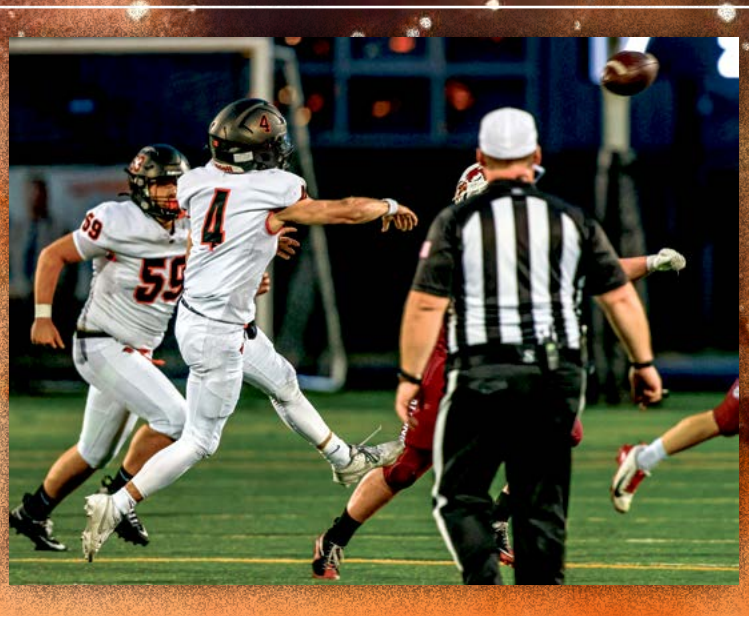
Fick added the Battle Ground football program gives the underclassmen a lot of opportunities, and a lot of repetitions during practice, and he enjoys cheering them on and helping them develop.

Fick is a playmaker and flies around the field whistle-to-whistle, sideline-to-sideline, with great tenacity. In the Tigers' game against the Prairie Falcons on Sept. 11, he chased down a deep pass for an interception, sealing the victory late in the fourth quarter.

"I was really excited to see the ball in the air with no one around," Fick said. "So I was just thinking about catching it and securing the game."

Fick also is the kicker on the kickoff team, with hopes of kicking a different ball after he graduates with the class of 2027.

"I'm looking to go to college and hopefully play soccer," Fick said. "I'm pretty much open to everything right now, but I'm hoping to play soccer and continuing that through college."



Battle Ground quarterback Jacob Bryant delivers a pass while on the move during the Tigers' 20-0 win against the Prairie Falcons on Friday, Sept. 11.

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Battle Ground running back Miles Skov runs the football during the Tigers' 20-0 win over the Prairie Falcons on Friday, Sept. 11.

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Tigers

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school football program here. We play it the right way," he said. "But something is transpiring from the week of practice on game nights to where we're not finishing plays within the rules."

Woodward said the penalties are particularly frustrating because they are coming from players trying to make aggressive plays rather than simple alignment mistakes.

"Again, these are aggressive penalties. The guys aren't lining up wrong and that kind of thing," Woodward said. "They're aggressive penalties. I like our kids playing aggressive football, but not with yellow flags laying all over the floor. That doesn't win football games."

As the Tigers turn toward league play, Woodward believes the pieces are in place for the team to continue moving the ball and competing at a high level.

"All three facets have to come together," Woodward said. "You can't play two out of three or one out of three. You have to play all three."

Despite the mistakes, Woodward said he remains confident in the offense and sees plenty to build upon, particularly with the team's running game and quarterback.

"The offense is there. It's just a matter of finishing plays without grabbing a jersey and having those penalties," he said. "That's it. That's the only thing. There's nothing else that I'm seeing out here that I'm discouraged by."

The Tigers now enter league play in the 4A Greater St. Helens League with a road game against the Union Titans at McKenzie Stadium on Friday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m.

The Prairie Falcons are slated to host Timberline High School on Friday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m.

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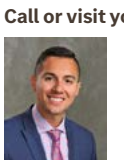
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Battle Ground football coach speaks to the legacy and impact Trent Richardson has on the program

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The Battle Ground Tigers' football program is playing with a bigger meaning this season after an all-time great tragically passed away in August.

Battle Ground football head coach Mike Woodward has spent 27 years coaching high school football, but few players have left an imprint on him — or the Tigers program — like Trent Richardson. As Battle Ground began its season, Richardson's No. 18 remained visible on the field and on the helmets of Tigers players, serving as a reminder of a former player whose influence reached far beyond his accomplishments on the football field.

"Trent was just a bolt of lightning," Woodward said. "Everybody loved him. Special kid in more ways than one."

Richardson did not attend Battle Ground High School. He was homeschooled, but he became closely connected to the Tigers football community during his time around the program.

His connection to younger players was one example of the personality Woodward said made Richardson so memorable. Richardson regularly attended CCYF games on Saturdays, cheering for younger players who were coming through the Tigers program.

"He had no business doing that. He didn't know those kids. But yet that's just kind of the person he was," Woodward said. "Everybody in our program, even our 8th graders and younger kids, know about him and the legacy he left."

Woodward said he recently asked a group of freshmen whether they knew who Richardson was. The players, who would have been in eighth grade when Richardson was a senior, immediately knew him and his impact on the community.

"And every last one of them, a huge smile on their face, remembered him," Woodward said.

That ability to connect with people was a defining part of Richardson's personality, Woodward said.

"Everybody was his friend. He was always reaching out, always smiling. I never saw that kid upset," Woodward said.

Richardson also made an immediate impact on the field when he entered the program as a freshman. Woodward said the Tigers had heard about his athleticism even before he arrived.

"We knew he was going to be a dynamite player," Woodward said. "Coming into the program, we were aware of his athleticism."

Richardson's high school career included a difficult sophomore season when his parents removed him from the team. Woodward said Corey and Kelly Richardson held their son accountable while continuing to support him.

"He still was around and came out," Woodward said. "We knew he was going to be a college-bound player, dynamic athlete, and ended up having an outstanding last two years, including his senior year."



File Photo

Trent Richardson looks upfield after making a catch in Battle Ground's 2025 postseason-clinching win over the Union Titans.



Photo courtesy of Mike Woodward

Battle Ground High School football head coach Mike Woodward stands with Trent Richardson after a football game during the 2025 season.

Woodward said Richardson's athletic ability was obvious, but his toughness was sometimes overlooked because of the positions he played.

"He was one of the most physical players I've ever coached, and people didn't see that as much because they just saw him playing corner, covering guys, he was skinny," Woodward said. "I don't think they saw the physicality and the toughness that guy played with."

That toughness was on display during Richardson's final playoff game at Bothell, a performance Woodward still remembers vividly.

"I remember him running the crossing route and just those long legs striding it out," Woodward said.

Richardson's speed and athleticism were evident on the play, but Woodward said his former player was much more than an explosive athlete.

"He was electric and fearless," Woodward said. "One thing I always say about Trent, his playing ability, people saw the athleticism, but that guy was tough as nails."

For Woodward, Richardson's death has also forced him to think about his role as a coach and mentor. He said he has struggled with the loss and questioned whether he could have done more for the young people he coaches.

"This has been the toughest part because ever since I got the text that morning about what had happened, I've just struggled," Woodward said. "It's been rough, and I've had a lot of personal battles."

The Tigers have responded by making Richardson's No. 18 part of their season. The number appears on helmets, while his jersey remains on the sidelines.

Woodward said the reminders have helped players carry Richardson's spirit with them.

"I think just constantly seeing that 18 and having it on the helmets and having his jersey on our sidelines, all those things, just reminding us that he's there, he's with us," Woodward said.

Woodward said Richardson's personality has also continued to show itself through the team's locker room and practices.

"I think the kids have kept that spirit alive," Woodward said. "I've seen it in our locker room. I've seen it out here, the music that we play for him, all the things that we're doing. It's a tribute to the way that he played."

For Woodward, that tribute is bigger than a single season. Richardson's legacy reiterated the groundwork for what it means to be a Tiger.

"That's how we want Battle Ground football to be. That's what we've done. That's how I played here. That's what I grew up on, just that toughness, that tenacity, that grit," Woodward said. "And he was all of that."

Richardson's legacy, Woodward said, is not defined by one season or one team. It is reflected in the younger players who remember him, the teammates who played alongside him and the coaches who continue to carry his memory.

"It's not just a one-season thing," Woodward said. "Like I said, when you have that kind of impact on so many people, even a kid that was in eighth grade last year, that says a lot. That's a legacy. That's not a one-year thing."

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Woodland senior leads girls soccer to 2-0 over La Center Wildcats

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Riley Jones Huezo landed a pair of goals in the Woodland girls soccer home opener on Tuesday, Sept. 8, in the Beavers' 2-0 victory over La Center High School.

For Jones Huezo, the two-goal performance continued a strong start to her senior campaign and helped Woodland move to 2-0 on the fresh season.

"I've been doing soccer my whole life and I really do think this season I'm going to prove myself for this sport," Jones Huezo said. "I love this sport so much and it's all I want to do in life."

Through two games, Jones Huezo has four goals.

The senior had already scored twice in Woodland's season-opening win over Heritage, though both goals came on set pieces — one free kick and one penalty. Against La Center, Jones Huezo found the net twice from the run of play to give the Beavers the only goals they needed.

She said the start has been especially meaningful after an uneven high school career. Jones Huezo was able to finish her freshman season but was unable to complete her sophomore and junior seasons.

"But this year it's been a really good start," she said.

The result also gave Woodland first-year head coach Paige Flanagan a successful debut on the Beavers' home field.

Flanagan said she has been encouraged by the talent on the roster and, more importantly, the connection the players are developing with one another.

"I think we have fantastic talent that has shown up and showed out for Woodland," Flanagan said. "I'm very excited for the connection that the girls are making on the field and off the field."

The Beavers' ambitions extend beyond simply getting off to a fast start. Flanagan said the goal is to sustain the early success and advance out of league play and make a postseason run, potentially all the way to the state tournament.

For now, though, Woodland is focused on building its identity one game at a time.

"We are just taking it game by game, learning how to play with each other, taking advantage of what's working well, and in practice attacking what we can improve upon," Flanagan said.

That approach was evident against La Center, as the Wildcats provided the Beavers with a challenge that forced them to adjust throughout the match.

The competitive 2A Greater St. Helens League will likely provide plenty of similar tests as the season progresses, Flanagan said.

"Every game is an opportunity to show up and play your best soccer and compete at that high level," she said.

Jones Huezo added that the home opener carried an added significance. Woodland is her hometown, and scoring twice in front of the home crowd made the occasion particularly special.

"I'm so forever blessed. Woodland's my hometown. I've been here all my life and I wouldn't want to be anywhere else," she said.

She also sees a family atmosphere as one of the strengths of the program.

"Very hometown feel. Everyone's a family," she said. "We're a 2A school so it's small but we love each other."

The Beavers began league play against Mark Morris High School on Tuesday, Sept. 15, but results were unavailable as of press time. Woodland next hosts Ridgefield High School for a rivalry match on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.

The La Center Wildcats began their 1A Trico League journey on Thursday, Sept. 10 with a 2-1 win over the King's Way Knights. The Wildcats next hosted the Washougal Panthers on Saturday, Sept. 12, resulting in an 2-1 loss and the Columbia Bruins on Tuesday, Sept. 15, but results were unavailable at press time. La Center next travels to Stevenson High School on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 6 p.m.

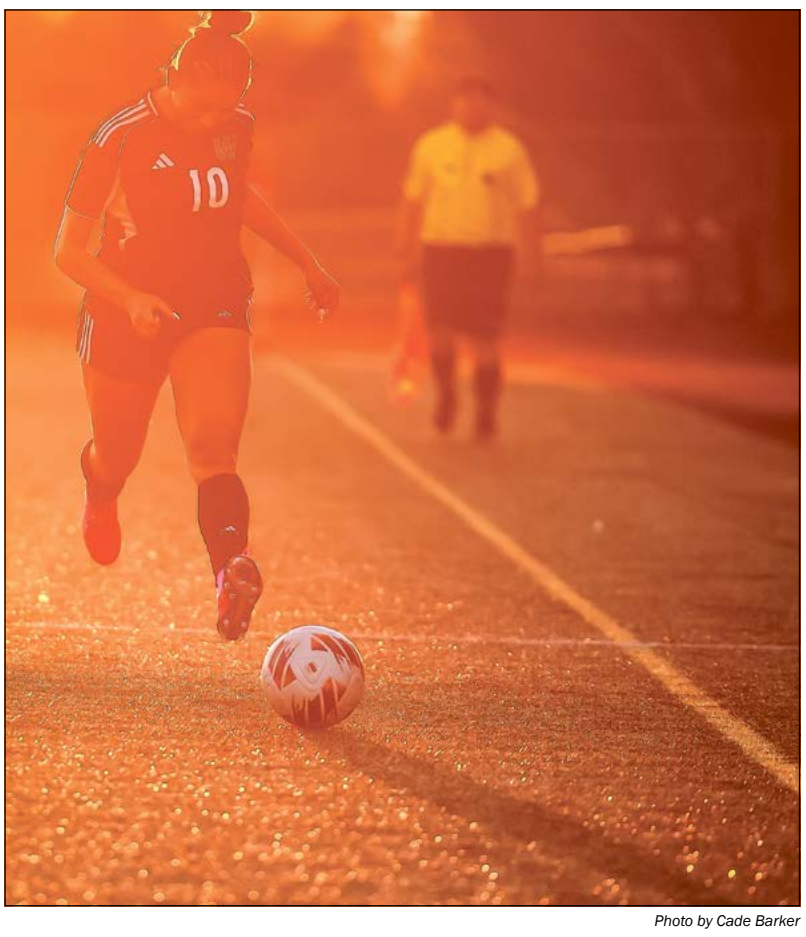


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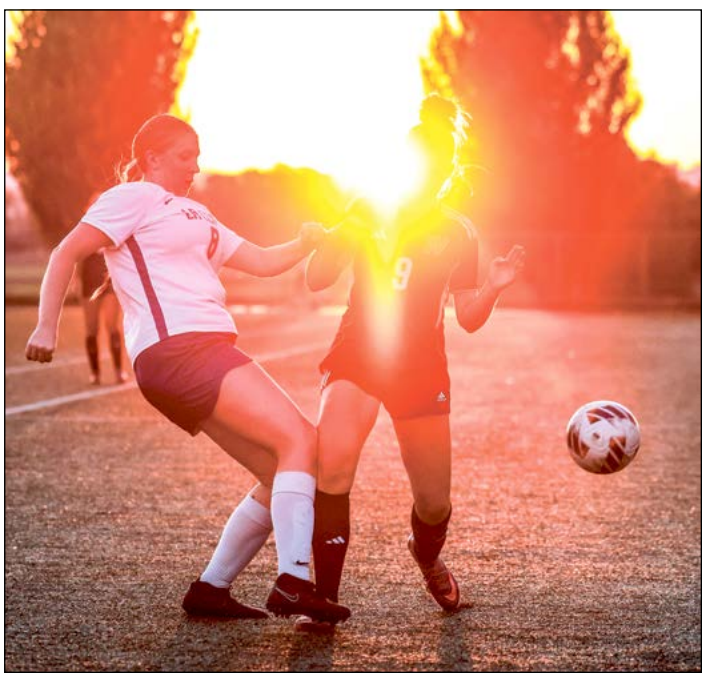


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ABOVE: La Center senior Addy Kelly and Woodland's Santana Murray Serrana bash knees in the Wildcats' 2-0 loss to the Woodland Beavers on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

LEFT: Woodland senior Riley Jones Huezo chases down the ball on the sideline at sunset during the Beavers' 2-0 win over the La Center Wildcats on Tuesday, Sept. 8.



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Woodland sophomore Brooklyn Huffman smiles after a stoppage in the Beavers' 2-0 win.



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La Center junior Mikaela Cone claims innocence after knocking Woodland's Ruby Ingle to the ground in the Wildcats' 2-0 loss.



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La Center junior Grace Butterfield chases down the ball with Woodland's Ruby Ingle closely behind during the Wildcats' 2-0 loss to the Woodland Beavers on Tuesday, Sept. 8.



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Woodland senior Ruby Ingle, right, controls the ball with La Center's Aubrey Jennings playing close defense in the Beavers' 2-0 win.

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One team, one community: Prairie seniors embrace Battle Ground partnership

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Prairie High School's slowpitch softball seniors are finding that a longtime rivalry can look a lot different when both sides are wearing the same uniform.

With Prairie and Battle Ground combining their programs for the season, Falcon seniors Addison Randall, Alyssa Plew and Larkin Halbach said the experience has created an opportunity to build friendships while keeping their softball skills sharp.

For the players, slowpitch provides a bridge into the school year and, for several, preparation for the spring fastpitch season. Despite a loss on Tuesday, Sept. 8 against R.A. Long High School, the team still kept a positive attitude alive, which was evident in the trio of Falcon seniors.

"I enjoyed that it's very slow paced but also it keeps me in shape and it's just fun to have a fall sport along with a spring sport which is very similar in like tactics and technique and stuff," Randall said.

Plew added she enjoys meeting new girls, creating new friendships as well as being a two-sport athlete.

"I love to play a fall sport. It keeps me in shape," Halbach said. "I primarily play fast pitch so it just keeps me in shape for the spring and I get to make new friends and meet new people and I have great coaches, so I love that."

The combination has also softened the typical Battle Ground-Prairie rivalry for the girls on the slowpitch team. Rather than feeling like two separate groups, the seniors said the players have quickly become teammates and friends.

"I don't think there's much of a rivalry with us. We're kind of one group, one family," Plew said. "When I went to Battle Ground it's like I knew some of the girls so it's very amazing."

Halbach described the team as a community despite the schools' history as rivals.

"I feel like we're like one community, like no matter if they're rivals or not, I feel like we're just one team trying to play together and trying to play this sport and trying to fill everyone in together," she said.

Head coach Robert Haensel has seen that same dynamic develop among the players.

"Schools coming together, we're forming one team, we're one community, it's the Battle Ground school district community coming together and so, (we) just kind of embraced it," Haensel said. "They're a really good group, quite a few of them have been with us for the last two to three years, but they've always been a very compassionate, very welcoming group, so that's what we love about them."

For younger players considering softball, the seniors see slowpitch as an accessible way to get started.

"I would definitely recommend it because coming into fast pitch as a girl that has not ever played softball, slowpitch is a very good sport to start off easy and slow and get an idea of what softball is like," Randall said.



Photo by Cade Barker

Prairie Falcon senior Ady Berquist throws a pitch in the Falcons' slowpitch softball game against R.A. Long High School on Tuesday, Sept. 8.



Photo by Cade Barker

Battle Ground and Prairie slowpitch softball players huddle at the pitcher's circle during their game against R.A. Long High School on Tuesday, Sept. 8.



Photo by Cade Barker

Prairie Falcon seniors lead a slowpitch softball team that features four Battle Ground High School athletes in order for Tiger slowpitch softball players to play games this season. From left to right: Larkin Halbach, Alyssa Plew, Ady Berquist, Addison Randall and Melyia Conn.

After three away games this week, the next home game for the Falcon/Tiger team will be at Prairie High School on Monday, Sept. 21 against Columbia River High School at 4:30 p.m. with the first Battle Ground home game slated for Thursday, Sept. 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Academics above all for pair of Falcon senior leaders

CHRIS BARKER
For The Reflector

Four-year Prairie High School Slowpitch Softball players Ady Berquist and Melyia Conn lead by example, on and off the field. They both put their academics first, but know how to have fun on the field and show and teach the younger players to have fun and play the game the right way.

"I'm trying to have as much fun as possible before the end of it," Conn said of her senior season. "I'm definitely making the most of it."

Conn and Berquist also know that part of being a senior athlete is using that leadership position to help and assist the younger players with their learning and growth in the sport.

"I've helped a couple girls with batting and just knowing where to go fielding wise. We have a couple new girls that have never played before," Berquist said. "I've just helped them learn what to do, and when to do it, and taught them the ways to help out with the team."

"Definitely what Ady said, but also just showing a positive attitude and always being there and showing that you're always having fun. Even though we lost, we still had fun and it was still a good moment to connect with each other," Conn said after the Falcons loss to the R.A. Long Lumberjills on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

As for academics, they both take their classes seriously, and have a plan beyond graduation.

"So far I like chemistry, but I know it'll get harder as it goes on but it's not bad. Academics always come first, so I think that's a big part of being a student athlete, you're a student first," Berquist said. "I'm going to go to Clark (College) for two years and WSU for two years for early education teaching."

Conn will graduate high school this year with her associates degree.



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Prairie High School Slowpitch Softball players Ady Berquist and Melyia Conn have been a part of the program all four years during their time at Prairie High School, the pair have also been standouts in the classroom, too.

"I'm a biology major for running start at Clark (College), it's definitely my course field of study and definitely my favorite," Conn said. "I'm hoping to go to a higher university to study psychology and then hopefully become a surgeon one day."

The pair of senior leaders will also be on the Prairie Fastpitch Softball team this spring with mutual goals of leaving their mark for the younger players to follow, have fun, and make a run at a 3A Greater St. Helens League title and beyond.

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New Memory Cafe brings dementia support, connection to North Clark County

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For families living with dementia, finding a place where they can socialize without worrying about whether a loved one will feel uncomfortable, overwhelmed or out of place can be difficult.

HOPE Dementia Support HOPEs to make that a little easier this fall with the launch of a new Memory Cafe at Prairie Tavern, bringing one of its community connection programs to north Clark County.

The Memory Cafe will meet monthly on the first Friday of each month, beginning Oct. 2, according to HOPE Dementia Support Program Manager Julie Donovan. Prairie Tavern is located at 14925 NE Caples Road in Brush Prairie.

The new location is intended to provide an accessible gathering place for people living with dementia and their care partners without requiring them to travel to Vancouver.

"I would say one of our goals is to create a space in that area, right? Not everybody having to come to a central location in Vancouver, right? That's not their community," Donovan said. "And that's what I love about the Memory Cafes, right? They can exist in a community, and it's a wonderful way, especially moving into North Clark County, that is a way to support people there."

The response to the new cafe has already been strong. Donovan said the announcement had received more than 700 reactions and roughly 30 comments on Facebook, significantly more engagement than the organization typically sees when discussing dementia.

"We're really excited about this," Donovan said.

The organization already operates two monthly Memory Cafes at Cameo Cafe in Vancouver. The gatherings are designed for people living with dementia and their care partners and are open to the broader community, regardless of whether participants are involved in one of HOPE Dementia Support's other programs.

The cafes are intended to provide a relaxed social environment where people can connect without the pressure that can sometimes accompany unfamiliar public settings.

"It's about being in a social situation in a way that feels safe, right?" Donovan said. "So it's not scary for the person living with dementia, and it's not nerve-wracking for the person who is their care partner."

The cafes typically include an activity, such as trivia focused on older television shows, along with time for conversation and socializing.

At the Cameo Cafe location, one of the monthly gatherings typically draws about 20 people or more, Donovan said.

The environment is intentionally designed around comfort and familiarity. At cafe gatherings, HOPE Dementia Support generally uses separate rooms and name tags so participants do not have to worry about remembering everyone's name.

For the restaurant menu, a smaller selection is made available with pictures, descriptions and prices to make choosing a meal easier.



Photo courtesy of HOPE Dementia Support

Memory Cafe attendees smile at Cameo Cafe in Vancouver. In October, Hosted by HOPE Dementia Support, a new Memory Cafe location will be available for rural residents of north Clark County at Prairie Tavern.

Erin Bennett, HOPE Dementia Support's volunteer coordinator, said the gatherings offer care partners an opportunity to simply spend time with others in a normal social setting.

"I think it's a time for people to just live how they normally had gone about their day …" Bennett said. "So (it) gives them that chance to just go break bread, meet new people."

Bennett also said the Memory Cafe provides an opportunity for community members and employees at participating businesses to become more familiar with dementia.

"And also the cafe employees and staff members, same with Prairie Tavern, giving them a chance to get exposed to this because they probably meet other people that might have something similar or might be able to guide and direct it so that they can interact," Bennett said.

Additional programs highlight

That broader awareness is part of HOPE Dementia Support's larger mission.

HOPE Dementia Support is a program of CDM Caregiving Services and serves people living with dementia, their care partners and families, as well as others in the community.

"The central part of what we do are support groups," Donovan said.

The organization offers weekly support groups for care partners throughout Southwest Washington and in areas of Portland, as well as two groups in southern Oregon. It also offers two groups for people living with early-stage dementia and their care partners, where participants initially meet together before separating into their own facilitated support groups.

A separate group, called New Beginnings, is available for people who have lost someone to dementia.

All of the support groups are open to the community and come at no cost to participants, Donovan said.

HOPE Dementia Support also operates Music and Memories groups in Vancouver and Kelso. Led by a certified music therapist, the gatherings are designed for people living with dementia and their care partners.

"Music is really meaningful in dementia," Donovan said. "We say that music is magic, right? Because it brings up memories, it brings up the words."

The organization also offers a wide range of activities intended to help people living with dementia remain connected to their communities.

Its Meet Me At programs include monthly daytime movies at Kiggins Theatre in downtown Vancouver, where the theater keeps the lights low, offers closed captioning and encourages singing along to musical films.

HOPE Dementia Support also partners with local museums, the wildlife refuge, an art studio, Metropolitan Performing Arts and Silver Buckle Youth Equestrian Center.

At the equestrian program, participants can interact with horses while staff and trained 4-H volunteers introduce the animals and share their histories.

A new Meet Me at the Kit-Tea Cafe program was also

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The readerboard sign at Prairie Tavern welcomes HOPE Dementia Support's newest Memory Cafe set to begin in October in Brush Prairie.

recently added.

"These are all really designed to be inclusive, and create a feeling of safety," Donovan said.

Most of the programs are offered at no cost, with HOPE Dementia Support using grants and donations to fund them. For people connected to HOPE attending the movies, the cost is $2.

The organization also provides weighted baby dolls and pets through its Mary Ann's Babies and Pets program. Donovan said the items can be comforting for people as dementia progresses,

particularly for those who may connect with the experience of caring for a baby or pet earlier in life.

The organization provides the items free upon request.

HOPE Dementia Support also distributes dementia activity boxes. Originally developed for use in hospitals, the boxes contain safe objects for people to look at, touch and interact with, particularly in unfamiliar and potentially overwhelming environments such as emergency rooms.

Families have also begun using the boxes as personalized activity and conversation kits by adding family photographs and other familiar objects.

Another resource is HOPE Walks, a series of trail maps developed specifically with people living with dementia and their care partners in mind.

The maps simplify traditional trail maps and identify practical information such as parking-to-trail access, surface type, inclines and declines, wheelchair and walker accessibility, seating and restroom locations.

"They reduce all the peripheral things on maps, right, they're not as busy," Donovan said.

The maps are printed on waterproof paper and also include sensory activities intended to encourage people to notice things along the trail.

In addition to direct programming, HOPE Dementia Support provides community presentations covering topics including dementia basics, what to do following a diagnosis, Dementia Friends, brain health and dementia awareness, and advanced care planning.



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Memory Cafe attendees smile at Cameo Cafe in Vancouver. In October, hosted by HOPE Dementia Support, a new Memory Cafe location will be available for rural residents of north Clark County at Prairie Tavern.

The organization also works to help people complete health care and financial powers of attorney before they are no longer able to make those decisions themselves.

"We really want people who are living with dementia, or aging, to get that paperwork in order, so they can have, they can have their say in the decisions that are being made," Donovan said.

A need for volunteers and donations

HOPE Dementia Support is largely volunteer-run. Donovan said the organization has three part-time employees totaling 2.25 full-time-equivalent positions.

Bennett said volunteers and donors are essential to maintaining the organization's programs and expanding its reach.

"We're run by grants and donations, people who might not have somebody currently living with the situation, but they want to be able to help and support their support and care through those donations, helps us to help others," Bennett said.

The organization is also seeking volunteers and ambassadors, including people who may want to help facilitate support groups or assist with other programs.

"We would love and welcome any conversation," Bennett said.

For HOPE Dementia Support, the new Prairie Tavern Memory Cafe is another step toward creating communities where people living with dementia and their families can remain connected rather than becoming increasingly isolated.

Donovan said caregiving can cause a person's social world to shrink as more time is spent on medical appointments and caregiving responsibilities.

"Your universe keeps shrinking, right?" Donovan said. "As more time is taken up with that, you know, your friends may stop visiting, it's uncomfortable, you're doing more doctor's appointments or whatever that may be, your world shrinks."

Building community

The organization's goal, she said, is to help people continue participating in the communities and activities they have always enjoyed.

The Prairie Tavern partnership is part of that effort. Donovan said the tavern's owners have embraced the program and were already displaying a "Welcome Memory Cafe" message when HOPE representatives visited.

"And mostly we love partnering with community, right? So community partners are a key part of what we do," Donovan said.

Bennett said those partnerships can also help people recognize that they are not alone.

"You'd be surprised at how many people are living silently with this and didn't know that it's a community of their neighbors who are also dealing with it," Bennett said.

The organization is also discussing the possibility of establishing another Memory Cafe in Kelso as it continues expanding into rural communities.

Donovan said the Prairie Tavern cafe had already registered 10 people before its first gathering.

Bennett said the Prairie Tavern space can accommodate between 80 and 100 people, giving HOPE Dementia Support room to grow the program while maintaining smaller, more intimate gatherings when appropriate.

"It can really go anywhere and serve anyone," Bennett said. "It's just we want to be able to provide the need when it's available."

For HOPE Dementia Support, that need goes beyond dementia-specific services. The organization wants to create opportunities for people to continue living their lives, maintaining connections and participating in their communities.

And for families navigating dementia, Bennett said, even a simple gathering around a table can provide an important connection.

"It's a great way to create connection amongst strangers in that and open the conversation a little bit more for people to talk about and not feel so isolated and alone," Bennett said.

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Woodland Seniors Coffee, Crafts & Laughs: Thursday, Sept. 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Woodland Community Center, 782 Park St., Woodland. Cassadellys Floral will host a workshop on making live floral arrangements featuring jars and sunflowers. Participation costs $15, and registration is required. To join, visit the Woodland Community Center from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, or call 360-560-2495.

Palette in the Petals, Where Art Takes Root: Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tsugawa Nursery, 401 E. Scott Ave., Woodland. Pick up a nursery box and transform it into a pollinator-themed art piece to enter the second annual Palette in the Petals, hosted by Tsugawa Nursery. Completed boxes must be submitted by Sept. 18 and should include the participant's name and age. Boxes will be displayed in the store. Vendors and raffles benefiting the Washington State Beekeepers Association will also be available. To learn more, visit facebook.com/Tsugawanursery.

Senior Toenail Care Clinic: Friday, Sept. 18, 12-3 p.m., Woodland Community Center, 782 Park St., Woodland. Seniors are invited to learn about toenail and foot health during a clinic hosted by Woodland Senior Enrichment Group. Participants will also receive foot care. The fee is $10 per person.

Growing Vegetables without Soil: Friday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 78th Street Heritage Farm, 1919 NE 78th St., Vancouver. Learn how to grow vegetables from seedling to harvest using the Kratky hydroponic method during a workshop hosted by the WSU Extension Clark County Master Gardener Program. Participants who wish to plant a seedling during class may bring one opaque, lidded container that holds 1/2 to 5 gallons. Bucket kits will be available for $7, cash only. Cost is $10 plus taxes and fees. Register online at shorturl.at/DDdYh.

BG Senior Citizens Veterans Lunch Club: Friday, Sept. 18, 11:30 a.m., The Prairie Tavern, 14925 NE Caples Road, Brush Prairie. Meet fellow veterans at the monthly lunch club hosted by Battle Ground Senior Citizens. Participants are responsible for their own meal costs. For more information, email BattleGroundSeniorCitizens@gmail.com or call Sharon Wodtke at 360-953-3278.

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, 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.

Help Palestine Dinner & Fundraiser: Saturday, Sept. 19, 5:15 p.m., Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 12513 SE Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver. Learn about the Palestinian struggle during a dinner fundraiser hosted by Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. Proceeds will benefit the Center for Jewish Nonviolence. Dinner will be catered by Lebanese restaurant Al Amir, and admission is $35. Payment is available via Venmo to William-Sterr-1 using confirmation number 7187.

Plant Propagation Class: Saturday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., CASEE Center, Building B, 11104 NE 149th St., Brush Prairie. Learn about propagation timing and techniques from Clark County Master Gardener and NatureScaping coordinator Julie Carlsen. The class will discuss various methods of propagation, including stem cuttings and plant division. The class is free for NatureScaping Wildlife Botanical Gardens members and $15 for non-members. Register by emailing info@naturescaping.org.

Winterize Your Garden For Spring Success: Saturday, Sept. 19, 4-5 p.m., La Center Community Library, 1411 NE Lockwood Creek Road, La Center. Learn how to winterize your garden and ensure spring success during a Master Gardener seminar. Topics will include plant protection, soil enrichment and winterizing irrigation systems.

Community Clothing Swap: Saturday, Sept. 19, 2-4 p.m., Battle Ground Community Library, 1207 SE Eighth Way, Battle Ground. Refresh your wardrobe at this all-ages community clothing swap. Drop off donations at the library Sept. 13-18 during open hours or bring them directly to the event. Items must be dry, clean, scent-free and in good condition. Socks and undergarments will not be accepted. Dressing rooms will not be available at the event. Donations are not required to participate.

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.

"A Million Miles Away" Film Screening: Sunday, Sept. 20, 3-5:30 p.m., Battle Ground Community Library, 1207 SE Eighth Way, Battle Ground. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a community screening of "A Million Miles Away," a biopic about José Hernández and his path from farm worker to NASA astronaut.

Re-Imagined Radio "In Progress": Monday, Sept. 21, 1 p.m. Listen to "In Progress," the latest installment of Vancouver-based Re-Imagined Radio's experimental soundscapes Workshop series. The episode invites listeners to create their own stories and meanings from a collection of sounds gathered from North America and beyond. To listen, visit reimaginedradio.fm.

Woodland Senior Autumn Plant Pots: Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1 p.m. A&R Nursery, 35306 NW Toenjes Road, Woodland. Woodland Seniors are invited to make a 14-inch autumn-themed plant pot. Several plants, a pot, and soil are included for $25 plus tax. Sign up by visiting the Woodland Community Center, 782 Park St., Woodland, Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, email seniorinfo55up@yahoo.com.

Putting Your Garden to Bed: Tuesday, Sept. 22, 6-7 p.m., Woodland Community Library, 411 Lakeshore Dr., Woodland. Learn how to prepare your garden for winter and set it up for spring success during a Master Gardener seminar. Topics will include garden maintenance and ways to reduce springtime work.

Woodland Senior Estate Planning & More: Thursday, Sept. 24, Woodland Community Center, 782 Park St., Woodland. Learn about estate planning, advance directives and more during a class hosted by Woodland Senior Enrichment Group. Lawyer Amanda Proujan, who is licensed in Washington and Oregon, will teach the class. Family members may also attend. Registration is not required, but sign-ups will be available at the Woodland Community Center, 782 Park St., Woodland, Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, email seniorinfo55up@yahoo.com.

Oregon Trail & Cider Press Family Day: Saturday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Camp Hope, 12800 NE Roper Road, Battle Ground. Families can take part in Oregon Trail-inspired activities, including river crossings, "buffalo hunts" and other challenges, followed by a fall festival with apple cider pressing, crafts, inflatable bubble suits and more. Family tickets for up to four people are available at shorturl.at/837Ud.

Alderbrook Park Oktoberfest: Saturday, Sept. 26, 11 a.m.-10 p.m., 24414 NE Westerholm Road, Brush Prairie. Enjoy German revelry with a full-day event featuring live music, food and family-friendly competitions. Admission is $15 for adults, $10 for children aged 4-13 and free for those aged under 3. View the full lineup of events online at alderbrookparkevents.com/oktoberfest.

Music Fest Food Drive: Saturday, Sept. 26, 6:30 p.m., Battle Ground Community United Methodist Church, 10300 NE 99th St., Battle Ground. Raise money and donate nonperishable food to North County Community Food Bank during a concert hosted by Battle Ground Community United Methodist Church. A $25 donation is suggested, with all proceeds benefiting the food bank. This year the band Three Together, an acoustic trio, will perform folk, pop and soft rock songs from the 1960s and 1970s. For more information, call 360-687-2542 or email BGCUMC@gmail.com.

BG Senior Citizens Cellphone Class: Monday, Sept. 28, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m., Battle Ground Senior Center, 116 NE Third Ave., Battle Ground. Learn how to use a cellphone and maximize its capabilities during a class hosted by Battle Ground Senior Citizens. For more information, email BattleGroundSeniorCitizens@gmail.com or call Sharon Wodtke at 360-953-3278.

Adult Speed Friending: Tuesday, Sept. 29, 4-5:30 p.m., Battle Ground Community Library, 1207 SE Eighth Way, Battle Ground. Expand your social circle during an afternoon of Speed Friending, purely for platonic connections. Bingo, prizes and more will also be available. This event is for adults only.

Adult Line Dancing: Wednesday, Sept. 30, 12-1 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.

Infant and Toddler Feeding Support: Thursday, Oct. 1, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Ridgefield Community Library, 210 N. Main Ave., Ridgefield. Discuss infant and toddler feeding in a supportive environment, led by certified lactation consultants. Topics will include feeding, introducing solids, weaning and more. Questions about associated topics, such as sleep patterns and soothing, are also welcome.

Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington Meeting: 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 1, Salmon Creek United Methodist Church, 12217 NE Highway 99, Vancouver. Learn the history of member Dina Saunders' family, who journeyed to the Oregon Territory. Bring a lunch for social time at 12:30 p.m., or just attend the meeting at 1 p.m. For more information, visit facebook.com/DPWChapter19 or call Pepper Kim, 360-901-0176.

Walk to End Alzheimer's: Saturday, Oct. 3, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Esther Short Park, 605 Esther St., Vancouver. Join Clark County locals in raising awareness and funds to end Alzheimer's disease. Proceeds from the 3.1-mile walk will benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Registration is required to join the walk and is available online at shorturl.at/c7cQ4.

Carson Logtoberfest: Saturday, Oct. 3, 12-6 p.m., Historic Wind River, 312 Chapman Ave., Carson. Celebrate 10 years of Logtoberfest, hosted by the Wind River Business Association. Live music, vendors, raffles, vintage logging and more will be available. Attendees may also participate in the "Hairiest Leg" and "Dress Like a Logger" competitions. For more information, visit facebook.com/logtoberfestevent.

Dozer Day: Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3-4, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Clark County Event Center, 17402 NE Delfel Road, Ridgefield. Learn about heavy construction machinery at Dozer Day, presented by the Nutter Family Foundation. Family-friendly activities, including supervised operation of equipment, will be available throughout the event. To purchase tickets, visit vancouver.dozerday.org.

Fireside Tales of Horror: Saturdays, Oct. 3-24, 7-8 p.m., The Historic Covington House, 4201 Main St., Vancouver. Listen to an evening of bone-chilling stories around the fireplace at Covington House during an event hosted by Clark County Historical Museum. The event is intended for those aged 13 and older. Tickets are available for purchase at cchmuseum.org/programs-events.

Pomeroy Pumpkin Lane: Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 3-31, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Pomeroy Farm, 20902 NE Lucia Falls Road, Yacolt. Enjoy fall on the farm with hayrides, farm animals, pumpkins and more. Coffee and food will be available on site. Admission is $8 for adults, $6 for children aged 3-11, and free for those aged under 2. For more information and admission prices, visit pomeroyfarm.org/pumpkin-lane.

Bloodworks Northwest Blood Drive: Tuesday, Oct. 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/pxhYS.

FVRL Foundation Authors & Illustrators Gala: Tuesday, Oct. 6, 5:30 p.m., Hilton Vancouver, 301 W. Sixth St., Vancouver. Raise funds for programs at Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries during the foundation's annual gala. This year's event will feature author Amy Tan, known for "The Joy Luck Club" and "The Bonesetter's Daughter." The event will include a silent auction, cocktail hour and gourmet dinner. Tickets are available at shorturl.at/hD2Mo.

Furry Friends Annual Dinner and Auction: Saturday, Oct. 17, 4:30-8:30 p.m., Royal Oaks Country Club, 8917 NE Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver. Raise funds for the care of felines at Furry Friends cat shelter during a western-themed dinner. The evening will feature auctions and gourmet dining. Tickets are available for purchase at shorturl.at/g1jxl. To learn more, visit furryfriendswa.org.

Tree & Shrub Pruning 101: Friday, Oct. 23, 5-6 p.m., Woodland Community Library, 411 Lakeshore Dr., Woodland. Learn how to prune trees and shrubs

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Ridgefield seeks students for Youth Commission

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The city of Ridgefield is seeking student volunteers in grades 8-12 to serve on its 2026-27 Youth Commission, which gives young community members a chance to provide input on local issues and work with city leaders.

Each year, the commission works with experts and gathers input from peers on a selected topic before developing recommendations for the Ridgefield City Council. The topic for the 2026-27 term will be announced later this month, according to a City of Ridgefield news release.

Students in grades 8-12 who attend a Ridgefield School District school or who live within the Ridgefield Urban Growth Area and attend another school or an equivalent nontraditional program are eligible to apply.

"Commissioners gain skills in presentation, collaboration, leadership, research and decision-making while learning how local government works and creating the changes they want to see in the City," according to the Youth Commission's website.

Applications are due Tuesday, Sept. 22. The commission's first meeting will be Oct. 20, with regular meetings held the first Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Ridgefield Administrative and Civic Center, 510 Pioneer St., Ridgefield.

Applications are available at shorturl.at/IjHpg. To learn more about the Youth Commission, visit shorturl.at/2SAsP.











Kelso Highlander Festival and Scottish Games celebrates 44th year

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On a brisk, foggy Saturday morning in Kelso Sept. 12, with the sound of bagpipes echoing over the green hills and trees of Tam O'Shanter Park, the place could almost be confused for its Scottish namesake.

The Kelso Highlander Festival and Scottish Games have been celebrated at the park for 44 years.

This year's Saturday opening brought vendors and clan tents along with traditional dancers and musicians such as the Wicked Tinkers, the Fort Vancouver Pipe Band and more. A sizable crowd of local Scottish Americans, Celtophiles and Celtcurious attendees turned out to enjoy the overcast day.

Entry to the festival and athletic games has always been free, according to the Highlander Festival website. The festival celebrates Kelso's own Scottish heritage, and the heritage of attendees from all around the Pacific Northwest.

Peter W. Crawford, a Scottish surveyor from the original Kelso, founded Kelso, Washington, in 1884, and it was incorporated in 1890. Kelso is an official sister city of Kelso, Scotland, and nods to Scottish heritage are evident around town; Tam O'Shanter himself is the inebriated, philandering protagonist of the eponymous poem from Scottish writer Robert Burns.

The traditional games showcased at the Highlander Festival are: stone put, the inspiration for shot put; caber toss, where a 16- to 22-foot tall caber weighing 100-180 pounds is lifted and (sometimes) flipped precisely over end; sheaf toss and weight over bar, where bales of hay and heavy weights, respectively, are tossed over ascending bars; weight for distance, a similar event that throws out rather than up; and hammer throw, also thrown for distance. Anyone can sign up to compete. The games are one of the festival's biggest attractions.



Photo by Eily McIlvain

A competitor throws in the caber toss event.

During the Scottish Dance Competition, dancers of all ages and experience levels perform traditional dances in full Highland dress to pipe music.

Gail Bacon has organized the Scottish Dance Competition since 2006. She wrote in an email to The Reflector, "I hope audiences enjoy watching the dances and let others know about highland dancing so that we can increase the number of dancers in the area and keep the traditions alive."

Clan tents advertise organizations (many of them nonprofits) dedicated to the different clans of the Scottish high- and lowlands. Official clan members often travel to multiple festivals a year, educating about their clans and meeting up with fellow members. The tents feature information as well as some cultural artifacts or facsimiles, the most common of which by far are the clan crests and famous tartans.

Inside the Macgregors' tent, Russ McAdams and his wife, Ann, sat in front of a map of Scotland. Mr. McAdams wore a baby blue Scottish bonnet. McAdams helped to found the MacGregors' Own Scots Guard, and is a charter member of the Clan Gregor Society's Pacific Northwest Chapter, a nonprofit.

Why is his Scottish heritage — which he traces back to a letter from a relative — important to McAdams?

"Because it is," he said. "You don't have anything that you can call your own — Scottish heritage is what we go to. So you can tell your grandkids, or great-grandkids, give them a little history of America, and why the Scots came."

Fiona Dohman, owner of Granny Fi's Shortbread, has brought her Scottish family recipes to the Highlander Festival for 12 years. Dohman was born and raised in the United Kingdom and moved to America as a young woman.

"My dad was a Londoner, my mom from Scotland, so my grandpa reckoned that the best part of me was the Scottish part — whatever part that is," Dohman said with a grin.

The Highlander Festival is special to its longtime participants, and they help to make the festival what it is. In the MacGregor tent, Candace, a longtime member said, "The people make it comfortable."

"This is where we've always done our Kelso Garden Club Flower Show," said Phyllis Hall of the Kelso Garden Club. "It's (because of) the exposure of the people walking back and forth — and the quality of the people that you get here, too. Because they're all here to have a good time."



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From left to right are Ann McAdams, George and Diane Gragg, and Russ McAdams of Clan MacGregor.

Darlene Dalgliesh and her husband, along with their family, have attended Scottish festivals for more than 50 years.

She said they never miss Kelso: "We love every bit of it."

The festival continued on Sunday, completing its annual two-day run.

Learn more online at https://www.kelsohighlanderfestival.com/.

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during a beginner-friendly class led by an ISA-certified arborist. The class will focus on pruning for healthier plants and safer landscapes.

Hockinson Hornets Get Together: Friday, Oct. 23, 12-5 p.m., The Prairie Tavern, Banquet Room, 14925 NE Caples Road, Brush Prairie. Reminisce with fellow Hockinson graduates from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s.

Adult Houseplant Swap: Saturday, Oct. 24, 2-3:30 p.m., Battle Ground Community Library, 1207 SE Eighth Way, Battle Ground. Bring plants to swap with local plant enthusiasts during an event hosted by Battle Ground Community Library. Pest-free houseplants and cuttings are welcome.

Family Spooky Storytime: Saturday, Oct. 31, 2-3 p.m., La Center Community Library, 1411 NE Lockwood Creek Road, La Center. Celebrate Halloween with a spooky but child-friendly storytime with songs and craft activities.

Ongoing

La Center Farmers Market: Sundays, 1-5 p.m., Legacy Park, 515 E Birch Ave., La Center. Browse handcrafted goods, seasonal produce, and sweet treats during the weekly La Center Farmers Market. The market will run until Oct. 25. For more information, visit LaCenterMarket.com or email info@lacentermarket.com.

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. For more information, email BattleGroundSeniorCitizens@gmail.com or call Sharon Wodtke at 360-953-3278.

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. For more information, email BattleGroundSeniorCitizens@gmail.com or call Sharon Wodtke at 360-953-3278.

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.

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 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, Beacock 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.

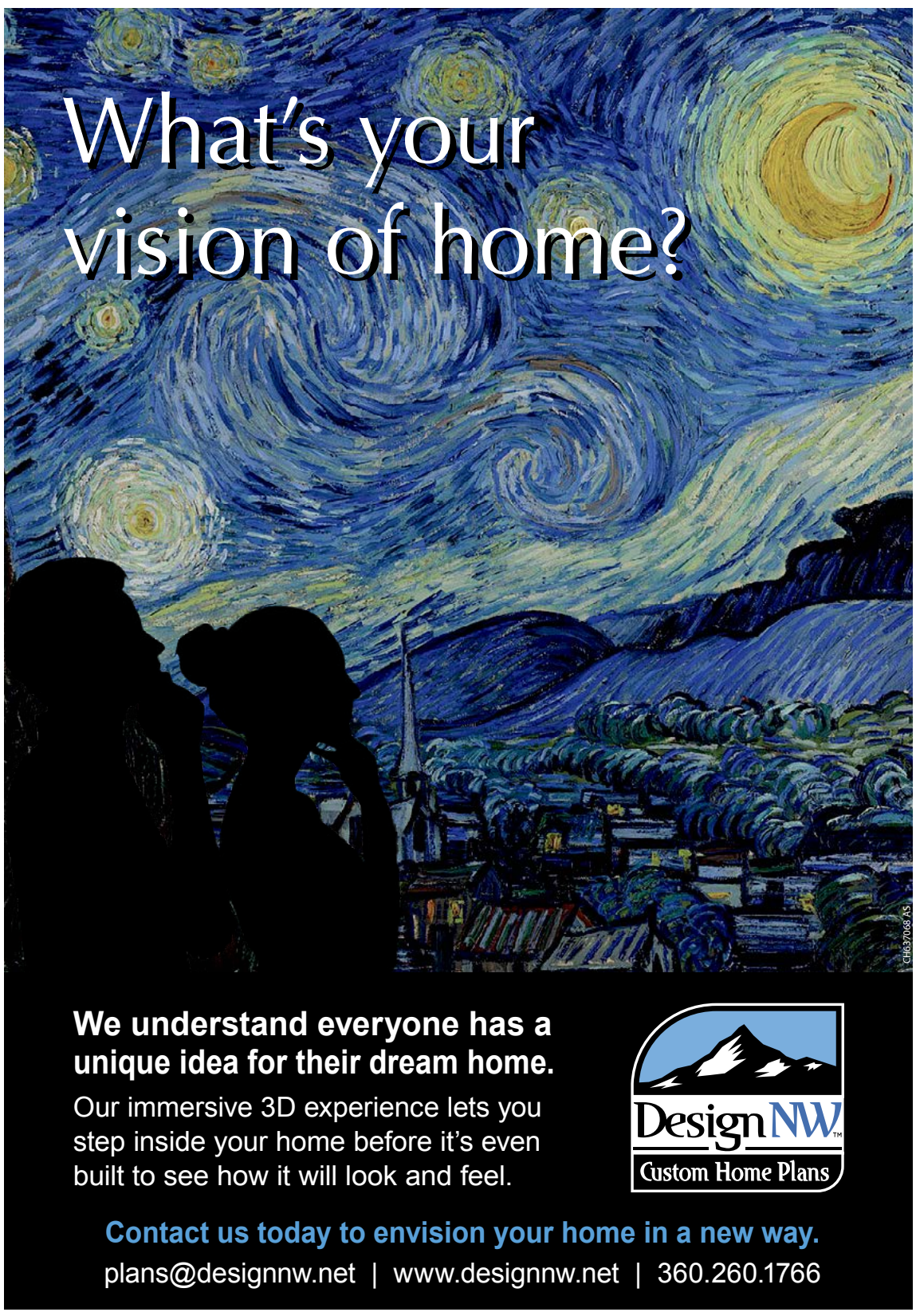
Woodland School District Board of Directors: Every second and fourth Thursday of the month, and every third Thursday in November and December, 6:30 p.m., Woodland High School, Room 1204, 1500 Dike Access Road, Woodland. Updates are available at woodlandschools.org.

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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Wood's Auction Service. Poultry, small livestock, plants and farm supplies. Licensed and bonded.
Diane and Ken, 360-601-6869 or 360-225-7974.

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We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

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OLD TRAINS & TOYS wanted. Lionel, American Flyer, Ives, Marx, Markin. Private party, top dollar. 360-576-1602

WANTED: **OLDER POKEMON CARDS.** Cash for 1990s-2000s Pokemon cards, collections, binders. Any condition. Will travel to you. Please call, text Dane 503-884-5031.

Auctions Sales

ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION
LANGLEY'S ACE
LANGLEY'S TOWING
LANGLEY'S AUTO WRECKING & TOWING
Thursday,
September 24, 2026
at 11am. Viewing at 9am.
19809 NE 58th St.,
Vancouver, WA 98682.
Cash only. All sales final.
Valid ID required.

Legal Notices

138019 CCPC Growth Plan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Clark County Council will hold a special meeting at 4:00 pm on Thursday, October 1, 2026 to conduct a public hearing which will continue at 10:00 am on Friday, October 2, 2026, if necessary, in the County Councilors Hearing Room 680, 6th floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA to consider the following: **2025 COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE** Clark County is updating its comprehensive plan to meet the Growth Management Act deadlines established in RCW 36.70A.130(5)(b). The update process began on January 19, 2023. The County Council adopted population and job numbers for the 20-year planning horizon that ends in 2045. The Council also adopted a public involvement plan that the County has implemented. The environmental review process included the analysis of three alternatives, and a final environmental impact statement on a preferred alternative was released on July 24, 2026. The purpose of this hearing is for the County Council to take public testimony, consider the Planning Commission recommendation, deliberate and make a decision on the elements of the comprehensive plan update. The comprehensive plan update includes the following:
-Changes to the comprehensive and zoning plan map;
-Updates to policies and text in the comprehensive plan document;
-Changes to Clark County Code Title 40, the county's unified development code, to implement map and policy changes;
-Changes to the Arterial Atlas;
-Updated Capital Facilities and Capital Facilities Financial Plans; and
-Updated traffic impact fees
Staff Contact: Oliver Orjiako, (360) 397-2280, Ext. 4112, *oliver.orjiako@clark.wa.gov* County Council meetings will be held in a hybrid format, and the public is encouraged to participate in the following ways:
-In person attendance in the Council's Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98666.
-Virtually via WebEx (join by phone or computer): information for the meetings will be posted on the Meeting Agendas & Archives page at least one week prior to the meeting: https://clark.wa.gov/councilors/clark-county-council-meetings
-Viewing opportunities also are available as follows: Watch live on CVTV (Comcast channel 23/323 HD) or Livestream from a personal computer at *www.cvtv.org*.
-Submit written comments via the County website at https://clark.wa.gov/councilors/public comment or via the US Postal Service to the Clark County Council, c/o Rebecca Messinger, PO Box 5000, Vancouver, WA 98666-5000. Written public comments may be submitted between 8:00 a.m. September 16, 2026 and by the end of the hearing on October 1, 2026.
-Read your comments into the record. Sign-in sheets will be available in the back of the meeting room for those attending in person. You can find the following instructions: "How to provide public comment via computer or mobile device" on the Council's meetings page: *https://clark.wa.gov/councilors/clark-county-council-meetings*
-You may submit items like maps, photos, graphics, articles, legal history, etc., to become part of the record of the County's decision. To do so, you must provide the item. Hand it to staff at the meeting, attach it to your digital testimony, or physically send it via USPS or a delivery service that will get it to the County before the meeting. Referring to an item, sending a link to an item, or showing an item during testimony without giving it to staff, for example, would not enter an item into the record.
-To ensure that it can be forwarded to the Councilors by the hearing, please submit written testimony at least 24 hours before the hearing. Written testimony may also be submitted for the record during the hearing. The staff report and related materials will be available 15 days prior to the hearing date on the county's web page at *https://clark.wa.gov/community-planning/2025 update-meeting-and-event-information*. Copies are also available by request to **Jose Alvarez, Program Manager**, jose.alvarez@clark.wa.gov, or **564.397.4898**. For other formats, contact the Clark County **ADA Office at ADA @clark.wa.gov, voice 564.397.2322, Relay 711 or 800.833.6388, or Fax 564.397.6165.** Approved as to Form Only:
ANTHONY F. GOLIK

Washington Firewood Law

State law requires firewood to be sold by the cord or fraction of a cord. A cord is 128 cubic feet, which is a stack 4 feet wide, 4 feet tall, and 8 feet long;. or equivalent. A cord of wood cut 16 inches long would be three stacks 4 feet tall and 8 feet long.

The terms "rack," "unit," "pile," and "truckload" are not to be used when advertising firewood. State law requires that a delivery ticket or sales invoice be presented by the seller to the purchaser at the time of sale. The sales invoice is to include the name and address of the seller, name and address of buyer, quantity delivered, price, and date of delivery. State law suggests that firewood be described for sale by species such as 50 percent oak and 50 percent alder.

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.

Legal Notices

138021 NTC Clark County

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by Clark County, Washington until 1:50 P.M. on __October 6__, 2026 for: CRP 320322 / PRJ0001799, Whipple, Knapps, Carson Bridge Bundle. Sealed bids shall be delivered to the office of Clark County Purchasing, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Suite 650, Vancouver, Washington 98660 (or P.O. Box 5000, Vancouver, WA 98666-5000). Bids delivered to locations other than as indicated above or received after the time indicated above will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, on the same day in the Hearing Room of the Clark County Council, 6th Floor of the Public Service Center. Description of work: This project includes strengthening three bridges with various bridge strengthening systems (cast-in-place concrete, fiber reinforced polymer), traffic control, and other related work. Primary Bid Items: Construction Surveying, Traffic Control Supervisor, Flaggers, Other Traffic Control Labor, Br. Rehab. ___Bridge No. ___. Bid documents can be viewed, downloaded, or purchased on the. Builders Exchange of Washington (BXWA) website *www.bxwa.com*. (Posted Projects, Public Works, Clark County and Projects Bidding). Bidders are encouraged to "Register as a Bidder" in order to receive automatic email notification of future addenda and to be placed on the Bidders List. Electronic and paper copies of bid documents are not available from Clark County. It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to obtain Addenda, if any. Such information may be obtained from the Builders Exchange of Washington (BXWA) web site, www.bxwa.com (Posted Projects, Public Works, Clark County and Projects Bidding). Clark County accepts no responsibility or liability and will provide no accommodation to bidders who fail to check for addenda and submit inadequate or incomplete bids. Questions and requests for clarification must be submitted using the electronic "CRP Inquiry Submittal Form" located on the County website, https://clark.wa.gov/internal-services/public-works-roads-parks-clean-water-projects. Responses will be posted on the project's "Bid Inquiry Log". All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid documents. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the Bidder's company name, project title, project number, bid opening date, and "SEALED BID" clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. Bids submitted by FAX or email will not be accepted. Each bid proposal must be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond in an amount of at least five percent (5%) of the total bid. Should the successful bidder fail to enter into a contract and furnish a satisfactory contract bond, the bid deposit shall be forfeited to Clark County. Clark County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. For questions regarding Clark County Public Works' Title VI program, or for interpretation or translation services for non-English speakers, or otherwise making materials available in an alternate format, contact Clark County Public Works' Title VI Coordinator via email at *CCPW-TitleVI@clark.wa.gov* or phone 564-397-4944.
Hearing/ speech impaired may call the Washington Relay Center at 711. **TÍTULO VI** El condado de Clark, de acuerdo con las disposiciones del Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964 y las Regulaciones, o Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Regulations, (78 Stat.252, 42 USC 2000d a 2000d-4), por este medio notifica a todos los postores que se les asegura afirmativamente de que en cualquier contrato en conformidad con este anuncio, las empresas comerciales desfavorecidas tendrán la oportunidad plena y justa de presentar ofertas en respuesta a esta invitación y no serán discriminadas por motivos de raza, color u origen nacional en consideración para una concesión. Si tiene preguntas sobre el programa Título VI de obras públicas del condado de Clark, o para servicios de interpretación o traducción para personas que no hablan inglés, o si tiene materiales disponibles en un formato alternativo, comuníquese con el coordinador del Título VI de obras públicas del condado de Clark por correo electrónico a CCPW-TitleVI@clark.wa.gov o teléfono 564-397-4944. Las personas con problemas de audición o del habla pueden. llamar al Washington Relay Center al 711.

Раздел VI
В соответствии с нормами раздела VI Закона о гражданских правах 1964 г. (Civil Rights Act) (раздела 78 ст. 252 главы 42 Свода законов США, §§ 2000d — 2000d-4) и нормативными актами, округ Кларк настоящим уведомляет всех участников торгов о том, что он гарантирует, что в любом договоре, заключенном в соответствии с данным объявлением, предприятиям, находящимся в неблагоприятных условиях, предоставляются полные и равные возможности для подачи предложения в ответ на данное приглашение, и при рассмотрении вопроса о получении финансирования они не подвергаются дискриминации по признаку расовой принадлежности, цвета кожи или национального происхождения.

По вопросам, касающимся программы «Раздел VI» (Title VI) Управления общественных работ (Public Works) округа Кларк, а также по вопросам, касающимся устного или письменного перевода для лиц, не говорящих на английском языке, либо предоставления информационных материалов в альтернативном формате, обращайтесь к координатору программы «Раздел VI» Управления общественных работ округа Кларк по электронной почте CCPW-TitleVI@clark.wa.gov или по номеру 564-397-4944. Лица с нарушением слуха или речи могут позвонить в Вашингтонскую службу коммутируемых сообщений (Washington Relay Center) по номеру 711.

The County reserves the right to waive informalities in the bidding, reject any or all bids, or cancel the bid if the best interests of Clark County are not served. This Notice to Contractors was signed by Priscilla Mason, Purchasing Agent of Record, on the 22nd of May, 2026.

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Clark County Prosecuting Attorney
CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
/s/Rebecca Messinger
Clerk to the Council
By/s/Rebekah Ward-Palmerton
Rebekah Ward-Palmerton
Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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138007 NVS Walker

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK
No. 26-4-00862-06
NOTICE OF VACANCY AND SUCCESSION

In Re the Estate of:
RONALD K. WALKER,
Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Scott Allen Walker's Letters of Administration were revoked, and he was removed as personal representative of the Estate of Ronald K. Walker by Order entered on August 27, 2026. By the same Order, Devon G. Avery was appointed successor personal representative of the Estate. Letters of Administration with Restrictions were issued to Devon G. Avery on August 27, 2026. All creditor claims, correspondence, and other matters concerning the administration of the Estate should be directed to the successor personal representative through the attorney identified below. DATED this 28 day of August, 2026.
By: Michael S. Trotter,
WSBA No. 59056
Attorney for Successor
Personal Representative
PACIFIC CASCADE
FAMILY LAW
900 Washington St., Suite 760
Vancouver, WA 98660
mtrotter@pclfirm.com
360-605-1000

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137837 NTC White

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK
No. 26-4-01055-06
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In the Matter of the Estate of:
MARILYNN ALICE WHITE,
Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as the 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 attorneys 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 Filing Copy of Notice to Creditors with Clerk of Court: August 24, 2026
Date of First Publication: September 2, 2026
Personal Representative:
MOMENTOUS TRUST COMPANY
c/o Rachael A. Young
Senescu & Babich, PLLC
Attorneys at Law
1409 Franklin Street,
Suite 207
Vancouver, WA 98660
Phone: (360) 696-7494

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

PURSUANT TO THE REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON CHAPTER 61.24 ET. SEQ. Grantor: SCOTT RANDALL AND VICKIE RANDALL, HUSBAND AND WIFE Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust: Idaho Housing and Finance Association (which also dba HomeLoanServ) Original Trustee of the Deed of Trust: WFG NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY OF CLARK COUNTY WA, LLC Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps Current Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Idaho Housing and Finance Association dba HomeLoanServ Reference Number of the Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 5945187 Parcel Number: 107358022 I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 25, 2026, 09:00 AM, 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, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, the undersigned Trustee, will 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: LOT 11, 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. APN: 107358022 More commonly known as 11911 NE 79TH ST, VANCOUVER, WA 98682 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated August 3, 2021, executed by SCOTT RANDALL AND VICKIE RANDALL, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Trustor(s), to secure obligations in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for FAIRWAY INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, recorded August 3, 2021 as Instrument No. 5945187 and the beneficial interest was assigned to Idaho Housing and Finance Association (which also dba HomeLoanServ) and recorded June 23, 2023 as Instrument Number 6127186 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Clark County, Washington. II. No action commenced by Idaho Housing and Finance Association (which also dba HomeLoanServ), the current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrowers' or Grantors' 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: DELINQUENT PAYMENT INFORMATION From November 1, 2023 To May 13, 2026 Total $78,353.00 LATE CHARGE INFORMATION November 1, 2023 May 13, 2026 $3,056.87 PROMISSORY NOTE INFORMATION Note Dated: August 3, 2021 Note Amount $377,927.00 Interest Paid To: October 1, 2023 Next Due Date: November 1, 2023 Current Beneficiary: Idaho Housing and Finance Association (which also dba HomeLoanServ) Contact Phone No: (800) 526-7145 Address: 565 W Myrtle St., Boise, ID 83702 IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $363,455.03, together with interest as provided in the Note or other instrument secured, 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. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on September 25, 2026. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by September 14, 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 September 14, 2026 (11 days before the sale) the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustees' 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 September 14, 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 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 current Beneficiary, Idaho Housing and Finance Association (which also dba HomeLoanServ) or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es): ADDRESS SCOTT GREGORY RANDALL 11911 NE 79TH ST, VANCOUVER, WA 98682 VICKIE RANDALL 11911 NE 79TH ST, VANCOUVER, WA 98682 by both first class and certified mail on April 8, 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 April 7, 2026 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 Trustees' 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. Notice to Borrower(s) who received a letter under RCW 61.24.031: THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. Mediation MUST be requested between the time you receive the Notice of Default and no later than 90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in the Notice of Trustee Sale. If an amended Notice of Trustee Sale is recorded 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 the 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 might 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 Washington State Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) Website: https://www.homeownershiphotline.org/ The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 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: Toll-free: 1-800-606-4819 Website: https://nwjustice.org/home Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) may impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers Dated: May 14, 2026 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as Duly Appointed Successor Trustee By: Alan Burton, Vice President MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps 606 W. Gowe Street Kent, WA 98032 Toll Free Number: (844) 367-8456 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 For Reinstatement/Pay Off Quotes, contact MTC Financial Inc. DBA Trustee Corps NPP0489252 To: THE REFLECTOR 08/26/2026, 09/16/2026

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137928 Well Permit

TAKE NOTICE:
That King's Lakeside Park & Water Association of Ariel, Washington on November 28, 1994, under Water Right Application No. G2-29148, filed for a permit to appropriate public groundwater, subject to existing rights, from 3 proposed wells for year-round use in the amount of 50 gallons per minute (gpm) and 80.6 acre-feet per year (ac-ft/yr) for municipal use. The sources of the proposed appropriation are located within the NE quarter of the SW quarter of Section 23, Township 6 North, Range 2 East, W.M., within Cowlitz County. The proposed place of use is located within the area served by King's Lakeside Park & Water Association within Cowlitz County. To view this application as well as the source of the proposed appropriation and place of use, visit our Water Right Search application and web map search here: *https://appswr.ecology.wa.gov/waterrighttrackingsystem/WaterRights/default.aspx*
Protests to this application must include a detailed statement of the basis for the objections. Protests must be accompanied with a fifty dollar ($50.00) nonrefundable recording fee. We accept check or money order only. Do not send cash. **Send your protest with the $50.00 fee to the Department of Ecology at the address below within 30 days from:** August 26,2026

Department of Ecology
Cashiering Office
PO Box 47611
Olympia, WA 98504-7611

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137961 NTC HANCOCK

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Probate No. 26-4-01059-06

In the Matter of the Estate of:
JANET HANCOCK,
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 deceased must, prior to the time such claims 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 file the original of the claim with the Clerk of this 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 in RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) Four

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months after the date of first publication of this notice or within four months after the date of the filing of the copy of this notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later. 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 deceased's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FILING COPY OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS WITH CLERK OF THE COURT: August 21, 2026
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:
September 2, 2026
Personal Representative:
Sherrie Lynn Rhodes
1660 N. 18 th St, Unit 19
Washougal WA 98671
Attorney for Estate:
Joe F. Yonek, WSB #17763
Address: 13023 NE HWY 99 STE 7 PMB 301
Vancouver, WA 98686
Telephone Number:
(360) 571-7321

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137973 NTC Gameson

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK IN PROBATE NO. 26-4-01065-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

In Re the Estate of Lloyd William Gameson III,
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.
Date of First Publication:
September 2, 2026.
Renee Long
Personal Representative
Robert M. Gregg,
WSBA #12553
Attorney for Personal Representatives
Address for Mailing or Service:
12503 SE Mill Plain Blvd, Ste 240
Vancouver, WA 98684
Telephone: (360) 694-6505

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137979 NTC Strite

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON NO. 26 4 01081 06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In re the Estate of:
WILLIAM F. STRITE,
Deceased.
The co-personal representatives named below have been appointed as the co-personal representatives 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 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 in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the co-personal representatives were 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:
SEPTEMBER 9, 2026
Co-Personal Representatives:
WILLIAM C. STRITE &
LAURIE D. SHERRILL
Attorney for the Personal Representative:
LORI L. GASCON
1014 FRANKLIN STREET
VANCOUVER, WA 98660
(360) 694-9601
Court of probate proceedings and cause number:
Clark County, Washington
Superior Court
Cause No. 26 4 01081 06
CLARK COUNTY
COURTHOUSE
1200 FRANKLIN
P. O. BOX 5000
VANCOUVER, WA 98668
360.694.9601
S/ LORI L. GASCON,
WSBA#37866
Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives

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137980 NTC Haeseker

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON NO. 26 4 01080 06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In re the Estate of:
STEVEN LEWIS HAESEKER,
Deceased.
The personal representative named below has been appointed as the 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 non-probate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:
SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

Personal Representative:
MICHELE C. DeHART
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Court of probate proceedings and cause number:
Clark County, Washington
Superior Court
Cause No. 264 01080 06
CLARK COUNTY
COURTHOUSE
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P. O. BOX 5000
VANCOUVER, WA 98668
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WSBA#37866
Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives

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137982 NTC Wilkinson

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK No. 26-4-01110-06 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In the Matter of the Estate of:
BRENDA MARIE
WILKINSON, 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 inRCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorneys 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 non-probate assets. Name of Appointed Personal Representative: LILLIAN LEWIS.
Date of Filing Copy of Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court: 09/01/2026.
Date of First Publication:
09/09/2026. Dated and signed this 31st day of August 2026, by: S/ LILLIAN LEWIS
Personal Representative of the Estate of:
Beryl M. McMahon, Deceased
SUBMITTED BY:
S/ STEVEN M. SOWARDS,
WSBA #20815
DATE 08/27/2026
Attorney for Personal Representative
Boyd, Gaffney, Sowards & Treosti, P.L.L.C.
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Ph. (360) 687-3149,
Fax (360) 687-3148

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137986 NTC McMahon

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK No. 26-4-01085-06 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of:
BERYL M. McMAHON,
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(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. Name of Appointed Personal Representative: LILLIAN LEWIS.
Date of Filing Copy of Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court: 09/01/2026.
Date of First Publication:
09/09/2026. Dated and signed this 31st day of August 2026, by: S/ LILLIAN LEWIS
Personal Representative of the Estate of:
Beryl M. McMahon, Deceased
SUBMITTED BY:
S/ STEVEN M. SOWARDS,
WSBA #20815
DATE 08/27/2026
Attorney for Personal Representative
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137988 NTC LaLonde Jr.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK No. 26-4-01110-06 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In the Matter of the Estate of:
LLOYD F. LALONDE, JR.,
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 attorneys 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 Filing Copy of Notice to Creditors with Clerk of Court: September 1, 2026
Date of First Publication:
September 9, 2026
Personal Representative:
JANE LALONDE
c/o Rachael A. Young
Senescu & Babich, PLLC
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137990 NTC Hodgdon

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY NO. 26-4-01044-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOANNE CAROL HODGDON
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as 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 creditors 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:
September 9, 2026
Personal Representative:
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Attorney for Personal Representative:
Jonathan J. Cavanagh
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Portland, Oregon 97201

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137994 NTC Boxberger

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS No. 26-4-01074-06

In the Matter of the estate of **PRISCILLA G. BOXBERGER**, 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 provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving 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 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:
September 9, 2026
Personal Representative:
Karl Boxberger
Attorney for Personal Representative: J. Mackenzie Hogan, WSBA #47283
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10300 SW Greenburg Rd.,
Suite 530, Portland, OR 97223-5486

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137998 NTC Debra

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY NO. 26-4-01008-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.020, 11.40.030

In the Estate of:
JAMES F. DEBRA,
Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative 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 Personal Representative or the Personal Representative 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 RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate assets and nonprobate assets of the decedent.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:
September 9, 2026.
Jolyn M. deBra, Personal Representative
Scott W. Swindell,
WSBA #21268
Attorney for Personal Representative
Scott W. Swindell,
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138010 Call for Bids

CALL FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received until **10:00 AM Wednesday**, October 7, 2026 by the City of Battle Ground at the City of Battle Ground City Hall, 109 SW 1 st Street, Suite 127, Battle Ground, Washington 98604, for the ***W 15th Avenue and W Main Street Intersection Improvements (CP-TR-2015-05)*** project and other related work; then publicly opened and read aloud at the City of Battle Ground City Hall, 109 SW 1 st Street, Suite 122, Battle Ground, Washington.
SCOPE OF WORK
The construction at the intersection of W 15th Avenue and W Main Street will consist of widening the North leg and constructing curb and gutter, sidewalk, and planter strip. The South Leg shall be widened and construction of curb and gutter, sidewalk and tree wells. Additionally, at the W Main St leg, removal of a portion of the existing center island and Construction of new curb and asphalt, extending the existing turn pocket. and other work, all in accordance with the attached Contract Plans, these Contract Provisions, and the Standard Specifications. The City Council may proceed to award the contract to the lowest bidder and best bidder but may reject any or all bids if, in its opinion, good cause exists, therefore, to waive informalities in the bidding; and to accept the bid from the lowest responsible bidder.
PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND BID PROPOSAL forms may be obtained as of **Wednesday, September 16, 2026** from the City of Battle Ground Public Works - Engineering Department at 109 SW 1st Street, Suite 122, Battle Ground, WA 98604. Contact Ryan Jeynes at ryan.jeynes @cityofbg.org for more information. All bid proposals shall be accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of such proposal. Should the successful bidder fail to enter into such contract and furnish satisfactory performance bond within the time stated in the specifications, the bid proposal deposit shall be forfeited to the City. The City of Battle Ground in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. Information is available in an alternate language by request to cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org.

Información será traducida al español a petición de cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org.
Информация имеется на русском языке по запросу на cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org.
如需相关信息的中文版本请来函索取:
cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org.
Gửi yêu cầu nhận thông tin sẵn có bằng tiếng Việt đến cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org.
Za informacije na bosanskom jeziku obratite se na adresu cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org.
Ang impormasyon ay makukuha sa Tagalog sa pamamagitan ng kahilingan sa cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org.

Informational copies of maps, plans, specifications and insurance requirements are on file for inspection in the Public Works Engineering office in Battle Ground, Washington. For project information, please contact Ryan M. Jeynes, PE, City Engineer at (360) 342-5078. Dates of Publication : September 16, 2026, September 23, 2026, and September 30, 2026

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138011 NTC Aarrestad

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK IN PROBATE NO. 26-4-01130-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

In Re the Estate of
Catherine G. Aarrestad,
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.
Date of First Publication:
September 16, 2026.
Eric G. Aarrestad
Personal Representative
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Vancouver, WA 98684
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq.108 1st Ave South, Suite 450 Seattle, WA 98104 Trustee Sale No.: WA-25-1029608-RM Title Order No.: 3775327 Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 6148744 Parcel Number(s): 110089202 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: SARAH RIVERA, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): NewRez LLC dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: NewRez LLC, d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing I.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned Trustee, will on 9/25/2026, 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, to-wit: UNIT 3, REGENTS HILL, A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION THEREOF RECORDED FEBRUARY 7, 1963, UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. G626062 AND SURVEY MAP AND PLANS RECORDED IN VOLUME G OF CONDOMINIUMS, PAGE 613, AND AMENDED APRIL 10, 1973, UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. G630881, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO. SITUATE IN THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF WASHINGTON. More commonly known as: 13513 NE 22ND ST, VANCOUVER, WA 98684 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 10/17/2023, recorded 10/17/2023, under Instrument No. 6148744 records of CLARK County, Washington, from SARAH RIVERA, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as grantor(s), to WFG National Title Company of Clark County, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Panorama Mortgage Group, LLC dba Vision Mortgage Group, its successors and assigns , as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to NewRez LLC dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 6263784 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 arrears: $30,687.87. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $275,832.05, together with interest as provided in the Note from 4/1/2025 on, and such other costs, fees, and charges as are due under the Note, Deed of Trust, 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. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 9/25/2026. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 9/14/2026 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 9/14/2026 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or 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 cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 9/14/2026 (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 4/10/2026. 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. 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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: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: https://www.homeownership-wa.org/ The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: 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 or Web site: https://nwjustice.org/home 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 noteholders rights against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-25-1029608-RM. Dated: 5/13/2026 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, as Trustee By: Jeff Stenman, President 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-25-1029608-RM Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq.108 1st Ave South, Suite 450 Seattle, WA 98104 Trustee Sale No.: WA-26-1049724-RM Title Order No.: DEF-687786 Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 5987696 Parcel Number(s): 986048993 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: YEVGENIY BABIY AND DARIA BABIY, HUSBAND AND WIFE Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): NewRez LLC dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: NewRez LLC, d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing I.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned Trustee, will on 9/25/2026, 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, to-wit: LOT 1, STONEHAVEN SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 312 OF PLATS, PAGE 4, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. More commonly known as: 13203 NE 114TH WAY, BRUSH PRAIRIE, WA 98606 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 11/10/2021, recorded 11/12/2021, under Instrument No. 5987696 records of CLARK County, Washington, from YEVGENIY BABIY AND DARIA BABIY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as grantor(s), to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS , as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to NewRez LLC dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 6269934 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 arrears: $34,186.60. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $486,646.98, together with interest as provided in the Note from 6/1/2025 on, and such other costs, fees, and charges as are due under the Note, Deed of Trust, 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. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 9/25/2026. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 9/14/2026 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. 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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 4/10/2026. 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. 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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: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: https://www.homeownership-wa.org/ The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: 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 or Web site: https://nwjustice.org/home 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 noteholders rights against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-26-1049724-RM. Dated: 5/13/2026 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, as Trustee By: Jeff Stenman, President 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-26-1049724-RM Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq.108 1st Ave South, Suite 450 Seattle, WA 98104 Trustee Sale No.: WA-24-1005415-BF Title Order No.: 240715883-WA-MSI Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 5810607 Parcel Number(s): 121563-012 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: CHRISTOPHER ALAN NOVOTNY AND JENNIFER LYNN NOVOTNY, HUSBAND AND WIFE Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: LoanCare, LLC I.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned Trustee, will on 9/25/2026, 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, to-wit: LOT 6, D'LANGWOOD TERRACE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME G OF PLATS, PAGE 843, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF WASHINGTON. More commonly known as: 22602 NE 231ST AVE, BATTLE GROUND, WA 98604 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 10/27/2020, recorded 10/28/2020, under Instrument No. 5810607 records of CLARK County, Washington, from CHRISTOPHER ALAN NOVOTNY AND JENNIFER LYNN NOVOTNY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as grantor(s), to WFG NATIONAL TITLE, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for EVERGREEN MONEYSOURCE MORTGAGE COMPANY, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 6223288 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 arrears: $53,825.39. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $366,923.67, together with interest as provided in the Note from 10/1/2024 on, and such other costs, fees, and charges as are due under the Note, Deed of Trust, 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. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 9/25/2026. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 9/14/2026 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 9/14/2026 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or 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 cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 9/14/2026 (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 1/17/2025. 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 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 NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You may be eligible for mediation. You have only until 90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this Notice of Trustee Sale to be referred to mediation. 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The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-24-1005415-BF. Dated: 5/14/2026 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, as Trustee By: Jeff Stenman, President 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-24-1005415-BF Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com IDSPub #0314924 8/26/2026 9/16/2026

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Grantor: CYLE B. GUSTAFSON AND JEANNIE M. GUSTAFSON
Current beneficiary of the deed of trust:
MECHANICS BANK
FKA HOMESTREET BANK
Current trustee of the deed of trust: North Star Trustee, LLC
Current mortgage servicer for the deed of trust:
Mechanics Bank
Reference number of the deed of trust: 4379871
Parcel Number(s):
192691-076

I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Trustee, North Star Trustee, LLC will on 9/25/2026, at 9:00 AM at the Public Service Center Gazebo near the corner of Franklin and 13th street, across from the Clark County Courthouse, Clark County Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98660 sell at public auction 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 38 HORSE THIEF CANYON PHASE 1B, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME 310 OF PLATS, PAGE 644, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

Commonly known as:
1120 SW 23RD AVENUE
BATTLEGROUND,
WASHINGTON 98604

which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 9/21/2007, recorded 9/28/2007, as Instrument No. 4379871, records of Clark County, Washington, from CYLE B. GUSTAFSON AND JEANNIE M. GUSTAFSON, as Grantor(s), to FIDELITY TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for WINDERMERE MORTGAGE SERVICES SERIES LLC, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned to MECHANICS BANK FKA HOMESTREET BANK, under an Assignment recorded under Auditor's File No. 5509168.

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 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:

PAYMENT INFORMATION
Total Monthly Payments Due:
TOTAL
September 1, 2025
to May 1, 2026
$14,790.82
Corporate Advances:
$2,388.40
Net Other Fees:
$120.00
LATE CHARGE
INFORMATION
TOTAL LATE CHARGES
TOTAL
$505.62
PROMISSORY
NOTE INFORMATION
Note Dated:
9/21/2007
Note Amount:
$272,000.00
Interest Paid To:
8/1/2025
Next Due Date:
9/1/2025

IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal $237,953.30, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from 8/1/2025, 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 9/25/2026. The default(s) referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 9/14/2026, (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 9/14/2026 (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 9/14/2026 (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 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 addresses:

NAME/ADDRESS
CYLE B. GUSTAFSON
1120 SW 23RD AVENUE
BATTLEGROUND, WA 98604
CYLE B. GUSTAFSON
1120 SW 23RD AVENUE
BATTLEGROUND,
WA 98604-3069
JEANNIE M. GUSTAFSON
1120 SW 23RD AVENUE
BATTLEGROUND, WA 98604
JEANNIE M. GUSTAFSON
1120 SW 23RD AVENUE
BATTLEGROUND,
WA 98604-3069

by both first class and certified mail on 3/13/2026, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served 3/16/2026, 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.

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DATED: 05/14/2026
North Star Trustee,
LLC, as Trustee
/S/ Lisa Hackney,
Vice President of
Trustee Operations
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STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SNOHOMISH)
I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Lisa Hackney is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that (he/she) signed this instrument, on oath stated that (he/she) was authorized to execute the instrument and acknowledged it as the Vice President of Trustee Operations of North Star Trustee, LLC to be the free and voluntary act of such party for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.
Dated: 05/14/2026
/S/ Theresa Stearns
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington, residing at Mountlake Terrace, WA
My commission expires 7/11/2029
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq.108 1st Ave South, Suite 450 Seattle, WA 98104 Trustee Sale No.: WA-26-1050127-BF Title Order No.: 260169422-WA-MSI Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 6184512 Parcel Number(s): 35770365 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: DAVID ROMANAUSKY, AN UNMARRIED 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 I.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned Trustee, will on 9/25/2026, 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, to-wit: UNIT 5305, SHOREWOOD EAST, A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1972, UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. G613336, AND SURVEY MAP AND PLANS RECORDED IN VOLUME G OF PLATS, PAGE 581 RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO. More commonly known as: 5585 E Evergreen Blvd Unit 5305, Vancouver, WA 98661 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 5/21/2024, recorded 5/30/2024, under Instrument No. 6184512 records of CLARK County, Washington, from DAVID ROMANAUSKY, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as grantor(s), to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN PACIFIC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 6304172 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 arrears: $16,168.89. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $172,658.32, together with interest as provided in the Note from 10/1/2025 on, and such other costs, fees, and charges as are due under the Note, Deed of Trust, 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. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 9/25/2026. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 9/14/2026 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 9/14/2026 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or 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 cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 9/14/2026 (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 4/20/2026. 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. 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The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-26-1050127-BF. Dated: 5/20/2026 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-26-1050127-BF Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com IDSPub #0315031 8/26/2026 9/16/2026
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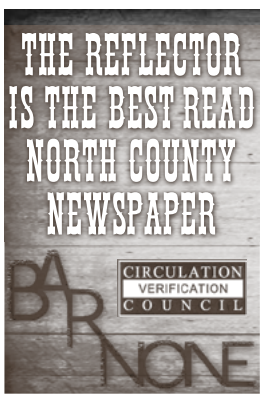
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PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

Estate of
DAVID A. ZYLSTRA
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(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 RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate.
Date of First Publication:
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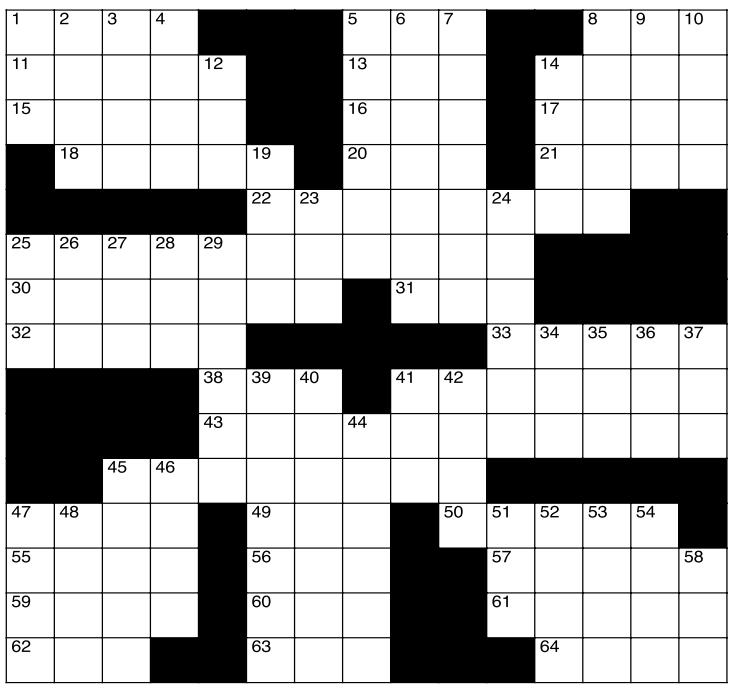
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17. Malaria
18. Informal loan organizations
20. Twitching
21. Holm oak
22. Willing to consent
25. In an early way
30. Stuck it out
31. Language in Ghana
32. Obtain
33. Ancient Greek currency
38. One point east (clockwise) of due north
41. Popular baseball movie
43. Group of islands
45. Church building
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Late AC/DC frontman Scott
50. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
55. Thick piece of something
56. Breakfast food
57. One mole of solute per kilogram of solvent
59. Ancient Greek City
60. Bitterly regret
61. Don't forget it
62. Dishonorable man
63. Affirmative
64. "__ and flows"

CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge-building degree
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Lizard species
4. Turkish leader title
5. A way to bother
6. Blank
7. A fine, closely woven cotton fabric
8. Sports broadcaster Ian
9. Popular whodunit board game
10. Alkali flats mineral
12. Large African antelope
14. It's delivered most days
19. Satisfy
23. Water soaked soil
24. Of a past era
25. Chest muscle (slang)
26. Ribonucleic acid
27. Doctor of Education
28. Coffee receptacle
29. Where rockstars work
34. International airport in Connecticut
35. Russian river
36. It's used to make cabins
37. OJ trial judge Lance
39. A means to persuade
40. Short poem
41. A way to begin hostilities with
42. Multi-function radar (abbr.)
44. Joints
45. Blatted
46. Swedish rock group
47. Millisecond
48. __ podrida: Spanish stew
51. Doctors' group
52. Trunk of a tree
53. Tattle
54. Metrical foot
58. __ Angeles

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