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Battle Ground council weighs options for city manager search

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Battle Ground City Council members began outlining their approach to hiring the city's next manager during their Monday, Oct. 5 meeting, debating whether to evaluate internal candidates first or immediately hire an outside firm to conduct a broader search.

The discussion ended with a 5-2 vote directing city staff to seek a revised proposal from GMP Consultants that would allow the council to consider a phased recruitment process before deciding how to proceed.

The search follows the council's Aug. 5 decision to terminate City Manager Kris Swanson's contract without cause in a 4-3 vote. Swanson joined the city in April 2024 as interim city manager before being appointed to the permanent position. Her transition to Battle Ground followed her March 2024 dismissal without cause from her previous position as Longview's city manager, also in a 4-3 council vote. Swanson elected to go through a public hearing regarding her termination, which is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 2.

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Preserving history: Work continues to restore roof on 150-year-old Cedar Creek Grist Mill

Originally built in 1876, the Cedar Creek Grist Mill has been a thriving, historic location in north Clark County for decades.

In the 1980s, a group of volunteers revitalized the structure with major restoration projects, including the cedar shake roof.

Now, some four decades later, in order to preserve the 150-year-old Cedar Creek Grist Mill, roof restoration is happening again. On Thursday, Oct. 8, new cedar shake roofing was actively being installed on the grist mill while many visitors enjoyed the quiet scenery and early fall colors around the property located at 43907 NE Grist Mill Road, between Woodland and Amboy.



Photo by Cade Barker



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Contract crews work to replace historically-accurate cedar shake roofing at the Cedar Creek Grist Mill on Thursday, Oct. 8.

Clark County Council approves contested growth expansions after two-day public hearing

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Clark County Council approved several contested urban growth expansions on Monday, Oct. 5, including expansions around Battle Ground, Ridgefield and La Center, despite repeated testimony from residents urging the county to preserve agricultural land and limit outward growth.

The decisions followed two days of public hearings and an additional meeting for deliberations on the county's 2025 Comprehensive Plan update. Chair Sue Marshall said 80 people had initially signed up to testify in person, while another 45 participants were scheduled to speak online.

The council's decisions approved most of the growth areas requested by the affected cities, while

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Agricultural buildings sit on land across Royle Road in Ridgefield from newer housing developments on Saturday, Oct. 10.

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Battle Ground City Council unanimously adopts six-month moratorium on mobile home community redevelopment

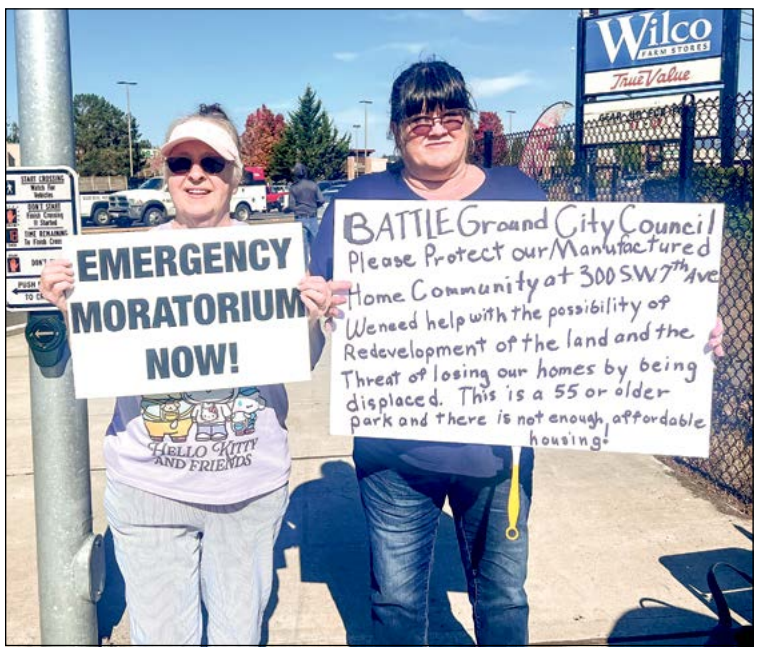


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Colleen Eubanks and Lisa Andreason display signs during a rally on Sept. 17 at the corner of W. Main St. and SW 10th Ave in Battle Ground.



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Clouds pass over Battle Ground Mobile Home Community on Sept. 30.

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On Monday, Oct. 5, Battle Ground City Council voted unanimously to approve a six-month emergency moratorium prohibiting "the filing, acceptance, processing and/or review" of applications to redevelop or change the use of mobile and manufactured home parks in the city. The motion was carried quickly and with no further discussion between council members.

Section 5 of the adopted Ordinance 2026-21 now directs the council to develop a Mobile and Manufactured Home Park Regulatory Options work plan. The plan should "include, but not be limited to" lasting protections for mobile/manufactured home parks, and an analysis of the potential impacts of redevelopment on housing affordability and availability.

The council will also hold a public hearing on the topic, which will take place at Battle Ground City Hall on Nov. 16, 2026.

The moratorium comes after concern about the purchase and redevelopment of Collective Communities Battle Ground Mobile Home Community, located behind the Battle Ground Wilco at 300 S.W. Seventh Ave.

While many living in the 55-and-older park own their homes, the land beneath them is leased. For over 20 years, this land has been zoned for regional center commercial use, and the park has operated under a conditional use exception.

In late June, residents received a notice that the park was up for sale.

At the end of July, a BGMHC homeowner reached out via email to Collective Communities Property Management for clarification about the sale of the park. A representative assured residents that there was "no need to worry about the future of the community", but said she could not provide information about the buyer.

As of Thursday, Oct. 8, Collective Communities has given residents notice that the park will transition to a new ownership group on Oct. 9, 2026. "Your current leases/rent agreements will remain in effect," reads a letter to tenants.

For resident Colleen Eubanks, the moratorium brings partial relief after months of stress and effort from herself and many of her neighbors. From July to September, Eubanks served as representative for the qualified tenant organization Battle Ground Mobile Home Community Tenant Group. The group was established in order to compete for purchase of the park.



Photo by Eily McIlvain

A sign supporting the moratorium perches in the window of a home in the Battle Ground Mobile Home Community on Sept. 30.

The tenants were given 70 days to gather the funds needed to buy the park (around $40 million), but did not meet their goal. Eubanks said they were realistic from the beginning about the likelihood of their success. After failing to raise the money, they depended on intervention from the city.

During the public comment period of Monday's meeting, Eubanks praised the council for their quick action. Following the moratorium's approval, Eubanks says this is just the beginning of the residents' quest to secure lasting protection for their park.



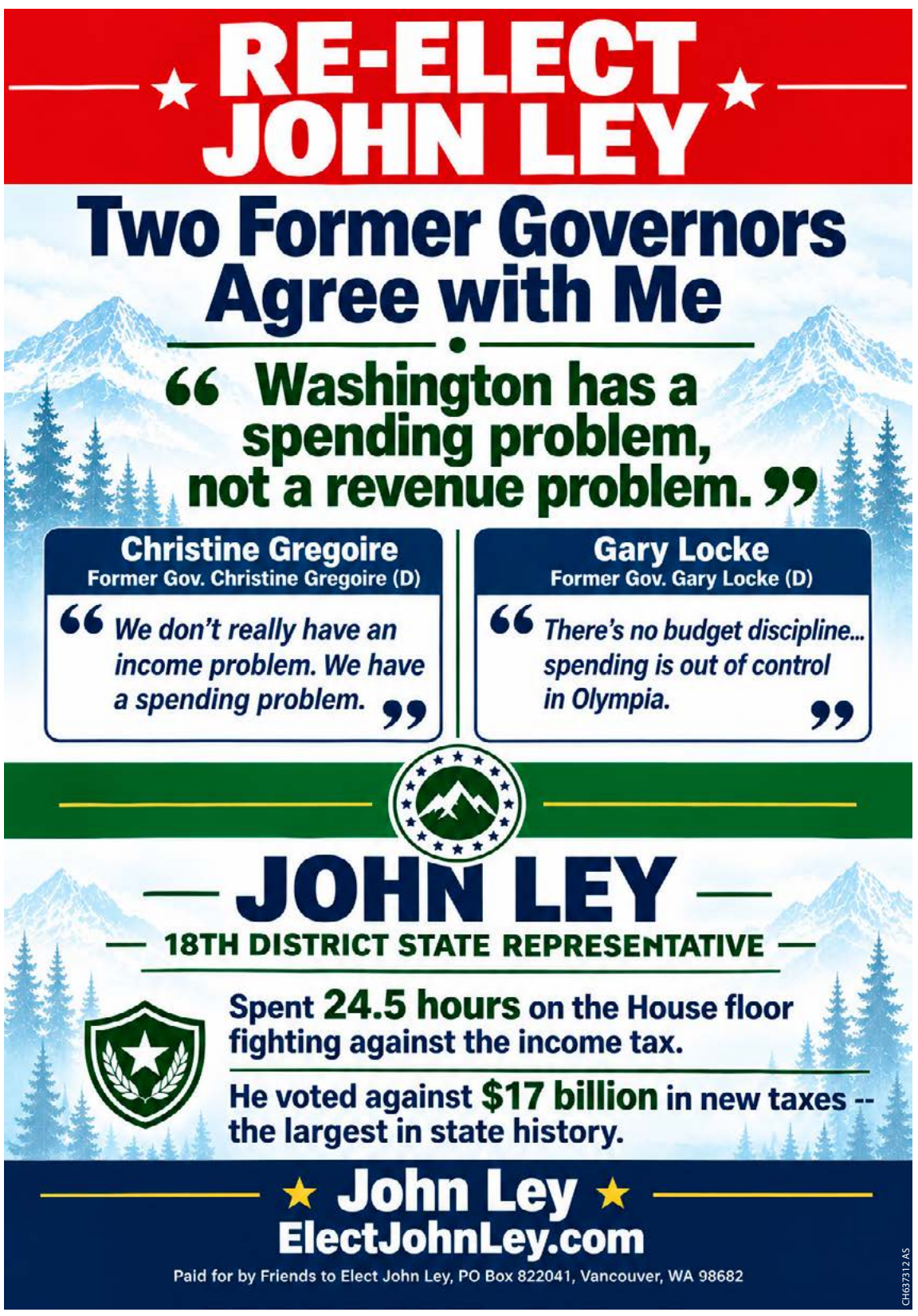
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Left to Right: Battle Ground Mobile Home Community residents Darlene Fordyce, Colleen Eubanks and Irene Baker pose for a photo in the park on Oct. 8.

Their primary concern is opportunistic investors, who buy up commercially valuable land, like the park, and transform it into more lucrative real estate.

"The ultimate [protection] would be residential zoning," she says. If that's not possible, she also supports zoning overlays that would guarantee the park's right to remain indefinitely as a residential community. While an overlay won't change the land's base zoning, Eubanks feels it would provide more security than the conditional use the park currently operates under.

"I would like to see Battle Ground go beyond in protecting this kind of housing," she said. She takes the moratorium as a strong sign of support from the council.





Friends of Clark County warns Clark County growth plan threatens future of agricultural land

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As Clark County moves toward adopting its 2025 Comprehensive Plan update, Friends of Clark County is warning that approved urban growth area expansions could threaten the future of local agriculture, reduce access to farmland and weaken the infrastructure needed to sustain the region's food system.

Ann Foster, president of Friends of Clark County (FOCC), said the county's decisions to expand urban growth areas around Battle Ground, Ridgefield and La Center reflect a pattern of prioritizing development over agricultural land preservation, despite public testimony urging the Clark County Council to limit outward growth.

"We have been saying for the last three years there is no legal need for Battle Ground for Ridgefield and La Center and Camas for that matter to expand their urban growth boundary," Foster said in an interview with The Reflector on Thursday, Oct. 8. "We've been pretty loud about that with 55 comments. I think that's what the count is now on record over the last few years."

The council approved several contested urban growth area expansions on Oct. 5 after three days of public hearings and deliberations on the comprehensive plan update. The decisions included an expansion toward Dollar's Corner and a 25-acre expansion north of Battle Ground, an expansion north of Ridgefield and several changes involving La Center's requested growth areas. The council also approved an urban growth area expansion for Yacolt.

The decisions came despite residents repeatedly asking councilors to accommodate future growth within existing urban areas rather than convert agricultural land for development.

Foster said the direction of the council's deliberations had become apparent well before the final votes, however.

"You know, the various meetings, the various conversations, the various discussions that the council has had over the last six months or so have indicated that the majority is siding with the cities and they're not changing their minds," she said.

FOCC's tally of public testimony during the process found that 35 people spoke against urban growth area expansions and in favor of protecting agricultural land, compared with 14 who spoke in support of expansions. The organization noted that only four of the 14 expansion supporters were not developers, builders, property owners or their attorneys, Foster added.

Nine people spoke in support of affordable housing, six of whom discussed mobile home parks, while 11 spoke on miscellaneous topics, Foster added in an email.

FOCC characterized the testimony as showing a definite majority of speakers opposed to the direction reflected in the council majority's vote. The figures represent the organization's assessment of public testimony.

City officials and some property owners argued that targeted expansions were necessary to meet future housing and employment needs. Ridgefield City Manager Steve Stewart said the city had increased housing density within its existing urban area but still needed additional land to meet housing and employment capacity requirements. La Center officials similarly pointed to transportation infrastructure and opportunities for commercial and industrial development.

Foster said FOCC's concerns extend beyond the amount of land being converted. The organization also questions whether the proposed changes comply with state growth management requirements.

"That in itself is a problem. Annexing land that doesn't need to be annexed," Foster said, "but the second part of that is that the land that they want to bring into their urban growth boundaries is currently designated as agriculture. And that is in violation of the Growth Management Act."

During the Oct. 5 deliberations, Council Chair Sue Marshall also raised concerns that some of the approved changes could expose the county to litigation under the state's Growth Management Act.

Agricultural land and the cost of growth

Foster said continued urbanization can make farming more difficult even when agricultural parcels are not directly developed. Construction dust, debris, rising property values and the proximity of expanding urban areas can affect farming operations and make it harder for agricultural businesses to remain profitable.

"The proximity of sprawl and of the urban population will continue to soil the soils, as you will, and it just limits the ability for a farmer to be successful," she said.

Foster pointed to a small farm near Northeast 29th Ave. and 179th St. as an example. She said construction-related debris, dust and other impacts had affected two garlic fields, with the farmers estimating that restoring the soil to working condition would take three years.

She also said the conversion of agricultural land has consequences for the county's long-term food supply and its ability to respond to climate-related challenges.

"Once it is covered with concrete and asphalt, it is never usable for the purpose of supplying food," she said. "Which may become more and more important going into the future."

Agricultural land and open space also play a role in climate resilience, she said, while the loss of farmland can drive prices beyond what small farmers and established agricultural businesses can afford.

Foster said she believes housing needs can be addressed without relying as heavily on outward expansion. She pointed to higher-density housing in appropriate locations as one way to accommodate population growth while preserving rural land in future years.



File Photo

Ann Foster, president of Friends of Clark County, believes urban growth expansions targeting agricultural land could threaten the future of farming in the region.

"I also think that the development industry will rest upon their ability to be creative and meet the needs of an exploding population by building multi-density housing in the right places," she said.

Supporting agriculture as an industry

Foster said protecting agricultural land is only one part of maintaining a viable farming economy. The county and surrounding region also need infrastructure that helps farmers store, distribute and sell their products.

She identified cold storage facilities, farm equipment repair services, distribution channels and open-market stores as examples of resources that support agricultural businesses. Foster said many of those resources have disappeared over the past two or three decades in Southwest Washington.

"I don't think we do enough to support as a community what farmers do and the value they provide; and the benefits to the community," she said.

Foster said she believes the region can preserve a commercially viable agricultural industry but must do more to support it.

"I think it's salvageable," she said of the ag industry, particularly in Clark County.

The issue also extends beyond individual farms and local economies, Foster said. A stronger regional food system could help communities respond to major transportation disruptions, including if a catastrophic incident were to affect Interstate 5, especially the Interstate Bridge connecting Washington and Oregon.

"It's what happens when the I-5 bridge collapses. That's the bulk of it. What do we do then?" she said.

Foster plans to resign as FOCC president effective Nov. 1 to devote more time to agricultural land and the food system, with an emphasis on the broader region and state. She said her goal is to encourage the infrastructure and support needed to keep agriculture economically viable.

Her departure comes as the county continues its comprehensive plan process. The Oct. 5 votes did not constitute final adoption of the entire plan. The council scheduled consideration of the adopting ordinance for Oct. 13, after press time.

"This step that the cities just took in demanding the use of ag land for sprawl purposes is a slap in the face," Foster said.

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Meals on Wheels People launches $4 million campaign for Clark County hub

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Meals on Wheels People is raising $4 million to establish a permanent Clark County hub in Vancouver, expanding its capacity to deliver meals, store emergency food supplies and provide specialized nutrition services.

The organization launched its Here for Good capital campaign during a 20th anniversary luncheon Sept. 29 at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, according to a Meals on Wheels People press release.

The planned hub at 3307 NE 109th Ave., Vancouver, would include a 7,500-square-foot warehouse and existing office space. The warehouse would hold about 28,000 frozen meals, enough to provide up to four weeks of meals during an emergency. The project received a $2.7 million grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce earlier this year.

Meals on Wheels People began serving Clark County in 2006 and has delivered more than 3 million meals in the county over the past 20 years. Over the past year, the organization provided 215,551 meals to 2,503 older adults in Clark County, supported by 271 volunteers who contributed more than 19,000 hours of service.

Local demand for services could grow as Clark County's population ages. By 2035, more than one in four county residents is projected to be age 60 or older, according to Meals on Wheels People.

The facility would eventually serve as the organization's Washington shipping hub for its Medically Tailored Meals program. Owning the property would also allow the organization to put money currently spent on warehouse rent toward programs and services, according to the release.

To learn more about the campaign, visit mowp.org/hereforgood.



Graphic courtesy of Meals on Wheels People

Meals on Wheels People has launched a $4 million campaign to create a hub in Clark County at 3307 NE 109th Ave., Vancouver. The planned 7,500-square-foot warehouse would hold about 28,000 frozen meals.

Fatal collision involving C-TRAN bus closes Northwest La Center Road



Photo courtesy of Clark County Sheriff's Office

A fatal three-vehicle crash involving a C-TRAN bus on Northwest La Center Road occurred after a vehicle crossed the center line and struck the front corner of the transit bus on Thursday, Oct. 8.

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Northwest La Center Road is expected to remain closed for several hours between Timmen Road and Paradise Park Road after a crash involving a full-size C-TRAN bus, a Chrysler PT Cruiser, and a minivan has left one person dead.

According to the Clark County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), the three-vehicle crash occurred at approximately 10:41 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8.

Based on the preliminary investigation, the PT Cruiser was traveling westbound on NW La Center Road when it appears to have crossed the center line and struck the front corner of the C-TRAN bus, CCSO stated. The collision triggered a chain-reaction crash involving a minivan traveling behind the PT Cruiser.

The female driver of the PT Cruiser, who was the vehicle's sole occupant, died as a result of the crash, CCSO stated.

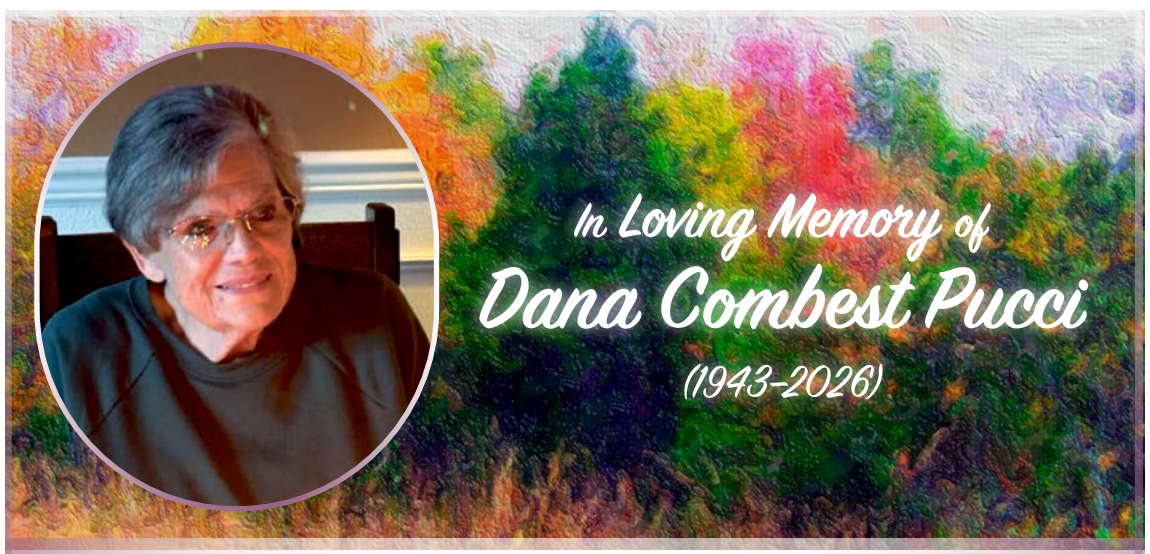
The C-TRAN bus was carrying passengers at the time of the collision. Minor injuries were reported. An adult and a child traveling in the minivan were not injured, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Drivers are asked to avoid the area and use alternate routes to allow first responders to safely complete their work.

The CCSO Traffic Homicide Unit is investigating the crash. The cause remains under investigation. No further information is available at this time.

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Dana Combest Pucci, born Donnaleen Arona Davis on May 5, 1943, in Charleston, West Virginia, passed away peacefully in hospice care in Portland, Oregon, on June 21, 2026, at the age of 83, following a battle with glioblastoma.

Dana lived a life marked by creativity, adventure, and a deep appreciation for the people she loved. She had a passion for painting, enjoyed traveling and exploring new places, and approached life with curiosity, energy, and an enduring thirst for new experiences.

Above all else, Dana cherished her family. Some of her happiest moments were spent surrounded by loved ones during holidays and family gatherings. She looked forward to every opportunity to bring family together, create lasting memories, share laughter, and celebrate life's special occasions. She was a devoted mother, a proud grandmother, and a source of love, encouragement, and joy to those fortunate enough to know her.

Dana was preceded in death by her husband, Sergio Pucci, who passed away in 1997. She is survived by her children, Jessica Pucci-Guardado and Anthony Pucci; all her beloved grandchildren, whom she adored; her brother, Norman Noe; extended family members; and many dear friends.

Those who knew Dana will remember her adventurous spirit, artistic talent, resilience, generosity, and ability to find joy in everyday moments. Her paintings reflected her creativity, her travels reflected her curiosity, and her love for family was evident in everything she did.

Dana's legacy lives on through the family she loved, the memories she created, and the lives she enriched. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered always.

A Celebration of Life was held on August 15, 2026, honoring the remarkable life she lived and the many people she touched.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Dana's memory through A Living Tribute's Plant a Tree program, helping create new life and lasting beauty in honor of her love for the world around her.

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Obituaries and Death Notices

Death notices

Joyce Conrad, 79, of Ridgefield, died Sept. 3. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Georgetta Skillings, 74, of Battle Ground, died Sept. 24. Arrangements are under the care of Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 360-892-6060.

Donald Albershardt, 92, of Vancouver, died Sept. 24. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Carolyn Nelson, 59, of Woodland, died Sept. 26. Arrangements are under the care of Woodland Funeral Home, 360-225-8441.

Daren Peterson, 57, of Battle Ground, died Sept. 27. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

Brian Cote, 43, of Vancouver, died Sept. 30. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Charles Donnelly, 84, of Vancouver, died Sept. 30. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Willis Arseneau, 92, of Heisson, died Oct. 1. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

Gregory Cawley, 77, of Vancouver, died Oct. 2. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

Bruce Brunson, 97, of Vancouver, died Oct. 2. The location and time of a memorial service are to be determined.

Sherri Callison, 79, of Camas, died Oct. 4. Arrangements are under the care of Straub's Funeral Home, 360-834-4563.

Linda Erickson, 77, of Battle Ground, died Oct. 5. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

Lawrence "Larry" Jackson, 81, of Kelso, died Oct. 5. Arrangements are under the care of Northwood Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 360-574-4252.

James MacArthur, 74, of Cougar, died Oct. 7. Arrangements are under the care of Clark County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-727-0468.

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Pumpkin patch highlight: memories to be made at The Patch in Woodland



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One of the pumpkin displays in the silo barn market at The Patch at Whalen Oaks Farm on Friday, Oct. 9.



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The entrance sign at The Patch at Whalen Oaks Farm on Friday Oct. 9.



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The entrance to the hay maze in the silo barn at The Patch at Whalen Oaks Farm on Friday, Oct. 9.

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Family focused fall festivities are in full swing this month at The Patch at Whalen Oaks Farm in Woodland.

"The atmosphere is all about families having a good time, parents bringing children and even other folks," said Matt Donald, public relations and pumpkin farmer at The Patch. "The atmosphere shows you kind of what it's like to farm, grow, cut them off the vine and harvest them in person."

The Patch has been operating in Woodland for around 27 years and added on several attractions as it's grown.

Free parking is available in the field directly across the street from the farm and admission to The Patch likewise has no charge.

"You can pick, a la carte, what you want to do," Matt said. "We have the hay maze, hay pyramid, the corn maze, we have hay rides on the weekend. We also offer the chance to do photo ops all over the place."

Optional items at The Patch include the marketplace, where pumpkins and apple cider are sold, pumpkin bowling for kids and food cart vendors who open up on the weekends.

"Whether it be a weekend you come and spend the entire day and do everything, or if you just come for an hour and pick up things from our marketplace, there's a good variety to meet all needs," said Kim Donald, operations manager at The Patch.

The Donald family has been on the farm for three generations, with it originally being a dairy farm under Matt's grandfather.

The dairy farming eventually phased out of the farm and it was Matt's father, David, that originally started the pumpkin patch tradition.

"The Patch started in 1999 with a small one acre plot of gigantic pumpkins that were planted by my dad, David Donald," Matt said. "He put up a sign by the road 'pumpkins for sale' and it was born."

From a simple patch of pumpkins, to the attraction speckled space it is now, Matt and Kim continue to add reasons to visit.

"We had our first go with a night time corn maze walk last year," Matt said. "You could come out after dark and walk the maze, some people without flashlights just walked it by moonlight."



Photo by Marcus McCormic

A fleet of wheelbarrows for picking up the large pumpkins in the far off field at The Patch at Whalen Oaks Farm on Friday, Oct. 9.

For Matt and Kim, the reward of running The Patch outweighs the work that it takes to put it all into production.

"We start in May, it's a lot of work, a lot of investment initially, but it's a passion for me personally to be able to still practice farming in this day and age where we live," Matt said.

Both Matt and Kim maintain regular day jobs in addition to producing The Patch each year.

Putting on this event yearly allows them to channel a part of themselves they don't get to use in their daily work.

"To work the land, there is a part of Matt that comes alive, being able to work with his hands," Kim said. "Watching that come alive in him and then being able to pass that down to our kids, it's really valuable and something you just can't quite explain."

At the heart of it all, the time and energy spent putting The Patch into action each fall stems from a desire to make a great space for the community.

"The families make their memories and that's why we keep doing it. It's allowing people and families to see opportunities to make those core memories that will last forever," Kim said.

Whether on a rainy day or when the ground is dry, The Patch provides a place for personal time with those who are precious to life.

"Consider the idea of coming out to a local farm like us where you can just wear your boots or your flip flops, grab your kids and take a stroll," Matt said. "Just enjoy nature, enjoy something like a pumpkin patch to take your mind off everything else."

The Patch is located at 636 Whalen Rd, Woodland, WA 98674 and operates from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

More information can be found on their website https://www.whalenoaksfarm.com/the-patch and you can follow them on Instagram @thepatchwoodland Facebook facebook.com/ThePatchWoodland

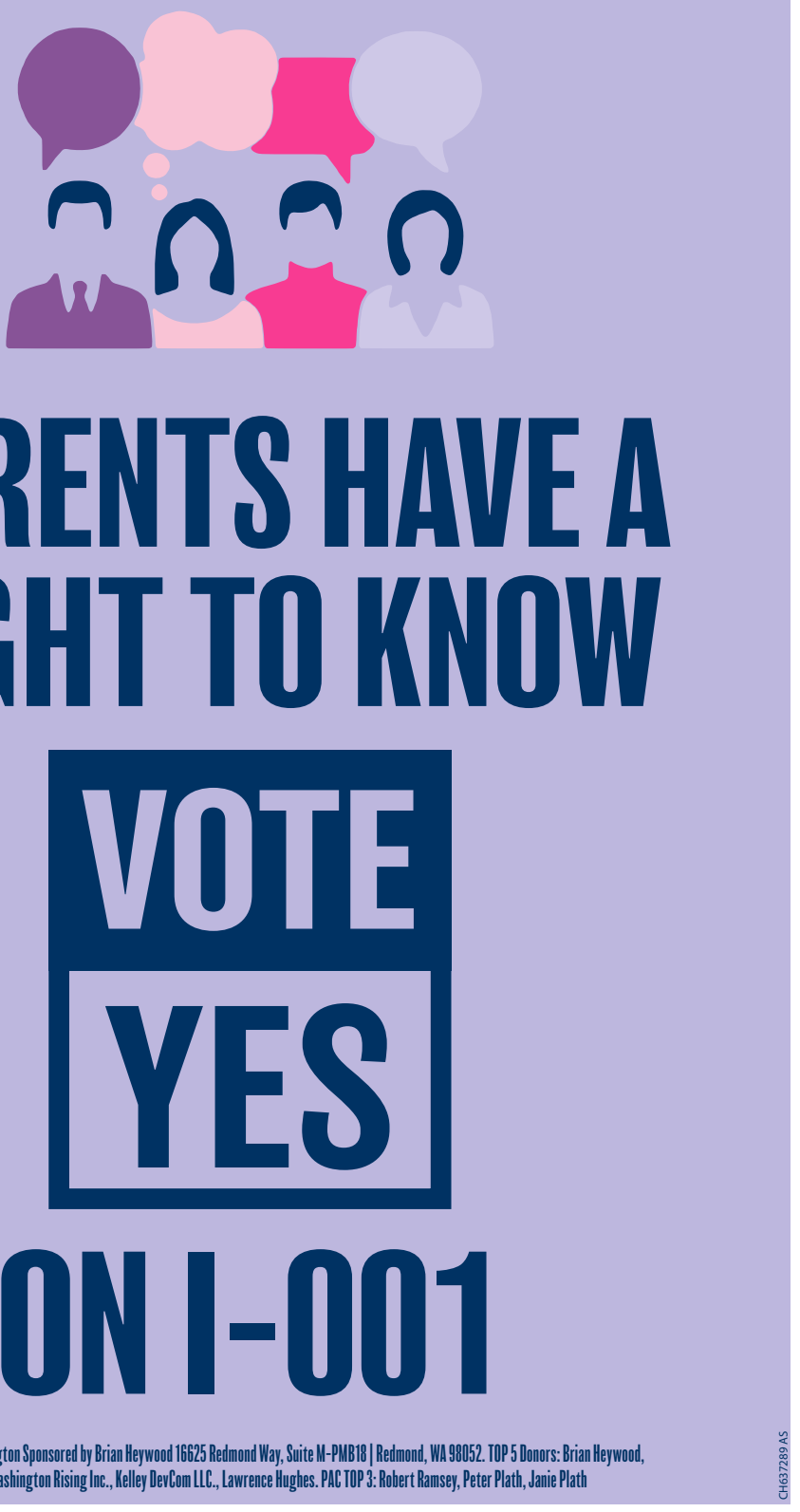


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Satanic Temple member delivers first invocation at Battle Ground council meeting



Photo by Cade Barker

Battle Ground residents embrace and sing gospel outside of Battle Ground City Hall on Monday, Oct. 5 prior to an invocation read by a member of the Satanic Temple of Washington.



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An attendee to the Monday, Oct. 5 Battle Ground City Council meeting turns away while an invocation is read by Bast Sekhmet, of the Satanic Temple of Washington.

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A member of the Satanic Temple of Washington delivered the first invocation under a new Battle Ground City Council policy, marking the start of a practice intended to bring opening prayers, statements or moments of silence to future council meetings.

Bast Sekhmet, representing the Satanic Temple, addressed the council during its Monday, Oct. 5 meeting, offering remarks inspired by the organization's seven tenets, or ethical principles. The invocation followed the adoption of Resolution 26-04, which established a written policy for opening invocations at council meetings.

"Good evening, and on behalf of the Satanic Temple, we thank you for this opportunity and look forward to doing this again next year," Sekhmet said.

Sekhmet described the Satanic Temple as a non-theistic organization that emphasizes compassion, empathy, justice, autonomy, freedom of speech, scientifically based beliefs, accountability and wisdom.

"Let us bravely face the truth rather than hide behind comforting delusion, because regardless whether a supreme being really exists, history will be our judge," Sekhmet said. "So let us embrace those among us who understand that morality, compassion, and service to others do not require devotion to any faith of ancient doctrine. Let us recognize that humans are capable of choosing kindness, empathy, and helping those in need, regardless of any religious faith."

Sekhmet concluded the invocation by saying, "Hail Satan, the archetype or symbol of the bringer of knowledge, and hail thyself. Thank you."

The appearance drew a response from some community members outside the meeting. Randy Bumala, of Battle Ground, who strummed a guitar and sang gospel music, described his reason for attending. Bumala was joined by his wife and a pair of other community members.

"We heard a report that there would be someone who worships Satan doing the invocation here tonight," he said. "So we're here to nullify the power of darkness with praise and worship and represent Jesus Christ. And it's the name above every name and he puts down every dark power there is, including the devil himself."



Photo by Cade Barker

Randy Bumala plays a guitar and sings gospel outside of Battle Ground City Hall prior to the Monday, Oct. 5 Battle Ground City Council meeting where an invocation read by a member of the Satanic Temple of Washington.

He added, "So that's why we're here."

The council adopted Resolution 26-04 at its Aug. 3 regular business meeting.

The policy states that a three-minute invocation will be offered after a meeting is called to order and immediately before the Pledge of Allegiance. Participation is voluntary, and the opportunity is available on a rotating, first-come, first-served basis.



Photo by Cade Barker

Bast Sekhmet, of the Satanic Temple of Washington, walks away after delivering an invocation at the Monday, Oct. 5 Battle Ground City Council meeting.



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Bast Sekhmet, of the Satanic Temple of Washington, says "Hail Satan ... Hail thyself," during the invocation during the Monday, Oct. 5 Battle Ground City Council meeting.

Under the resolution, people affiliated with local faith-based organizations and ministries may offer invocations. Individuals or groups without religious affiliation may instead provide a brief statement or request a moment of silence to reflect on the responsibilities of governing, seek peace and wisdom, or appeal to shared national values.

The resolution states the council "serves constituents of all faiths and beliefs, expresses no faith preference, and recognizes no faith as superior or inferior to others." It also specifies that a person's faith, or lack of faith, cannot disqualify them from giving an invocation.

Each invocation, statement or moment of silence is limited to three minutes and must be delivered by one person. The policy requires remarks to be positive and uplifting and prohibits denigrating other faiths or nonbelievers, threatening damnation, proselytizing or preaching conversion. Invocations also cannot be used to lobby for funding or support.

The resolution further states that no council member, member of the public or city staff member is required or expected to participate. Participation, or a decision not to participate, cannot be grounds for retaliation, discrimination or preferential treatment by the city.

Requests to deliver an invocation must be scheduled through the city manager's office on a first-come, first-served basis. The office will maintain a roster, and individuals or groups may give an invocation no more than once per calendar year.

The resolution says some meetings may not have a scheduled participant. In those cases, the mayor may ask for a moment of silence at their discretion.

The Reflector submitted a public records request to the city of Battle Ground on Tuesday, Oct. 6 for communications between the city and the Satanic Temple of Washington to begin tracking if invocation speakers live in or outside of Battle Ground proper. As of publication, the city had not yet fulfilled the request.





Prosecutor clears Clark County deputy in fatal stabbing; Fogle family continues to challenge killing

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The Clark County Prosecuting Attorney's Office has determined that a sheriff's deputy was legally justified when he fatally stabbed a man during a struggle at a Washington State Patrol facility in Ridgefield last year, ending the criminal review of an incident that has remained under independent investigation for more than a year.

Deputy Bryson Layton fatally stabbed Marc Fogle, 54, of Clackamas, Oregon, during a May 7, 2025, altercation in a breath-test room at the WSP Scale House along Interstate 5.

The prosecutor's determination, announced Monday, Oct. 5, followed an independent investigation by the Washington State Office of Independent Investigations, which released its report March 20 of this year.

According to a statement by Sheriff John Horch, Layton reported that Fogle was attempting to gain control of his loaded firearm during the struggle. An independent witness reported seeing Fogle pin Layton to the floor and hearing the deputy repeatedly tell Fogle to stop going for his gun.

The prosecutor's review concluded that a reasonable officer in Layton's circumstances would have believed deadly force was necessary to prevent death or serious physical harm. The office determined that Layton's actions met Washington's objective good-faith standard and that no further action was warranted.

Horch said he had intentionally refrained from publicly debating the incident while the independent investigation and legal review were pending.

"It would not have been appropriate to reach conclusions before those processes were complete," Horch said in his statement.

The sheriff also expressed sympathy for Fogle's family while defending Layton.

"Mr. Fogle's death was a significant loss for his family and friends," Horch said. "Nothing in the investigative findings diminishes that, and I sympathize with their loss."

"I am grateful Deputy Layton survived this encounter," Horch continued. "I stand behind Deputy Layton, and I believe it is important to say that publicly."

The incident began shortly before midnight May 7, 2025, after deputies responded to a collision near Northeast 14th Court and Northeast Minnehaha Street in Vancouver. Fogle had crashed into two parked cars, and deputies suspected he was impaired.

Fogle was arrested on suspicion of DUI and transported to the WSP Scale House at 29317 Interstate 5 in Ridgefield. The facility includes a room equipped with a breath alcohol analyzer used during DUI investigations.

Body-camera footage previously released by the sheriff's office shows Fogle expressing concern about losing his ability to work as a commercial driver following the DUI arrest.

As the investigation progressed, Fogle made increasingly distressed and threatening comments while alone in the room with Layton. At one point, Fogle pointed out that the two men were the only people in the room.

Layton then asked Fogle to stand and turn around. A physical struggle followed.

"He's reaching for my gun," Layton said over the radio during the confrontation. "Marc, you're going to get (expletive) shot."

Fogle responded, "Yeah, yeah. That's what I want."

The two men fell to the floor, with Fogle on top of Layton. Layton's body-camera footage then cuts out.

The footage resumes about one minute and 10 seconds later, showing Fogle on the floor in handcuffs. Layton is seen cutting the back of Fogle's hooded sweatshirt and T-shirt, revealing numerous stab wounds.

"I'm not going to let you die, Marc, you're going to be OK man," Layton tells him.

Fogle responds, "I'm dying."

"You're going to be OK," Layton says. "Look, man, you're not even bleeding that bad."

Fogle was pronounced dead at the scene at 12:39 a.m. May 8, 2025. Other deputies and responding agencies attempted to provide first aid, and a Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue ambulance responded.

Layton was not physically injured.

The Washington State Office of Independent Investigations was notified because the incident involved deadly force. Under state law, CCSO personnel did not participate in the independent investigation.

The sheriff's office later released critical incident video from Layton's body-worn camera. The portion of the confrontation itself is not captured because the camera stopped recording when the two men went to the floor.

The circumstances surrounding the camera footage have become one of the central disputes between Fogle's family and the county.

Fogle's family filed a $27 million tort claim against Clark County in September, alleging that Layton's use of deadly force was unjustified and that deputies improperly muted or deactivated body-worn cameras during the minutes following the stabbing. Attorneys Mark Lindquist and Angus Lee filed the claim on behalf of the family.

The independent investigation examined the circumstances surrounding the camera's interruption, while the prosecutor ultimately concluded that Layton's use of deadly force was justified based on the available evidence.

Horch said that the prosecutor's determination on Oct. 5 brings the criminal portion of the case to a close.

"Today's determination brings the criminal review of this incident to a close," Horch said.



File Photo

Investigators' vehicles line the entrance to the Washington State Patrol Scale House along Interstate 5 north in Ridgefield on Thursday, May 8, after a Clark County Sheriff's Office deputy fatally stabbed a suspected DUI suspect after the suspect attempted to take his firearm during an altercation in May 2025.



Video Screenshot

Marc Fogle, 54, of Clackamas, Oregon, died in an altercation with Clark County Sheriff's Office deputy Bryson Layton during a DUI arrest in May 2025.



Video Screenshot

Marc Fogle, 54, of Clackamas, Oregon, is seen reaching across Clark County Sheriff's Office deputy Bryson Layton's body for Layton's firearm in an altercation during a DUI arrest in May 2025.

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Yale Bridge rehabilitation planned as state faces aging bridge backlog

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The 94-year-old Yale Bridge on state Route 503 has a funded rehabilitation project in the works, but the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has yet to determine the full scope of improvements or when construction will begin.

The bridge, built in 1932, received a repair in 2024 after a hole developed in its timber deck. WSDOT crews secured a steel plate over the damaged area to address the problem.

As Washington continues to grapple with aging infrastructure and a backlog of bridge preservation needs, the Yale Bridge's future raises questions about how long repairs can keep older structures in service and when rehabilitation or replacement becomes necessary.

Celeste Dimichina, a member of WSDOT's Communications & Media Relations team, responded to The Reflector's questions regarding the bridge and its age, maintenance schedule and other old bridges in the state on Friday, Oct. 9. She said WSDOT has funding for a rehabilitation project intended to extend the Yale Bridge's service life.

"Potential improvements include repairs to the bridge deck and other structural components," Dimichina said.

"The project is in the early stages, and the work still needs to be scoped," she added. "The scope and construction timelines will be determined as the project moves forward."

WSDOT has not identified a replacement project or provided a timeline for the rehabilitation work.



Photo by James Doyle

The sun begins to rise early in the morning at Yale Bridge crossing Lake Merwin on Monday, Oct. 12.



Photo by James Doyle

Current look at Yale Bridge and statewide aging bridge backlog

WSDOT regularly inspects and maintains the bridge to keep it safe for travelers, Dimichina said. Bridges generally are inspected every two years, with additional inspections when conditions warrant.

In 2024, crews repaired a hole in the bridge's timber deck by securing a steel plate over the damaged area. Dimichina's response did not specify whether similar repairs have been necessary since then or whether additional short-term fixes are anticipated before the rehabilitation project begins.

WSDOT maintains more than 3,500 bridges statewide, including 359 that are more than 80 years old. Of those, 42 need replacement and another 35 require major rehabilitation, according to Dimichina.

The agency uses regular inspections and condition assessments to prioritize maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement work within available funding.

"WSDOT has faced ongoing funding shortfalls for bridge preservation and maintenance for several years," Dimichina said. "This has led to a growing backlog of unmet needs."

The 2025-27 transportation budget made what WSDOT described as historic investments in maintenance and preservation. However, Dimichina said additional funding is needed to address decades of underfunding and maintenance challenges affecting the state's aging transportation system.

How does the Yale Bridge compare with other aging bridges?

The Yale Bridge's age alone does not determine how much longer it can remain in service. Each bridge has different characteristics that affect its condition and maintenance needs, Dimichina said.

"Every bridge is unique in size, structure type, location, maintenance history, traffic volumes, and weather exposure," she said. "These variables make drawing apples to apples comparisons with bridges impossible."

WSDOT pointed to the 95-year-old U.S. Highway 101 Hoh River Bridge on the Olympic Peninsula as an example of an older structure undergoing rehabilitation rather than replacement.

The agency also cited the closure of the 104-year-old State Route 165 Carbon River/Fairfax Bridge in April 2025. WSDOT closed that bridge after inspections revealed severe deterioration and damage that left the structure beyond repair.

"When inspections reveal severe deterioration and damage to a structure that is beyond repair, WSDOT will close the bridge," Dimichina said.

Although both the Yale Bridge and Carbon River/Fairfax Bridge are aging structures, WSDOT did not identify the Yale Bridge as facing the same conditions that led to the Fairfax bridge's closure.

Is the Yale Bridge at risk of closure?

WSDOT did not identify an imminent closure threat for the Yale Bridge. The agency's response said bridges that remain open have been determined safe for travel under their current operating conditions.

"Unexpected deterioration or damage may require traffic restrictions or bridge closures," Dimichina said. "However, if a bridge remains open to traffic, WSDOT has determined it is safe for travel under its current operating conditions."

If a safety concern is identified, the agency will take appropriate action, including repairs, traffic restrictions or closure, Dimichina added.

"The safety of the traveling public is WSDOT's top priority," she said.

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Hockinson-area residents continue their fight against a proposed cell tower near rural neighborhoods

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A group of Hockinson-area residents is continuing their legal fight against a proposed cell tower, arguing the project is unnecessary, would alter the character of the neighborhood and has not adequately considered alternatives that could provide cellular coverage without constructing a new tower.

Tom Erkert, Dale Good and Mark Roeter are among the residents opposing the proposed tower. The group has challenged the project through the county's land-use process and has appealed the decision to Superior Court.

The residents said they are not opposed to improved cellular service but believe the proposed tower is the wrong solution for the area.

"We're not against having better service or having more options," Erkert said. "What we are against is doing something that's completely unnecessary that can have serious health side effects."

The proposed 165-foot tower by Vertical Bridge and T-Mobile would be located on a leased portion of a 10-acre property just north of the intersection of Northeast 189th Street and Northeast 207th Ave. in the North Hockinson area. Residents said the site is surrounded by established neighborhoods and expressed concerns about the tower's visual impact, potential noise and effects on nearby property values, as well as health concerns backed by studies and prior legal battles in other states.

The group distributed a mailer to properties within about 500 meters of the proposed tower, citing concerns about potential long-term health effects and property values.

Residents said they found information indicating the presence of a tower could affect property values, though the figures they cited have not been independently verified. According to the group, a study reviewed by a local real estate professional estimated property-value reductions of 10% to 19% among 19 properties, with the homes averaging about $900,000. The residents also gathered more than 60 signatures opposing the project.

"We moved here for a reason," Erkert said. "And (the cell tower is) not it."

A neighbor who recently moved to the area said he would not have purchased his home had he known about the proposed tower. The group is considering what the project could mean for residents if it is ultimately approved.

"We wouldn't have bought this house if we'd known about it at the time. We're considering what we're going to do if it does pass. Are we going to stay or not?" he said.

Residents question need for another tower

A central part of the residents' argument is that Hockinson already has cellular infrastructure that they believe could be used to address at least part of the coverage issue identified by the applicant.

The residents said there are already two towers in Hockinson and another in Battle Ground used for east county service. One existing Hockinson tower is near Hockinson Market and the school, while another is located in the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church parking lot off of Northeast 164th Street. The latter is a 150-foot tower managed by American Tower and carries Verizon equipment, according to the residents.

The proposed tower would be built by Vertical Bridge for T-Mobile, according to the group.

Residents said the applicant — Vertical Bridge — has identified an area extending toward Risto Road to the north, and south of 189th Street as having inadequate coverage. They argue the existing cell tower managed by American Tower can cover the area south of Northeast 189th Street with additional antennas placed on the existing tower.

The residents also proposed using smaller antennas mounted on utility poles in the Risto Road area. They said those so-called small-cell installations could address localized coverage gaps without requiring another large tower.

"The small cells will be like if you had a speaker system. You have one big speaker blasting out, or you distribute a bunch of small ones instead," Erkert said. "So each one of the antennas here associated with a small cell would have much less radio footprint. So much less power." The residents said their alternatives are intended to demonstrate that other approaches should be evaluated rather than automatically approving construction of another large tower. Their argument centers in part on Clark County code provisions addressing the use of existing infrastructure and co-location.

"And all we were asking is, review this alternative, analyze this alternative, and see if it will work," Erkert said.

The group said an existing tower has space available for additional equipment and that American Tower has indicated it is available for lease.

Residents argue that the availability of existing infrastructure should have been more thoroughly considered during the county review.

Visual and neighborhood concerns

Beyond cellular coverage, residents said the proposed structure would substantially change the appearance of the surrounding area.

The group estimates the 165-foot tower would be comparable in height to a 15-story building. They said the structure would be particularly noticeable because of the surrounding terrain and residential development.

Roeter described the proposal in stark terms.

"And so, to me, it's Godzilla invading my neighborhood," he said.

Residents also raised concerns about potential noise from equipment associated with the tower, including cooling systems and a backup generator.

They said residents could be left with the responsibility of documenting noise problems after construction and going through the county's enforcement process if the facility exceeds applicable sound limits.

Health concerns were also discussed during the interview. Residents said they believe research regarding radio-frequency exposure warrants greater consideration, while acknowledging that federal law limits local governments' ability to regulate wireless facilities based on health effects when facilities comply with applicable federal standards.



Graphic courtesy of area residents

A depiction of how a proposed 165-foot cell-tower could appear surrounding views from established neighborhoods along Northeast 189th Street north of Hockinson.

Section 704 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 blocks state and local governments from denying cell tower or wireless facility permits based on the environmental or health effects of radio frequency (RF) emissions, provided the facility complies with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) guidelines.

In 2021, the Environmental Health Trust won in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit after the court of appeals ruled in the historic case EHT et al. v. the FCC that the December 2019 decision by the FCC to retain its 1996 safety limits for human exposure to wireless radiation was "arbitrary and capricious," according to EHT.

The court held that the FCC failed to respond to "record

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Rows of freshly planted conifer trees are seen on Clark County farmland south of Ridgefield on Saturday, Oct. 10.



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One side of Northwest 11th Avenue in Clark County is a newer housing development while the other side remains an agricultural field.

Growth

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making several changes to individual properties and agricultural areas.

In Battle Ground, the council approved an expansion toward Dollar's Corner and a 25-acre expansion to the north. It also approved removing Meadow Glade from the city's urban growth area.

Those decisions came after residents repeatedly asked the council to avoid expanding urban growth boundaries and instead accommodate future housing within areas already designated for urban development.

Heidi Cody told the council that during the process she worked in coalition with as many as 12 community organizations and asked the council not to convert agricultural land or expand city urban growth areas.

"Please do not de-designate any farmlands and do not expand any urban growth boundaries for cities in Clark County," Heidi Cody told the council.

Other residents focused specifically on the loss of agricultural land.

The council's decision on Ridgefield was among the most significant departures from those concerns.

Councilors approved an urban growth area expansion north of Ridgefield and the de-designation of agricultural land in the area. The council also approved de-designating agricultural land for the Maul property, a parcel surrounded by existing urban development that has been described during the hearing as a "donut hole."

Ridgefield City Manager Steve Stewart had urged the council to approve the city's requested expansion areas, saying the city needed additional land for housing and employment.

"To do that, we need to look at targeted expansions, targeted meaning strategic," Stewart said.

Stewart said Ridgefield had already taken steps to increase housing density within its existing urban area but would still need targeted expansion to meet housing and employment capacity requirements.

Property owner Jim Maul also supported bringing his property into the urban area, arguing that the parcel was surrounded by development and was not suitable for continued agricultural use.

The Ridgefield expansion drew opposition from Marshall during Monday's deliberations. She warned that the county could face litigation under the state Growth Management Act, arguing that the expansion and agricultural de-designation were not justified.

Marshall also raised concerns about the geographic consequences of the decisions, saying the Ridgefield and La Center urban growth areas would become nearly joined as a result of the expansions.

Councilors Glen Yung, Matt Little and Michelle Belkot voted in favor of the Ridgefield changes. Marshall and Councilor Wil Fuentes opposed them.

La Center produced a more mixed outcome.

The council rejected agricultural de-designation to the north involving two of three parcels owned by the Cowlitz Indian Tribe. The council approved other portions of the city's requested expansion, however.

A parcel east of Interstate 5 that is not agricultural land and is zoned R5, encompassing more than 6 acres, was separated from the larger proposal and approved for expansion. Belkot was the only councilor to vote against that action.

The council also approved agricultural de-designations elsewhere in La Center, including areas with water rights. Twenty acres associated with the Emerson equestrian facility were excluded from the approval. Marshall was the lone councilor to oppose that portion.

La Center city planner Angie Merrill told the council the city's requested expansion areas near Interstate 5 were important for future commercial and industrial development because of existing transportation and infrastructure.

"For La Center, this is more than adding land. It's about creating family wage jobs, building a strong local economy so our residents have the opportunity to work in their own community," Merrill said.

Merrill also said the city supported protecting productive agricultural land and a countywide transfer of development rights program.

The difference between the testimony and the council's decisions was particularly apparent on agricultural land and urban growth boundaries. Many residents asked the council to preserve farmland and restrict expansion, while city officials and some property owners argued that targeted expansion was necessary to accommodate future housing, employment and development.

The council also approved an urban growth area expansion for Yacolt.

The Oct. 5 actions did not constitute final adoption of the entire comprehensive plan. The county has scheduled consideration of the adopting ordinance for Tuesday, Oct. 13, after press time.



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Commercial development construction continues at Royle Ridge Station anchored by Grocery Outlet in Ridgefield on Saturday, Oct. 10.

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WA governor 'disappointed' Canada is fast-tracking new oil pipeline to B.C.

Ferguson says resources are insufficient to deal with supertanker spill. A WA congressman warns the project is 'not ready for prime time.'

JERRY CORNFIELD AND TOM BANSE
The Washington Standard

A proposed Canadian oil pipeline to a supertanker terminal at the Port of Vancouver in British Columbia is raising hackles among Washington state's political leaders.

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney on Thursday designated the West Coast Oil Pipeline, now known as the Pacific Link, as a project of national interest. That enables a speedier regulatory review that could see pipeline design and construction under way by next fall.

In response, Washington Gov. Bob Ferguson on Friday sounded alarms about increased oil spill risk to the Salish Sea in his first public comments on the massive project.

The Carney announcement wasn't a surprise. In July, the prime minister and Alberta Premier Danielle Smith talked of fast-tracking the proposed 775-mile pipeline capable of carrying one million barrels of crude oil a day.

It would run from the Edmonton region to a new export terminal capable of handling supertankers proposed for Port of Vancouver's Roberts Bank in British Columbia just north of the U.S. border. Oil could flow through by the early 2030s.

Once operating, many more oil-filled vessels traveling from the port would pass by the San Juan Islands and Olympic Peninsula on their way to Asia. Project critics fear a spill could easily reach north Puget Sound, the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Washington's outer coast, threatening sensitive ecosystems and killer whale habitat.

Ferguson said Friday that he was "disappointed" at the decision because resources needed to respond to a major spill are insufficient today.

"If a project of this scale is going to proceed, it needs to come with a corresponding commitment to also increase our region's capacity to prevent and respond to a catastrophic spill," he said in a joint statement with Casey Sixkiller, director of the state Department of Ecology.

Ferguson said the size of the oil supertankers envisioned for the route are unprecedented, and have been barred from Washington ports since the 1970s. Their capacity of 92 million gallons of oil is eight times the volume of oil spilled by the Exxon Valdez, he noted.

"If this project proceeds, it is critical that the Canadian government make detailed commitments to safeguard our shared marine waters and fill these gaps in our response capabilities," he and Sixkiller said in the statement.

San Juan County council members, northern Washington tribal representatives and others have been pushing Ferguson since July to speak out and engage with the Canadian provincial and federal governments about the crude pipeline and tanker traffic.

On Tuesday, Ferguson met with Mark Wiseman, Canada's ambassador to the U.S. in Seattle. It is not known if the two discussed the pipeline and Ferguson's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the meeting.

Sixkiller dispatched a lengthy letter to Canadian Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Dominic LeBlanc in mid-September in a vain bid to forestall the fast-tracking of the Alberta pipeline permitting.

U.S. Rep. Rick Larsen of Everett, whose 2nd Congressional District includes the state waters through which the supertankers would travel, was equally vexed. Many questions about the project and oil spill response need answers, he said.

"This project is not ready for prime time, and speeding up the review process will only make that worse," he said in an email. "Canada's plan to fast track this new oil pipeline project puts sensitive marine habitats at risk and raises the chance of a devastating spill occurring before the U.S. and Canada can put updated plans in place."

The project comes as Canada looks to strengthen its economic ties beyond the U.S. and as Carney has said the nation is seeking to become an "energy superpower."

Smith has said the province chose a southern pipeline route that ends on the shores of the Salish Sea because it can take advantage of the existing Trans Mountain Pipeline corridor as well as established relationships with First Nations.

Northern Washington tribes, including the Lummi, Samish, Swinomish and Makah, strongly opposed a previous Canadian pipeline expansion. The tribes argue that the large increase in vessel traffic endangers their treaty rights and threatens vital fisheries.

Maithili Devadas of the Georgia Strait Alliance, an environmental group in British Columbia fighting the export terminal proposed at Roberts Bank, panned Carney's announcement.

"It would be reasonable to expect that a project with the potential to shape the environmental, economic, and social future of a region for decades to come would face an especially rigorous level of scrutiny. Instead, this project is being fast-tracked without any concern for its long-term impacts on ecosystems, communities and the people who depend on them," she wrote in an update to supporters Friday.

Tower

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evidence that exposure to RF radiation at levels below the Commission's current limits may cause negative health effects unrelated to cancer." Further, the agency demonstrated "a complete failure to respond to comments concerning environmental harm caused by RF radiation." The court found the FCC ignored numerous organizations, scientists and medical doctors who called on them to update limits and the court found the FCC failed to address these issues:

- Impacts of long-term wireless exposure impacts to children
- The testimony of people injured by wireless radiation
- Impacts to wildlife and the environment
- Impacts to the developing brain and reproduction

Those same concerns were presented by the residents in the vicinity of the proposed cell tower.

Legal challenge continues

After the county hearing examiner ruled in favor of Vertical Bridge, the residents appealed the decision through a Land Use Petition Act, or LUPA, case in Superior Court in May of this year. The residents said they filed their brief in September and were awaiting the applicant's response. They expected another round of briefing before a court hearing, which they anticipated would take place later in the fall.

The proposed tower is on hold while the litigation proceeds, according to the residents. The legal fight has also come at a significant financial cost. The group said it has spent more than $22,000 on related legal representation and court costs and expects additional expenses as the case moves forward.

"We've spent most of the funds that we've collected, so we're asking for anybody's help at this point," Erkert said.

The residents said their opposition is about more than the individual tower and reflects concerns about how cellular infrastructure will be planned as demand for wireless service continues to grow.

They argued that future tower placement should be approached strategically, with greater consideration given to existing infrastructure, alternative technologies and the effects on established neighborhoods.

"There needs to be a very strategic, well thought out plan on how you're going to place these things to minimize these effects. And they're not doing it," Erkert said.

The group said Clark County's ongoing comprehensive planning work could provide an opportunity to address how future wireless facilities are sited.

Residents say they will continue challenging the project while also seeking financial support for their legal effort.

To learn more, and to support the residents' funding of legal fees, visit gofundme.com/f/protect-our-community-stop-the-cell-tower.

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Council

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Deputy City Manager Robert Ferrier told council members that proposals from executive search firms had been presented Sept. 8. The council postponed further discussion at a subsequent meeting Sept. 21 before returning to the issue Oct. 5.

Staff was seeking direction on how to move forward with recruitment.

The proposals listed base professional fees ranging from $14,500 to $33,500, with additional expenses potentially charged during the recruitment process.

Councilmember Jeanie Kuypers recommended returning to GMP Consultants, but with a revised scope of work that would initially focus on assessing the city's leadership needs and evaluating qualified internal candidates.

Kuypers cited GMP's experience conducting municipal executive searches with neighboring cities. The firm's regional experience could provide useful insight into the leadership needs of Battle Ground, Kuypers said, while acknowledging potential concerns involving conflicts of interest and confidentiality.

Under the proposed approach, the consultant would work with council members, appropriate staff and other stakeholders to identify leadership priorities, review position qualifications and establish an objective process for evaluating internal applicants.

The consultant would return the proposed qualifications, evaluation process and performance expectations to the council for approval before the selection process began.

The approach would not guarantee an internal candidate the position or eliminate the possibility of an external search. After evaluating internal candidates, the council could decide whether to proceed with a broader recruitment effort and negotiate a separate agreement with GMP if needed.

Kuypers said the process would allow the council to assess existing talent while retaining the option of searching outside the city.

Councilmember Shane Bowman supported hiring an outside firm but opposed delaying a full search to evaluate internal candidates first.

"I think any internal candidate that would be interviewing, if they're worth interviewing, they should be able to go through the process and stand up against anybody that would come in," Bowman said.

Bowman said an outside firm could provide a broader pool of applicants, vet candidates and reduce the staff time required to manage recruitment. Bowman also cautioned against further delays, emphasizing the need for stability in city leadership.

Councilmember Troy McCoy also supported hiring an outside firm, citing the workload associated with conducting a search internally and opportunities for public participation through candidate meet-and-greets.

"I think that's really important for this city right now," McCoy said, referring to transparency.

Mayor Eric Overholser expressed support for considering internal candidates before committing to a broader search, saying the city could benefit from identifying potential leaders already familiar with staff and municipal operations.

The discussion also included questions about previous city manager hiring processes. Bowman said the city had used both internal and outside recruitment methods in the past, adding that hiring a consultant would provide expertise and help screen applicants before they reached the council.

Bowman said the council ultimately remains responsible for its hiring decisions, regardless of which recruitment method it chooses.

The council also discussed the circumstances surrounding a previous city manager transition in which financial considerations influenced the decision to elevate an interim manager rather than immediately pay for an outside search.

Under the motion approved Oct. 5, staff will return to GMP for a revised scope of work based on Kuypers' proposal. Council members will then be able to compare the revised approach with the existing proposal and determine whether to pursue an internal evaluation, a full external search or a combination of the two.

The vote was 5-2 in favor of requesting the revised proposal.



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 in August.

County seeks public feedback on parks, trails in online survey

THE REFLECTOR

Clark County is asking residents to share what they like about local parks, trails and natural areas and what they would like to see improved through an online survey open through Nov. 1.

The survey asks how often people visit county parks, natural areas and trails, what activities they participate in at parks and why they use county trails.

Responses will help guide updates to the county's Parks and Natural Areas System Plan, which sets priorities for park improvements, trail expansion, new recreational opportunities and long-term stewardship of natural areas, according to a Clark County news release.

The survey takes about five to 10 minutes to complete and is available in multiple languages. Participants can also enter to win one of five $50 gift cards.

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Second of two-alarm fires on Friday, October 2 displaces Ridgefield family, kills 8-month-old puppy

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The fire started on the back patio of 1109 Auburn Place in Ridgefield at 11 p.m. Inside, Preston Pearson was falling asleep beside his wife and their young daughter. Their five other children, between the ages of 8 and 16, were also in the house.

"...Our oldest daughter comes in and she's like, 'Something's burning,' so I look over to the window, and I see like an orangish color," recalls Pearson. "I run downstairs and look at the back patio, and I just see a blaze."

Pearson says that he ran for the water hose, and when he returned less than a minute later, the flames were raging "maybe 15 feet high."

The fire spread to surrounding houses, like the home of Felise Canterini, who lives behind the Pearsons. She says the fire damaged her windows and roof. According to Canterini, broken windows and water from the fire department's hoses displaced other neighbors into a hotel.

A statement issued on the Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue Facebook page reports that three residents suffered minor injuries. The cause of the fire remains unknown, though fire marshals continue to investigate.

'It's not recognizable'

Pearson and his family escaped, but their 8-month-old golden labradoodle puppy, Mila, did not. She was found upstairs, beneath a bed where Pearson says she hid when she was scared. According to CCFR's official incident report, firefighters attempted to resuscitate Mila at the scene but were not successful.

Pearson remembers her as a "pretty girl, full of love and energy," and says "…she just made your day better."

"You know dogs," he continues. "They always love you. And losing that, it just hurts. Right now, we could definitely use her. With her gone, it's like a missing piece of our family. We all want Mila here with us."

From the street, 1109 Auburn Place looks like any other house on the street, save for the plywood blinding the two upstairs windows. The home's backside has been blackened and warped.

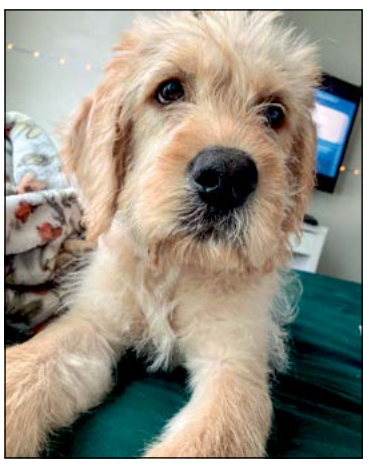


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Mila, the Pearsons' 8-month-old puppy, who did not escape the fire.



Photo courtesy of Preston Pearson

One of the kids' bedrooms inside 1109 Auburn Place on October 5, 2026, a few days after the fire.

Inside, "It's not recognizable," Pearson says. Almost everything has been ruined by heat and smoke.

To make matters worse, the Pearsons recently changed their insurance policy; while his wife's policy included renter's insurance, Pearson's policy does not. As a result, they have not received any compensation for their losses.

"We were just trying to combine all of our finances, and that's one of the things we obviously overlooked, and it ended up costing us—everything," Pearson says, voice hitching. "I haven't slept in like a week," he continues. He has spent that time securing the necessities, working to get his family back to baseline. "And that's what I've done," he says.

They have found a new rental, leaving the hotel that temporarily sheltered them. Now the family must settle into a new home, just a few minutes away from 1109 Auburn Place, and try to return to normal.

"I keep telling myself like, you gonna get over it soon, you gonna get over it soon. But this, it's just lingering," says Pearson.

'When our communities need us most'

To help ease the burden of rebuilding a life from scratch—the Pearsons' neighbors have established two GoFundMe campaigns and shared their story widely on social media.

Briana Lembke, the neighbor responsible for one GoFundMe, wrote in a Facebook post: "It's a scary reminder of how quickly life can change, and I'm grateful to be part of a community that comes together when it counts."

The fire at the Pearsons' home was actually the second house fire of that Friday.

Earlier on October 2, a fire ignited at a home off of NW 253rd Street, around 11:30 a.m. Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue arrived on the scene within seven minutes. They controlled the fire after approximately an hour, with help from Clark County Fire Districts 3, 6, 10 and 13. There were no known injuries.

No information about the fire's cause has been released. CCFR reported in a Facebook post that their fire marshal as well as the Clark County fire marshal are investigating.



Photo courtesy of Preston Pearson

The Pearson family celebrating Angie Pearson's graduation from her dental hygiene program on September 26, 2026.

"The response to two separate two-alarm fires in a single day underscored the critical importance of cross-county training, mutual aid agreements, and strategically positioned resources in the District," said CCFR in another Facebook post. "...These relationships strengthen our collective ability to respond effectively when our communities need us most."

GoFundMe links: gofundme.com/f/neighbors-come-together-for-the-pearson-family-after-fire and gofundme.com/f/help-preston-and-family

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Perez's Ads Misleading: Vote John Braun for Congress

Marie Gluesenkamp Perez's ads have unfairly attacked John Braun, claiming, "Under His Watch, the State Budget Ballooned by 48% in the Last Five Years." This is strikingly dishonest. In fact, MGP's own Democrat party has controlled the Governor's office and both houses of the state legislature over the last 6 years. In that time frame, they pushed through budget increases of more than 63%, over the strenuous objections of Braun and Republican legislators. Large tax increases on businesses are forcing some to leave, or consider leaving Washington entirely. These tax hikes adversely impact Braun's manufacturing company in Chehalis, making it harder for him and his 350 employees. However, mounting business taxes in Washington state don't affect the auto repair shop that MGP ran with her husband Dean, since Dean's Car Care is located in Portland, Oregon. MGP cannot distance herself from these decisions by the Washington state Democrats, since she served on the state party's executive committee from 2020-2022. The blame for out-of-control state spending lies not with John Braun, but with her and her Democrat colleagues. Meanwhile, MGP voted against extending the 2017 Federal tax cuts in the Big Beautiful Bill that was passed in 2025. Now the Child Tax Credit is restored, the standard tax deduction is larger, and taxes on overtime and tips are eliminated, in spite of strong opposition by the Democrats. MGP also states "Braun Authored the Biggest Property-Tax Hike in State History." This tax change was a bipartisan response mandated by the Washington State Supreme Court McCleary ruling. In fact, most property owners saw a rate decrease, especially rural homeowners. MGP says "Braun Pocketed a 72% Salary Increase." Senator Braun did not vote himself a 72% pay raise. State legislative salaries are determined by an independent citizens' commission. Braun opposed the salary increases before this commission multiple times. John Braun won't be a rubber-stamp for the Administration. For example, he states he will push back against the President's blanket tariff policies, since indiscriminate tariffs hurt US- based manufacturers. Braun explains that solving the problem of manufacturing jobs being shipped overseas will require a more sustained approach. John Braun's background as a business owner, manufacturer, and nearly 14 years as a Washington State Senator will serve SW Washington well. We need his fiscal discipline, practical experience, and strong leadership skills to help both our region and the country.

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Opinion: Washington State Supreme Court tramples on citizens' initiative power

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"All political power is inherent in the people ..."

That's how Washington's Constitution begins. Apparently, however, the state supreme court disagrees.

Washington voters decided consumer energy choices deserve protection in 2024, but the Washington State Supreme Court on September 17 this year rejected that election result. Six of the nine justices overturned Initiative 2066, arguing I-2066 violated Article II, Section 19 of the Washington Constitution concerning single subjects.

If this same standard used to strike down I-2066 is applied consistently, many legislative bills (such as the new income tax) are unconstitutional as well.

The court's opinion turned a blind eye to the "hot mess" of a law (House Bill 1589) that I-2066 was in response to.

Citizens and lawmakers should be held to the same one-subject standard, with the caveat that the court should always give deference to the will of the people.

As Justice Salvador A. Mungia's dissenting opinion read, "Our courts have an obligation to interpret initiatives in a way that sustains their validity when possible, and not in a way that will render them unconstitutional."

But the majority opinion voided the people's voice in I-2066 and leaves the question of whether any initiative constraining government overreach will have the power to surpass the judges' interpretation of single-subject criteria.

The recent ruling dismantles the people's power, gutting the initiative's ability to rein in harmful legislation. The court's struggling interpretation of the single subject principle is not unique to Washington. According to many political theorists, the single subject rule has no workable theory of interpretation. Or, more to the point, Professor Anne Campbell concluded that due to the single-subject rule, the "initiative process is at the mercy of the court(s).

A study conducted between 1997 and 2006 found that after acknowledging several factors, the single greatest predictor of how a court will decide is based on their alignment with the political ideology at hand. The authors found that "political inclinations play a huge, perhaps dominant role, in single subject decisions."

Dissenting opinion from Justice Sal Mungia stated, "The sanctity of this power [power to enact laws through the initiative process] is not something courts should simply give lip service to or gloss over. It is an important, fundamental, and cherished constitutional right that Washingtonians hold."

But lip service is exactly all the Washington State Supreme Court offered.

Proponents of I-2066 were faced with a difficult decision when drafting the initiative – counteract a broad range of the fundamental limitations on energy choices in Washington created both by regulators at SBCC and by HB 1589 or divide the objective between multiple initiatives and risk delivering a partially-delivered solution with futile results.

Supporters of I-2066 chose the former, drafting a broader bill to counteract the diverse attack on energy choices coming from Olympia. Greg Lane, Executive Vice President of BIAW, said in response to the first ruling in 2025: "The ruling was irresponsible. The idea voters didn't understand what they were voting for is condescending and disrespectful. The judge ruled in support of her personal policy position, not a legal decision. It was clear from the very start of the hearing that she had abandoned all pretense of impartiality or objectivity, an inexcusable insult to the 546,000 citizens who signed I-2066 and the 1.9 million people who voted to make it law."

Washington's State Supreme Court follows the national trend of judges interpreting single-subject applications of initiatives in favor of supporting their political ideologies. Between 1992 and 2026, the Washington State Supreme Court made rulings regarding nine initiatives; four were upheld, and five were invalidated for violating the single-subject rule. The five initiatives ruled invalid were all reducing taxes or government overreach. The majority of those upheld leaned towards expanding the scope of government.

It is vital for the judicial branch to hold the legislative branch to the same standard it uses to override citizen-approved ballot measures. If the legislature is going to pass omnibus tax bills and policy "hot messes," the people should be free to exercise their right of initiative to respond.

This is critically important since the state supreme court has already all but eliminated the people's right of referendum by greenlighting legislative emergency clause abuse.

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Washington Democrats aren't content with a new 9.9 percent income tax on the "rich."

They're already fighting to drag the threshold lower so it hits far more of you.

Six months after Governor Bob Ferguson signed SB 6346, his party is bidding against itself. Rep. Cindy Ryu wants the tax to start at $250,000. Sen. Jesse Salomon counters with $750,000. The $1 million exemption is already treated as temporary. The 9.9 percent rate stacks on top of the capital-gains tax. This is the opening move, not a one-time raid.

They have said the quiet part out loud. Asked why anyone should trust the tax would stay limited to millionaires, Rep. Larry Springer replied: "You shouldn't." Sen. Jamie Pedersen called earlier promises "a pie crust promise; easily made, easily broken," noting the legislature can amend the statute "any time we want to."

On the first day of session, Rep. Shaun Scott introduced a 5 percent payroll tax starting at $125,000. The appetite for more of your money is not subtle.

This is the same majority that extracted nearly $4 billion from the LEOFF 1 union pension fund and piled on $17 billion in new taxes—the largest increase in state history. Now they have stripped protections from Social Security, pensions, IRAs, and 401(k)s. Household income is taxed, creating a marriage penalty. Why eliminate those shields unless the plan is to collect from ordinary retirees?

Ferguson once vowed not to sign an income tax at all, then said he would not sign one targeting non-millionaires. Those assurances have expired. Washington voters have rejected a state income tax ten times. The only way to kill this one is to vote YES on I-645 this November—the clean repeal. The final vote on SB 6346 was 51-46. More fiscal conservatives are needed in Olympia if the pie-crust promises are ever to stop.

Democrats told you the tax would stay limited, retirement income would be protected, and the pension funds were safe. None of it held. They are coming for more of your money—and the savings you worked a lifetime to build.

Rep. John Ley
WA 18th District (Pos. 2)

A vote for Marie Gluesenkamp-Perez is a vote for a team that damages opportunities for future generations

The most important vote the next Representative of the 3rd Congressional District will take comes in January, when the U.S. House selects its Speaker. Marie Gluesenkamp-Perez always gets this vote wrong. Don't believe me? Ask her who she will vote for.

She will vote for Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY). As Speaker, he has enormous influence over committee chairs and a powerful gatekeeping role in deciding which proposed policies get a House vote—and which are stopped.

As a New York City politician, Jeffries supports expensive energy policies, gun control, redistribution of money, tax policies favoring his constituencies, and more Washington, D.C., involvement in health care, housing, the environment, education, climate, and agriculture.

He also leads a team comfortable shifting the cost of today's giveaways to our grandchildren through federal debt.

Jeffries would put these people in charge of key parts of our livelihoods and freedoms: Jared Huffman (D-CA) would chair the committee overseeing federal natural-resource policy. Huffman favors managing resource production and rural jobs around conservation, habitat, and climate objectives.

Frank Pallone (D-NJ) would chair the committee overseeing energy, commerce, businesses, and consumer protection. Pallone favors stronger federal consumer and environmental protections and expansive workplace regulations.

Angie Craig (D-MN) would chair the committee overseeing agriculture—the enterprises that provide our food. Craig favors expanded food assistance and greater federal regulation of agricultural chemicals, food production, and environmental standards. She also supports year-round E15 ethanol.

Kathy Castor (D-FL) would chair the committee overseeing energy policy. Castor favors stronger federal action on climate change, federal support for green energy, and greater federal control of energy policy.

Perhaps most important, Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) would chair the committee controlling federal discretionary spending. She views federal spending as an "investment." Expanding spending on these agendas threatens future opportunity when we already face a $40 trillion national debt—equivalent to roughly $300,000 per U.S. household.

Marie Gluesenkamp-Perez can say she is "just like us" in Southwest Washington. But ask her who she will vote for as Speaker of the House, because that is who you are really voting for.

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Society of Washington Artists puts on second annual art market in Hazel Dell

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Vancouver United Church of Christ, off 68th Street, hosted the Society of Washington Artists for their second annual weekend-long Fall Creatives Art Market on Oct. 9.

The hall was filled with displays of various arts, from crafts like pottery and jewelry, to visual arts like photography and painting.

"This is a gigantic support group, and it's the largest art organization in Vancouver," said SWA president Rick Jones. "I don't know what it would be like without having an arts organization."

Three years ago, SWA merged with another group named Mosaic Art Alliance.

After the merger, SWA inherited a subsidiary called Gallery 360 which contains several gallery locations in Vancouver.

"The Hilton is one, Elements Restaurant is another, La Bottega, the church has a gallery upstairs," Jones said. "We have a couple more online, but they're basically high traffic areas. We do sell a great deal of art out of those venues."

This is the second year where the society has decided to try out the fall market as a way to promote its members' work.

"This is strictly recognition and sales, and it worked very well for the first year and if it works well this year, we'll continue it," Jones said.

Setup for the fall market contrasts with the society's other show that happens in the spring.

"This is an opportunity for our members to sell, sell, sell," said board of directors member Michael Kay. "Our spring show is limited to three pieces per person. What we do here is rent space and you're allowed to bring in as much work as you can fill your space."



Photo by Marcus McCormic

A collection of Michael Kay's photographs at the Fall Creatives Art Market on Friday, Oct. 9 at the Vancouver United Church of Christ.



Photo by Marcus McCormic

An art market attendee admiring some of the works on display at the Fall Creatives Art Market on Friday, Oct. 9 at the Vancouver United Church of Christ.

Another thing that helped to make the fall market different from the spring show is how they handled the financial side of things.

"The spring show, we take a 35 percent commission to help defray the costs of putting the show on," Kay said. "Here we take 10 percent so that allows artists to lower their prices and hopefully stimulate sales."

Kay recorded around 28 members being active in the Fall Creatives Art Market for this year's weekend run of the event.

"When you create an art alliance or an association, it's a way for like-minded people to gather and learn from each other, encourage each other and support each other," Kay said.

Finding an arts group, for Jones, is one of the highest priorities an artist can have when they move to a new place.

"Most of our members are from areas where there was an art group," Jones said. "Many are from California and Oregon and Seattle, but they all came in thinking that they had to join an art group."



Photo by Marcus McCormic

Handmade pots sitting on an artist's table at the Fall Creatives Art Market on Friday, Oct. 9 at the Vancouver United Church of Christ.



Photo by Marcus McCormic

Clay jewelry made by an artist at the Fall Creatives Art Market on Friday, Oct. 9 at the Vancouver United Church of Christ.

In a time when man-made art appears to be threatened by the rise of artificial intelligence, coming together at an art seems to be reminding artists of a commonality they all share.

"I think it's more important than ever to get out and look at human art because there's a difference," said board member Jan Tracy. "It makes you feel something and that's important."

Artists in the SWA share a desire to create and share the things they put their time and energy into.

Kay sees potential for his photography everywhere he goes, citing that his mind constantly runs prompts and questions about subject framing and composition.

For Jones, artists are everywhere in the community, and they have a life of their own that needs support.

"We have almost 300 artists in Clark County and it really is a strong art community," Jones said. "Just go to the galleries and check them out, see if you like it, and if you like something enough, buy it."

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THE FALLEN COLORS OF autumn

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Perhaps the biggest draw to fall colors is the vibrance it brings in the trees.

Well, as we all wait patiently for those couple of days when fall colors peak around the region, the leaves that turned early and have fallen to the ground can provide just as good of a view at our feet.

For me, the best example year-after-year of a ground turned orange in the fall, is always along Cedar Creek just upstream from the Cedar Creek Grist Mill. Each year, I take photos of fall colors at the grist mill, oftentimes I find myself ahead of the peak within that little gorge of Cedar Creek. When the leaves above aren't quite to peak fall yet, I just know around the corner will usually hold quite the array of orange and yellow leaves along the streambank.

Fallen autumn colors were in peak form during my visit to the grist mill property on Thursday, Oct. 8. As the days go by this month, more and more leaves will turn in the trees above, and leaves will continue to hit the ground.

Judging when fall colors will peak at any one location can be nearly impossible. By the next edition, I could have photos of peak fall across Clark County while one more spot I am targeting waits its turn to flash oranges, yellows and reds.

This year, the fall foliage map by explorefall.com illustrates a burst of peak fall color this week — Monday, Oct. 12 through Saturday, Oct. 17 — with bare trees possible by Halloween.

More times than not, what I deem to be my best fall color photos each season happen to be the ones pointing towards the ground as leaves cluster the rocky shores of creeks and rivers around Clark County.

Located at 43907 NE Grist Mill Road, the Cedar Creek Grist Mill is roughly 25 minutes from Battle Ground and about 15 minutes from Interstate 5 near Woodland.

Visitors can park near the mill and walk onto the covered bridge for one of the area's best fall photography opportunities, with the historic structure, creek and colorful trees coming together in one view.

The museum and grain-grinding mill are open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each Saturday, although visitors can view the national historic site and grounds throughout the year.

Leaves cover rocks along Cedar Creek upstream from the Cedar Creek Grist Mill on Thursday, Oct. 8.
Photo by Cade Barker



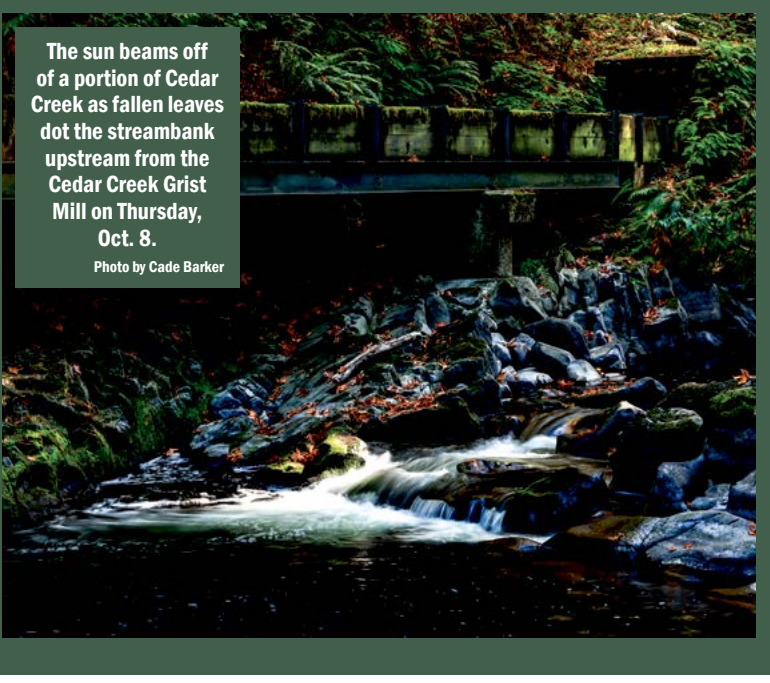
Leaves dot the rocky bank of Cedar Creek while the orange-hue of maple trees reflect in the water at the Cedar Creek Grist Mill property on Thursday, Oct. 8.
Photo by Cade Barker



Cedar Creek makes its way through a small gorge lined by bigleaf maple trees amongst evergreens upstream from the Cedar Creek Grist Mill on Thursday, Oct. 8.
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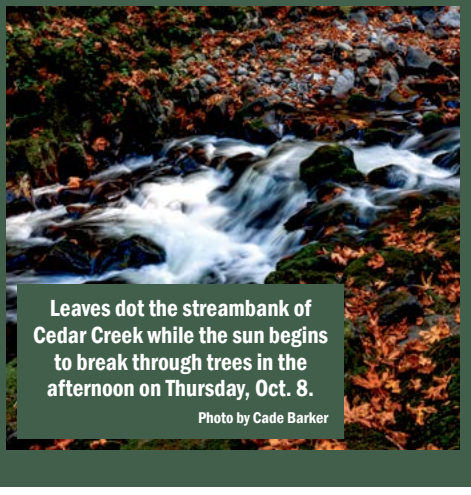
Fallen leaves stick to rocks in Cedar Creek upstream from the Cedar Creek Grist Mill on Thursday, Oct. 8.
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The sun beams off of a portion of Cedar Creek as fallen leaves dot the streambank upstream from the Cedar Creek Grist Mill on Thursday, Oct. 8.
Photo by Cade Barker



Fallen leaves float around a pool below a small cascade in Cedar Creek upstream from the Cedar Creek Grist Mill on Thursday, Oct. 8.
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Leaves dot the streambank of Cedar Creek while the sun begins to break through trees in the afternoon on Thursday, Oct. 8.
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As summer fades to fall, the uncertainty caused by drought will test a backyard habitat

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While summer is in the rear view as fall has arrived in Southwest Washington, Reflector reporter Cade Barker's native-plant habitat begins to tell a story of the issues with extended drought.

The bright blooms of spring and summer have faded, the long days of summer have given way to cooler mornings, and the consequences of months without enough rain are becoming harder to ignore. To look back at spring in Barker's habitat, visit thereflector.com/stories/a-look-into-the-busiest-month-in-a-native-plant-habitat,403032.

What once looked like a thriving collection of native plants during an article in May is now a mixture of survivors, struggling vegetation and bare patches that may not recover. Some plants are showing signs of stress that could prove temporary. Others appear to have suffered damage severe enough that replacing them next spring may be the only realistic option.

The drought has been one of the season's most persistent challenges, but it has not been the only one. After taking a hands-off approach throughout much of the summer, allowing the habitat to develop with limited intervention, another familiar problem has become increasingly apparent: invasive weeds.

Leaving a habitat alone can provide native plants with the opportunity to establish themselves without constant disturbance. It also allows insects and other wildlife to use the vegetation for shelter and food. But nature does not necessarily favor the plants I wanted to grow. Without periodic management, weeds can take advantage of open ground, spread quickly and compete with native species for limited resources.

The lasting effects of a dry summer

The most concerning changes are visible in plants that have struggled to withstand the extended dry conditions.

In September, the Washington State Climate Office reported the Vancouver area only reaching 57% of its normal precipitation totals for the month.

Native plants are often selected by gardeners for their ability to survive in local climates, and many species can tolerate periods of limited rainfall once established. However, drought tolerance does not mean drought immunity. Newly planted specimens, shallow-rooted plants and species growing in exposed or particularly dry locations can be especially vulnerable when the soil remains dry for extended periods of time.

Some plants respond to water stress by dropping leaves, losing their color or allowing aboveground growth to die back. These changes can be part of a survival strategy, helping a plant conserve its remaining resources until conditions improve.

Other symptoms are less encouraging. Extensive browning, brittle stems and dead growth throughout a plant can indicate more serious damage, particularly when there is little evidence of healthy growth remaining.

In my habitat, a full-shade area that was lush with species diversity in the spring, was now just bare dirt and a couple of ferns barely surviving on Sunday, Oct. 11.

The challenge is determining which plants are dormant or stressed and which have actually died due to a lack of water.

Many of the plants in the full-shade pocket exist underground in the offseason, however, my fear is that the roots and bulbs are possibly no-more from the extended drought.

Replacing a plant too early could mean removing something that might have recovered with autumn rain and cooler temperatures.



A black twinberry is nearly dried out due to extended drought conditions in Reflector reporter Cade Barker's backyard habitat on Sunday, Oct. 11.

Photo by Cade Barker

For now, some plants will need to be watched through the fall and winter before their condition can be assessed with greater confidence. By next spring, it may be clear that certain losses are permanent and replacement plants are necessary.

No matter what, some mitigation will be required to try and create opportunities for rainwater to remain in certain areas longer.

Replacement plants will also present an opportunity to reconsider where particular species are planted in the habitat, how much direct sunlight they receive and whether their water requirements match the conditions of their location within the small habitat with varying slopes and soil conditions due to organic matter differences.

When a hands-off approach gives weeds an opening

Allowing a native habitat to develop naturally throughout the summer has its benefits. Leaving stems, foliage and other vegetation standing can provide shelter for insects, spiders and other small wildlife. Seed heads can offer food for birds, while undisturbed ground gives some organisms a chance to complete their life cycles.

But a hands-off approach has its limits.

Weeds have continued to take advantage of the habitat, filling spaces between native plants and establishing themselves where the ground is exposed. Some have grown alongside desirable vegetation, while others have occupied areas where drought-stressed plants have lost their leaves or died back.

The result is a familiar restoration dilemma: leaving an area undisturbed can benefit wildlife, but doing nothing indefinitely can allow aggressive plants to gain an advantage.

Native plants and weeds are not competing on equal terms in every part of the habitat. An established native shrub may be able to hold its ground, while a small native wildflower can quickly become crowded by faster-growing vegetation. A plant already weakened by drought may have even less ability to compete.

This is where the hands-off experiment became instructive for me. It shows which native plants can maintain their space with minimal intervention and which need more help to establish themselves.

Preparing for spring

Fall offers an opportunity to evaluate the habitat without expecting every problem to be solved before winter.

The first priority is identifying plants that may not survive and monitoring those whose condition remains uncertain. Rather than immediately removing every brown or leafless plant, it is worth allowing time for seasonal changes and autumn moisture to reveal which specimens are still viable in the habitat.

The second priority is managing weeds strategically. Seed-producing weeds may need attention before they disperse more seeds, while invasive or particularly aggressive plants may require root removal to prevent further spread. At the same time, vegetation that provides valuable wildlife shelter can remain where it does not threaten the establishment of native species.

It has also been worth documenting where the habitat struggled most during the drought. Areas that repeatedly dry out may be better suited to more drought-tolerant native species, while plants with greater moisture requirements may need different locations or additional support during establishment next spring.

When spring arrives, replacement planting, as well as some moving around of plants, can focus on filling the most important gaps rather than simply recreating what was lost this summer. New plants will need room to establish themselves, and selective weed management can give them a better chance of competing successfully.

The lesson for me from this summer is that a hands-off approach can reveal how a native habitat functions on its own, but it does not eliminate the need for human involvement. Allowing nature to take its course works best when paired with careful observation and timely, selective intervention.

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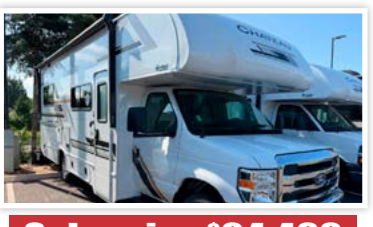
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Cowlitz County organization gives $5,000 grant to Woodland Senior Enrichment Group



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President of the Woodland Senior Enrichment Group Jim Bays giving a short speech before the receipt of the grant check from United Way at the Woodland Community Center on Wednesday Oct. 7.



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President of the Woodland Senior Enrichment Group Jim Bays standing at the center table after receiving the grant check from United Way at the Woodland Community Center on Wednesday Oct. 7.

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On Wednesday, Oct. 7, the Woodland Senior Enrichment Group received a grant from United Way of Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Counties to fund the nonprofit's activities and social events.

"We're thrilled at the fact that we can support the project that Jim and his board put together to keep seniors in the Woodland area engaged and connected with community," said Lois Smith, director of United Way of Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Counties.

To qualify for and receive a grant from United Way, applicants need to meet certain criteria and their work must address basic needs including housing security, food security and utility assistance or community resilience and social interaction.

"We're a volunteer, nonprofit, and our goal is to put on programs for seniors," said Jim Bays, president of Woodland Senior Enrichment Group. "Educational enrichment, exercise, whatever we can. Because for seniors, the number one need is to get out of the house and do some social activities."

Despite high competition for the grant, the Woodland Senior Enrichment Group was awarded the maximum grant amount of $5,000.

"We'll be using this grant to do some free meals and social activities for seniors," Bays said.

Around three years ago, Bays and his friend Tom Hammer were browsing Facebook and discussing the possibility of putting together a senior citizens group event.

They put out a notice on the social media platform and the event brought 15 seniors together for what would become the first meeting.

"We have bunko twice a week. We have fun and games twice a week. We have a very active widows and widowers group. We put on various educational classes like senior estate planning and educational classes on Medicare," Bays said.

The group meets four to five times a week, with three of those days being hosted in a space they rent at Woodland Community Center.

Students from the middle school across the street come to the center and spend time helping set up the space for the group.

Events put on for the seniors range from beginning Spanish classes to rocking chair exercise.

"The connections and having conversations with their neighbors, it fills our spirit and our hearts full, because this is what we need to again build our communities up," Smith said.

For Bays, this group isn't just about getting together weekly with fellow seniors, it serves as a reminder of what life was like not too long ago and some of the challenges seniors face now.

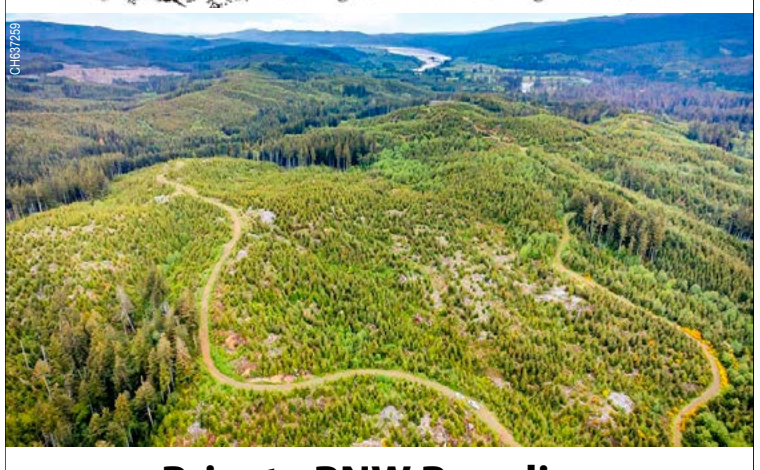
"We just hope it inspires people to continue this kind of thing," Bays said. "The senior community is really underserved but it's important because everybody's going to get there, so we need to recognize that and do things to make their life better."



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President of the Woodland Senior Enrichment Group Jim Bays (back left) with Woodland Middle School Principal Nick Davies (back right) and middle school students (left to right) Isabella Donald, Hazel Andrews, Makayla Seevers, Cole Barragan, and Jacksen Manalili at the ceremony for the grant check from United Way at the Woodland Community Center on Wednesday Oct. 7.

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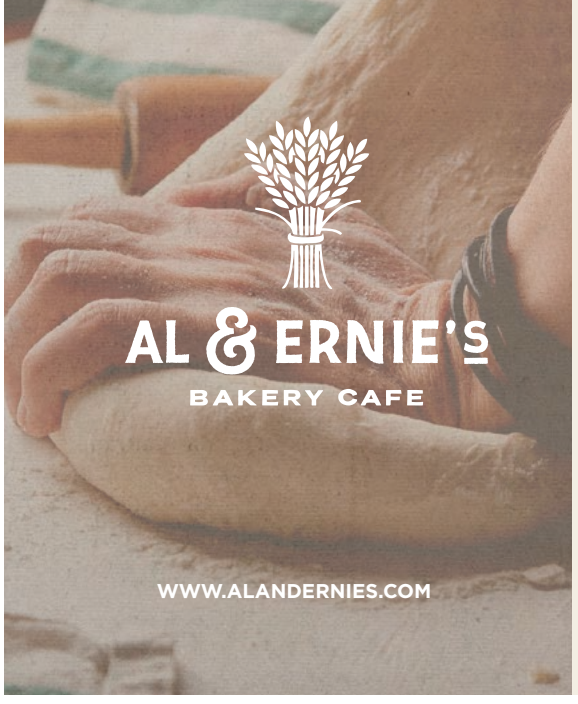
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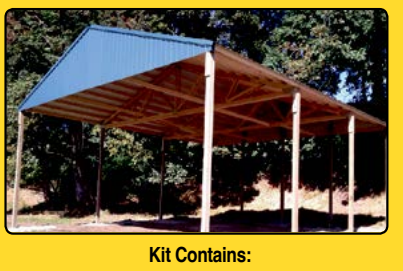
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New sauna and cold plunge business gives Clark County a place to slow down and relax



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Kickback Sauna and Cold Plunge provides a forested, relaxing hot and cold therapy opportunity for Clark County residents just north of Battle Ground proper near Lewisville Park.



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One of two electronic-controlled cold plunge systems highlight the cold water therapy options at Kickback Sauna and Cold Plunge.



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The wood-fired soaking tub at Kickback Sauna and Cold Plunge consistently sits at 105 degrees Fahrenheit.

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Tucked among evergreen trees north of Battle Ground is Clark County's newest spot for relaxation.

Kickback Sauna and Cold Plunge is a hot and cold therapy place owned by husband and wife duo Frank and Roxy Rak.

"We just opened three weeks ago, but our vision started four years ago. Two years ago we actually started building it," Roxy said.

The facility features multiple saunas, electric and non-electric ice tubs, showers, two bathrooms, and an indoor six-stall changing room.

The grounds also include a fire pit with chairs, a lawn with lounging chairs and a centerpiece display of flowers.

One of the property's standout features is a whimsical wooden sauna house that Frank spent more than a year building.

"We had a plan. I was putting a vision together and then life happened," Roxy said.

In 2025, the Ford dealership where Frank had been a painter for 36 years closed, forcing him into early retirement.

The sudden change in life structure gave Frank and Roxy time to focus on a business they had envisioned four years prior.

"I really got into the sauna and cold plunging because of my knees," Frank said. "My knees got bad and I was taking a lot of ibuprofen and then she introduced me to this."

Frank began to incorporate the sauna and cold plunge cycles into his routine before and after his knee replacement surgeries.

"It really helped him during his physical therapy and now and then for personal training too," Roxy said. "It helped him to be able to do those things easier."

Seeing the benefits of the sauna and cold plunge cycle, the husband and wife pair decided to share it with their community.

"We need to let more people know about this. More people need to see how this helps your body," Frank said.

After Frank's rehabilitation, the couple poured their heart and soul into the development of the business.

"We found ourselves less taking care of us, and more creating this place, and I think that's why now our heart and soul every single day goes into this," Roxy said. "There's not a moment that we're not eating, sleeping, drinking, talking about saunas and what we can do better."

When one of them was struggling with the progress, the other was there to encourage and lift them up.

"I wrote on a Post-it note to give myself encouragement 'if we build this, they will come'," Roxy said. "For the whole journey, it was moved all throughout our house. It was like a whole pop-up thing and a little surprise."

In the short three weeks since they opened, Kickback has had several customers and visitors from places including Castle Rock, Portland, Chehalis and Centralia.

"We've had a few people from the Portland area and, maybe it's a different type of community, and they're like 'y'all are way too cheap' but we think about Battle Ground community," Roxy said.

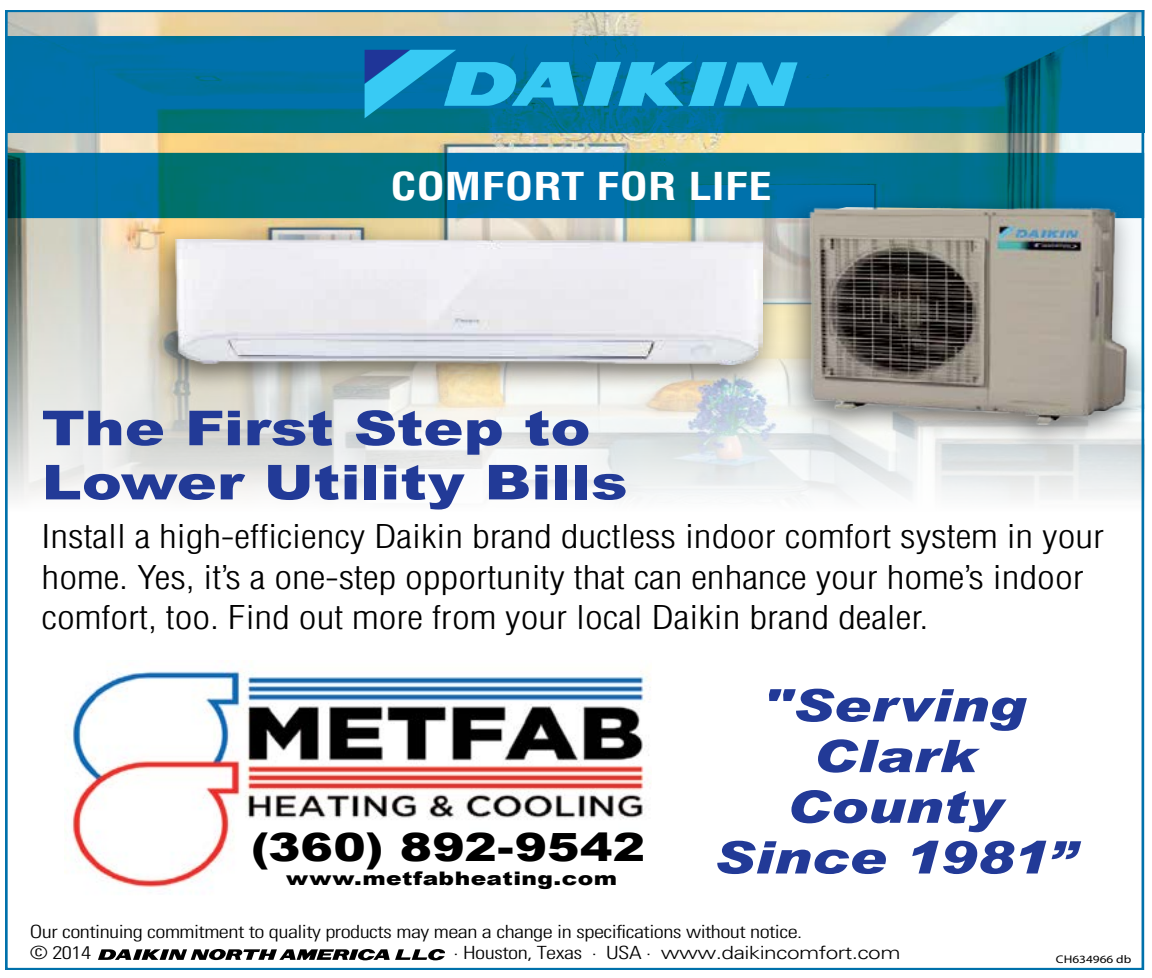
Frank and Roxy said they wanted to keep their business affordable and give people a place to slow down and connect.

"We want to see that reconnection of people slowing down with the busy lifestyle that we all have," Roxy said. "One of the best things is watching people come in and their shoulders are up to their necks and everything's tense, then when they're leaving everything's just relaxed on them."

Kickback Sauna and Cold Plunge is located at 11918 NE 272nd Ave., Battle Ground, WA.

Hours of operation can be found on their website kickbacksauna.com and sessions are $45/person for two hour community sessions with membership pricing also available on their website for frequent visitors.

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Lifestyles Sports

Skov-run continuum: Miles Skov's 256 yards and five touchdowns lead Battle Ground rally past Evergreen

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The Battle Ground Tiger football team overcame a 24-13 halftime deficit on Friday, Oct. 9, to earn a gritty 41-30 road victory over the Evergreen Plainsmen, fueled by a dominant rushing performance and a more physical second half.

Junior running back Miles Skov rushed for 256 yards and scored five touchdowns, while junior quarterback Jacob Bryant added a touchdown as the Tigers rallied after struggling to build momentum before halftime.

The comeback was a significant response for Battle Ground, which needed to find its footing after Evergreen capitalized on a slow start.

"Oh, this is monumental. This is Battle Ground grit right there. We tell our kids, talk about it every day," head coach Mike Woodward said.

Junior offensive lineman Cody Cunningham said the Tigers recognized the need to turn things around after the break.

"We had a little bit of a slow start, for sure. But we really picked it up in the second half, I believe," Cunningham said.

The offensive line played a key role in helping Skov find running lanes and wear down the Plainsmen. Cunningham said the team's effort up front improved as the game progressed, giving Battle Ground the opportunity to establish its running game.

Skov's production reflected both the blocking in front of him and his ability to keep moving through contact. Woodward praised the junior's determination and ability to turn short gains into bigger plays.

"He keeps his legs turning, so he'll get those extra chunks," Woodward said.

Cunningham also described the physicality that developed during the game, particularly when players stood up for their teammates. He recalled a sequence involving a physical altercation in the end zone after a two-point conversion, which ultimately prompted a momentum switch leaning the Tigers' way.

Cunningham said he stepped in when he saw the situation escalate.

"And I wasn't going to let that slide. I mean, that's my boy right there. He didn't deserve that," Cunningham said of the scuffle in the end zone.

The Tigers' second-half response came at an important point in their schedule. Woodward said Battle Ground needed a test that would show how the team could respond to adversity before a challenging stretch of games in the second half of the round robin 4A Greater St. Helens League schedule.

With three tough league matchups ahead, the win provided an opportunity for the Tigers to build confidence in their ability.

Battle Ground will next host the Union Titans on Friday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.



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Battle Ground junior running back Miles Skov scores one of his five rushing touchdowns in the Tigers' 41-30 win over the Evergreen Plainsmen on Friday, Oct. 9.



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Battle Ground junior offensive lineman Cody Cunningham runs onto the field before the Tigers' game against the Evergreen Plainsmen on Friday, Oct. 9.



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Battle Ground junior running back Miles Skov is tackled by a pair of Evergreen defenders in the Tigers' 41-30 win over the Plainsmen on Friday, Oct. 9.



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Battle Ground junior running back Miles Skov stiff-arms an Evergreen defender during the Tigers' 41-30 win over the Evergreen Plainsmen on Friday, Oct. 9.

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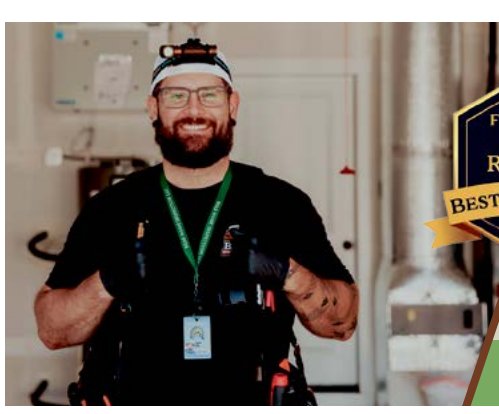
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Miley Smith: A ray of sunshine on the Tiger sidelines



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Miley Smith poses at the half during the Battle Ground versus Evergreen football game on Friday, Oct. 9.



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Miley Smith cheers alongside cheermates during the Battle Ground versus Evergreen football game on Friday, Oct. 9.



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Miley Smith and the Battle Ground cheer squad celebrate a play during the Battle Ground versus Evergreen football game on Friday, Oct. 9.

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For The Reflector

They are seen at most sporting events, from youth sports to professional sports. Pumping up the crowd and their team, using chants with choreographed on, or off the ground movements. Sometimes empty handed or often wielding a set of shiny pom poms. The cheerleader plays a key role for the team they are a part of, and the team and schools they represent.

More often than not, the cheerleader of today spends more time out of the public eye, and in the practice room. They spend hours working on routines, often incredibly complex, with a high level of danger involved. One thing is for sure, sometimes the best athletes aren't always on the field, they are right there on the sidelines.

Battle Ground High School senior cheerleader, Miley Smith, will be awarded her fourth letter award this fall sports season. Smith is currently a leader and standout teammate as she navigates the sidelines for football games, but also prepares for the many cheerleading competitions that the team will compete in this school year.

"I'm excited for competition season to happen and just hang out and make that bond with all the new people who came in, and the people that I've known," Smith said. With the new cheerleaders, Smith takes the time and puts in the work to help them with the cheerleading program.

"Just make sure that they know they have the support, and just believe in them and make sure they know they can do anything they set their mind to," Smith said. Smith enjoys working with, and helping teach the many routines to her younger cheer members. As for comparing cheerleading for football, versus cheerleading in a competition, there is a difference.

"We just know we need to put in even more work than what we do for football season," Smith said. "I think it's really fun because I feel like a lot of the bonds are way closer because we rely on each other a lot more for the routine to happen, in competitions."

Smith says her favorite academic class this year is student store class, where she sells food, beverages, and clothing. This helps students handle monetary transactions in preparation for real world situations.

After graduation with the class of 2027, Smith has her sights set on becoming an esthetician, first attending the necessary classes to become licensed.

Meghan Hill, after relocating to the area from Rhode Island, brings 19 years of cheer experience and is in her first year as the head cheerleading coach for Battle Ground High School. Hill is ecstatic to have Miley Smith on her squad.

"Miley is a ray of sunshine," Hill said. "She just constantly brings a breath of fresh air into the team at practice, on and off the mat." Hill knows what a leader she has in Smith and is somewhat sad it's her senior year.

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Adrianna Lopez is hoisted in the air during a cheer routine at the Battle Ground versus Evergreen football game on Friday, Oct. 9.

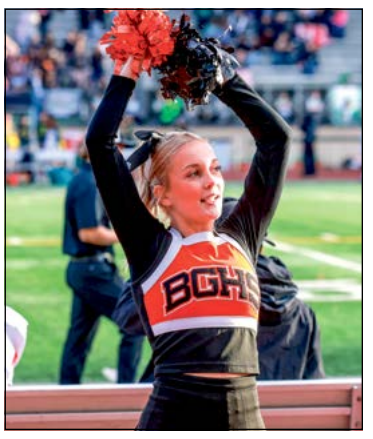


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Miley Smith cheers on the sideline during the Battle Ground versus Evergreen football game on Friday, Oct. 9.

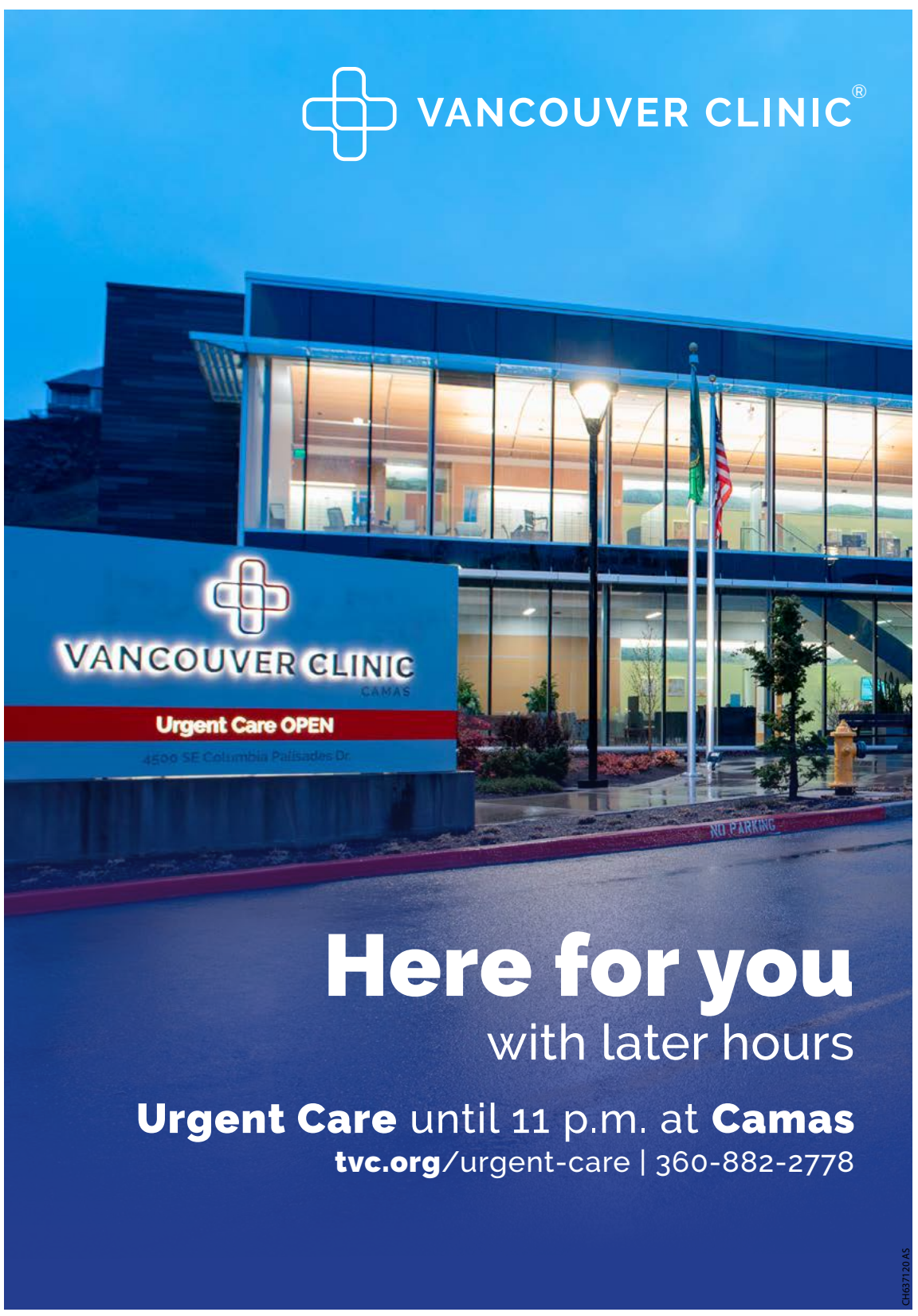


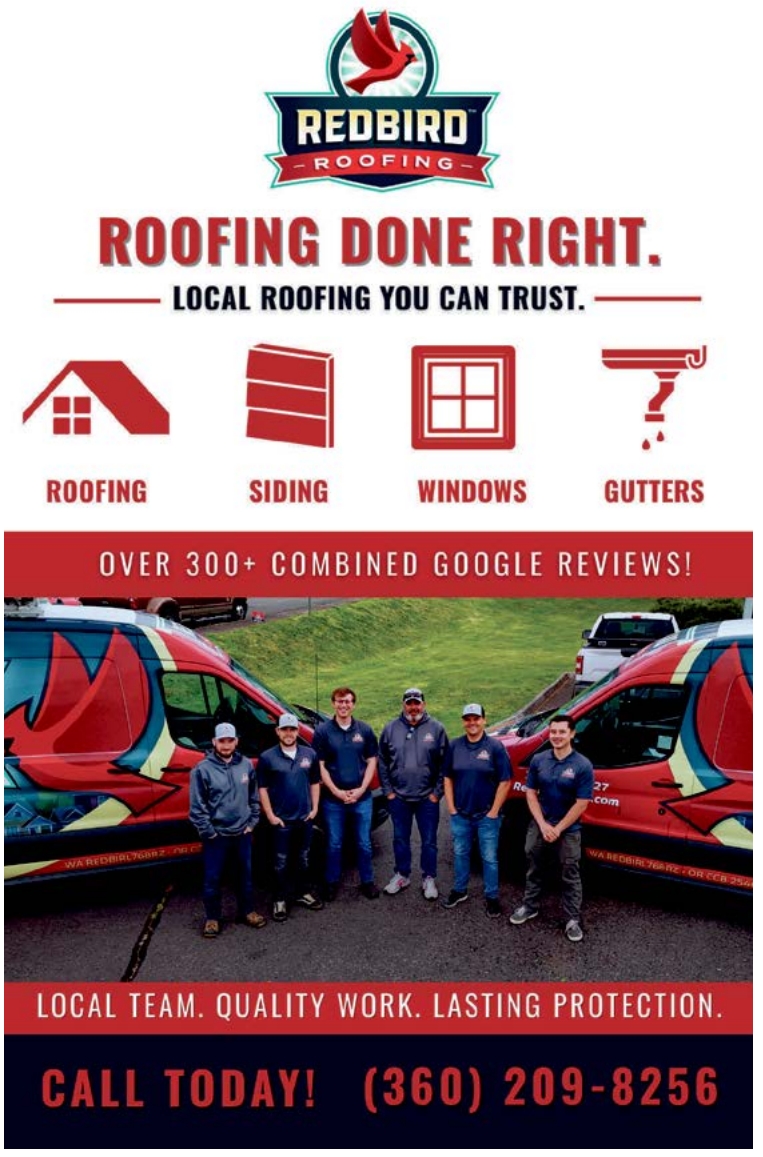
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Hockinson's Graysen Aldridge leads the way at home meet



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Ridgefield sophomore girls cross country runner Abigail Peck finishes in second place with a time of 20 minutes, 12 seconds, at a 2A Greater St. Helens League cross country meet on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at Hockinson Meadows Community Park.



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Girls cross country runners from Ridgefield and Hockinson run side-by-side at the start of the varsity girls race in a 2A Greater St. Helens League cross country meet on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at Hockinson Meadows Community Park.

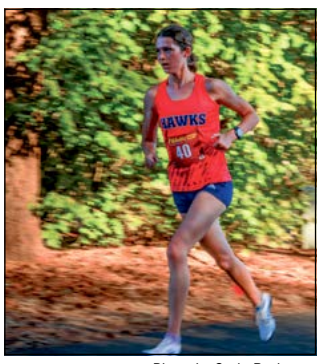


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Hockinson senior girls cross country runner Graysen Aldridge heads into the final mile of a 2A Greater St. Helens League cross country meet on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at Hockinson Meadows Community Park.



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Hockinson senior girls cross country runner Graysen Aldridge runs toward the finish line as she ran for first place with a time of 19 minutes, 11 seconds, at a 2A Greater St. Helens League cross country meet on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at Hockinson Meadows Community Park.



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Hockinson senior girls cross country runner Graysen Aldridge keeps her eyes locked on the finish line as she ran for first place with a time of 19 minutes, 11 seconds, at a 2A Greater St. Helens League cross country meet on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at Hockinson Meadows Community Park.

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Hockinson High School senior Graysen Aldridge finished first in the girls race with a time of 19 minutes, 11 seconds, at a 2A Greater St. Helens League cross country meet on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at Hockinson Meadows Community Park.

The Hawks hosted Columbia River, Ridgefield and R.A. Long in the league competition, where Aldridge continued to build on her senior season while helping lead a growing Hockinson girls team.

Aldridge said she entered the race hoping to break the 18-minute, 45-second mark, which would have put her under a six-minute-per-mile pace on the 5,000-meter course. Although she fell short of that goal, she was pleased with her performance.

"I felt pretty good. I know I can still do better though," Aldridge said.

The senior has taken on an expanded leadership role this season as team captain, helping guide a group that has grown considerably from last year. Hockinson has welcomed several freshmen, and the girls team has nearly doubled in size, she said.

"We have a bunch of new freshmen, so it's just been really cool to watch them do really well," Aldridge said.

She added that having more teammates has made her captaincy especially rewarding.

"I'm captain this year, so it's been really fun to have a better team to lead," Aldridge said. "We only had a couple girls last year, and our numbers have basically doubled this year."

As the season progresses, Aldridge hopes to translate her training and leadership into personal milestones at the state level.

"I'd love to break 18 (minutes). That would be pretty cool. Top 10 at State would be pretty cool too," she said.

Aldridge has yet to place at the state meet, making a top-10 finish an important goal during her final high school season.

She said improvements away from competition have helped her prepare, including focusing on sleep and nutrition.

"Just making sure I'm doing all the little things like sleeping more and nutrition," Aldridge said as the background preparation for her keys to success. "The whole team culture being better has helped a lot, too."

In the boys varsity race, Hockinson senior Tanner Hood led the way with a time of 16 minutes, 10 seconds.

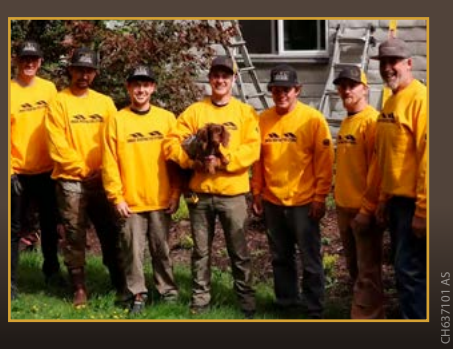
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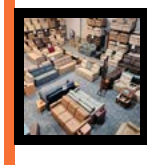
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Area prep golfers take on Royal Oaks Country Club for Clark County Cup

High School golfers from various high schools around Clark County converged at Royal Oaks Country Club in Vancouver on Monday, Oct. 5.

Now in its third year, the Clark County Cup offers a rare opportunity for high school golfers to play at Royal Oaks, a pristine, private country club. Along with the specialness of hitting the private links, rival golfers partner together in the match play event as the green team and the blue team battle it out.

This year the green team won after a 4-4 tie on the course. The deciding factor was settled by a 75-foot putt-off with Ridgefield's Brody Newcombe finishing closest by about 6-inches over King's Way Christian High School's Christian Harlow.



The Clark County Cup trophy sits behind the first tee box at Royal Oaks Country Club in Vancouver as high school golfers compete in a match play event on Monday, Oct. 5.

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High School golfers head to their tee shots down the first hole's fairway at Royal Oaks Country Club in Vancouver for the Clark County Cup on Monday, Oct. 5.



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Prairie's Ryken Neisz lines up his shot on hole one at Royal Oaks Country Club.



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Hockinson's Tabor Huffman hits his tee shot on hole one at Royal Oaks Country Club.



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Ridgefield's Evan Yost hits his tee shot on hole one at Royal Oaks Country Club.



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La Center's Lance Cooke hits his tee shot on hole one at Royal Oaks Country Club.

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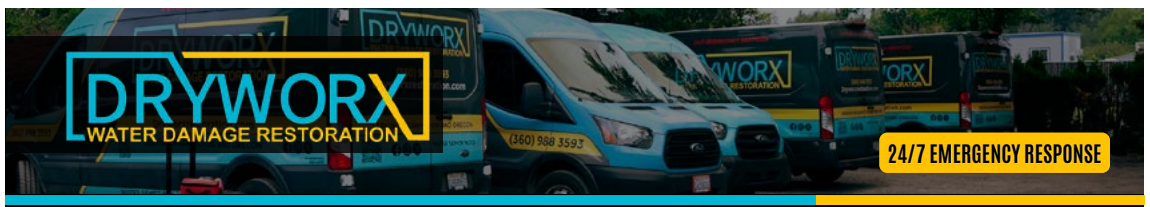
"All the girls feel comfortable going to her," Hill said. "She's such a positive energy that is going to be very much missed next year."

"We're soaking up every last second of it," Hill added, regarding Smith.

Once Friday Night Lights concludes, the Tigers' cheer squad will be competing in numerous competitions en route to hopefully qualifying for the WIAA State Cheer Finals in early 2027.

Hill says there is so much more to the sport, that cheer is getting bigger every day. Her squad will be competing in back to back events pretty much every weekend until February.

"There's a lot of hard work, there's double practices, there's a lot of choreography sessions between the two routines, game day and traditional," Hill said. "You have to have a lot of dedication, a lot of commitment, and a lot of heart for the sport."



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Hockinson girls soccer builds momentum with 2-1 victory

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Hockinson High School's girls soccer team is working to establish its identity as a young roster navigates a challenging league schedule, and a 2-1 victory over the R.A. Long Lumberjills on Thursday, Oct. 8, offered head coach Tony Ayala signs of progress.

The Hawks have relied on an influx of freshmen and underclassmen players this season after graduating eight seniors and losing seven starters from last year's team, which reached the final four in Class 2A girls soccer. Injuries to key positions early in the season added to the adjustment.

Recently, the Hawks lost to Woodland in a golden-goal finish, surrendered a late goal against Ridgefield and Ayala said his team struggled against River in a 4-0 loss early last week. The results against the 2A Greater St. Helens League's top programs prompted the team to refocus on the style of soccer that has defined the program.

"The thing that we keep looking back on is we don't have an identity," Ayala said.

Ayala said Hockinson had strayed from its emphasis on possession, relying too heavily on long balls and individual athleticism rather than building attacks through the midfield.

"We've settled too much on just kicking the ball and hoping an athlete will make a play on it," Ayala said. "And some of that is just inexperience when you're starting your five or six freshmen each week. That's going to happen."

Against the Lumberjills, Hockinson made possession a priority, emphasizing movement through the midfield and getting the ball out wide to create scoring opportunities.

Ayala said the Hawks controlled much of the contest, dictated the pace and did enough offensively to secure the win.



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Hockinson freshman defender Elle Treisch awaits an R.A. Long throw-in during the Hawks' 2-1 win over the R.A. Long Lumberjills on Thursday, Oct. 8.



Photo by Cade Barker

Hockinson freshman midfielder/forward Kenzi Cayton kicks the ball downfield during the Hawks' 2-1 win over the R.A. Long Lumberjills on Thursday, Oct. 8.



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Hockinson senior goalkeeper Audrey Armstrong, right, clashes at the ball with a R.A. Long attacker to save a goal in the Hawks' 2-1 win over the R.A. Long Lumberjills on Thursday, Oct. 8.

Junior forward Charlotte Newton scored Hockinson's first goal, while freshman midfielder/forward Kenzi Cayton added the second goal in the 2-1 victory on Oct. 8.

"I thought we outplayed them for most of the game," Ayala said. "I thought we controlled the game, we dictated what we wanted to do and possessed really, really well through the middle. (That) was what we wanted to do."

While the result was encouraging, Ayala said the Hawks still need to improve their finishing in the final third to put opponents away. He also stressed the importance of maintaining their physicality and aggressive play against talented, well-coached teams throughout the 2A GSHL.

After a matchup after press time on Tuesday, Oct. 13 against Mark Morris High School, the Hawks next travel to Hudson's Bay High School on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. to seek revenge from an earlier loss to the Eagles. Hockinson is also scheduled to host the Washougal Panthers on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.

Ayala sees the upcoming schedule as an opportunity for the young roster to continue developing ahead of the postseason. Hockinson's immediate goal is to earn points and secure a district playoff berth, with a higher seed providing an additional advantage, Ayala said.

Ayala added the difficult matchups the 2A GSHL harvests this fall could serve as preparation for the postseason, particularly with three challenging games waiting at the end of the regular season against Woodland, Ridgefield and Columbia River.

"Every game we're evolving," Ayala said. "Like I said, hopefully we can figure out our identity. I thought it was a big step tonight."

For the Hawks, continuing to build on the performance will be critical as they look to turn early-season growing pains into a postseason opportunity.

"Our goal is to make just districts and the higher seed we can get the better," Ayala said. "But what we want to do right now is just get points and have good performances along the way."











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Community Calendar

Furry Friends Fundraiser Auction: Through Sunday, Oct. 18, at 8 p.m. Bid on a variety of items and experiences during Furry Friends Cat Rescue's fall fundraiser. Proceeds will help cover rising veterinary costs, provide care for rescued cats and support plans for a new medical facility. Visit the auction website at shorturl.at/jfaUA to browse items and place bids. To learn more about Furry Friends, visit furryfriendswa.org.

Woodland Seniors Decoupage Pumpkins: Thursday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m., Woodland Community Center, 782 Park St., Woodland. Decorate pumpkins and top them with silk fall florals during a class hosted by Woodland Senior Enrichment Group. Participation is $15 per person. To register, visit the Community Center Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. or email seniorinfo55up@yahoo.com.

BG Senior Citizens Veterans Lunch Club: Friday, Oct. 16, 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. Contact Sharon Wodtke, swodtke@comcast.net, for more information.

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.

Senior Lunch and Learn: Wednesday, Oct. 21, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Battle Ground Senior Center, 116 NE Third Ave., Battle Ground. Learn about healing together as a community during a seminar, hosted by Battle Ground Senior Citizens. Cash donations will be accepted. RSVP by contacting Sharon Wodtke, 360-953-3278, or emailing swodtke@comcast.net.

Battle Ground Kiwanis Chili & Cornbread Cook-Off: Thursday, Oct. 22, 5 p.m., Kiwanis Park Building, 422 SW Second Ave., Battle Ground. Socialize and compete in a public chili cook-off hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Battle Ground. Chili competition registration is $15 per person, and the cornbread competition is free. A chili and cornbread dinner featuring desserts, salads and beverages will also be available. Dinner is $10 per adult and $5 per child. Children under 8 years old are free.

Woodland Seniors Chair Dance Exercise: Thursday, Oct. 22, 10-11 a.m., Woodland Community Center, 782 Park St., Woodland. Participate in low-impact chair dance exercise during class hosted by Woodland Senior Enrichment Group. Donations are welcome but not necessary to participate. The class will continue to be held each Thursday. To learn more, visit the Community Center Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. or email seniorinfo55up@yahoo.com.

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 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.

Woodland Seniors Coffee, Crafts & Laughs: Friday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m., Woodland Community Center, 782 Park St., Woodland. Craft lighted Christmas-themed bottles with fellow Woodland seniors. Participation costs $10, and registration is required. To join, visit the Woodland Community Center from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, or email seniorinfo55up@yahoo.com.

North Clark Historical Museum Fall Bazaar and Craft Show: Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23-24, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., North Clark Historical Museum, 21416 NE 399th St., Amboy. Tour the North Clark Historical Museum and browse vendors, with 10% of their sales benefiting the museum's development, maintenance and operating expenses. Admission is free, and donations are welcome. Quilt raffle tickets will also be available for $5 each. For more information, call 360-247-5800, email museumnch88@gmail.com or visit northclarkhistoricalmuseum.com.

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.

BG Senior Citizens Cellphone Class: Monday, Oct. 26, 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. Contact Sharon Wodtke, swodtke@comcast.net, for more information.

BGPS College & Career Fair: Tuesday, Oct. 27, 5-7 p.m., Prairie High School, 11311 NE 119th St., Vancouver. Learn about apprenticeships, trade schools, colleges and other educational opportunities during a free fair hosted by Battle Ground Public Schools. In addition to the fair, a financial aid presentation will take place from 4-5 p.m. in the high school library.

Halloween Sip & Decorate Cookie Class: Thursday, Oct. 29, 6 p.m., 14 Acres Vineyard & Winery, 2411 NE 244th St., Ridgefield. Celebrate Halloween with a cookie decorating class and wine. Each participant will receive six cookies and a complimentary glass of wine. This event is for adults 21+ only and is $65 per person, with limited space. To register, visit 14acres.com/upcoming-events or email events@14acres.com for more information.

Battle Ground Boo Bash: Friday, Oct. 30, 3-6 p.m., Battle Ground Event Center, 912 E. Main St., Battle Ground. Join in the community's annual free Halloween celebration, featuring family-friendly carnival games and spooky activities. Parking will be at the Fairground Park and Little League Fields at NE Fairground Ave. Trunk-or-Treat will also be held during the event. To register as a Trunk-or-Treat host, visit shorturl.at/Df2J3.

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.

Cedar Creek Grist Mill Apple Cider Pressing: Saturday, Oct. 31, 9 a.m., Cedar Creek Grist Mill, 43907 NE Grist Mill Road, Woodland. Tour the historic Cedar Creek Grist Mill while volunteers press around 10,000 pounds of apples into fresh apple cider. Hand-cranked apple presses will be available for children to make their own cider. The free event will continue until all apples are pressed. A community bluegrass jam will also be available during the event.

Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 5, 12:30 p.m., Salmon Creek United Methodist Church, 12217 NE Highway 99, Vancouver. Learn about Southwest Native American art from member Pepper Kim. 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 at 360-901-0176.

Lough Legacy Veterans Parade: Wednesday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m., Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, 1001 E. Fifth St., #1501, Vancouver. Celebrate America's veterans during the annual Lough Legacy Veterans Parade hosted by The Historic Trust. The parade will begin at the east end of Officers Row at East Reserve Street and Evergreen Boulevard and conclude on Fifth Street near Pearson Air Museum. The free event will take place rain or shine and will be broadcast live on CVTV. Applications to join the parade are open until Oct. 30 and available at thehistorictrust.org.

Battle Ground Rotary Bunco Fall Fundraiser: Nov. 11, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Tavern, 14925 NE Caples Road, Brush Prairie. Join the Battle Ground Rotary Club to celebrate Veterans Day and play Bunco to raise funds for service projects. Games begin at 5:30 p.m., and attendees are encouraged to arrive early to order food and drinks. Proceeds support community and international projects including the North County Food Bank, BG Seniors, Rocksolid Teen Center, Battle Ground HealthCare, Main Street cleanups, ShelterBox and Peace Trees Vietnam. To purchase tickets, visit BGRCVetDayBunco.auctria.events.

Veterans Day Open House: Wednesday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pearson Air Museum, 1115 E. Fifth St., Vancouver. Celebrate Veterans Day at an open house, hosted by the Community Military Appreciation Committee. Local organizations and employers who support veterans will be available. For more information, visit cmac11.com/cmac-events.

ilani Holiday Crafts & Ale Festival: Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 14-15, ilani Meeting & Entertainment Center, 1 Cowlitz Way, Ridgefield. Sample holiday-inspired beverages at ilani while shopping vendor booths. General admission is free, with drink passes available for purchase. Sessions run noon-4 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. The Saturday evening session is limited to ages 21 and older. A holiday tree-lighting celebration will follow Sunday's session at 6 p.m. in the valet parking lot. Visit ilaniresort.com/HolidayCraftsAle for more information.

Fall Sip & Decorate Cookie Class: Thursday, Nov. 19, 6 p.m., 14 Acres Vineyard & Winery, 2411 NE 244th

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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 of the month, 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 of the month, 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 of the month, 10 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.

Woodland Senior Toenail Care Clinic: Every first and third Friday of the month, 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. For more information, email seniorinfo55up@yahoo.com.

Woodland Senior Beginning Spanish: Fridays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Woodland Library, 411 Lakeshore Dr., Woodland. Woodland seniors are invited to join a weekly Beginning Spanish class beginning Friday, Oct. 23. To learn more, visit the Community Center Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 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 bodyweight 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. To learn more, visit bglions.org.

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. To learn more, visit ridgefieldlions.org.

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.

Battle Ground Kiwanis Club: Every second and fourth Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Kiwanis Park Building, 422 SW Second Ave., Battle Ground. Learn how to help the Battle Ground community and children during the bi-monthly Kiwanis Club meeting. Social time and food starts at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting following at 6 p.m. For more information, email BattleGroundKiwanisClub@gmail.com.

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. To learn more, visit battlegroundrotary.org.

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 columbiacorchorus.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 Helen Sheerin at 503-351-7395.

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 Men's Support: Every first and third Wednesday of each month, 6-7:30 p.m., Playmakers Sports Bar & Grill, 4327 S. Settler Dr., Suite 100, Ridgefield. Meet and discuss mental health with fellow men during a support group hosted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness. The meeting is free to attend.

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.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO THE REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON CHAPTER 61.24 ET. SEQ.
Grantor: HERBERT H NOBLE, IV, A SINGLE MAN Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust: SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC. Original Trustee of the Deed of Trust: ROUTH, CRABTEE, OLSEN - JAMES MIERSMA Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps Current Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. Reference Number of the Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 5246570 Parcel Number: 6490005 II 607668-000 II 064940-005 I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 23, 2026, 11:00 AM, At the Public Service Center Gazebo Clark County, 1300 Franklin St, 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: PARCEL I LOT 1 OF SHORT PLATS, RECORDED IN BOOK 2 OF SHORT PLATS, PAGE 951, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON, BEING A PORTION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. PARCEL II A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES OVER, UNDER AND ACROSS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT:THAT PORTION OF LOT 6, YACOLT ACRE TRACTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED UNDER BOOK B OF PLATS, AT PAGE 2, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A 1/2 INCH IRON ROD AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON; THENCE SOUTH 88°28`05" EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, 527.99 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6, YACOLT ACRE TRACTS AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 0°39`54" WEST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 6, 200.39 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID WEST LINE, SOUTH 88°12`14" EAST, 20.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0°39`54" EAST, 200.48 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 88°28`05" WEST, 20.00 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. APN: 6490005 II 607668-000 II 064940-005 More commonly known as 405 E YACOLT RD, YACOLT, WA 98675 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated January 6, 2016, executed by HERBERT H NOBLE, IV, A SINGLE MAN as Trustor(s), to secure obligations in favor of U.S. BANK N.A. as original Beneficiary recorded January 7, 2016 as Instrument No. 5246570 and the beneficial interest was assigned to SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC. and recorded May 8, 2025 as Instrument Number 6247819 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Clark County, Washington. II. No action commenced by SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC., 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 May 1, 2025 To June 18, 2026 Number of Payments 14 Monthly Payment Total $9,352.00 LATE CHARGE INFORMATION May 1, 2025 June 18, 2026 $661.20 PROMISSORY NOTE INFORMATION Note Dated: January 6, 2016 Note Amount $112,000.00 Interest Paid To: April 1, 2025 Next Due Date: May 1, 2025 Current Beneficiary: SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC. Contact Phone No: (888) 349-8955 Address: 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119 IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $97,989.36, 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 October 23, 2026. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by October 12, 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 October 12, 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 October 12, 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, SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC. or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es): ADDRESS HERBERT H NOBLE IV 405 E YACOLT RD, YACOLT, WA 98675 UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HERBERT H NOBLE, IV 405 E YACOLT RD, YACOLT, WA 98675 by both first class and certified mail on December 24, 2025, 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 December 23, 2025 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.homeownershiphip-wa.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: June 19, 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 98032-5744 Toll Free Number: (844) 367-8456 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 For Reinstatement/Pay Off Quotes, contact MTC Financial Inc. DBATrustee Corps NPP0490711

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
PURSUANT TO THE REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON CHAPTER 61.24 ET. SEQ. Grantor: CHRISTOPHER ALVAREZ, SOLE OWNERSHIP Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust: CMG Mortgage, Inc. Original Trustee of the Deed of Trust: ALDRIDGE PITE LLP Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps Current Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: ServiceMac, LLC Reference Number of the Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 6032903 Parcel Number: 2544585-000, 986030-586 I I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 14, 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 1 OF SHORT PLATS, RECORDED IN BOOK 2 OF SHORT PLATS, PAGE 172, RECORDED ON MARCH 27, 1987, UNDER AUDITOR`S FILE NO. 8703270019, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR PRIVATE ROAD AND UTILITIES AS SHOWN ON THE FACE OF SAID SHORT PLAT. SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF WASHINGTON. APN: 2544585-000, 986030-586 I More commonly known as 40203 NW BROWN DR, WOODLAND, WA 98674 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated March 28, 2022, executed by CHRISTOPHER ALVAREZ, SOLE OWNERSHIP as Trustor(s), to secure obligations in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for HOMEBRIDGE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, recorded March 29, 2022 as Instrument No. 6032903 and that said Deed of Trust was modified by Modification Agreement and recorded July 15, 2024 as Instrument Number 6192931 and that said Deed of Trust was modified by Modification Agreement and recorded September 11, 2025 as Instrument Number 6273303 and the beneficial interest was assigned to CMG Mortgage, Inc. and recorded December 12, 2023 as Instrument Number 6157125 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Clark County, Washington. II. No action commenced by CMG Mortgage, Inc., 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 October 1, 2025 To April 6, 2026 Total Monthly Payment $11,271.52 Total $11,271.52 LATE CHARGE INFORMATION October 1, 2025 April 6, 2026 $245.60 PROMISSORY NOTE INFORMATION Note Dated: March 28, 2022 Note Amount $269,900.00 Interest Paid To: September 1, 2025 Next Due Date: October 1, 2025 Current Beneficiary: CMG Mortgage, Inc. Contact Phone No: 877-297-5484 Address: 9726 Old Bailes Road, Suite 200, Fort Mill, SC 29707 IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $299,749.44, 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 August 14, 2026. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by August 3, 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 August 3, 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 August 3, 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, CMG Mortgage, Inc. or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es): ADDRESS CHRISTOPHER ALVAREZ 40203 NW BROWN DR, WOODLAND, WA 98674 CHRISTOPHER ALVAREZ C/O CHRISTY, ELIZABETH ELAINE, 208 W 13TH ST , VANCOUVER, WA 98674 CHRISTOPHER ALVAREZ C/O MCKEAN SMITH, 655 W COLUMBIA WAY STE 504 , VANCOUVER, WA 98660 OCCUPANT 40203 NW BROWN DR, WOODLAND, WA 98674 UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHRISTOPHER ALVAREZ 40203 NW BROWN DR, WOODLAND, WA 98674 CHRISTOPHER W.D. ALVAREZ 40203 NW BROWN DR, WOODLAND, WA 98674 CHRISTOPHER W.D. ALVAREZ C/O M. ERICA AQUADRO, 408 W 9TH ST, VANCOUVER, WA 98660-2793 LINA A. ALVAREZ NOW KNOWN AS LINA AYDEE RIOS 2426 33RD COURT , WASHOUGAL, WA 98671 LINA A. ALVAREZ NOW KNOWN AS LINA AYDEE RIOS C/O ALIXANNE BENNETT PINKERTON COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, 9105A NE HIGHWAY 99 #201 , VANCOUVER, WA 98665 LINA A. ALVAREZ NOW KNOWN AS LINA AYDEE RIOS C/O MCKEAN SMITH, 655 W COLUMBIA WAY STE 504 , VANCOUVER, WA 98660 JORDAN LINDSAY 40203 NW BROWN DR, WOODLAND, WA 98674 LINA AYDEE RIOS 40203 NW BROWN DR, WOODLAND, WA 98674 by both first class and certified mail on March 11, 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 March 12, 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. 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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 Washington State Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) Website: https://www.homeownershiphip-wa.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: April 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 NPP0488047

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138037 Summons Collins

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF CLARK
Case Number: 26-3-00953-06
Summons Served by Publication (SMPB)
In re:
Petitioner:
JOYCE MUSUNGAYI COLLINS
And Respondent:
JOHN LESLIE COLLINS III
Summons Served by Publication To (other party's name/s): Joseph Donald Watson have started a court case by filing a petition. The name of the Petition is: Petition for a Dissolution (Divorce) You must respond in writing if you want the court to consider your side. **Deadline!** Your Response must be **filed and served** within **60 days** of the date this Summons is published: **January 11, 2023**. If you do not file and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline: No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and The court may approve the requests in the Petition without hearing your side (called a default judgment). Follow these steps: 1. **Read** the Petition and any other documents that were filed at court with this Summons. Those documents explain what the other party is asking for. 2. **Fill** out a Response on this form (check the Response that matches the Petition): RCW 26.09.030 Mandatory Form (10/2023) FL Divorce 211 **You can get the Response form and other forms you may need at:** The Washington State Courts' website: www.courts.wa.gov/forms Washington LawHelp: www.washingtonlawhelp.org, org. The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee). 3. **Serve** (give) a copy of your Response to the person who filed this Summons at the address below, and to any other parties. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5. 4. **File** your original Response with the court clerk at this address: Superior Court Clerk, Clark County
1200 Franklin Street
Vancouver, WA 98660
5. **Lawyer not required:** It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your Response without one.
Person filing this Summons or his/her lawyer fills out below:
S/ Millie Roberge
WSBA #3171
S/ Date: 9/16/26
I agree to accept legal papers for this case at Lawyer's address:
900 Washington St. Ste 800,
Vancouver WA 98660
Email: (if applicable)
Note: You and the other party/ies may agree to accept legal papers by email under Superior Court Civil Rule 5 and local court rules. *This Summons is issued according to Rule 4.1 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the state of Washington.*
RCW 4.28.100,. 110; CR 4.1 FL All Family 110
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138044 NTC Beeson

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK No. 26-4-01153-06 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of:
ARNELL KEITH BEESON,
Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney, at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against the decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Name of Appointed Personal Representative:
CHERYL A. BEERS
Date of Filing Copy of Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court: 09/21/2026.
Date of First Publication: 09/30/2026
Dated and signed this 21st day of September, 2026, by:
S/ CHERYL A. BEERS
Personal Representative
of the Estate of Arnell Keith Beeson, Deceased
S/ 09/21/2026
SUBMITTED BY:
STEVEN M. SOWARDS, WSBA #20815
Attorney for Personal Representative
Boyd, Gaffney, Sowards & Treosti, P.L.L.C.
713 W. Main St., Ste. 101,
PO Box 5
Battle Ground, WA 98604
Ph. (360) 687-3149, Fax (360) 687-3148

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138047 NTC Brzoznowski

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK IN PROBATE NO. 26-4-01196-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030
In Re the Estate of
Steven T. Brzoznowski,
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 non-probate assets.
Date of First Publication: September 30, 2026
Kristin A. Goerisch
Personal Representative
Robert M. Gregg, WSBA #12553
Attorney for Personal Representative
Address for Mailing or Service:
12503 SE Mill Plain Blvd., Suite 240
Vancouver, WA 98684
Telephone: 360-694-6505

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138048 NTC Smith

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK IN PROBATE NO. 26-4-01197-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030
In Re the Estates of
Justin S. Smith,
Deceased,
and
Delores E. Smith,
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

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.

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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 30, 2026
Stephanie Lyons
Personal Representative
Robert M. Gregg, WSBA #12553
Attorney for Personal Representative
Address for Mailing or Service:
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Vancouver, WA 98684
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138051 NTC Adler

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY NO. 26 4 01137 06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

Estate of
ANGELA M. ADLER,
Deceased.
The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator 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 Administrator or the Administrator'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 Administrator 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. This Notice will be published in Clark County. Date of first publication:
September 23, 2026
Administrator:
STEPHEN P. ADLER
Attorney for Administrator:
Robin A. Smith
(WSBA # 32438)
Address for Mailing or Service:
BUTCHER & SMITH LAW, LLC
520 SW Yamhill St., Suite 1000
Portland, Oregon 97204
Court of probate proceedings and cause no.:
NO. 26 4 01137 06

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138052 EPP 26-2-02761-06

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR CLARK COUNTY CASE NO.: 26-2-02761-06 SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION (60 DAYS)

EQUITY PRIME MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT E. PARKER, an unmarried man; ROBERT E. PARKER, TRUSTEE OF THE PARKER LIVING TRUST DATED MARCH 9, 2023; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; and ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN,
Defendants.
TO THE DEFENDANTS ROBERT E. PARKER, an unmarried man, ROBERT E. PARKER, TRUSTEE OF THE PARKER LIVING TRUST DATED MARCH 9, 2023, and ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN:
You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 30th day of September, 2026, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff EQUITY PRIME MORTGAGE, LLC and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for plaintiff, ZBS Law, LLP, at their office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. This is an Amended Complaint for Judicial Foreclosure of Deed of Trust.
DATED: September 18, 2026
ZBS LAW, LLP
By:/s/ Tom B. Pierce
Tom B. Pierce, WSBA# 26730
Attorney for Plaintiff
ZBS Law, LLP
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138053 NOH 2027 Tax Levy

CITY OF WOODLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2027 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Woodland will hold a Public Hearing shortly after **7:00 p.m.**, at its regular meeting, Monday, October 19th, 2026, remotely and in the Council Chambers, 200 E. Scott Avenue, Woodland, Washington. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments on 2027 Revenue Sources and on proposed Ordinance No. 1608 on Ad Valorem Taxes (101% Levy Limit). A copy of the proposed ordinance will be available for review on the City Council Agenda for the October 19th, 2026 meeting.

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138086 NTC Keane

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY NO. 26-4-01135-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.020, 11.40.030)

In the Estate of:
CHARLENE N. KEANE,
Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of Filing Copy of Notice to Creditors with Clerk of Court: September 24, 2026 Date of First Publication: October 7, 2026 Co-Administrators: STEVEN HARNEY and
JEFFREY HARNEY
c/o Rachael A. Young
Senescu & Babich, PLLC
Attorneys at Law
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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 30, 2026
ADRIANE G. KANESHIRO
Personal Representative
MARISSA D. BARTOLUCCI, WSBA #53689
Of Attorneys for Personal Representative
1312 Main Street
Vancouver, WA 98660
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138087 NTC Carpenter

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY NO. 26-4-01180-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.020, 11.40.030

In the Estate of:
HELEN CARPENTER,
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 decedent's probate and nonprobate assets of the decedent.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:
September 30, 2026.
Robert T. Carpenter,
Personal Representative
Scott W. Swindell,
WSBA #21268
Attorney for Personal Representative
Scott W. Swindell, Attorney at Law, P.C.
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138088 NTC Whitacre III

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY NO. 26-4-01151-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.020, 11.40.030

In the Estate of:
WILLIAM R. WHITACRE 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, 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 30, 2026.
Anna M. Whitacre,
Personal Representative
Scott W. Swindell,
WSBA #21268
Attorney for Personal Representative
Scott W. Swindell, Attorney at Law, P.C.
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138089 NTC Harney

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK No. 26-4-01200-06 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In the Matter of the Estate of:
DONNA MARIE HARNEY,
Deceased.
The Co-Administrators named below has been appointed as Co-Administrators 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-Administrators or the Co-Administrators' 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 he later of: (1) thirty days after the Co Administrators 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 24, 2026 Date of First Publication: October 7, 2026 Co-Administrators: STEVEN HARNEY and
JEFFREY HARNEY
c/o Rachael A. Young
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138090 SBP Romero

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY Cause #: 24-2-03754-06

LAKEVIEW LOAN
SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff
vs
JOSE ROMERO; THE WASHINGTON
STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION; THE SECRETARY OF
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT;
AND OCCUPANTS OF THE PREMISES,
Defendant
TO:JOSE ROMERO
(JUDGMENT DEBTOR,
IN REM)
A writ of execution has been issued in the above captioned case, directed to the sheriff of Clark County, commanding the sheriff as follows: On September 24, 2025, a DEFAULT JUDGMENT AND DECREE OF FORECLOSURE in favor of Plaintiff LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC was entered in the Superior Court of Washington, County of Clark, against defendant JOSE ROMERO ("Judgment Debtor, In Rem"); THE WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; and OCCUPANTS OF THE PREMISES ("Judgment Defendants, In Rem"). It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the land and premises legally described as follows:LOT(S) 9, BLOCK 8, FOURTH PLAIN VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME E OF PLATS, PAGE 55, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON.APN: 29275790
Commonly referred to as: 2808 E 26th St, Vancouver, WA 98661 referred to in the Judgment, be sold at public auction, as particularly set out in said Judgment. The total amount due and owing on the Judgment through August 18, 2026 is $293,324.17 consisting of the following: the judgment amount of $278,182.10, principal and interest; $7,203.68 awarded for attorneys' fees and costs; plus pre-judgment interest accruing from August 23, 2025 through September 24, 2025, $725.67 ($21.99 per diem x 33 days); plus post-judgment interest accruing from September 25, 2025 through August 18, 2026, at the rate of 3.25% per annum, of $7,212.72 ($21.99 per diem x 328 days); pursuant to the Judgment, post-judgment amounts advanced for attorneys' fees, and costs for publication and Sheriff's fees of an unknown amount. It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the Sheriff is hereby authorized to make the return within 60 days after issuance by the court. For purposes of the sale, the Order may be automatically extended for 30 days, pursuant to RCW 6.21.050. In the name of the State of Washington, you are hereby commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale and to sell the Subject Property, which is more particularly described in the Notice of Sale, and apply the proceeds of said sale as in said Judgment and Decree directed, and to make and file your report of such sale with the Clerk of this Court, and do all things according to the terms and requirements of said Judgment, and the provisions of Washington Law. The court will establish a twelve-month redemption period from the date of the Sheriff's foreclosure sale, and the Sheriff should be ordered to issue a Sheriff's Deed to the successful bidder at the termination of the redemption period pursuant to RCW 6.23.020. The sale date has been set for November 20, 2026. YOU MAY HAVE A RIGHT TO EXEMPT PROPERTY from the sale under statutes of this state, including sections 6.13.010, 6.13.030, 6.13.040, 6.15.010, and 6.15.060 of the Revised Code of Washington, in the manner described in those statutes.
JOHN HORCH,
SHERIFF
CLARK COUNTY,
WASHINGTON
By: EVELINA KURILENKO
Civil Department
P.O. Box 410
Vancouver, Washington 98666
(564) 397-2225

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138091 NOS Romero

SHERIFF'S PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE SUPERIOR COURT STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY Cause #: 24-2-03754-06

LAKEVIEW LOAN
SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff
vs
JOSE ROMERO; THE WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND OCCUPANTS OF THE PREMISES, Defendant
TO: JOSE ROMERO
(JUDGMENT DEBTOR,
IN REM) The Superior Court of Clark County has directed the undersigned Sheriff of Clark County to sell the property described below to satisfy a judgment in the above-entitled action. If developed, the property address is: 2808 E 26TH ST VANCOUVER, WA The sale of the above described property is to take place:
TIME: 09:30 a.m.
DATE: November 20, 2026
PLACE: FRONT STEPS CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1200 FRANKLIN ST. VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON.
The judgment debtor can avoid the sale by paying the judgment amount of $293,324.17 together with interest, cost, and fees before the sale date. For the exact amount, contact the Sheriff at the address stated below:
JOHN HORCH, SHERIFF
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
By: EVELINA KURILENKO
Civil Department
P.O. Box 410
Vancouver, Washington 98666
(564) 397-2225
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT(S) 9, BLOCK 8, FOURTH PLAIN VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME E OF PLATS, PAGE 55, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. APN: 29275790
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138097 NTC Peterson

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY No. 26-4-01220-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In the matter of the Estate of:
ROBERT R. PETERSON
Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this estate. Persons having claims against the decedent that arose before the decedent's death 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 filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the Personal Representative is 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 will be forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: Wednesday, October 7, 2026
Kathleen Witcher,
Personal Representative
Grant C. Broer, WSBA#25588,
Attorney for Personal Representative
Broer & Passannante, PS
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Vancouver WA 98665,
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138098 NTC Hunter

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY No. 26-4-01060-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

IN THE ESTATE OF:
LORRAINE HUNTER,
Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty (30) days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:
October 7, 2026
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
Kathleen Meyer
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
Alexa N. Ritchie, WSBA #54200
Pabst Holland & Reynolds, PLLC
ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: 900 Washington Street, Suite 820, Vancouver, WA 98660
COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS: Superior Court of Washington for Clark County
CAUSE NUMBER: 26-4-01060-06
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138100 NTC Ostrand

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR COWLITZ COUNTY No. 26-4-00425-08

Estate of
JONATHAN WAYNE OSTRAND,
Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this Estate. Persons having claims against the deceased must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve their claims on the Personal Representative or the attorney of record at the address below stated and file an executed copy of the claim with the Clerk of this Court within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice or within four (4) months after the date of filing of the copy of this Notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later, or, except under those provisions included in RCW 11.40.011 or 11.40.013, the claim will be forever barred. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate assets and non-probate assets of the decedents.
DATE OF FILING NOTICE TO CREDITORS WITH CLERK OF COURT: 09/29/2026.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: 10/07/2026
AARON D. OSTRAND
Personal Representative
c/o Attorney for Estate:
Darrel S. Ammons
Address: 871 11th Ave
Longview, WA 98632
Telephone: (360) 501-8090
/s/ Darrel S. Ammons
DARREL S. AMMONS,
WSB# 18223
ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE
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before the sale date. For the exact amount, contact the Sheriff at the address stated below:
JOHN HORCH, SHERIFF
CLARK COUNTY,
WASHINGTON
By: EVELINA KURILENKO
Civil Department
P.O. Box 410
Vancouver, Washington 98666
(564) 397-2225
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138107 NTC Haislett Jr.

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY No. 26-4-01218-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In the matter of the Estate of:
ROBERT STANLEY HAISLETT JR.
Deceased.
The Administrator named below has been appointed and has qualified as Administrator of this estate. Persons having claims against the decedent that arose before the decedent's death 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 Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the Administrator is 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 will be forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: Wednesday, October 7, 2026
s/Tina Ramos, Administrator
Grant C. Broer, WSBA#25588,
Attorney for Administrator
Broer & Passannante, PS
8904 NE Hazel Dell Avenue,
Vancouver WA 98665,
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138108 NTC Tice

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK NO. 26-4-01102-06 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ELAINE TICE, 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 claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1) (c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: OCTOBER 7, 2026
Personal Representative:
ANGELA TICE
Attorney for the Personal Representative:
JOHN J. LUTGENS, WSBA 22649
Address for Mailing or Service:
LUTGENS LAW FIRM
P.O. BOX 1206
Vancouver, WA 98666
Tel. 360.693.2119
Fax 360.906.0679
Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Clark County
Superior Court Cause
No 26-4-01102-06
DATED at Vancouver, Washington this 30TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.
/s/ John J. Lutgens
John J. Lutgens, WSB #22649
Of Attorney for Personal Representative
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138109 NTC Cole

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK Case No.: 26-4-00898-06 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In the Matter of the Estate of:
FORREST LaVERNE COLE,
Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the above-named 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: (a) thirty (30) days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c), or (b) four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice. If a 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: October 7, 2026
Personal Representative:
Kimberly Renee Hoffman
Attorney for the Personal Representative: Gregory J. Hall, WSBA #33417
Address for Mailing or Service: 6500 S. Macadam Avenue,
Suite 300, Portland, OR 97239
Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Clark County Superior Court Case No. 26-4-00898-06 DATED this 12 day of September, 2026.
s/Kimberly Renee Hoffman,
Personal Representative
Personal Representative:
Kimberly Renee Hoffman
6017 NE 129th Street
Vancouver WA 98686
Telephone: (360) 798-6417
Attorney for Personal Representative: Gregory J. Hall, WSBA #33417
Law Offices of Nay & Friedenberg LLC 6500 S. Macadam Avenue, Suite 300 Portland, OR 97239-3565
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138110 NTC Cole

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK Case No.: 26-4-00896-06 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In the Matter of the Estate of:
ALOMA SHERON COLE,
Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the above-named 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: (a) thirty (30) days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c), or (b) four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice. If a 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: October 7, 2026
Personal Representative:
Kimberly Renee Hoffman
Attorney for the Personal Representative: Gregory J. Hall, WSBA #33417
Address for Mailing or Service: 6500 S. Macadam Avenue,
Suite 300, Portland, OR 97239
Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Clark County Superior Court Case No. 26-4-00896-06 DATED this 12 day of September, 2026.
Kimberly Renee Hoffman,
Personal Representative
Personal Representative:
Kimberly Renee Hoffman
6017 NE 129th Street
Vancouver WA 98686
Telephone: (360) 798-6417
Attorney for Personal Representative: Gregory J. Hall, WSBA #33417
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138114 NOS Taylor

SHERIFF'S PUBLIC NOTICE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE SUPERIOR COURT STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY Cause #: 25-2-01768-06

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff
vs
JUDY E. TAYLOR, AN UNMARRIED PERSON; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; INDIAN SPRING VILLAGE ASSOCIATION; DCS FINANCIAL, INC.; OCCUPANTS OF THE PREMISES,Defendant
TO:JUDY E. TAYLOR, AN UNMARRIED PERSON; The Superior Court of Clark County has directed the undersigned Sheriff of Clark County to sell the property described below to satisfy a judgment in the above-entitled action. If developed, the property address is: 1207 NW 134TH WAY
VANCOUVER, WA
The sale of the above described property is to take place:
TIME: 09:30 a.m.
DATE: November 20, 2026
PLACE: FRONT STEPS CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE 1200 FRANKLIN ST. VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON. The judgment debtor can avoid the sale by paying the judgment amount of $159,140.79 together with interest, cost, and fees before the sale date. For the exact amount, contact the Sheriff at the address stated below:
JOHN HORCH, SHERIFF
CLARK COUNTY,
WASHINGTON
By: EVELINA KURILENKO
Civil Department
P.O. Box 410
Vancouver, Washington 98666
(564) 397-2225
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 28, IN THE PLAT OF INDIAN SPRING VILLAGE PHASE II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME "H" OF PLATS, PAGE 210, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. 118107398
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SERVICE BY PUBLICATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY Cause #: 25-2-03654-06

LAKEVIEW LOAN
SERVICING, LLC,Plaintiff
vs
ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF NICKOLAUS BYNUM, A DECEASED PERSON; THE WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION; BELMONT PLACE OWNERS ASSOCIATION; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN,
Defendant
TO:ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF NICKOLAUS BYNUM, A DECEASED PERSON
A writ of execution has been issued in the above captioned case, directed to the sheriff of Clark County, commanding the sheriff as follows: On August 27, 2026, a DEFAULT JUDGMENT AND DECREE OF FORECLOSURE in favor of Plaintiff LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC was entered in the Superior Court of Washington, County of CLARK, against defendant ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF NICKOLAUS BYNUM, a deceased person ("Judgments Debtor, In Rem"); THE WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION; BELMONT PLACE OWNERS ASSOCIATION; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; and ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN ("Judgment Defendants, In Rem"). It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the land and premises legally described as follows: UNIT BA-29, BELMONT PLACE CONDOMINIUMS, PHASE III, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY MAP AND PLANS, RECORDED IN VOLUME J OF PLATS, PAGE 388, AND PURSUANT TO THE CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION RECORDED UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 9703270150, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. SITUATE IN THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF WASHINGTON. Assessor's Tax Parcel/Account Numbers: 101403500 Commonly referred to as: 2402 NE 77th Avenue, Unit BA-29, Vancouver, WA 98664 referred to in the Judgment, be sold at public auction, as particularly set out in said Judgment. The total amount due and owing on the Judgment through September 8, 2026 is $280,621.26 consisting of the following: the judgment amount of $269,956.25, principal and interest; $9,484.60 awarded for attorneys' fees and costs; plus pre-judgment interest accruing from August 7, 2026 through August 27, 2026, 751.17(35.77 per diem x 21 days); plus post-judgment interest accruing from August 28, 2026 through September 8, 2026, at the rate of 7.375% per annum, of 429.24(35.77 per diem x 12 days); pursuant to the Judgment, post-judgment amounts advanced for attorneys' fees, and costs for publication and Sheriff's fees of an unknown amount. It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the Sheriff is hereby authorized to make the return within 60 days after issuance by the court. For purposes of the sale, the Order may be automatically extended for 30 days, pursuant to RCW 6.21.050. In the name of the State of Washington, you are hereby commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale and to sell the Subject Property, which is more particularly described in the Notice of Sale, and apply the proceeds of said sale as in said Judgment and Decree directed, and to make and file your report of such sale with the Clerk of this Court, and do all things according to the terms and requirements of said Judgment, and the provisions of Washington Law. The court will establish a twelve-month redemption period from the date of the Sheriff's foreclosure sale, and the Sheriff should be ordered to issue a Sheriff's Deed to the successful bidder at the termination of the redemption period pursuant to RCW 6.23.020. The sale date has been set for December 4, 2026. YOU MAY HAVE A RIGHT TO EXEMPT PROPERTY from the sale under statutes of this state, including sections 6.13.010, 6.13.030, 6.13.040, 6.15.010, and 6.15.060 of the Revised Code of Washington, in the manner described in those statutes.
JOHN HORCH, SHERIFF
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
By: EVELINA KURILENKO
Civil Department
P.O. Box 410
Vancouver, Washington 98666
(564) 397-2225
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138116 NOS Bynum

SHERIFF'S PUBLIC NOTICE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE SUPERIOR COURT STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY Cause #: 25-2-03654-06

LAKEVIEW LOAN
SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff
vs
ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF NICKOLAUS BYNUM, A DECEASED PERSON; THE WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION; BELMONT PLACE OWNERS ASSOCIATION; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN,
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TO:ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF NICKOLAUS BYNUM, A DECEASED PERSON
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LEGAL NOTICES

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: (a) thirty (30) days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (b) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
Date of First Publication: October 7, 2026
Personal Representative: Theodore J. Boudreaux
Attorney for the Personal Representative: Gregory J. Hall, WSBA #33417
Address for Mailing or Service: 6500 S. Macadam Avenue, Suite 300 Portland, OR 97239
Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Clark County Superior Court
Case No. 26-4-00897-06
DATED this 19 day of September, 2026.
s/Theodore J. Boudreaux
Personal Representative
Personal Representative:
Theodore J. Boudreaux
13817 NE 49th St.
Vancouver WA 98682
Telephone: (360) 882-7412
Attorney for Personal Representative: Gregory J. Hall, WSBA #33417
Law Offices of Nay & Friedenberg LLC
6500 S. Macadam Avenue, Suite 300
Portland, OR 97239-3565
Telephone: (503) 245-0894
Fax: (503) 245-1562
Email: greg@naylaw.com
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138122 NTC Nishimura

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS 26-4-01223-06 (RCW 11.40.030)

Estate of
RICHARD NISHIMURA
Deceased.
Please take notice the above Court has appointed me as Personal Representative of Decedent's estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must present the claim: (a) Before the time when the claim would be barred by any applicable statute of limitations, and (b) In the manner provided in RCW 11.40.070: (i) By filing the original of the claim with the foregoing Court, and (ii) By serving on or mailing to me at the address below a copy of the claim. The claim must be presented by the later of: (a) Thirty (30) days after I served or mailed this Notice as provided in RCW 11.40.020(1)(c), or (b) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time period, the claim will be forever barred except as provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective for claims against both the Decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
Date of First Publication of this Notice: October 7, 2026.
Robin Guderian,
5611 NE 101st Circle,
Vancouver, WA 98686;
Address for Mailing of Service:
Paul A. Leoni, WSBA
No. 43861, Attorney at Law,
10121 SE Sunnyside Rd., Ste. 321,
Clackamas, OR 97015,
Tel. 503-224-1124
paul@leonilawoffice.com.
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138123 NTC Raethke

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS 26-4-01224-06 (RCW 11.40.030)

Estate of
STEVEN A. RAETHKE,
Deceased.
Please take notice the above Court has appointed me as Personal Representative of Decedent's estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must present the claim: (a) Before the time when the claim would be barred by any applicable statute of limitations, and (b) In the manner provided in RCW 11.40.070: (i) By filing the original of the claim with the foregoing Court, and (ii) By serving on or mailing to me at the address below a copy of the claim. The claim must be presented by the later of: (a) Thirty (30) days after I served or mailed this Notice as provided in RCW 11.40.020(1)(c), or (b) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time period, the claim will be forever barred except as provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective for claims against both the Decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Date of First Publication of this Notice: October 7, 2026.
Lorraine Edwards,
214 S 3rd Ave.,
Ridgefield, WA 98642;
Address for Mailing of Service:
Paul A. Leoni, WSBA No. 43861, Attorney at Law,
10121 SE Sunnyside Rd., Ste. 321,
Clackamas, OR 97015,
Tel. 503-224-1124,
paul@leonilawoffice.com.
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138129 Planning Commission

BATTLE GROUND PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Battle Ground Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in person at City Hall (City Council Chambers), 109 SW 1st Street, Battle Ground, WA 98604. Additional information on how to participate is located on the City's website (*https://www.cityofbg.org/114/Planning-Commission*). Subjects: Battle Ground Comprehensive Plan Update (2025 -2045) together with capital facility plans; Site-Specific Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment/Rezone Request (Winters); Municipal Code Update, Title 17, Chapter 17.160 Master Plan Development; Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The Planning Commission will be hearing public testimony regarding the above referenced items. This may be your last opportunity to comment until a City Council public meeting is scheduled. After the public hearing, the Planning Commission will provide a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council will be the final decision maker, and will consider these items at a future meeting, yet to be determined. The public is welcome and invited to attend this and all City meetings.
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138130 DNS Update

DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) Battle Ground Comprehensive Plan Update - Periodic Review

Description of Proposal: City of Battle Ground Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update (2025 - 2045) and associated Capital Plans. Please see the SEPA Checklist for a full description of the Comprehensive Plan and supporting capital plans. Proponent: City of Battle Ground Lead agency: City of Battle Ground, Community Development Department. SEPA Determination: Battle Ground Community Development has determined that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment (DNS). An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision follows a review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the City. This information is available to the public on request. This will be the only comment period for this DNS. This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on October 28, 2026. Comments may be sent to: City of Battle Ground, 109 SW 1st Street, Suite 127, Battle Ground, WA 98604 or *sam.crummett@cityofbg.org*. For further information regarding this proposal, contact Sam Crummett, Planning Supervisor,
(360) 342-5042.
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138131 DNS Municipal Update

DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) Municipal Code Update - Master Planned Developments

A municipal code update adding new code language, Title 17, Chapter 17.160, Master Planned Developments. The new code will provide a process for a Master Planned Development that is intended to provide a coordinated review process for larger-scale employment-oriented development that may be constructed in multiple phases over an extended period of time. Proponent: City of Battle Ground. Location: The proposal applies primarily to all employment-based zones in Battle Ground. Lead agency: City of Battle Ground, Community Development Department. SEPA Determination: Battle Ground Community Development has determined that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment (DNS). An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the City. This information is available to the public on request. This will be the only comment period for this DNS. This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on October 28, 2026. Comments may be sent to: City of Battle Ground, 109 SW 1st Street, Suite 127, Battle Ground, WA 98604 or *sam.crummett@cityofbg.org*. For further information regarding this proposal, contact Sam Crummett, Planning Supervisor, (360) 342-5042.
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138132 DNS Map & Zone

DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) Battle Ground Comprehensive Plan Map & Zone Change Request

A request for a partial re-zone/comprehensive plan amendment. The site is currently zoned Neighborhood Center (NC) and has a Comprehensive Plan designation of Commercial (C). The site is currently undeveloped and is characterized by rural-residential and agricultural uses in the surrounding area. Proponent: Sun Country Homes. Location: Tax lot 228492000, located at 23615 NE 92nd Ave., Battle Ground, WA. Lead agency: City of Battle Ground, Community Development Department. SEPA Determination: Battle Ground Community Development has determined that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment (DNS). An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the City. This information is available to the public on request. This will be the only comment period for this DNS. This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on October 28, 2026. Comments may be sent to: City of Battle Ground, 109 SW 1st Street, Suite 127, Battle Ground, WA 98604 or *sam.crummett@cityofbg.org*. For further information regarding this proposal, contact Sam Crummett, Planning Supervisor, (360) 342-5042.
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138133 RFQ Engineering Services

RFQ - TOWN OF YACOLT REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Overview of Request for Qualifications (RFQ): Pursuant to RCW 39.80, the Town of Yacolt is seeking statements of qualification from consulting firms interested in providing engineering services to the Town for the calendar year 2027, with the possibility of continued work for ongoing projects.
General Scope of Work: The engineering services requested may include, but are not limited to, review and comment on development applications including land divisions, conditional use permits, site plan reviews and other development projects; assistance with grant/funding applications; project design for improvements to streets, sidewalks and storm-water facilities; construction administration and inspection; environmental reviews; comprehensive growth plan update work, and other work as directed. The firm selected will be expected to sign and seal any design computations, standard plan sheets, specifications and other documents that are developed under the contract. Representation at meetings and hearings may also be required. The firm selected will be responsible for the contract administration, management, inspection and coordination of all sub-consultant work.
Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action: Projects may be funded by state or federal agencies and programs. As a result, a number of state and federal equal opportunity and affirmative action requirements apply to the Town's selection process and its projects. In addition, the Town of Yacolt is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. Applicants will not be discriminated against on the basis of gender, race, age, color, national origin, or disability. Firms owned by minorities, women and veterans are encouraged to submit statements of qualification and will be afforded the maximum practicable opportunity to successfully compete for this contract.
RFQ Requirements: Firms responding to this RFQ should include the following information with their responses:
1. A letter of interest signed by a principal of the firm describing the firm's availability to complete the work requested, the firm's insurance coverage, and a statement of its financial stability;
2. A general description of the firm's profile, background and experience with similar contracts the firm has managed, and a brief description of the services and the personnel that will be assigned to this contract;
3. A list of at least three public agencies for which the firm has provided on-call services in Western Washington in the past three years along with names and contact information for specific individuals to contact for references;
4. A description of the adequacy of the firm's technical resources to perform the tasks in a timely manner;
5. A description of the principal engineer and project manager, as well as the names and functions of other personnel contemplated for this contract;
6. If anticipated, a list of any outside associates and consultants proposed for this contract;
7. Certifications and/or other information for MBE, WBE, Section 3 Business or similar firm status, if applicable; and,
8. Any additional information the firm wishes to submit to demonstrate its qualifications.
[Please note the Town is not requesting information about the cost of engineering services. Costs for services will be discussed and negotiated after selection of a qualifying engineering firm.]
RFQ Timeline: The tentative schedule for this RFQ is as follows:
1. Issuance of RFQ: Wednesday, October 14, 2026.
2. Due Date for Responses: The deadline for responses is 4:30 p.m., Thursday, October 29, 2026.
3. Review and Short-List, (if required): November 2, 2026.
4. Interviews, (if required): November 3-5, 2026.
5. Final Selection: November 9, 2026 (unless delayed).
Evaluation Criteria: An engineering firm will be considered for selection based on review by a Town selection committee. Submittals will be evaluated and ranked based on the following criteria:
1. Specialized engineering experience, expertise, and qualifications for working with the Town's streets, parks, stormwater system, and other engineering needs.
2. Experience and success with grant/funding applications.
3. Past projects, performance, and references.
4. Availability and capacity to perform the desired services.
5. Previous work for and familiarity with Yacolt.
6. Geographic location(s) of firm.
7. MBE, WBE, Section 3 Certified Businesses. The Town may select a qualifying firm based on the written responses and initial evaluation criteria alone, or those firms determined to be most qualified through the initial evaluation phase will be invited for interviews and additional reference checks. The firm selected will be invited to enter into contract negotiations with the Town. Should the Town and the selected firm not reach a mutual agreement, the Town will terminate negotiations and begin negotiations with next highest ranked firm.
General Information: One original of the information requested in this RFQ must be received at the Town of Yacolt Town Hall no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 29, 2026, in an envelope labeled "Engineering Services". It is the responsibility of the responding firm to verify the Town's receipt of the submittal. E-mail verification of receipt will be provided upon request. Responses received after the deadline will not be reviewed and will be deemed non-responsive. Responses to this RFQ may be mailed to:
Yacolt Town Clerk
P.O. Box 160
Yacolt, WA 98675
Responses to this RFQ may be delivered to:
Yacolt Town Clerk
202 W. Cushman Street
Yacolt, WA 98675
Responses to this RFQ may be e-mailed in PDF format to: *clerk@townofyacolt.com*. All questions regarding this RFQ should be addressed in writing to the Town by e-mail, mail or delivery to the attention of the Town Clerk at one of the addresses listed above. Applicants who contact any member of the Yacolt Town Council relative to this RFQ may be disqualified from consideration. This RFQ does not commit the Town to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this request, or to procure or contract for services. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of this request, to negotiate with any qualified firm, or to modify or cancel in part or in its entirety the RFQ if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so. The Town reserves the right to waive informalities and minor irregularities in the RFQ process.
Public Disclosure: Responses submitted under this RFQ will be considered public documents and, with limited exceptions, will become public information and may be reviewed by anyone requesting the document under a Public Records Request following the conclusion of the evaluation, negotiation, and award process. This process is concluded when a signed contract is executed between the Town and the selected engineering firm.
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138135 NTC Lounsbury

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK No. 26-4-01246-06 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of:
STEVEN L. LOUNSBURY,
Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney, at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against the decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Name of Appointed Personal Representative:
KOREN R. MEYER.
Date of Filing Copy of Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court: 10/07/2026.
Date of First Publication: 10/14/2026.
Dated and signed this 6th day of October, 2026, by:
S/ KOREN R. MEYER
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Steven L. Lounsbury,
Deceased
SUBMITTED BY: S/ STEVEN M. SOWARDS, WSBA #20815
DATE 10/06/26
Attorney for Personal Representative
Boyd, Gaffney, Sowards & Treosti, P.L.L.C.
713 W. Main St., Ste. 101,
PO Box 5
Battle Ground, WA 98604
Ph. (360) 687-3149, Fax (360) 687-3148
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138137 Ord. No. 2026-18

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-18
(Summary Ordinance)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON REPEALING BATTLE GROUND MUNICIPAL CODE 3.04.010, INSURANCE RESERVE FUND; REPEALING BATTLE GROUND MUNICIPAL CODE 3.04.050, ECONOMIC STABILIZATION FUND; DIRECTING A FUND BALANCE TRANSFER; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
This ordinance shall be published in summary form and be in full force and effective five (5) days from the date of publication in accordance with law. THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED IN AN OPEN MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON, ON OCTOBER 5, 2026.
Approved: Mayor Eric Overholser
Attest: City Clerk Elizabeth Halili
Ordinance 2026-18 is available for public inspection at Battle Ground City Hall, 109 SW 1st Street, Suite 221, Battle Ground, WA, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, or a copy will be mailed or emailed to those who request through the City Clerk at (360) 342-5008 or cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org.

Public Notices:
- Información será traducida al español a petición de cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org.
- Информация имеется на русском языке по запросу на cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org.

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138138 Ord. No. 2026-19

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-19
(Summary Ordinance)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON AMENDING BATTLE GROUND MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.05.100 ADJUSTMENT OF UTILITY BILLS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
This ordinance shall be published in summary form and be in full force and effective five (5) days from the date of publication in accordance with law.THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED IN AN OPEN MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON, ON OCTOBER 5, 2026.
Approved: Mayor Eric Overholser
Attest: City Clerk Elizabeth Halili
Ordinance 2026-19 is available for public inspection at Battle Ground City Hall, 109 SW 1st Street, Suite 221, Battle Ground, WA, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, or a copy will be mailed or emailed to those who request through the City Clerk at (360) 342-5008 or cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org.

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138139 Ord. No. 2026-21

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-21
(Summary Ordinance)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON, IMPOSING AN IMMEDIATE SIX-MONTH CITYWIDE MORATORIUM ON DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS RELATING TO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING MOBILE HOME OR MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS TO ALLOW THE CITY TO REVIEW OPTIONS, POLICIES, AND DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF EXISTING MOBILE HOME AND MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS; SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
THIS ORDINANCE, AS A PUBLIC EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NECESSARY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC SAFETY, PUBLIC PROPERTY, AND PUBLIC PEACE, SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FULL FORCE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS ADOPTION.THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED IN AN OPEN MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON, ON OCTOBER 5, 2026.
Approved: Mayor Eric Overholser
Attest: City Clerk Elizabeth Halili
Ordinance 2026-21 is available for public inspection at Battle Ground City Hall, 109 SW 1st Street, Suite 221, Battle Ground, WA, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, or a copy will be mailed or emailed to those who request through the City Clerk at (360) 342-5008 or cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org.

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138141 NTC Combest-Pucci

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK NO. 26-4-01283-06 NON-PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF,
DANA COMBEST-PUCCI,
Deceased.
The notice agent named below has elected to give notice to creditors of the above-named decedent. As of the date of the filing of a copy of this notice with the court, the notice agent has no knowledge of any other person acting as notice agent or of the appointment of a personal representative of the decedent's estate in the state of Washington. According to the records of the court as are available on the date of the filing of this notice with the court, a cause number regarding the decedent has not been issued to any other notice agent and a personal representative of the decedent's estate has not been appointed. 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 11.42.070 by serving on or mailing to the notice agent or the notice agent'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 notice agent's declaration and oath were filed. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the notice agent served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.42.020(2)(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 11.42.050 and 11.42.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: OCTOBER 14, 2026
The notice agent declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington on OCTOBER 8, 2026, at Vancouver, Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct.
Jessica Lynn Pucci-Guardado
Notice Agent
Attorney for the Notice Agent:
JOHN J. LUTGENS,
WSBA 22649
Address for Mailing or Service:
P.O. Box 1206
Vancouver, WA 98666
Telephone: (360) 693-2119
Court of Notice Agent's oath and declaration and cause number: Clark County Superior Court, #26-4-01283-06
DATED at Vancouver, Washington this 8TH day of OCTOBER, 2026.
/s/ John J. Lutgens
John J. Lutgens, WSB #22649
Attorney for Notice Agent
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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-26-1049936-RM Title Order No.: EOR20260324-9382477 Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 5400306 Parcel Number(s): 111022454 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: JOHN G. PELLERIN AND OK YI PELLERIN, 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 10/23/2026, 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 27, THE VILLAGE AT CEDAR RIDGE PHASE 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME "J" OF PLATS, PAGE 437, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. More commonly known as: 8916 NE 14TH ST, VANCOUVER, WA 98664 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 4/28/2017, recorded 5/4/2017, under Instrument No. 5400306 records of CLARK County, Washington, from JOHN G. PELLERIN AND OK YI PELLERIN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as grantor(s), to NORTHWEST TRUSTEE SERVICES LLC, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., 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 6285116 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: $18,542.34. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $60,613.05, 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 10/23/2026. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 10/12/2026 (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 10/12/2026 (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 10/12/2026 (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. 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. If this is an amended Notice of Trustee Sale providing a 45-day notice of the sale, mediation must be requested no later than 25 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this amended Notice of Trustee Sale. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: 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 note-holders rights against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-26-1049936-RM. Dated: 6/10/2026 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-26-1049936-RM Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com IDSPub #0315403 9/23/2026 10/14/2026

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Grantor: LEE CLARK
AND MERISHA CLARK,
A MARRIED COUPLE
Current beneficiary of the deed of trust: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Current trustee of the deed of trust:
North Star Trustee, LLC
Current mortgage servicer for the deed of trust:
LoanCare, LLC
Reference number of the deed of trust: 6039751
Parcel Number(s): 110538394
I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Trustee, North Star Trustee, LLC will on 10/23/2026, 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 47, SHALIMAR III, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME G OF PLATS, PAGE 804, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. SITUATE IN THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF WASHINGTON
Commonly known as:
211 NE 149TH AVE
VANCOUVER,
WASHINGTON 98684
which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 4/20/2022, recorded 4/20/2022, as Instrument No. 6039751, records of Clark County, Washington, from LEE CLARK AND MERISHA CLARK, A MARRIED COUPLE, as Grantor(s), to WFG National Title Company of Clark County, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for Bank of England, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, under an Assignment recorded under Auditor's File No. 6269179.
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
October 1, 2025
to June 29, 2026
$30,186.94
Corporate Advances:
$2,584.85
LATE CHARGE
INFORMATION
TOTAL LATE CHARGES
TOTAL
$788.40
PROMISSORY
NOTE INFORMATION
Note Dated:
4/20/2022
Note Amount:
$444,260.00
Interest Paid To:
9/1/2025
Next Due Date:
10/1/2025
IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal $424,106.11, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from 9/1/2025, 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 10/23/2026. The default(s) referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 10/12/2026, (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 10/12/2026 (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 10/12/2026 (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
LEE CLARK
211 NE 149TH AVE
VANCOUVER, WA 98684
LEE CLARK
5402 NW HARNEY ST
VANCOUVER, WA 98663
LEE CLARK

Legal Notices

75 RAILROAD AVE
CAMP MEEKER,
CA 95419-0186
MERISHA CLARK
211 NE 149TH AVE
VANCOUVER,
WA 98684
MERISHA CLARK
5405 NW HARNEY ST
VANCOUVER,
WA 98663
MERISHA CLARK
75 RAILROAD AVE
CAMP MEEKER,
CA 95419-0186
by both first class and certified mail on 5/8/2026, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served 5/9/2026, 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. 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 and tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants and tenants by summary proceedings under the Unlawful Detainer Act, Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only until 90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this Notice of Trustee Sale to be referred to mediation. If this is an amended Notice of Trustee Sale providing a 45-day notice of the sale, mediation must be requested no later than 25 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this amended Notice of Trustee Sale. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE - Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Washington State Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) https://www.homeownership-wa.org/ The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 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 Toll-free: 1-800-606-4819 https://nwjustice.org/home Línea directa estatal sobre ejecuciones hipotecarias para obtener asistencia y derivación a asesores de vivienda recomendados por la Comisión de Financiamiento de Vivienda del estado de Washington (Housing Finance Commission): Teléfono: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) Sitio web: https://www.homeownership-wa.org/ Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (Department of Housing and Urban Development): Teléfono: 1-800-569-4287 Sitio web: https://answers.hud.gov/housingcounseling/s/?language=en_US Línea directa estatal de asistencia legal civil para obtener asistencia y derivaciones a otros asesores de vivienda y abogados: Teléfono: 1-800-606-4819 Sitio web: https://nwjustice.org/home This office is enforcing a security interest of your creditor. To the extent that your obligation has been discharged by a bankruptcy court or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy, this notice is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a demand for payment or any attempt to collect such obligation. IMPORTANT NOTICE: Starting March 1, 2026, Federal Law may prohibit North Star Trustee, LLC from issuing a Trustee's Deed Upon Sale in connection with this trustee's sale until information about the winning bidder is reported to the U.S. Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. See, 31 CFR § 1031.320 (https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-31/subtitle-B/chapter-X/part-1031/subpart-C/section-1031.320. If this trustee's sale qualifies as a "reportable transfer" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(b), and you, as buyer, qualify as a "transferee entity" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(1) or "transferee trust" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(2), you will be obligated to provide information about the Beneficial Owner(s) of the transferee to North Star Trustee, LLC or North Star Trustee, LLC's designated representative. If you qualify as an exempt entity or trust under 31 CFR § 1031.320(n)(10-(11), you may be required to provide evidence of the exemption supported by a declaration under penalty of perjury. If the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale cannot be issued due to a qualified transferee's failure or inability to provide the necessary reporting information, the qualified transferee will be responsible for all fees and costs to re-notice the trustee's sale.
DATED: 06/12/2026
North Star Trustee,
LLC, as Trustee
/S/ Kellie Barnes,
Trustee Sale Officer
Address for service:
North Star Trustee, LLC
6100 219th ST SW, Suite 480
Mountlake Terrace,
Washington 98043
Trustee Phone No:
(206) 866-5345
Trustee Fax No:
(206) 374-2252
Trustee Email:
info@northstartrustee.com
Beneficiary / Servicer Phone:
(800)909-9525
STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SNOHOMISH)
I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Kellie Barnes is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that she signed this instrument, on oath stated that she was authorized to execute the instrument and acknowledged it as the Trustee Sale Officer 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: 06/12/2026
/S/ Theresa Stearns
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington,
residing at
Mountlake Terrace, WA
My commission expires
7/11/2029
EPP 48292
Pub Dates
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Notice of Trustee's Sale of Commercial Loan

PURSUANT TO THE REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON CHAPTER 61.24 ET. SEQ. Grantor(s): SOKEAN PHAL AND SHANA PHAL, Husband and Wife Current beneficiary of the deed of trust: COLUMBIA BANK SUCCESSOR TO UMPQUA BANK Current trustee of the deed of trust: Beacon Default Management, Inc., a Washington corporation Current mortgage servicer of the deed of trust: Columbia Bank Reference number for the deed of trust: 5794495 Parcel number(s): 156989000 I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Trustee will on 11/13/2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the Clark County Public Service Center Gazebo located at 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98660 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable, in the form of cash, or cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of Clark, State of Washington, to-wit: Abbreviated Legal Description: SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" FOR LEGAL DESCRIPTION SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "B" FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY Property commonly known as: 4207 NE 56th St., Vancouver, WA 98661 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust, dated 9/22/2020, recorded 9/25/2020, under Auditor's File No. 5794495, in records of Clark County, Washington, from SOKEAN PHAL AND SHANA PHAL, Husband and Wife, as Grantor(s), to UPF WASHINGTON INCORPORATED, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Umpqua Bank, as Beneficiary. The current Beneficiary is COLUMBIA BANK SUCCESSOR TO UMPQUA BANK. II. No action commenced by the current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made are as follows: Failure to make the installment of principal and interest and all subsequent payments, which became due on January 25, 2025, together with late fees, trustees and foreclosure fees and expenses, legal fees and court costs arising from or associated with current Beneficiary's effort to protect and preserve its security. Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: $$236,886.77. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal sum of $874,673.73, together with interest as provided in the Note or other instrument secured from January 25, 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, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 11/13/2026. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 11/2/2026, (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 11/2/2026 (11 days before the sale date) the default as set forth in Paragraph III is/are cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a state or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after 11/2/2026 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower, Grantor, any Guarantee, or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the entire principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es): SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "C" FOR LIST OF MAILINGS by both first class and certified mail on 5/20/2026, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO GUARANTOR(S) pursuant to RCW 61.24.042, notice is hereby given to the Guarantors of a commercial loan that (1) the Guarantor may be liable for a deficiency judgment to the extent the sale price obtained at the trustee's sale is less than the debt secured by the Deed of Trust; (2) the Guarantor has the same rights to reinstate the debt, cure the default, or repay the debt as is given to the Grantor in order to avoid the trustee's sale; (3) the Guarantor will have no right to redeem the property after the trustee's sale; (4) subject to such longer periods as are provided in the Washington Deed of Trust Act, Chapter 61.24 RCW, any action brought to enforce a guarantee must be commenced within one year after the trustee's sale, or the last trustee's sale under any deed of trust granted to secure the same debt; and (5) in any action for a deficiency, the Guarantor will have the right to establish the fair value of the property as of the date of the trustee's sale, less prior liens and encumbrances, and to limit its liability for a deficiency to the difference between the debt and the greater of such fair value or the sale price paid at the trustee's sale, plus interest and costs. XI. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS The purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the grantor under the Deed of Trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the Deed of Trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. DATED: 8/6/2026 Beacon Default Management, Inc., a Washington corporation, as Successor Trustee Selina I. Parelskin, Authorized Signatory For additional information or service, you may contact: Beacon Default Management, Inc. 4201 Aurora Ave N, Suite 200 Seattle, WA 98103 Phone: (206) 347-1060 EXHIBIT "A" That portion of the Northeast Quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 1 East of the Willamette Meridian, lying within the Elijah Thomlinson Donation Land claim, described as follows: Beginning at a point 14.35 chains south and 525.75 feet from the Northwest corner of said Donation Land Claim; and running thence East 105.15 feet to the Northwest corner of that certain Tract conveyed to Ada M. Ehman by Deed recorded under Auditor's File No. D 85344, records of Clark County, Washington; Thence South 310.805 feet; thence West 105.15 feet to a point due South of the point of beginning; and thence North 310.805 feet to the point of beginning. EXCEPT that portion lying within the right of way of NE 56th Street. EXHIBIT "B" All equipment, fixtures, and other articles of personal or ·hereafter attached or affixed to the Real Property; property now or hereafter owned by Grantor, and now together with all accessions, parts, and additions to, all replacements of, and all substitutions for, any of such property; and together with all issues and profits thereon and proceeds (including without limitation all insurance proceeds and refunds of premiums) from any sale or other disposition of the Property. However, should the Real Property be located in an area designated by the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a special flood hazard area, Personal Property is limited to only those items specifically covered (currently or hereafter) by Coverage A of the standard flood insurance policy issued in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Program or under equivalent coverage similarly issued by a private insurer to satisfy the National Flood Insurance Act (as amended).Property. EXHIBIT "C" NAME ADDRESS Occupants/Tenants 4207 NE 56th ST, Vancouver, WA 98661 Shana Phal 4219 NE 34th Way Vancouver, WA 98667 Sokean Phal 4219 NE 34th Way Vancouver, WA 98667 Tabby's Adult Family Home, LLC Attention: Shana Phal 4207 NE 56th St. Vancouver, WA 98661 Tabby's Adult Family Home, LLC Attention: Sokean Phal 4207 NE 56th St. Vancouver, WA 98661 Umpqua Bank SBA Loan Portfolio 7777 Alvarado Road Suite 501 La Mesa, CA 91942

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138092 NTC Riggs

Clark County Superior Court
Case No. 26-4-01086-06
Probate Notice to Creditors

In the Matter of the Estate of Elwood T. Riggs, Deceased.
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
Date of First Publication:
September 30, 2026
Personal Representative:
Craig Harguth
Attorney for the Personal Representative and
Address for Mailing or Service:
Kirsten E. Dutz
The Larson Law Firm, P.C.
1800 Blankenship Road,
Suite 400
West Linn, OR 97068

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138134 Budget and Notice

Town of Yacolt
Notice of Filing Yacolt's 2027 Preliminary Budget and Notice of Public Hearings

The Yacolt Town Council will hold public hearings on Monday November 9, 2026, and Monday, November 23, 2026, regarding the Town's 2027 Budget, pursuant to RCW 35.33.055-.075 & 84.55.120.
1. Preliminary 2026 Budget Filing: Notice is hereby given that the Mayor of the Town of Yacolt will complete the Town's Preliminary Budget for the year 2027 and will file the Proposed Budget with the Town Clerk on November 2, 2026. A copy of the Preliminary Budget will be furnished after that date to any taxpayer who requests a copy from the Clerk by calling 360-686-3922, or by email to *clerk @townofyacolt.com.*
2. Public Hearing: The Town Council will hold a public hearing during its special Council meeting on **Monday, November 9, 2025, 7:00 pm**, to receive public comments on the Town's Preliminary 2027 Operating Budget.
3. Public Hearings: The Town Council will hold two public hearings during its regular Council meeting on **Monday, November 23, 2025, 7:00 pm,** for the purpose of receiving public comments on the following two subjects: 1) To receive public comments on revenue sources for the Town's 2027 general expense budget and the Council's consideration of possible increases in property tax revenues; and 2) The Town's 2027 Proposed Operating Budget. Following these hearings, at the December 14th Council Meeting at 7pm, the Council is expected to fix and adopt the Town's Final 2027 Budget. The Public Hearings and associated Council Meetings are expected to be held in-person. The meetings will be held in the Yacolt Town Hall's Council Chambers at 202 W. Cushman, Yacolt, WA 98675. **THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME AND INVITED TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS.** For further information, please contact the Town Clerk at 360-686-3922 or *clerk @townofyacolt.com.*
Stephanie Fields, Town Clerk
Ian C. Shealy, Mayor
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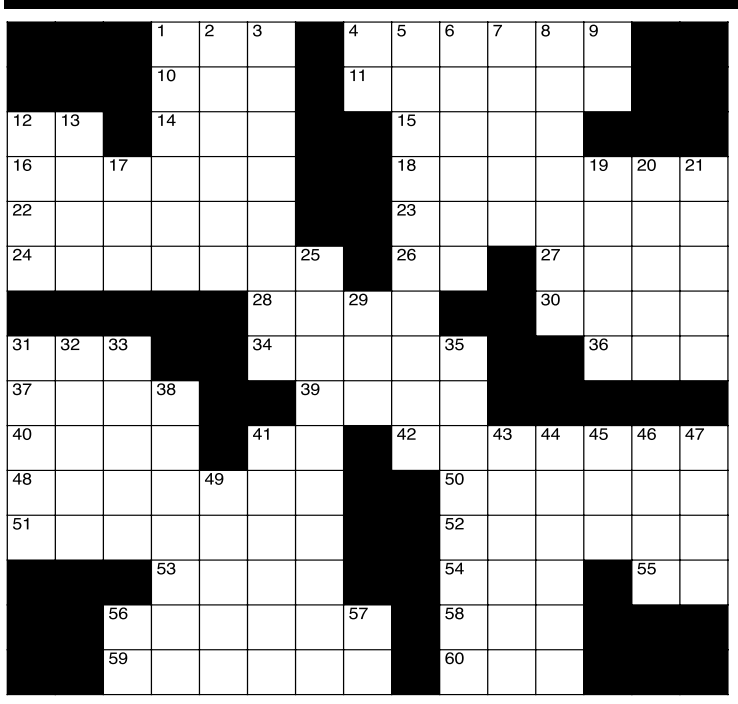
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Small Eurasian deer
4. Province in Northern Ireland
10. A major division of geological time
11. Broadway actor Lane
12. Canadian province (abbr.)
14. Human gene
15. Two
16. A notable one was "blue"
18. Utter repeatedly
22. Ring-shaped objects
23. Sullies
24. Occurs
26. Commercial
27. Near
28. Tools you may need
30. A pledge
31. They start the alphabet
34. Silk garments
36. Soviet Socialist Republic
37. Longtime mayor of Rio
39. Hot meal
40. A type of gin
41. Atomic #84
42. $10 bill
48. About ground
50. Medicine man
51. Seedless raisin
52. National capital of Albania
53. Appendage
54. OJ trial judge
55. European government entity (abbr.)
56. Bike parts
58. Friend to "Barbie"
59. Stretched to see or hear
60. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

1. Make up for
2. Baltimore ballplayer
3. Wages
4. International organization of countries
5. Engravers of gems
6. Declared as fact
7. One who steals
8. Jewelry
9. Hospital worker
12. Nonsense (slang)
13. Town in Galilee
17. Value
19. Alternative identity
20. Sheep in their second year
21. Town in Surrey, England
25. Appropriate to a time of year
29. Creative work
31. Recesses
32. Largely forested municipality in Germany
33. Rider of Rohan
35. Ancient symbol co-opted by Nazis
38. Pioneer
41. Scribe
43. Painted a bright color
44. Member of British nobility
45. "Pulp Fiction" actress Thurman
46. Helps people walk
47. Crest of a hill
49. People of southeastern Alaska
56. One's own device
57. The Mount Rushmore State

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Answers on Page A5



SUDOKU

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	7			4				6
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9				6				4
	5		4	7				
6		4			3	2	7	

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