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Clark County adopts 20-year growth plan

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Clark County officials have adopted a comprehensive plan that will guide development, housing, transportation and infrastructure decisions through 2045, concluding more than three years of work on a document that drew competing visions for the county's future throughout the entire process.

The Clark County Council adopted Ordinance 2026-10-01 on Tuesday, Oct. 13, approving the final update to the county's 2025 Comprehensive Growth Management Plan. The more than 400-page plan now goes to the Washington State Department of Commerce.

The county plans to issue a notice of adoption on Friday, Oct. 23, beginning a 60-day appeal period. Appeals will be submitted to the state Growth Management Hearings Board, according to a news release by the county.

The plan establishes a framework for accommodating projected population and employment growth while addressing housing needs, transportation, public facilities and environmental considerations. It covers the 20-year period ending in 2045, when Clark County's

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East Fork Lewis River restoration project reaches milestone with completion of new channels

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After decades of planning and nearly two years of construction, a major restoration project along the East Fork Lewis River has reached completion, reconnecting floodplain habitat, creating new channels and providing improved conditions for salmon and steelhead in Southwest Washington.

The $23.5 million East Fork Lewis River Reconnection Project, led by the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership in collaboration with Clark County and numerous public, private

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A general aviation plane flies over the East Fork Lewis River Reconnection Project completion celebration on Thursday, Oct. 15.

Photo by Cade Barker



A beaver dam has been an early sign of wildlife responding naturally to the East Fork Lewis River Reconnection Project as the dam has helped keep a consistent water level in a side channel while summer drought conditions extend through October.

Photo by Cade Barker



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Chinook Indian Nation Vice President Sam Robinson performs a traditional song during the East Fork Lewis River Reconnection Project completion celebration on Thursday, Oct. 15.

DNA evidence solves 1962 Battle Ground double homicide

Clark County cold case team marks oldest cold case resolution in Sheriff's Office history

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DNA evidence has helped solve a 1962 double homicide near Battle Ground, marking the oldest cold case resolution in Clark County Sheriff's Office history.

Investigators identified Barton M. Stebbins and Walter Stain as suspects in the killings of Charles Hale, 71, and Lester McCollum, 67, who were found dead on June 24, 1962. The final DNA breakthrough came Oct. 1, 2026, more than 64 years after the murders.

Although both suspects died before the investigation concluded and cannot face prosecution, the Clark County Sheriff's

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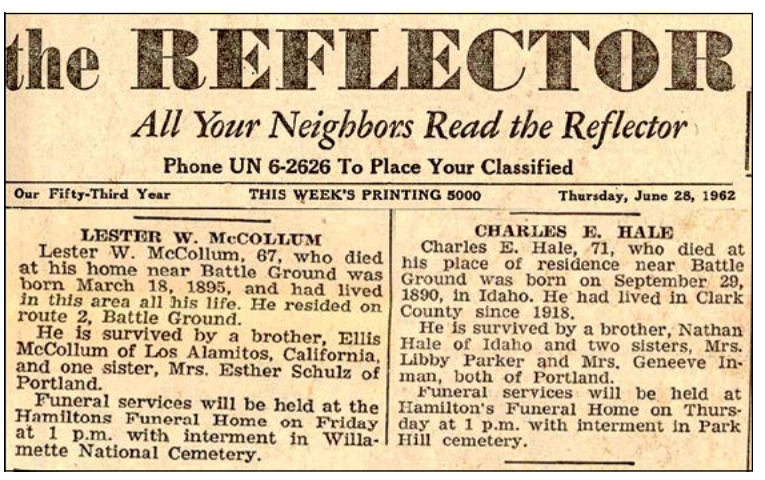
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Suspect Walter Stain



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Suspect Barton Stebbins



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LESTER W. McCOLLUM
Lester W. McCollum, 67, who died at his home near Battle Ground was born March 18, 1895, and had lived in this area all his life. He resided on route 2, Battle Ground.
He is survived by a brother, Ellis McCollum of Los Alamitos, California, and one sister, Mrs. Esther Schulz of Portland.
Funeral services will be held at the Hamiltons Funeral Home on Friday at 1 p.m. with interment in Willamette National Cemetery.

CHARLES E. HALE
Charles E. Hale, 71, who died at his place of residence near Battle Ground was born on September 29, 1890, in Idaho. He had lived in Clark County since 1918.
He is survived by a brother, Nathan Hale of Idaho and two sisters, Mrs. Libby Parker and Mrs. Geneeve Inman, both of Portland.
Funeral services will be held at Hamilton's Funeral Home on Thursday at 1 p.m. with interment in Park Hill cemetery.

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The obituaries of murder victims Charles Hale and Lester McCollum appeared in the Thursday, June 28, 1962 edition of The Reflector. No further information was reported on the murders in 1962.



Recovered stolen vehicle

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Clark County jail introduces temporary housing for citizens returning from jail

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For the past two months, Clark County jail officials have been running The Landing Pad, a temporary housing and rehabilitation center for people reentering society after incarceration.

Interest in reentry for formerly incarcerated people began back in 2013, when jail program managers began considering how best to connect the inmates to community resources when they got out.

"During incarceration we could connect people to community resources so that when they leave they wouldn't come back as much," said jail programs manager of Clark County jail services, Anna Lookingbill. "Perhaps they would start to find recovery or be well or be healthier. They'll have their basic needs met."

One factor contributing to the program's effectiveness is how people access the Landing Pad.

Jail staff must refer individuals to the program before they can be admitted. Once a referral is received, Landing Pad staff arrange to pick up the individual upon release from jail.

"We needed a program that would be available to pick people up from the jail with the appropriate referral from the jail," said program manager of Clark County community services DeDe Sieler.

The programs team came up with the idea of short-term housing and services to connect people with long-term resources in the community.

Ideally the time to help each case is from two weeks to 30 days at most, and during this time the people are meeting with and connecting to peers.

"Peer support is so critical to the success of the program," Sieler said. "There's nothing like people who have been there, knowing what it's like and really providing a feeling of safety and true support."



Photo courtesy of Clark County Jail

A dining space with a refrigerator and couch at The Landing Pad in Clark County.



Photo courtesy of Clark County Jail

A bedroom with two beds, nightstands, cubbies and a privacy window at The Landing Pad in Clark County.



Photo courtesy of Clark County Jail

A living space with couches, side tables and a footrest at The Landing Pad in Clark County.

At the Landing Pad, individuals are given help on applications for employment, connecting to a primary care physician and sometimes even reconnecting with family.

"The service provider works really hard to help connect the individual to things that will move them forward in the community into longer term services," Sieler said. "But very critical to the success of anybody is the right to live with a roof over their head."

Another key trait of the Landing Pad is that nobody has to go there, it's completely voluntary to take part in the program and those that do are picked up as soon as possible.

"Upon release, it can't be an hour after they're released because that very short time frame is a critical transition point," Sieler said.

That gap was crucial especially in the earlier stages when people would begin getting help only to be released with no support to help them get back on their feet.

"We have folks who are starting connections in the jail, they're doing the things, they genuinely want to move forward, and something happens," Lookingbill said. "They're released from the facility with nothing and then resume survival or the same behaviors that brought them in to start."

Timing was a prominent problem when the jail was coming up with the program in the first place.

Lookingbill found it was best to plan around the release date, but due to the judicial system being the one deciding that, the jail was sometimes caught off guard.

"Sometimes something would happen in your legal process, and they'd be released from jail," Lookingbill said. "Because of that short time frame, that person would fall out into the community without a safety net."

Though it's only been open for a couple months, the early statistics of the Landing Pad have shown favorability towards its mission.

In the last two months, 88 people have been referred to the Landing Pad, 44 have been released and 30 of them have actually been to the facility.

Of the 30 that have been in the facility, 27 have left and 70 percent of those people who left secured housing.

"The average length of stay is currently about 28 days," Sieler said. "We are within what we were anticipating will be an appropriate time frame to provide short-term support to individuals."

Seated right at the center of the Landing Pad's mission is public safety and caring for those who don't have the support they need.

"The idea is that someone can stay somewhere safe temporarily while they connect those other resources," Lookingbill said. "The stories that we're hearing from human beings who stay there, we have people that are saying, 'I wouldn't have made it otherwise' which tells me we're doing the right thing."

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Ridgefield School District celebrates opening of new elementary school



Photo by Cade Barker

Stephanie Pederson, a third-grade teacher sits at her desk at the new Sunset Ridge Elementary School campus in Ridgefield on Thursday, Oct. 15.



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Tiffany Quast, Sunset Ridge Elementary intervention specialist, stands in her classroom at the new school campus in Ridgefield on Thursday, Oct. 15.



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Elliott, a fifth-grade student, enjoys a large slide at the playground at Sunset Ridge Elementary School in Ridgefield on Thursday, Oct. 15.

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Ridgefield School District officials, educators, students and community members gathered on Thursday, Oct. 15, to celebrate the opening of Sunset Ridge Elementary School, a new campus designed to accommodate the community's growth while providing students with more room to learn and build connections.

The dedication ceremony marked the culmination of years of demand for additional classroom space in the growing district. The new campus brings together students and staff, including many who previously attended South Ridge Elementary, while creating additional capacity at the district's existing schools.

"To say that our staff and students are excited to work and learn in this beautiful facility is a true understatement," Principal Todd Graves said during the ceremony.

The celebration included student-led tours, remarks from district leaders and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Community members had the opportunity to explore the building and hear from the educators and students who are beginning to make it their own early on in this fresh school year.

Superintendent Jenny Rodriquez welcomed attendees and thanked the school board, construction and architectural partners, local officials and community members whose support helped bring the project to completion.

"Almost 16 months ago, which does not feel like that long to me, many of us stood right here on this very parcel of land with shovels in hand," Rodriquez said.

The school stands on land that was previously part of the Claiborne family farm, where green beans and strawberries were grown.

For the groundbreaking ceremony in June 2025, attendees received small jars of soil collected from the original Union Ridge and South Ridge campuses. During Thursday's dedication, community members were invited to add the soil to garden beds at the new school, symbolically connecting the district's past with its future at Sunset Ridge.

"By blending that foundational soil with the soil of this new school, we honor and carry our history forward into the future," Rodriquez said.

The district's theme for the school year is "Together We Grow," a message Rodriquez said reflects the importance of the people who will fill the new school campus.

"While the building is beautiful, and we're incredibly grateful to everyone who made it possible, a school is more than concrete, steel, and glass," she said. "It is a garden for human potential."

Rodriquez said students need supportive teachers, school staff, volunteers, families and an engaged community to thrive. While the district plans and builds its schools, she said, educators and students are responsible for bringing them to life.

Graves echoed that message, promising the community that the school would provide a welcoming environment for students.



Photo by Cade Barker

Elliott, a fifth-grade student, sits at his classroom desk during a student-led tour of the new Sunset Ridge Elementary School campus in Ridgefield on Thursday, Oct. 15.

"Our promise to you is that inside these walls and on these grounds, every child will feel valued, supported, and challenged to grow," Graves said.

For third grade teacher Stephanie Pederson, who previously taught at South Ridge Elementary, the opportunity to help establish a new school community has been one of the most rewarding parts of the transition.

"I have been enjoying the newness of it," Pederson said. "They carefully picked out furniture, the design of the building, and all of the students coming together to form a new community."

Pederson said the new campus also supports the district's broader vision for accommodating growth by creating more space at other schools and reducing crowding.

She praised Graves' emphasis on inclusion and said she has enjoyed watching the school community begin to take shape.

"It's a very nice-sized school, and I've enjoyed working under Principal Graves, who has a really nice vision for inclusion, including everybody, and all the students that are here, and the warm community that's starting to form," Pederson said.

The campus also provides specialized academic support

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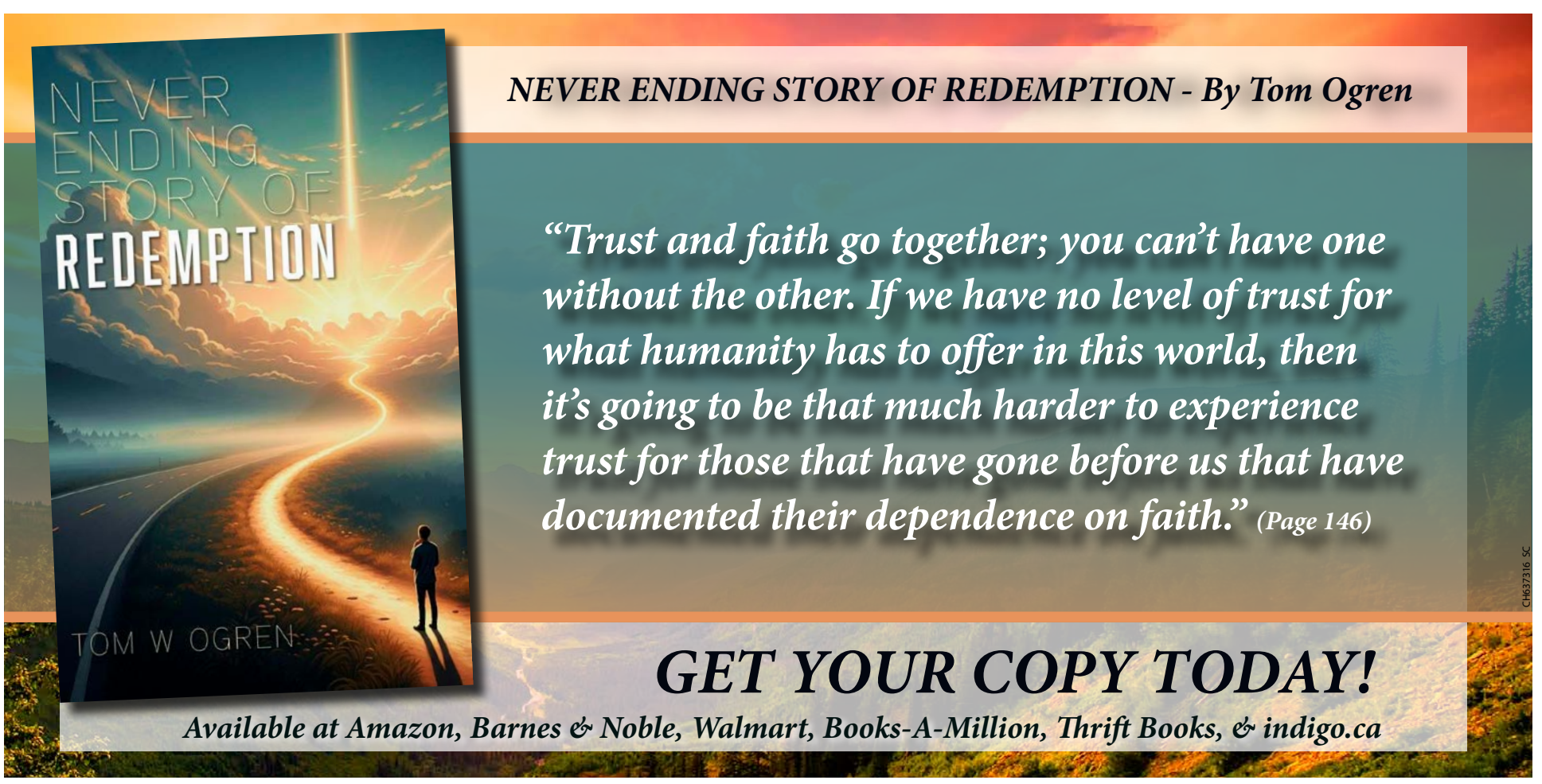


Photo by Cade Barker

The playground at Sunset Ridge Elementary School in Ridgefield is seen from a classroom window on Thursday, Oct. 15.







Battle Ground driver cited after striking child near stopped school bus

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Clark County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) deputies responded to a minor vehicle-pedestrian collision near the 19300 block of NE Allworth Road in Battle Ground on Oct. 12, at approximately 8:51 a.m.

The investigation determined that a school bus had stopped to pick up an elementary school student. As the student began crossing the road, a sedan traveling in the opposite direction slowed but did not stop. The front passenger-side corner of the sedan hit the child, causing the child to fall to the ground, a news release by CCSO stated.

The child reportedly sustained minor injuries, according to the sheriff's office.

The driver immediately stopped and cooperated with the investigation. The driver was cited for passing a stopped school bus, the release stated.

"CCSO reminds drivers that school is back in session, and young students are getting on and off school buses throughout our neighborhoods," the release states. "Drivers must stop for school buses when required by law. Failing to stop can result in a fine of more than $400."

"Please slow down, stay alert, and watch for children near school buses and bus stops," CCSO concluded.

The Clark County Sheriff's Office cited a driver after failing to stop for a school bus and striking a child with their vehicle near the 19300 block of NE Allworth Road in Battle Ground on Oct. 12.



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Obituaries and Death Notices

Irmgard Wellman, 89, of Battle Ground, died Sept. 28. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

William Grubbs, 54, of Vancouver, died Sept. 28. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Sandra Elton, 79, of Vancouver, died Oct. 1. Arrangements are under the care of Northwood Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 360-574-4252.

Barbara Sweesy, 79, of Battle Ground, died Oct. 2. Arrangements are under the care of Davies Cremation and Burial Services, 360-693-1036.

Mathew Hammon, 44, 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. Arrangements are under the care of Evergreen Staples Funeral Home, 360-693-3649.

Marilyn Wilken, 89, of Vancouver, died Oct. 3. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

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

Daniel Clayton, 52, of Camas, died Oct. 5. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Gary Gagliadri, 68, of Battle Ground, died Oct. 6. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Gary Stratton, 86, of La Center, died Oct. 7. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Jennafer Nulliner, 40, of Hillsboro, died Oct. 8. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

JoAnn Hauer, 79, of La Center, died Oct. 8. Arrangements are under the care of Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 360-892-6060.

Ginger Kavanagh, 69, of Vancouver, died Oct. 8. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

Walter Elliott Jr., 84, of Amboy, died Oct. 8. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

Royce Hauff, 48, of Vancouver, died Oct. 8. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Matthew Bennett-Warner, 46, of Camas, died Oct. 10. Arrangements are under the care of Straub's Funeral Home, 360-834-4563.

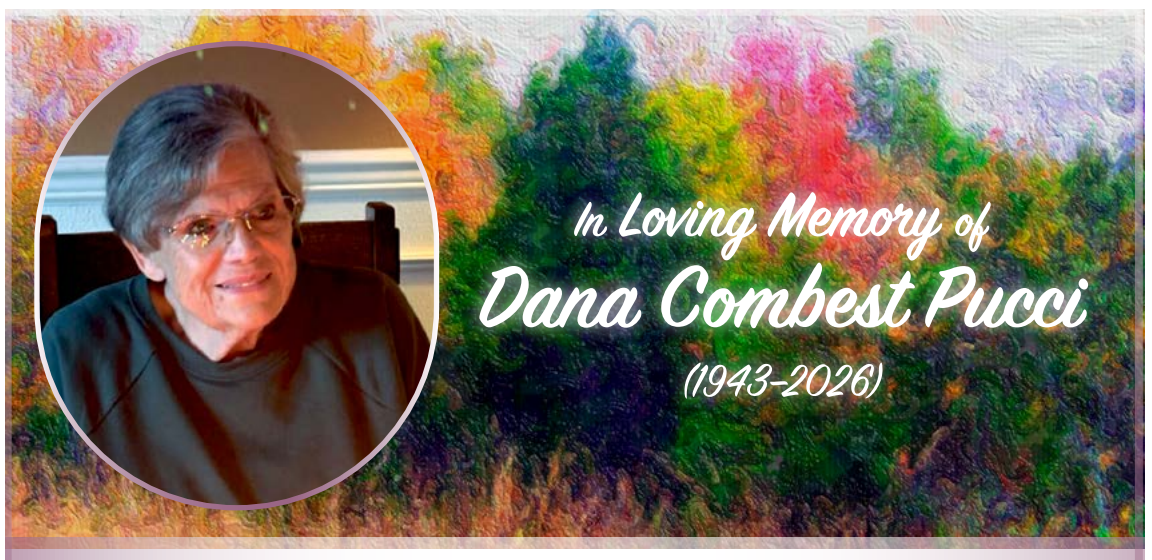
Yunnuen Valdovinos, 29, of Vancouver, died Oct. 10. Arrangements are under the care of Northwood Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 360-574-4252.

Shirley Albeck, 87, of Vancouver, died Oct. 13. Arrangements are under the care of Northwood Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 360-574-4252.

Eddie Carlson, 32 days old, of Battle Ground, died Oct. 13. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

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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.

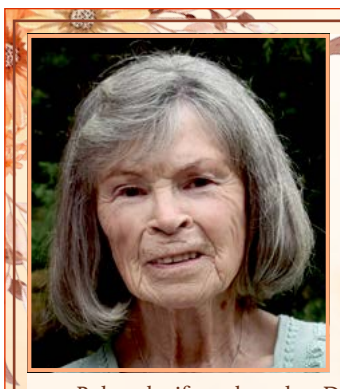
Those who knew Dana will remember her adventurous spirit, artistic talent, resilience, generosity, and ability to find joy in everyday moments. Her paintings reflected her creativity, her travels reflected her curiosity, and her love for family was evident in everything she did.

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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Dolores Currey Wolk

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Beloved wife and mother Dolores Currey Wolk has gone to be with her Lord. She was preceded in death by her son, Laurie Allen Wolk, and her brother, Ray Currey. She is survived by her husband, Gerald, and children Jerry, Kami (John), and Rollie (Charity).

Dolores owned Amboy Hardware for nine years. She also worked at B.G. First Indy Bank and was involved with Gideon Ministries for 29 years. She volunteered at Pomeroy Living History Farm, North County Historical Museum, and Amboy Church of the Nazarene.

An excellent cook and baker, Dolores enjoyed sewing, knitting, reading, gardening, visiting tearooms, and spending time with her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dolores' celebration of life was held at Woodland Presbyterian Church on October 17th, 2026.

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Dianna Margaret (Boyer) Stolz

Dianna Margaret (Boyer) Stolz passed away on August 12th, 2026, in Woodland, Washington, at the age of 88.

Dianna was born on October 28th, 1937, in Duluth, Minnesota. She moved to Bremerton, Washington, in 1944 with her family to support the war efforts at various shipyards. In 1947, she and her family moved to Vancouver, Washington, where she then started her career and raised her 4 children.

She graduated from Battle Ground High School in 1955. While in high school, she was a costume designer for the drama program and acted in several plays while also directing a few. After high school, Dianna worked in various administrative positions while also taking time off to start her family.

In 1982, she began her career at B. Dalton Booksellers and retired as the assistant manager after 20 years. While she was there, she founded the children's book fair, which was host to more than 40 nationally recognized children's book authors. It became a yearly tradition at the Vancouver Mall. She took great joy in knowing the title and author of every book in the store! As a long and avid reader, this was a perfect career.

Dianna had many interests that enriched her life and brought her great happiness. One of those was sewing. She made all types of clothing for her daughter, as well as many outfits for her granddaughter's dolls. Quilting was one of her biggest passions and one she was very proud of. Over the years, she was a part of several quilting groups, where she made many quilts for charity. In addition, she made quilts for all her children and grandchildren. She very much enjoyed watching figure skating and always watched all Olympic figure skating programs. Most of all, she loved and adored her dog Lily, who was faithful to the end.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, her brother, Joseph, and her son, Gregory. She is survived by one brother, Michael, and her children, Scott, Kevin, and Michelle. She also leaves behind seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, all of whom brought her great pride and joy. She was blessed to have a best friend of over 50 years, with whom she often spent time and made many wonderful memories. She loved her friends and family deeply, and her presence will be missed by all who were blessed to know her.

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Pumpkin patch highlight: Halloween and highland cows at Gather and Feast Farm

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La Center's Gather and Feast Farm has been making a name for itself in the world of Clark County pumpkin patches.

Started in 2017 by Mark and Nikki Lopez, Gather and Feast farm was an organic vegetable farm that the couple used to source their Portland-based catering business.

"The farm just kind of grew, and we had a big farm crew prior to 2020," said farm owner Nikki Lopez.

Unfortunately the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the farm's ability to yield the same amount of vegetables, so Lopez turned to leasing the land to other farmers.

"They grow the vegetables and go to the farmer's market in Ridgefield," Lopez said.

Additionally, Lopez turned the farm into an agritourism destination with several events throughout the year.

"We have the pumpkin patch, spooky forest and then we do Highland Holiday Christmas festival," Lopez said. "We do a spring Little Moo Makers Market."

In 2021, the farm started its pumpkin patch which started gaining momentum just two years later.

In fall of 2025, the farm decided to add another attraction to their farm that families could enjoy, the Spooky Forest.

"This is our second year doing the spooky forest and it's still trying to get momentum," Lopez said.

Walking the Spooky Forest begins with the front farmhouse and bends back and through the rest of the property before taking a loop in and out of the trees before ending.

"We called on the community for some help decorating this year because last year, by the time we finished decorating, it was Halloween," Lopez said.

Though thrilling visitors with scary scenes would be fun for Lopez, she opted to keep the decorations to a level befitting of a general audience.



P hoto by Marcus McCormic

A Halloween skeleton decoration set up at the entrance to Gather and Feast Farm on Wednesday Oct. 14.

One of the main focuses Lopez has kept for the fall festivities is to keep them tamer than most pumpkin patches.

"People are looking for a low-key pumpkin patch," Lopez said. "The people that don't like big crowds, they like to just come here. It's a $5 entry fee any day, do a self-guided tour on the farm and people spend an hour or two here sometimes."

One of the main reasons people stick around is to visit with and even pet the farm's star attraction, the Scottish Highland cattle.

"We had a farm manager who just said 'hey, there's these cows. I think they're cool and they'd be a good addition to the farm'," Lopez said.

Lopez acquired two cows named Chewy and Rosy in 2019, which led to Gather and Feast's biggest attraction to the county community.

Since the original adoption, the cows have had calves about once a year, and those calves usually get sold off to families looking to keep the cow as a pet.

"Chewy and Rosy got kind of big, so we downsized to Coco and Marshmallow now and we've had a baby every year since 2019," Lopez said.



P hoto by Marcus McCormic

The pumpkin patch with several pumpkins at Gather and Feast Farm on Wednesday Oct. 14.

Lopez said they only made one exception to selling the calf and that came the most recent year with the birth of a gray cow that was named Gandalf the Gray-ze.

The farm also raises various animals that visitors can choose to meet like pigs, chickens and goats, but the biggest draw for the community rests with the unique cows.

"We see so many nice people, and whether it's for Halloween or Christmas, like 99 percent of the people that come through have never been here before," Lopez said. "We're just so blessed that the community keeps showing up for us. It's a nice feeling to be able to share it."



P hoto by Marcus McCormic

The Scottish highland cow named Gandalf the Gray-ze at Gather and Feast Farm on Wednesday Oct. 14.



Photo by Marcus McCormic

Halloween decorations hanging from tree branches in the spooky forest experience at Gather and Feast Farm on Wednesday Oct. 14.

Gather and Feast Farm is located at 2706 NE 369th St, La Center, WA.

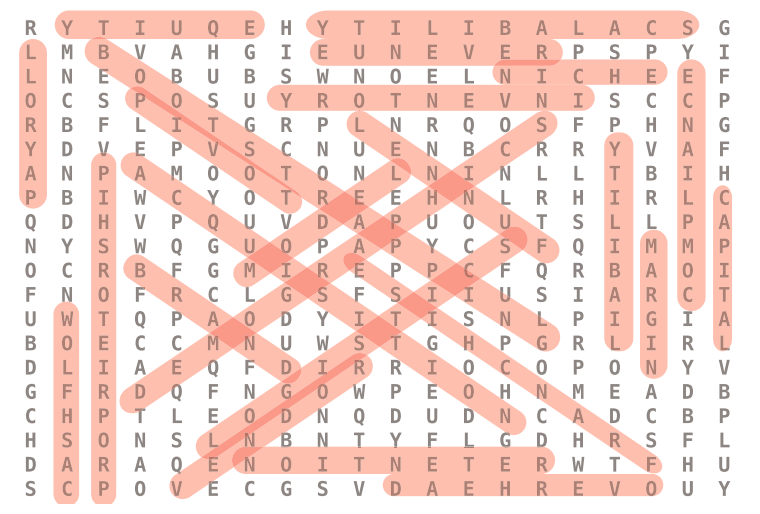
The Farm's hours of operation are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

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Growth Plan

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population is projected to reach 718,154, an increase from approximately 577,431 currently. The county also anticipates 73,500 additional jobs beyond the approximately 180,900 it has today, the news release stated.

Among the plan's major components are a new Climate Element, multimodal transportation standards, updated housing policies and zoning regulations emphasizing housing at all income levels, changes to comprehensive plan and zoning maps, and revisions to the county's unified development code.

The update also includes changes to the Arterial Atlas, revised capital facilities and financial plans, updated school and transportation impact fees, and new fire impact fees.

Under Washington's Growth Management Act, comprehensive plans must identify the public facilities needed to support anticipated growth and explain how those facilities will be financed. The law also requires local governments to identify and protect critical areas and natural resource lands, designate urban growth areas, and implement adopted plans through capital investments and development regulations.

The council's adoption follows public hearings on Oct. 1 and Oct. 2 that exposed deep disagreements over how Clark County should accommodate future growth while protecting agricultural land, providing affordable housing and managing the costs of development.

Urban growth areas drew competing arguments

One of the most contentious issues during the hearings was whether the county should expand urban growth areas around Battle Ground, Ridgefield and La Center.

Representatives from all three cities supported requested expansions, arguing that additional land would be necessary to accommodate housing, employment and economic development. Opponents argued the county should prioritize denser development within existing urban boundaries rather than converting agricultural land to urban uses.

Sam Crummett, planning supervisor for Battle Ground, said the city's primary request involved approximately 450 acres near Dollars Corner intended primarily for employment uses, with commercial zoning along state Route 502.

Crummett said the city had spent years evaluating its ability to accommodate growth within its existing boundaries.

"A key data point was we had only 80 acres of vacant industrial land to develop, falling way short of where we need to accommodate our mandate from the state for jobs," Crummett said.

Ridgefield City Manager Steve Stuart said the city had worked to increase development capacity within its existing boundaries but still needed targeted expansion to meet housing and employment requirements.

"That vision starts with maintaining the integrity of our existing neighborhoods, while focusing density in areas that can support it, areas that have the infrastructure, the services and the amenities," Stuart said.

La Center City Planner Angie Merrill also supported expansion around the Interstate 5 interchange and casino area, citing existing transportation and infrastructure as potential advantages for future commercial and industrial development.

"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 supported a countywide transfer of development rights program, which could allow development rights from agricultural properties to be transferred to areas better suited for growth.

Farmland and housing affordability were citizens' focal point

Agricultural preservation was a major point of opposition to urban growth area expansions during the hearings.

Isaiah Irish, speaking on behalf of the Clark County Agricultural Advisory Commission, said the commission unanimously voted Sept. 23 to recommend that the council not designate any agricultural land for development during the comprehensive plan update.

Irish cited U.S. Department of Agriculture data showing the county experienced a 38% reduction in total farmland between 2017 and 2022.

"The Agricultural Advisory Commission believes that protecting agricultural land during this comprehensive plan update is a fiscally responsible choice, providing a perpetual economic return and contributing to long term food security," Irish said.

The commission also recommended an agricultural 40-acre designation, additional farmland preservation programs and measures to make agricultural land more affordable for farming.

Housing affordability was another central concern. Donna Sinclair urged the council to establish measurable affordable-housing goals and track whether the county is meeting them.

"I'm here to talk about affordable housing, which we all know is one of the most pressing challenges that we have here in Clark County," Sinclair said. "We have to be serious about addressing the shortage."

Other residents argued the county should increase housing density within existing urban growth areas rather than expand outward.

Matthew Barnett, a Vancouver resident who previously lived in Los Angeles, warned against planning decisions that could contribute to sprawling development.

"I see the current comprehensive plan from the county kind of moving in that direction. And that worries me a lot," Barnett said.

Brandi Cole, speaking on behalf of a coalition of 61 individuals and 17 organizations, also urged the county to prioritize density and environmental protections.

"Our coalition strongly urges you to adopt greenhouse gas emission reduction targets aligned with the City of Vancouver's targets," Cole said, "and to do a draft supplemental EIS that creates a viable alternative through appropriate upzoning that limits urban growth, boundary expansion and protects agricultural resource lands."

Development representatives, meanwhile, cautioned against relying too heavily on density to meet the county's housing needs.

Phil Wuest of Ginn Group supported the preferred alternative and the cities' requested expansions, questioning the county's vacant buildable lands analysis and its assumptions about housing affordability.

"There are some pretty heroic assumptions within the plan about how high density housing equates to affordable housing," Wuest said.

County seeks volunteer park hosts for Lewisville Regional Park

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Clark County Public Works is seeking two adults to serve as volunteer park hosts at Lewisville Regional Park, 26411 NE Lewisville Highway, Battle Ground. The one-year positions run through Dec. 31, 2027.

The hosts would live in a county-owned residence at the park and help keep the grounds safe and welcoming for visitors. Duties include cleaning restrooms, opening gates by 7 a.m. and closing them at dusk, emptying garbage cans, picking up litter and reporting emergencies or maintenance needs, according to a Clark County news release.

Lewisville Regional Park is one of the county's busiest parks, drawing more than 1,000 visitors on summer weekend days. Restrooms and other facilities often need cleaning several times a day during summer, and applicants should be prepared for the physical demands of the work.

The county provides basic utilities, including electricity, water, sewer and garbage and recycling service, along with kitchen appliances and a washer and dryer. Hosts must provide their own phone and internet service. The residence can accommodate up to two adults and two minors or dependents.

Applicants must complete state and federal background checks and fingerprinting, provide rental history and show proof of renter's insurance. The county also encourages interested applicants to review the program's policies and requirements before applying.

For more information about the position and application requirements, visit shorturl.at/zmZQ9.

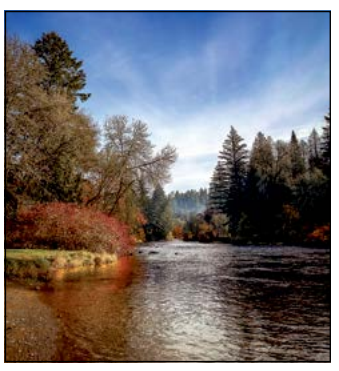


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Volunteer park hosts at Lewisville Regional Park, which sits along the East Fork Lewis River, would live in a county-owned residence while helping maintain the grounds and keep the park safe for visitors.

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ATF to stop enforcing certain firearm rules, Washington restrictions remain

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A new federal policy ending enforcement of certain registration and approval requirements for suppressors and short-barreled firearms is drawing support from some officials in Washington, but questions remain about how exactly the change will work with state restrictions.

On Friday, The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives announced that it would stop enforcing specified National Firearms Act requirements for suppressors, short-barreled rifles, short-barreled shotguns and certain other firearms, including requirements for prior federal approval and registration.

The policy follows an August ruling by a federal judge in Texas and the Justice Department's decision not to appeal. Although the court's injunction originally applied to the plaintiffs in the case, the ATF extended its enforcement policy nationwide.

Shortly after the ruling, The Center Square spoke with Franklin County Sheriff Jim Raymond, who said he supports the ruling.

"I think it lines more with the constitutional right," Raymond said.

Raymond did caution Washington State residents against assuming the federal change overrides state requirements governing firearm purchases and transfers.

"You really should be cautious and always keep in mind that, you know, the state laws are much more restrictive," Raymond told The Center Square.

Raymond is now predicting the relationship between state and federal requirements could eventually face a legal challenge.

Benton County Prosecutor Eric Eisinger also voiced support for the ruling, saying Second Amendment rights are extremely important to residents in his county and all across the state.

"I think this is a good outcome in terms of upholding the rights of the people to keep and bear arms," Eisinger told The Center Square.

Andrew Clark, Benton County's chief criminal deputy prosecutor, also commented on the change Friday. Clark said the change primarily concerns federal requirements and could affect the paperwork firearms dealers submit to the ATF.

"I think the main thing is, you know, this is mostly regarding the federal requirements," Clark said. "It's not impacting any of the state laws."

Clark also pointed out that firearms dealers will need to navigate the updated requirements as the ATF provides further instructions.

State restrictions

The ATF's announcement does not repeal state firearm laws. The agency said individuals must continue complying with state and local restrictions, which may be more stringent than federal requirements.

In Washington, state law generally restricts possession of short-barreled rifles and shotguns, subject to specified exceptions. The interaction between those statutes and the federal enforcement policy could require further legal interpretation.

The ATF also said federal approval is still required for interstate transportation of short-barreled rifles and shotguns under the Gun Control Act. Background checks, dealer paperwork and other applicable federal requirements also will remain in place.

Gun-safety advocates have previously called for stronger firearm regulations in Washington.

In an April 2026 legislative session recap, state Rep. Amy Walen, D-Kirkland, said she would continue pushing for what she called "common-sense gun safety legislation."

She also highlighted legislation addressing firearms, frames and receivers made using 3D printers or computer-controlled milling machines by unlicensed manufacturers.

"I believe that fighting gun violence and protecting public safety are inextricable issues. That is why in my time in the legislature, I have passed an assault rifle ban, a high-capacity magazine ban, and a permit-to-purchase policy, while continuing to be endorsed by our local police departments," she said on her campaign website.

The Alliance for Gun Responsibility, a Washington-based gun-safety advocacy organization, has similarly advocated for additional state firearm regulations.

In a podcast earlier this year that featured CEO Renée Hopkins, the organization promoted Washington's universal background checks and extreme risk protection orders and called for further action to address gun violence.

The Center Square requested comment from U.S. Sen. Patty Murray's office and the Alliance for Gun Responsibility late Friday afternoon, but did not hear back from either as of Monday morning.

Washington Democrats' communications director, Stephen Reed, acknowledged a request for comment but said he was unsure when the party's chair would be available because she was traveling. Reed also said he referred the request to the Alliance for Gun Responsibility.



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Woodland man found guilty of killing longtime tenant, hiding body in barrel

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A Cowlitz County jury found a 67-year-old Woodland man guilty of second-degree murder and unlawful disposal of remains after a four-day trial stemming from the death of his longtime tenant, whose body was found inside a 55-gallon barrel on the man's rural property.

Ricky Dean Miller was found guilty on Thursday, Oct. 8, of second-degree murder with a deadly weapon enhancement and unlawful disposal of remains, according to the Cowlitz County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. His sentencing hearing is scheduled for Oct. 29.

The case began in December 2025, when a family member of Miller contacted law enforcement, prompting deputies to investigate his property in the 3600 block of Old Lewis River Road, east of the Lewis River Golf Course.

Authorities found the victim, a 71-year-old man who had lived on the property for about 24 years, inside an orange barrel, according to court records and information presented during the trial.

Miller was arrested and booked into the Cowlitz County Jail on suspicion of second-degree murder and unlawful disposal of remains. During the investigation, he told detectives he killed the victim around Thanksgiving 2025, according to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

During the trial, jurors heard evidence that Miller and the victim had lived on the same property for more than 20 years but in separate trailers. Prosecutors said tensions between the two preceded the fatal encounter.

Around Thanksgiving, Miller went to the victim's trailer to address issues between them. The victim was sitting in a reclining chair when Miller entered, according to trial evidence.

A disagreement followed, during which the victim stood up, placed a hand on Miller's shoulder and told him to leave. Miller then struck the victim multiple times with a walking stick, prosecutors said.

After the victim fell to the ground and was lying on his back, Miller stood on his throat and covered his mouth with his hand for an extended period, according to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. The victim died from injuries sustained during the attack.

The account presented at trial was consistent with details in arrest documents, which said Miller told police he felt scared during the confrontation and struck the victim with a wooden walking stick. Miller also recalled placing his foot on the victim's neck and covering his mouth, according to the documents.

Following the killing, Miller took steps to conceal the body, prosecutors said.

On Nov. 28, 2025, Miller purchased an orange 55-gallon barrel from Wilco, according to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. He used two ratchet straps to position the victim in a fetal position before placing him inside the barrel along with the victim's wallet and medicine.

Earlier arrest documents said Miller told investigators he returned to the victim's trailer two days after the killing to remove the body. He later placed the body in the barrel and hid it behind the victim's residence.

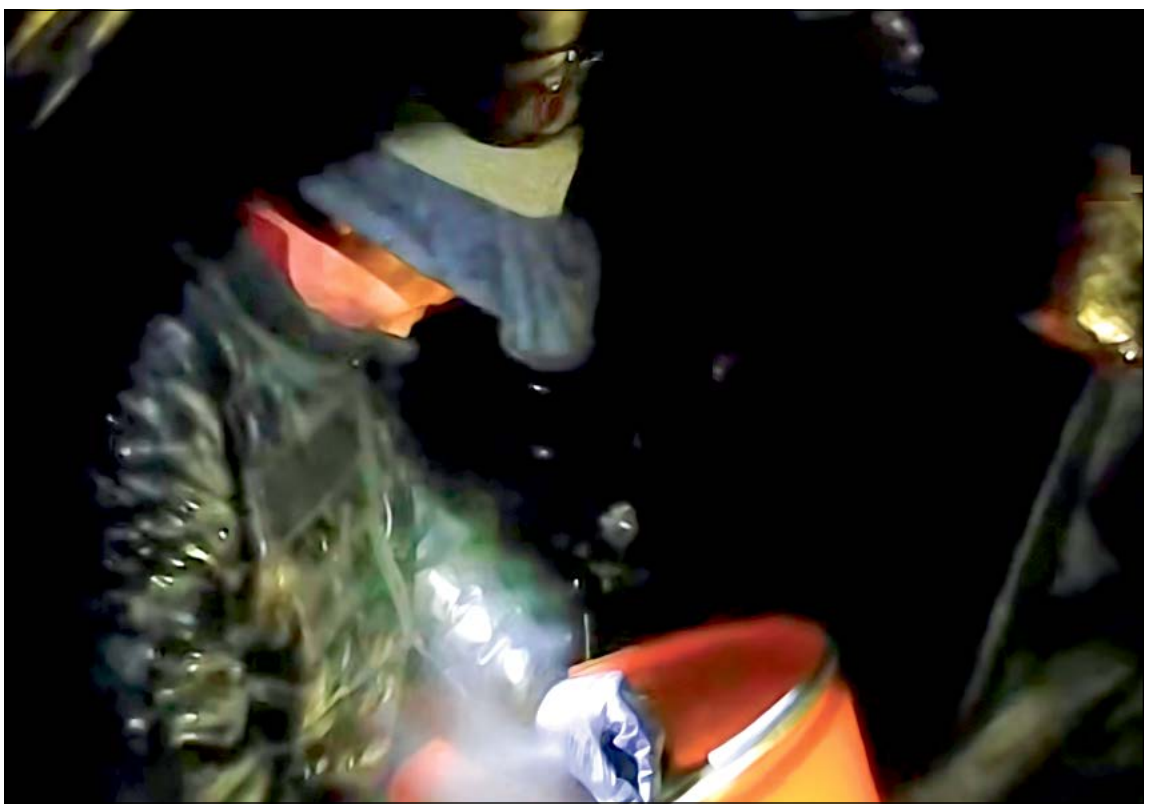
Law enforcement discovered the victim on Dec. 16, 2025, after receiving a call from a family member of Miller, according to prosecutors.

Before the trial, Miller was held in the Cowlitz County Jail following his arrest. During an initial hearing in Cowlitz County Superior Court, Judge Thad Scudder appointed a public defender to represent him. Miller had been held without bail at that time, with a hearing scheduled to review whether bail would be set.

The jury's verdict concluded a four-day trial that resulted in convictions on both charges, including the deadly weapon enhancement attached to the murder conviction.

The Cowlitz County Prosecuting Attorney's Office credited detectives with the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office for their investigation and assistance during the trial.

Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jacob Lervold represented the state.



Body cam video shows the moment Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office deputies find an orange barrel with a body inside. On Thursday, Oct. 8, Ricky Dean Miller was found guilty of second-degree murder with a deadly weapon enhancement and unlawful disposal of remains, according to the Cowlitz County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. *Video Screenshot*

Motorcyclist injured in collision near Fargher Lake

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An 18-year-old Battle Ground man was injured in a collision involving a motorcycle and a car Monday, Oct. 12, near Fargher Lake and was flown to a hospital, according to the Washington State Patrol.

The collision occurred around 6:59 p.m. on State Route 503 near Fargher Lake when a 2015 Subaru Outback turned left from the Fargher Lakehouse parking lot onto southbound SR 503 and was struck by a northbound 1993 Kawasaki motorcycle, according to a Washington State Patrol memo.

The motorcyclist was not wearing a helmet and was flown to Oregon Health & Science University in Portland. The Subaru's 77-year-old driver and 92-year-old passenger, both from La Center, were not injured.

The State Patrol listed the cause of the collision as "speed too fast for conditions with no lights." The report indicated drugs or alcohol were not involved.

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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.

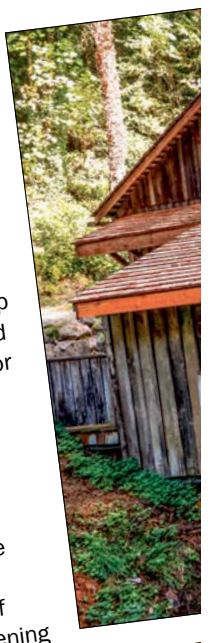
The search follows the council's Aug. 5 decision to terminate City Manager Kris Swanson's contract without cause in a 4-3 vote. Swanson joined the city in April 2024 as interim city manager before being appointed to the permanent position. Her transition to Battle Ground followed her March 2024 dismissal 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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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

Super Sports Cards and More expands to make room for collectors, community events



Photo by Cade Barker

Display shelving features various trading cards for sale, including this Pokémon display, throughout the new Super Sports Cards and More location in Vancouver on Wednesday, Oct. 14.



Photo by Cade Barker

Justin Mirabal, Super Sports Cards and More general manager stands at a display counter in the new Super Sports Cards and More location in Vancouver on Wednesday, Oct. 14.



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The new Super Sports Cards and More trading card shop is located at 11505 NE Fourth Plain Blvd., Ste. E in Vancouver.

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Super Sports Cards and More has expanded into a new, larger location in Vancouver to accommodate a growing number of collectors and provide more space for trading card games, tournaments and customers looking to browse its inventory.

The store, which specializes in sports cards alongside Pokémon, Magic: The Gathering and other trading card games, is celebrating the move with a grand opening on Friday, Oct. 23, including a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. and activities throughout the weekend.

Justin Mirabal, the store's general manager, said the move was driven primarily by a need for more room to host events and give customers space to browse cards.

"It's huge. We had just become so busy at the old location that we're hosting events, sports, Pokemon, Magic, all of them, and we're getting more people to show up than we had chairs or room for, and it was just getting too cramped," Mirabal said. "So we needed the space mostly to host the events."

The new store, located at 11505 NE Fourth Plain Blvd., Ste. E, occupies just over 8,000 square feet, with a sales floor Mirabal estimated is about four times the size of the previous location's sales floor. The additional room allows the business to spread out its inventory and set up designated areas for sports cards, Pokémon and other games.

"We've got tables set up in the front, and we've got different sections broken down, so there's a Magic and One Piece section, a sports section, and a Pokémon section," Mirabal said. "Just to have that opportunity for people to come in and not be rushed or crowded and just have time and space to look through all that inventory that we're trying to provide for people."

The previous location, off of Northeast Andresen Road, remains open while the business determines its long-term plans. Mirabal said the store has a lease through the end of 2027 and is continuing to sell cards there, particularly individual cards, while gradually reducing some of its other inventory.

More room for trading and tournaments

The expanded location is already helping the business accommodate larger gatherings. Super Sports Cards and More hosted its first Pokémon Trade Night at the new store before the grand opening, drawing more than 100 people, Mirabal said.

"We host Pokemon Trade Night once a month. … We had over 100 people show up, which is impossible in the other location," he said.

The store also hosts a monthly Sports Trade Night, along with events for games such as Magic: The Gathering and One Piece. The business is working to expand its offerings to include Dragon Ball, Disney Lorcana and Cyberpunk.

Pokémon, Magic and One Piece events have been among the most popular locally, Mirabal said. The store's weekly Pokémon League, held from 5 p.m to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, has attracted about 40 people during its first two weeks at the new location.

At the previous store, attendance was limited by the available seating. Mirabal said Pokémon tournaments averaged about 30 participants, but the business had to turn people away when too many showed up.

With the additional room, he expects some of the store's most popular events to regularly draw 40 to 50 participants.

The grand opening weekend will feature a Pokémon tournament at noon on Friday, followed by a Magic pre-release event at 6 p.m. A sports trading event is scheduled for noon Sunday, Oct. 25. The store also plans to offer special discounts and other surprises during the celebration.

A growing hobby

For Mirabal, the expansion represents another step in a business tied to a lifelong interest in collecting. He began collecting cards when he was 6- or 7-years-old, and remembers looking through boxes of cards with his grandfather at a shop on Mill Plain.

"I remember looking through boxes of cards with my grandpa in their shop, and theirs was a traditional small shop, kind of how we started," Mirabal said.

The business has expanded several times over the years, growing from a 750-square-foot space to progressively larger locations before making the move to its current store.

Another goal is to build up the store's selection of individual cards, giving customers the opportunity to search through drawers and discover items that might otherwise be difficult to find. Mirabal said the business buys collections daily and was averaging about 30 to 35 collections a day between its two locations at the time of the interview.

Rather than keeping all its inventory cataloged out of customers' reach, Mirabal wants the store to offer an experience in which collectors can browse cards themselves.

"We want to give people that experience where you can come in and grab a drawer of cards and just go through it and never know what you might find in there of interest," he said.

"The ultimate goal is that we're going to be able to say that we have a million cards that people can walk in and touch," he added.

Mirabal said the trading card collecting hobby has grown considerably since the business started about 15 years ago. Early on, he said, the business was driven more by a shared passion for collecting than by significant financial opportunities.

Interest began picking up before the COVID-19 pandemic, fueled in part by prominent young professional athletes and their collectible cards. Mirabal cited basketball players Zion Williamson, Ja Morant and Luka Doncic, along with football players Patrick Mahomes and Josh Allen, as athletes who helped attract collectors.

The pandemic accelerated that growth as people spent more time at home and rediscovered collections they already owned.

Interest extends beyond sports cards. Mirabal said collectors increasingly want places where they can meet others who share their interests, trade cards and participate in organized events.

The new location has also introduced the business to customers who were unfamiliar with the store despite its relatively short move from the previous site. Mirabal said the number of new faces has been a surprise, with some visitors discovering for the first time that the business carries Pokémon cards and other card-gaming products.

Although sports cards remain the store's primary focus, Mirabal said the business aims to combine a broad retail inventory with space for community gatherings rather than simply selling products.

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Barns of Clark County

While attempting to find fall colors around rural Clark County on Saturday, Oct. 10, Reflector reporter Cade Barker stopped to photograph four barns along his drive. The barns stand as a sign of Clark County's aging agricultural roots.

If you own a barn in Clark or Cowlitz county and would like to share its story with The Reflector for a history article, please contact us by emailing news@thereflector.com.



Photo by Cade Barker

A classic red barn stands tucked back through a field along a treeline in the Whipple Creek/Sara area of Clark County along Northwest 179th Street.



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A white barn surrounded by active agricultural land stands along Northwest 169th Street in the Whipple Creek/Sara area of Clark County.



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A large white barn stands tall off of Northeast 279th Street in the Charter Oak area of north Clark County.



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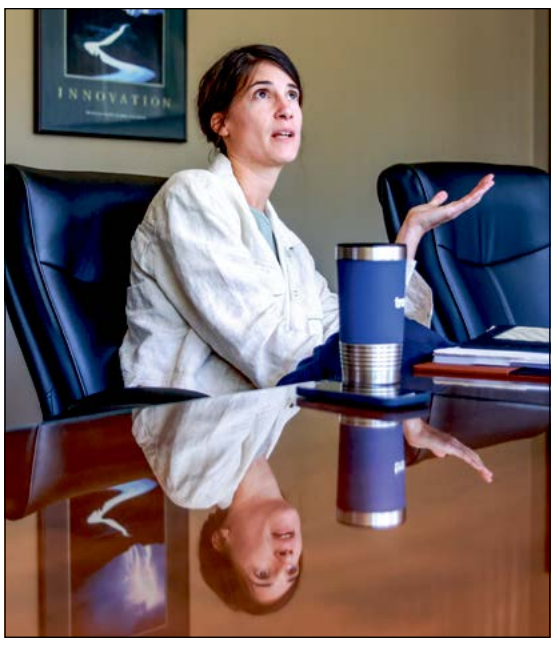
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Four takeaways from the Gluesenkamp Perez-Braun debate

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State Senate Republican Leader John Braun and Democratic U.S. Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez are dueling in southwest Washington's 3rd Congressional District.

Democratic U.S. Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez and John Braun, the top Republican in the Washington state Senate who is challenging her in a critical congressional duel, faced off on Wednesday in a televised debate, exchanging digs on the Iran war, policies of President Donald Trump, gas prices, and at each other.

This match-up in the 3rd Congressional District seat in southwest Washington is among a handful of competitive races nationwide that could decide which party is in charge in January.

Gluesenkamp Perez, 38, of Skamania County, is in her second term. She entered Congress after beating Republican Joe Kent in 2022, flipping the seat for Democrats in one of the year's biggest electoral surprises. She beat Kent in a rematch in 2024.

Braun, 59, of Chehalis, is in his fourth term as a state senator. He has served as the Senate minority leader since 2020.

As of mid-August, Gluesenkamp Perez had reported raising three times as much as Braun, $6.3 million to $2.2 million. But that is only part of the story as political committees for the Democratic and Republican caucus in the House, and independent committees are spending big too.

Here are four takeaways from their hourlong debate conducted in a studio at KOIN6 in Portland.

They oppose the Iran war differently

Braun sought to thread the needle on wanting the conflict to end without directly blaming the president for keeping the U.S. engaged.

"I would not support an open-ended war with no clear objectives to end it," he said. "We don't have that right now."

Gluesenkamp Perez pounced. "This war has been a disaster for our families at home, for our military families, for our geopolitical security," she said. "We've got to get out of this war and I've voted six times to do that already."

The two did agree the war is driving up fuel and energy prices and both said they would support freezing state and federal gas taxes to bring short-term relief to high fuel prices.

Trump got a lot of mentions

Gluesenkamp Perez made certain early and often that viewers knew Braun had the full-fledged backing of President Donald Trump and would back his policies.

"He's got President Trump's endorsement and the millions of dollars that comes with that in political spending," Gluesenkamp Perez said. "I've proven I'm loyal to our community, not party bosses."

Braun's retort was to tag the incumbent as a "D.C. politician" who had passed only one bill in four years, to name a post office. "A good name, good post office, but not something that's making a difference in your lives," he said.

Braun is clear on income tax, MGP is not

An initiative to repeal the state's new high-earners income tax is one of the election's hottest topics. Gluesenkamp Perez detoured around an answer when asked "Do you support the tax?"

"Okay, so there are basically two problems with politicians in Olympia. They spend money like a Connecticut horse girl, and working people are paying too much in taxes," she said. "Adding another revenue stream isn't fundamentally going to fix the problem."

She said if it drifted down to middle and lower incomes, she wouldn't support it. "I don't work in state government," she said, implying it's not her issue.

Braun, who voted against the tax in the state Senate this year, seized on her non answer. "It's wrong-headed. It's clearly unconstitutional," he said. "I didn't hear the congresswoman take a position on that one way or another, but she should."

Given a chance to respond, a somewhat flummoxed Gluesenkamp Perez said "I don't work in Olympia. I don't work for a caucus. I work to represent working people and families in southwest Washington."

It happened again with light rail and the I-5 bridge

Gluesenkamp Perez stepped around another local controversy, the proposal to build a new I-5 bridge over the Columbia River between Washington and Oregon. The estimated cost of the entire project has nearly doubled to $15 billion and the candidates were quizzed on whether to proceed.

Braun said a bridge is needed and should be built with the $6 billion in state and federal funds scraped together so far. Everything else, including light rail, should be set aside until there is money. "We need a bridge, but we need a bridge we can afford and one we can build on time and on budget," he said.

Gluesenkamp Perez cited the $2.1 billion in federal funds she's helped secure for the project. "That's a big number, but this is fundamentally a state project, and you know we haven't seen that commitment from people in Olympia to make sure that we're getting the resources we need," she said.

When asked if she would be willing to take light rail out of the mix if it would help secure more federal funds, Gluesenkamp Perez said it is, "Zero percent the federal government's role."

School

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for students across grade levels. Intervention specialist Tiffany Quast said the school offers three programs: reading intervention, math intervention and English support for multilingual learners. Students receive assistance in small groups throughout the school day.

Quast, who has deep roots in Ridgefield, said the opening represents an important milestone for the community.

"My favorite part I think is two-fold for me. One, I have deep roots in Ridgefield, and so to see this growth is really exciting. This is something we've been needing for a really long time," Quast said of the new Sunset Ridge campus.

The transition has also allowed students to maintain relationships with familiar classmates and educators while meeting new friends.

Elliott, a fifth grade student, said many former South Ridge classmates moved to the new campus, making the transition easier, while providing opportunities to meet new people.

"I've made a lot of new friends, too," Elliott said.

He said the new playground has been a favorite feature of the campus, particularly its recently opened slides. The student also highlighted the swings and basketball area as favorite places to spend time.

"It's been pretty fun," Elliott said of the playground.

The student was also among those helping introduce the school to the community. Student leaders practiced giving tours with Graves and other school leaders on Wednesday and Thursday ahead of the dedication. Elliott provided Reflector reporters Cade Barker and Marcus McCormic a detailed tour of the entire Sunset Ridge campus.

The leadership opportunity came through an application process facilitated by the school's Foundations teacher, the student said. The role has provided students with an opportunity to represent their school and help visitors learn about the building.

"It's been fun," the student said.

Looking ahead, Elliott said becoming a teacher might be a future career possibility, inspired in part by the educators at Ridgefield schools.

During the ceremony, Rodriquez presented Graves and the inaugural student body with a symbolic key to their new school home, recognizing the beginning of a new chapter for the campus.

Rodriquez said the school would serve generations of students, including children who will eventually graduate from high school in 2039.

"Today, those doors are open, thanks to everyone in this room and in our community," Rodriquez said.





Cold Case

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Office (CCSO) Cold Case Team believes the findings provide long-awaited answers for the victims' families.

"While we are extremely disappointed that the suspects cannot be held accountable in court, we are grateful to finally have answers," Major Crimes Unit Sgt. Fred Neiman Jr. said in a statement. "A major part of our mission is finding the truth and providing some measure of closure to victims' families."

Hale and McCollum were brothers-in-law who lived in separate residences on the same property near Battle Ground. Both deaths were ruled homicides. McCollum died from suffocation due to strangulation, while Hale died from a gunshot wound to the head, according to the sheriff's office.

Several days after the killings, Hale's Ford sedan was recovered in Seattle. Investigators collected a fingerprint from the rearview mirror, but it remained unidentified for decades.

A breakthrough came in 2017, when an upgrade to the FBI's fingerprint database system produced a match to Stebbins, who was 17 at the time of the murders. Despite the identification, progress was limited by competing investigative priorities and a lack of dedicated cold case resources.

The investigation gained momentum in 2024, when CCSO re-established its cold case team and brought in additional volunteers.

In October 2025, cold case investigator Michael Ramon and Neiman traveled to Hemet, California, to interview Stebbins, who was then 80. Although Stebbins did not confess, investigators identified inconsistencies in his account. He told them he had been traveling with another teenager around the time of the killings and voluntarily provided a DNA sample.

In an interview with The Reflector, Neiman described the significance of the meeting.

"He gave us kind of a fabricated story we believe about why his DNA might be at the scene and why his fingerprint was in the car and it's kind of that moment I was like this is our guy," Neiman said.

Investigators worked with the Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory to examine evidence preserved from the original investigation, including twine used to bind one of the victims and cigarette butts recovered from Hale's vehicle.

On June 3, 2026, investigators learned that DNA testing indicated Stebbins was likely a contributor to the DNA recovered from the twine. DNA from the cigarette butts also strongly linked him to the vehicle.

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— Fred Neiman Jr.,
sergeant, Clark County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit

As investigators prepared to seek an arrest warrant, they learned Stebbins had died of natural causes on June 1, just two days before the DNA findings were reported to investigators.

Neiman said Stebbins' death meant investigators lost the opportunity to question him further and potentially obtain an account of what happened.

During their interview, Stebbins had mentioned traveling with another teenager. Investigators followed that lead and identified the individual as Walter Stain, who also was 17 at the time of the killings and died in 2019.

Because Stain was deceased, investigators could not interview him or collect a direct DNA sample. The cold case team instead obtained a reference sample from one of his descendants.

On Oct. 1, investigators learned the state crime laboratory had found strong evidence supporting Stain as the contributor to a previously unidentified DNA profile recovered from the cigarette butts.

The results strengthened investigators' belief that two people were involved in the killings. Neiman said evidence from the original investigation included disturbed grass and tracks through a neighboring hayfield, which detectives at the time believed indicated two people had watched the property before approaching the victims' residences.



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1962 crime scene

Investigators believe robbery may have been a motive. Firearms and money were taken from the property, Neiman said in the interview, though the precise circumstances surrounding the killings remain uncertain.

The case required decades of work, including efforts to reconstruct records after the original case file was lost for a period. Neiman also credited retired sheriff's office sergeant John Dush, who continued working on the case throughout his career and retirement, maintaining his own files and regularly seeking updates. Dush died in 2025.

Neiman said the cold case team has about 35 unsolved cases, making the resolution of its oldest investigation a significant milestone for the agency and its volunteers.

"Our team was ecstatic to finally get this closure," Neiman said. "It's a great relief and it's a great victory for our team."

The sheriff's office said investigators have contacted descendants of both victims to share the findings. Surviving family members of both suspects also cooperated with the investigation.

The case's resolution highlights the role of advances in forensic DNA technology, fingerprint analysis and decades of investigative work in revisiting evidence that once failed to identify those responsible.

Modern technology makes it harder for killers to evade detection

Modern technology has given investigators more ways to solve crimes and potentially prevent current cases from becoming long-running cold cases, according to Neiman.

Cellphone location data, social media, license plate readers, DNA analysis and improved fingerprint databases can help investigators identify suspects, establish timelines and gather evidence that may have been unavailable to detectives decades ago.

"Much harder to get away with murder now than ever has been," Neiman said. "There is a lot of technology we have available to us."

Investigators can obtain cellphone location information and other digital records with the proper search warrants and legal authority. Social media activity and license plate reader data can also help establish a suspect's movements and connect people to a crime.

Neiman pointed to the Brunette case as an example of how technology can help investigators act quickly.

Brunette, a 66-year-old Woodland man, was arrested Feb. 24 on suspicion of murder after the body of 34-year-old Tori Garza of Vancouver was discovered Feb. 14 near the Tarbell Trailhead on state forest land in eastern Clark County. Clark County Sheriff's Office detectives identified Andrew Brunette as a suspect after reviewing cellphone data, surveillance footage and other technology, as well as searching his home on Marty Loop in Woodland, where investigators reported finding evidence of foul play. Garza was last known to be in contact with associates Feb. 9. Brunette was booked into the Cowlitz County Jail on suspicion of first-degree murder, patronizing a prostitute and unlawful disposal of human remains.

License plate reader technology played a significant role in solving the Brunette case and gathering evidence before more could potentially be destroyed. Neiman said restrictions on the use of that technology have since frustrated investigators working cases involving missing people in danger or homicide suspects who remain at large.

Despite the advances, Neiman said technology does not replace traditional investigative work. Detectives still must process crime scenes, interview witnesses and canvass neighborhoods.

The technology also raises questions about whether serial killers are less common today or simply have fewer opportunities to avoid detection.

Neiman said investigators have not found evidence that Brunette committed other crimes before the killing, but he questioned whether the outcome could have been different without a swift investigation.

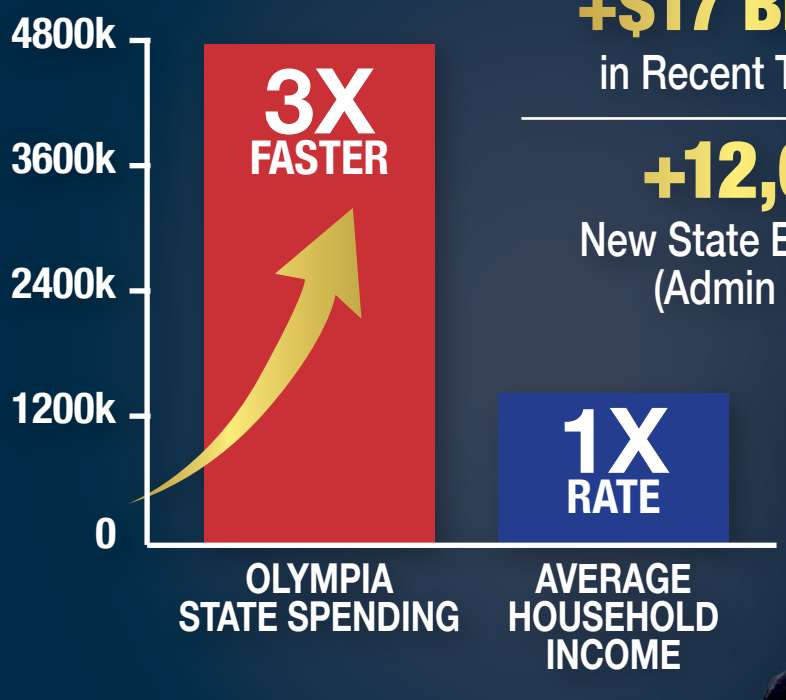
"Could she have been the first if he wasn't apprehended so quickly?" Neiman said. "If the technology didn't help us solve this so quickly, could there have been more victims?"

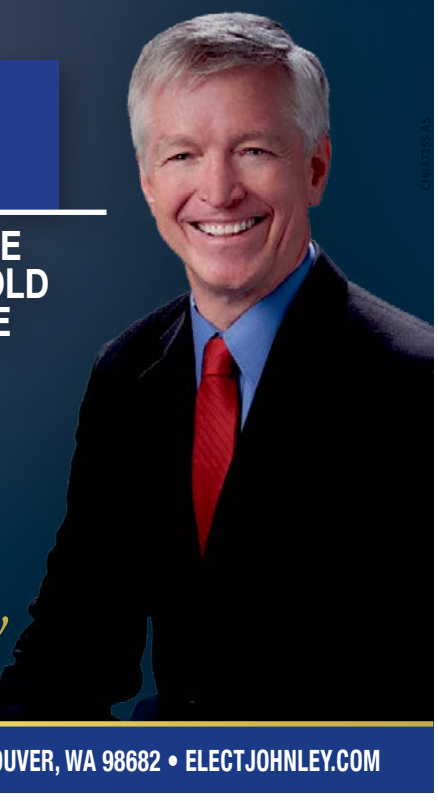
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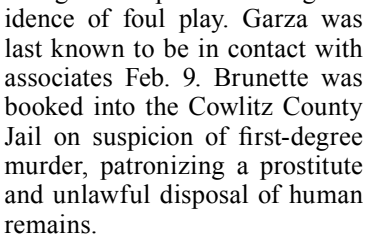


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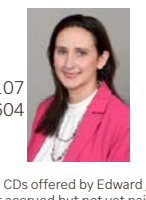
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River

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and tribal partners, celebrated the completion of construction during an event attended by project leaders, elected officials, contractors and community members on Thursday, Oct. 15.

The project restored portions of the river's floodplain that had been altered by gravel mining and the historic floods of 1995 and 1996, creating a network of side channels, wetlands and connections to the main river. The work is intended to improve fish habitat, restore natural floodplain processes and help protect downstream communities from flooding, as well as erosion of the river's banks.

State Rep. Ed Orcutt, R-Kalama, said the project's benefits extend beyond improving fish habitat, after sharing early skepticism on floodplain restoration, he explained how restoring the floodplain's natural functions can also help reduce flooding risks for downstream communities.

"I was a little skeptical, but I listened to their presentation and I realized how true floodplains by design is to improving our environment," Orcutt said. "And if you look at what they're all about, it's restoring floodplain function, which is very critical not only to salmon habitat, but to downstream flooding issues because a properly functioning floodplain will store water during high periods of flow and protect downstream communities."

The project's results are already becoming visible. Chum, coho and Chinook salmon have been observed spawning in the restored and reconnected river, while juvenile salmonids have begun using the new habitat.

"This is a very exciting moment for our tribe and for the citizens surrounding this habitat," said Dean Reynolds, vice chairman of the general council of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, during the completion celebration.

"For the Cowlitz people, the rivers, waterways of Southwest Washington have always been central to who we are," Reynolds added. "Since time immemorial, our ancestors have lived alongside these rivers, caring for the land, water, and natural resources that have sustained our people."

Reynolds said the restoration carries significance beyond the ecological benefits, connecting the river's future with the cultural traditions and responsibilities of the people who have lived alongside it for generations.

"To see three miles of this river restored with improved habitat for salmon and steelhead, a healthier floodplain, and greater protections for surrounding communities is truly something worth celebrating," he said.

The project also represents years of work to restore the East Fork's natural processes after past gravel-mining operations altered portions of its floodplain.

Clark County Council Chair Sue Marshall said the project reflects a vision that dates back more than four decades to establish a greenway along the river, protect habitat and provide opportunities for recreation.

"Clark County had a vision that goes back 40 years or more to develop a greenway along the length of the East Fork to provide an opportunity and nurture partnerships to restore the river, to improve fish and wildlife habitat, and to encourage people to enjoy remarkable recreational opportunities on this river," Marshall said.

Toward that goal, the county has acquired or contributed to the acquisition of nearly 2,500 acres of land along the river, she said.

Marshall said the East Fork is the largest free-flowing river in Clark County and plays an important role in supporting steelhead and other wildlife.

She also thanked community members who continued to support the effort while portions of the river were closed during construction.

"The East Fork is an ecological gem," Marshall said.

Marshall said the restored river will allow future generations to experience a landscape closer to the one that existed before gravel mining altered the area.

"If you're floating or fishing, you will be experiencing what our great-grandparents and people who go back even further experienced on this river," she said. "So it's a remarkable legacy for us to enjoy, and I know there will be future projects we can all get involved with."

Early signs of ecological recovery

While the completion celebration marked the end of construction, the landscape will continue to evolve as water moves through the newly connected channels and vegetation becomes established.

Kari Dupler of the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership said work on the eastern side of the property was completed this year, including filling gravel pits known as pits seven, eight and nine. The east floodplain channel and its associated side channels are now open to the river.

The organization plans to install more than 100,000 plants during the current planting season, with additional planting and interplanting work planned on the western floodplain side channel and along the main river.

Dupler said the area around a former gravel pit known as pit six has transformed into a meandering side channel connected to a wetland. Wetland vegetation has grown well in the year since construction was completed in that area.

Wildlife also has begun taking advantage of the changing landscape.

Dupler said a beaver recently established a small dam downstream of the western side channel, backing up some water while allowing the channel to remain connected to the main river.

Juvenile salmonids have been gathering near newly installed wood structures, where cold water and vegetation provide shelter.

"It's a nice little hangout spot for those guys," Dupler said.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Chinook monitoring team has been surveying the river weekly, mapping the redds, or nests, created by adult salmon as they lay their eggs. Dupler said monitoring has identified redds within the project area, including in sections where fish were observed last year.

"We're seeing fish use them again this year," Dupler said. "We're seeing adults hanging out and hiding under the wood structures that are in the main stem. So it feels a little bit like, you know, if you build it they will come."

The restoration includes a variety of native plants selected to match differences in elevation and water exposure across the floodplain. Dupler said the planting plan includes roughly five or six types of willows and upwards of 25 species of woody plants, ranging from shrubs to trees.

A long-term investment

Steve Manlow, executive director of the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board, said the project builds on decades of efforts to conserve the East Fork watershed and restore its floodplain.

He recalled observing the river during the 1996 floods, when it broke through a haul road and flowed into abandoned gravel pits. The event demonstrated how the river would eventually reclaim parts of its former floodplain, although restoration work would be needed to help the landscape recover.

The importance of floodplain restoration was incorporated into salmon recovery planning adopted in 2004, Manlow said. The plan recognized the project's scale and complexity, along with the need for additional funding, land conservation and cooperation among property owners, tribes and organizations.

"This is one of the most important projects, and I'll put my recovery manager hat on here, that was called for when the recovery plan has been completed," Manlow said. "The floodplain has been reset. Cold water sources have been connected, and fish are already returning to their new home."

Orcutt said the project demonstrates how a functioning floodplain can benefit both fish and people by storing water during periods of high flows and reducing pressure on downstream communities and habitat.

Orcutt helped secure more than $5 million for the project, according to the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership.

The project received support from state and federal agencies, Clark County, tribal governments, conservation organizations, private partners and volunteers.

Dupler said the next phase will focus on planting and observing how the river responds to seasonal flows. Recent high-water events have already moved sediment and deposited sand and gravel beyond the riverbanks, changes she said are part of the restoration's intended outcome.

"I think the biggest thing that I'm excited to see is just how the landscape continues to change over time," Dupler said.

As the project matures, she hopes visitors will recognize how side channels, wetlands and the main river work together to create interconnected habitats.

"I hope that when people look at these areas they see nature restoring itself," Dupler said. "I just hope that they see that and understand that's what was here historically and then I hope that they get to enjoy seeing the return of fish and mink and beaver to the system and get to see more of that."



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Clark County Council Chair Sue Marshall speaks to attendees of the East Fork Lewis River Reconnection Project completion celebration about the importance of the project on Thursday, Oct. 15.

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The Yale Bridge Can't Afford to Be an Afterthought

James Doyle
Chief of Staff/Editor

The lingering tension and frustration around the Yale Bridge go far beyond the long traffic lines in the summer or the lack of motorists adhering to the "one vehicle at a time" crossing rule. Our recent inquiry with the Washington State Department of Transportation has revealed a troubling lack of focus on a comprehensive, long-term plan for the Yale Bridge. For those of us who live in the Yale Valley and on the Cowlitz County side of the structure, the 94-year-old Yale Bridge is more than an aging crossway over Lake Merwin. It is one of the connections that makes this corner of southwest Washington a functioning community.



JAMES DOYLE

It connects our homes and neighborhoods with Amboy and the communities of north Clark County. It is part of how people get to work, reach services, run errands and maintain the everyday connections that make a rural community work. Losing the Yale Bridge would isolate residents in Ariel and Cougar, nearly doubling their travel time to the North Clark County and Battle Ground areas. As both a resident of the Yale Valley and a former law enforcement officer who served this pocket of Cowlitz County, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of the Yale Bridge from a public safety perspective.

For these rural communities downriver, public safety resources on the Cowlitz County side are limited to an occasional deputy, a roaming state trooper, or a 30-minute 'code-run' from Woodland Police Department. From the fire and ambulance service standpoint, these communities rely on their volunteer fire services and an ambulance response from North Country EMS in Fargher Lake. The loss of the Yale Bridge would remove this emergency service and complicate any law enforcement support from the Vancouver Washington State Patrol district or joint responses from Clark County deputies to assist their Cowlitz County partners.

That is why the conversation about the Yale Bridge cannot stop at whether it is safe to cross today. We also need to ask what happens to the people who depend on it tomorrow. Over recent years, the historic fields of Ariel and Yale continue to draw city residents to the aspirations of rural community, and there is no sign of this slowing down. Plot and road developments increase with every season, and the only infrastructure staring this all in the face is our bridge. A loss of the bridge would force these rural commuters into the city of Woodland road system, which is already facing its own foreseeable challenges with its most recent home developments along Lewis River Road.

The Washington State Department of Transportation has funding planned for rehabilitation of the 94-year-old bridge, an encouraging step. However, the full scope of that work and its construction timeline remain undetermined, and no replacement project has been identified.

Residents should not mistake that uncertainty for an imminent closure. But neither should we wait until a serious structural problem forces a decision before asking what the bridge's long-term future will be. Although we appreciate the pothole maintenance, the Yale Valley, Ariel and Cougar deserve the same thoughtful infrastructure planning as any other part of our state. That means looking beyond the next repair and considering the needs of the communities that will depend on this crossing for years to come.

We are not asking the state to ignore engineering realities or commit blindly to a replacement before the facts are established. We are asking for a clear plan, a transparent timeline and an honest assessment of what is at stake if rehabilitation eventually proves insufficient.

The Yale Bridge has served this region for nearly a century. Its future should be determined through deliberate planning, public accountability and a serious understanding of the community it connects — not by waiting until the next failure leaves residents with few options. I am not exaggerating when I say that many of us local commuters have seat belt cutters or knives accessible in our vehicle out of genuine concern for the "what if" when crossing the bridge.

For those of us who call the Yale Valley home, this is not just a question about an old bridge. It is a question about whether our communities will remain connected to the region around us.



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The 94 year old Yale Bridge stands over Lake Merwin.



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Long standing lots of land in the Yale Valley up for sale.



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For sale signs posted in the Yale Valley.



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The sun shines on some of the newer developed homes seen from highway 503.



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'Stuart Field' one of the long standing generational family lines to call Ariel home.



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Recently developed pavement roads for future home development in the Yale Valley.

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Troy McCoy for Clark County Council

I believe electing Troy McCoy to Clark County Council will bring his honesty, hard work and broad experience to solve real problems for the people of District 5. Troy's years of community service include volunteer work in education, transportation, ethics, clean water and more.

Direct experience in Battle Ground city government means he can avoid the steep learning curve that Council work requires and serve us effectively from Day One. Troy is endorsed by both Democrats and Republicans who describe him as the kind of leader who "brings people together", and will "bridge differences" to deliver fair solutions. He is ready to address land use, livability/affordability, and public safety, among other issues critical to our area. Get to know him, or reach out, via his website, votetroymccoy.com.

Diane Orthel
La Center

Three Individuals Board a Ship

On Sept. 30 at 9pm I was abducted by aliens and taken to their spaceship. To my surprise there were two other young people also aboard, held in restraints. I was seated between them and tied to a chair. I asked the girl on my left who had green hair who she was. She said "my name is irrelevant, my gender is fluid but I identify as non binary, revolutionary to the patriarchal system and I hate all Americans" I replied " so you must be French"?" She retorted " No, I'm just a college student."

To the fellow on my right who had bright fluorescent orange hair I also inquired. "My name is Running Wind and I agree with my brothers in the world struggle, from the River to the Sea and you are standing on stolen ground" I asked him if his grandparents attended Berkeley in the 1960's? He said " Yes, how did you know"? I said, "Just a wild guess."

Just then the Aliens appeared with a universal translator in tow. They said" we have been monitoring your television broadcasts these last years in anticipation of invasion, however we have determined that your species is irredeemable and thus scheduled for extermination". It was at this moment Mr. Orange Hair exclaimed " Do you realize you're standing on stolen ground?"

The aliens turned to me and said "Do you see what we mean?"

I told them "I'm sure if you could listen to some broadcasts from Kamala Harris you might better understand us". The aliens retorted "we have many broadcasts by Ms. Harris and in trying to make sense of her gibberish we are on our third translator as the first two just blew up, these things are expensive and money doesn't grow on asteroids".

Then I said "Perhaps some broadcasts from AOC might help" they turned to me and said " You mean the bartender from the Bronx?"

"Yes that's the one" I said. Then they started laughing and rolling around on the floor in hilarity. "Isn't she the one who said 'Unemployment is low because everyone has two jobs?" Then they high-fived each other and started doing the moonwalk. I then asked them for a private meeting and afterwards they set us free.

Running Wind was amazed and said "what did you tell them?" "It's easy," I said " I told them we're all gonna vote Republican this November".

Tom Regan
Battle Ground

Disclaimer: For those reading literally, this letter is entirely satirical.

Who has the final say: Voters or the Courts?

Dear Editor,

In November 2024, nearly two million Washingtonians did something radical: they took a vote.

Not a legislature. Not a governor. Not a building code council. The people said, "We will keep access to natural gas — the fuel that heats our homes, fills our bathtubs, and cooks our dinner."

They won. A majority of us said yes.

Then, in September 2026, six unelected judges looked at that vote and said, "Actually, no."

The Washington Supreme Court struck down Initiative 2066 in a 6–3 decision, citing the state constitution's single-subject rule as the reason the entire measure was invalid. Whether you think that reasoning is correct or not, the result is the same: the people's vote was erased by people who never had to stand for election.

This is not a disagreement about policy. This is a disagreement about who gets to decide. Our constitution gives the people the power of the initiative precisely so that no small group of experts — judges, bureaucrats, or otherwise — can veto what the majority wants. When the court overrides a ballot measure, it doesn't just kill a law. It tells every citizen in this state: your vote doesn't count if we don't like it.

Here's the good news. For the first time in a long while, five of the nine seats on the Washington Supreme Court are up for election this November. These are not lifetime appointments. These are people who will answer to us, not to a governor.

I'm asking you to vote for justices who understand that their job is to apply the law, not to second-guess the people:

Position #1 – Scott Edwards
Position #3 – David Stevens
Position #4 – Sean O'Donnell
Position #5 – Dave Larson
Position #7 – Todd Bloom

Remember E-SLOB: Edwards, Stevens, Larson, O'Donnell, Bloom.

Our Founders didn't build a system where a handful of robed officials can undo what the people decide. If you believe your vote matters — if you believe the people are the final authority in this state — then please show up this November and vote E-SLOB.

Stop Washington's judicial tyranny.

Sincerely,

Gary Gaskill
Camas, WA

Vote No on I-001

An initiative is not a survey or opinion poll. It basically turns the voting citizenry into a legislature. If an initiative in WA passes, then it becomes state law. Consider I-001. This initiative works totally against the notion, long taught to school students, to find a trustworthy adult to whom they can talk about whatever they choose. Such discussions have long been seen as confidential or at least discretionary.

Suppose a child is gay or abused at home. I-001 will require the school to inform the parent. This may result in punishment or even ostracism. For a few youth, without someone to speak with, it may even lead to suicide. Please vote NO on I-001.

Howard Rubenstein
Ridgefield

Old Town Battle Ground businesses to collaborate on parking solution

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Tuke's Public House & Garden and Urban Basics & Co. are partnering to add nearly 50 paved parking spaces in Old Town Battle Ground, with completion expected by summer 2027.

Two Old Town Battle Ground businesses are partnering to create nearly 50 paved parking spaces on property adjacent to their Main Street locations.

Urban Basics & Co. and Tuke's Public House & Garden are collaborating to develop a parking area on property they own next to their businesses. The property occupies the southern half of a block bordered by SE First and SE Second avenues and facing SE First Street, according to a news release from Amplify Group Inc.

"This is an opportunity to support Old Town Battle Ground's vibrancy by offering a parking solution in close proximity to Main Street businesses," Max Booth, who leads real estate development for Maddox Industrial Transformer and related businesses, said in the press release.

Parking has been identified as a key challenge in the city's Old Town Revitalization Plan.

Booth said additional parking solutions will still be needed to support the area's businesses.

Urban Basics & Co., at 209 E. Main St., offers home goods, gifts, art supplies and vintage items from multiple vendors. Tuke's Public House & Garden, at 113 E. Main St., serves artisan sourdough pizza and offers a selection of locally crafted beverages. The new parking area is expected to improve access to these and other Main Street businesses and be completed by summer 2027.

Hockinson High School theater to present fall play "One Stoplight Town"

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Hockinson High School Theatre Company will present the comedic drama "One Stoplight Town," a collaborative production involving 74 students from Hockinson High School and Hockinson Middle School.

Set in a small town, the play opens with the installation of a new stoplight at its only intersection. The story follows residents over 25 to 30 years as they fall in love, navigate family changes and consider leaving home, according to a Hockinson School District news release.

The production includes about 40 cast members and 25 crew members. Eight student directors helped with casting and shaping the show's vision. The senior leads, who appear in many scenes, are Kieran Harwood as Tom, Sydney Aldridge as Barb and Caleb Carter as Jim.

Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 22-24, with a matinee at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. Shows will take place at Hockinson High School, 16819 NE 159th St., Brush Prairie. Tickets may be purchased on-site or online at shorturl.at/5KW1T.

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Introducing The Reflector's Community Leader Entries: Monthly Leadership Series

A new forum connecting Clark and Cowlitz County residents with the leaders shaping their communities.

Local decisions have a direct impact on everyday life, from the roads we travel and the homes we live in to the businesses that sustain our neighborhoods and the services our families rely on. Understanding how those decisions are made—and what challenges lie ahead—is an important part of an informed and engaged community.

That's why The Reflector is launching the **Clark and Cowlitz County Community Leader Entries: Monthly Leadership Series**, a new print and digital forum designed to bring local leaders and residents closer together through direct conversation about the issues that matter most.

Each month, we will invite community leaders to respond to three timely questions about the opportunities, challenges and priorities facing their cities and towns. Through these responses, readers will hear directly from the people responsible for guiding local policy, managing public resources and planning for the future.

Our inaugural edition features mayors from communities throughout The Reflector's local coverage area. Their responses address three central themes: growth, housing and infrastructure; economic vitality and fiscal health; and the qualities that make their communities unique, along with emerging concerns that deserve greater attention.

As Clark and Cowlitz counties continue to evolve, communities face shared questions about how to accommodate growth, maintain essential services, support local businesses and preserve the character and quality of life that residents value. At the same time, each city has its own priorities, resources and vision for the future.

By presenting leaders' perspectives side by side, this series will help readers better understand both the common challenges facing our region and the different approaches local governments are taking to address them.

The goal is straightforward: to encourage transparency, strengthen civic engagement and give residents a clearer picture of the decisions and priorities shaping their communities. We also hope the series sparks thoughtful conversations among neighbors and encourages residents to stay involved in local government.

This is an ongoing conversation, and the mayors' responses are just the beginning. In future editions, The Reflector will continue inviting community leaders to share their perspectives on the issues affecting life across Clark and Cowlitz counties.

We invite you to read, compare perspectives and join us in following the ideas, decisions and initiatives that will help shape our region's future.

James Doyle
Chief of Staff/Editor

***Editor's note:** Participation requests have been sent to the Mayors of Battle Ground, La Center, Ridgefield, Yacolt and Woodland and will be published based in the order received.*

COMMUNITY LEADER ENTRIES
THE REFLECTOR'S MONTHLY LEADERSHIP SERIES

BATTLE GROUND

Managing Growth While Preserving Our Community

Battle Ground Mayor Eric Overholser



1. Growth, Housing & Infrastructure

Rapid growth across Clark and Cowlitz counties continues to put pressure on local roads, public utilities, and housing supply. What is your single highest-priority infrastructure or development project over the next 12–18 months, and how will your city fund and execute it without overtaxing local residents?

Battle Ground's highest priority over the next 12–18 months is investing in our transportation and water/sewer infrastructure to keep pace with growth and improve safety and mobility. Our 2026 budget included approximately $8 million in street preservation and capital projects, targeting key roadways throughout the city. We have our water and sewer capacities being discussed at the moment, with options for expansion in both currently. The challenge is ensuring growth pays its fair share while protecting existing taxpayers. We will continue to pursue grants, leverage transportation and development-related revenues where appropriate, and prioritize projects based on need, long-term value, and available funding. Growth must be managed thoughtfully, with infrastructure and public services keeping pace with development rather than leaving residents to shoulder the cost after the fact.



Construction continues on West Main Commons, a mixed-use development along West Main Street in Battle Ground on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Photo by Cade Barker

2. Economic Vitality & Fiscal Health

Between shifting retail trends and rising operating costs, maintaining a balanced city budget while supporting local business is an ongoing challenge. What specific steps is your administration taking to attract and retain local businesses, and where do you see the greatest opportunity for commercial growth in your city?

A strong local economy is essential to maintaining quality city services without placing unnecessary burdens on taxpayers. Our focus is on supporting the small businesses that give Battle Ground its identity while attracting new commercial and employment opportunities. We are advancing downtown revitalization and currently have a $50,000 small-business funding program to support local entrepreneurs and strengthen our business community. We also want to make Battle Ground a place where businesses can invest, grow, and create jobs through predictable processes, effective partnerships, and a welcoming business environment.

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Traffic backs up on westbound Main Street while eastbound traffic flows freely in Battle Ground during the afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Photo by Cade Barker







Washington among 4 states with highest rate of whale entanglements, report shows

Olympia is home to the only NOAA-authorized response team in the Pacific Northwest

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Photo courtesy of NOAA Fisheries/Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program

Washington state is home to the only team federally authorized to lead a full response to whale entanglement in the Pacific Northwest.

Across the Pacific coast, reports of large whales tangled in buoys, gillnets and other fishing equipment are increasing.

In 2025, Washington was among four states where nearly 80% of reported whale entanglements occurred, according to a recent report by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Of the Pacific coastal states with the most reports, California had the highest at 27.6%; Alaska had 23.7%; Hawaii, 15.8%; and Washington, 11.8%.

Disentanglement is a dangerous and highly skilled job. There are very few responders federally authorized to lead an entanglement response. Jenn Tackaberry is one of them.

"The whales never know that we're helping," said Tackaberry, co-director of the entanglement response team at the small nonprofit Cascadia Research Collective. "If you think about it, the whales are having one of the worst days of their life."

The organization, based out of Olympia, is home to the only team in the Pacific Northwest federally authorized to lead a full response.

Sometimes, it's too dangerous for the team to respond, Tackaberry said. Whales can become aggravated and slap the surface of the water, make rumbling noises and thrash. When whale behavior is deemed unsafe, the team will leave and try again another day.

Washington had nine of the 76 confirmed reports. Responders fully freed two whales and partially disentangled one. Four whales, including a killer whale, broke free on their own. One gray whale died, and responders could not reach another whale that was last reported still entangled.

Reports in 2025 were up over 50% from 2024. Officials point to warming oceans as one reason for the increase.

Most fishing occurs in coastal ecosystems where biodiversity is abundant. When marine heat waves push colder water against the coast, it leads anchovies, and as a result whales, into fishing territory, said Michael Milstein, NOAA spokesperson.

The crew at the Cascadia Research Collective has five highly trained responders, including Doug Sandilands and John Calambokidis, who are also trained to lead a whale disentanglement. The nonprofit collaborates with other lower-level responders across the region and is a leader in whale necropsy expertise.

During a response, staff members do not get in the water but work from small research boats using poles with hook knives and other gear to cut the lines.

Many entanglement responders are seeing more reports than usual this year, which historically occur during El Niño conditions, Tackaberry said. The higher number of 2026 responses has already taken up their budget, she added.

On top of that, the nonprofit will face a gap in federal funding beginning in January due to the cancellation of a federal grant in 2025, Tackaberry said.

"2027 is shaping up to be a tough year," she said. Funding is needed to "respond to animals in need, and ensure proper data is collected to prevent future human-caused injury and mortality in the future."

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We have recently completed our Comprehensive Plan, with the focus of jobs growth to the West in our Westside Employment zone, a land use and planning designation targeting jobs growth and economic expansion towards Dollars corner. Our greatest opportunity lies in building a more diverse commercial base, revitalizing Old Town, and expanding local shopping, dining, and employment options so residents can spend more of their time and money in our own community.



Community leaders gather around new playground equipment at the freshly reopened Florence Robison Park in Battle Ground located along Northwest Ninth Street on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Photo by Cade Barker

3. Livability & Community Vision

Beyond roads and budgets, what do you consider your city's greatest non-financial asset or strength today, and what is one emerging issue or concern facing your residents that you feel isn't getting enough attention?

Battle Ground's greatest asset is its sense of community. We have the opportunity to grow while retaining the small-town character, strong community connections, parks, local businesses, and neighborhood identity that make this a special place to live. One concern deserving greater attention is how we preserve affordability and quality of life as our community grows. Housing costs, traffic congestion, and the availability of everyday services affect families at every stage of life. We must plan for a range of housing options, invest in safe and connected transportation, and ensure parks and public services keep pace with population growth. Our goal is not simply to become a larger city; it is to build a stronger, more livable Battle Ground where current residents and future generations can live and thrive.





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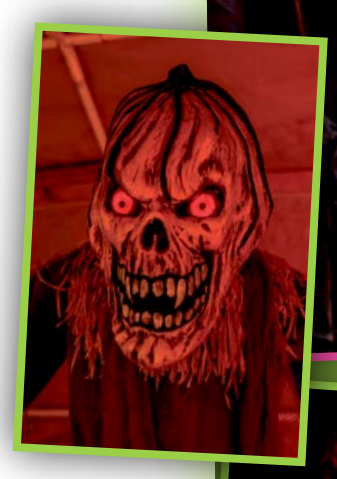
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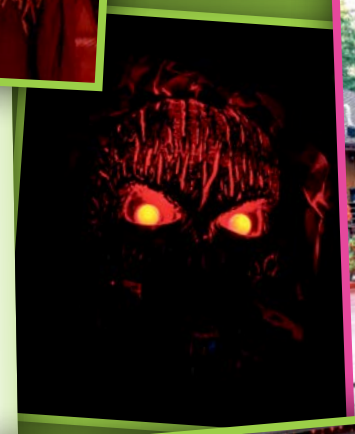














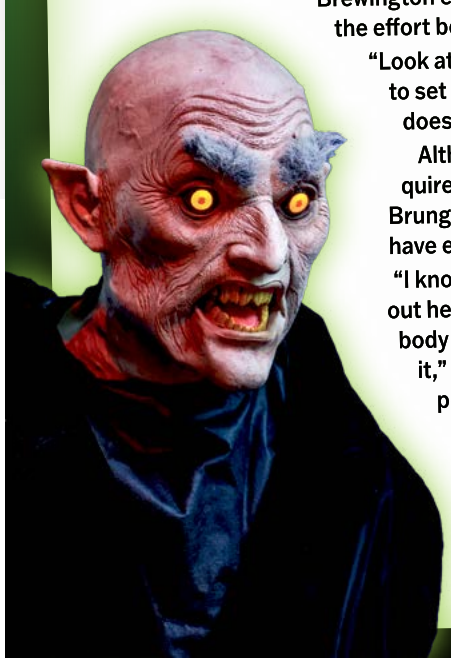












CADE BARKER

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For Linda Brungardt and her husband, Gene, Halloween is more than a single night of costumes and candy. It is a tradition that takes weeks of preparation and decades of decorating experience, all shared with the community at no cost.

The couple has decorated for Halloween and Christmas for about 40 years, opening their elaborate displays to the public for the past four years. Their Halloween attraction, known as Spooktacular Haunted Acres, features oversized monsters and themed scenes.

"Because we love Halloween and we love Christmas and we want to share it and we want people to be able to come and don't have to pay anything, they just come to enjoy it, bring their kids," Brungardt said. "So if the kids are happy, we are happy."

Preparing the display requires considerable time and help. Brungardt said she and Gene hired two to three additional people to help with the work, which began in mid-August and was completed by Oct. 1.

Mike Brewington, a friend of the couple who records the attraction with a drone, said the display continues to grow and change each year. His aerial footage is posted to YouTube under the name Spooktacular Haunted Acres.

The decorations also require significant storage space. Brungardt said the couple stores items in railroad cars on property down the road, as well as in the garage and guest house. The decorations extend beyond the outdoor displays.

"Not only is this all decorated, my whole house inside," Brungardt said.

For Brungardt, the creative process and seeing visitors enjoy the finished product are the most rewarding parts of the project.

Once Halloween passes, the couple begins preparing for Christmas, which Brungardt said attracts even more visitors. The Christmas display is larger and brighter, and the property drew groups of visitors, including buses, last year.

The couple also welcomes trick-or-treaters on Halloween night, although Brungardt said they typically see about 40 children. Rain has affected attendance in recent years.

Brewington encouraged visitors to consider the effort behind the attraction.

"Look at the size and think what it takes to set it up," Brewington said. "Yeah. It doesn't happen overnight."

Although the rural location requires some visitors to travel farther, Brungardt said those who make the trip have enjoyed the displays.

"I know we're rural. It's kind of a ways out here for people to drive, but everybody that's come has really enjoyed it," Brungardt said. "We just want more people to come and enjoy it."

The Spooktacular display is located at 21304 NE 249th Ave., Battle Ground, and is open to the public to visit nightly through Halloween night from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Lifestyles *Senior Living*

Battle Ground senior finds painting inspiration in Clark County wildlife and mountains

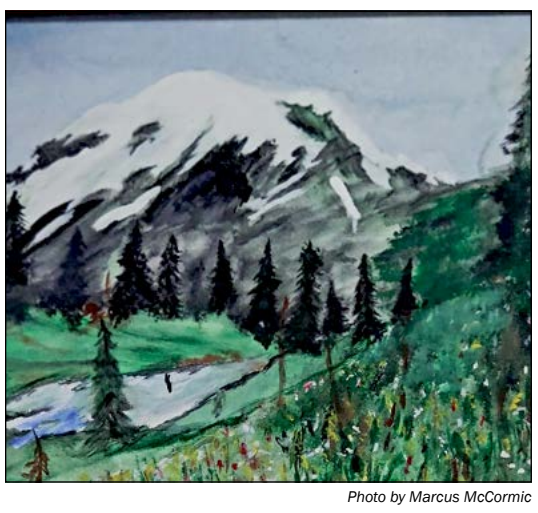


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A painting of a mountain by Battle Ground senior Betty Beamon.

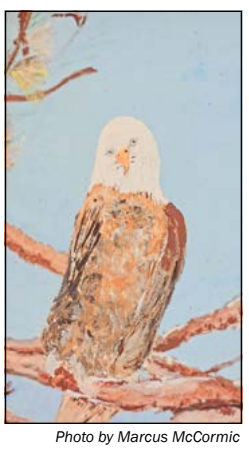


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A painting of a river along a forest by Battle Ground senior Betty Beamon.



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A painting of a river by a forest by Battle Ground senior Betty Beamon.



Photo by Marcus McCormic

Betty Beamon presents her artwork, based on a photograph of a deer taken by Cade Barker for The Reflector, to Reflector Chief of Staff James Doyle on Friday Oct. 2.

Photo by Cade Barker

A black-tailed buck pokes his head above long grass in a field on the Olympic Peninsula.

MARCUS MCCORMIC
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A local Battle Ground senior citizen is making award winning paintings of Clark County scenery at the age of 92.

"Why did I get into painting? Because I love the trees, mountain; God made those for us," Beamon said.

For her entire life, Beamon has been noticing and trying to capture the beauty of the things she sees.

"My art is the very center of my universe because it gives me something to keep me busy," Beamon said.

Her apartment decorations consist of photographs of her family and the works of art she has done over the years.

The first painting she made when she moved into this space, around 26 years ago, was a painting of the old Cedar Creek Grist Mill.

For a long time she said she wanted a kitchen window, so when a nearby house was being torn down, she asked for a window frame and put it up in her kitchen.

Behind the window she stuck a painting she made of Mount St. Helens.

"Mountains are very spatial," Beamon said. "Colorado has got some beautiful mountain scenery and here we have Mount Hood and Mount St. Helens."

Where Beamon gets inspiration from varies, sometimes it's the nature around her, other times it may be her own imagination but sometimes it comes from what other people have captured.



Photo by Marcus McCormic

A window with a painting of Mount St. Helens behind it meant to simulate having a kitchen window in Betty Beamon's kitchen at her apartment.

"I painted the deer that was in the paper," Beamon said. "I liked the picture and said 'whoa, I'm gonna paint that.'"

Beamon has entered her paintings into contests and won awards as well as sold her paintings to people who enjoy them.

One piece of work she did was a painting of a mountain, but she didn't know what to put into the foreground until a friend of hers mentioned she owned a cabin.

That cabin suggestion is what Beamon added to complete the painting she was working on.

With her success and skill in painting, she has been offered several opportunities to join local art communities, but she's chosen to decline.

"I want to create my own, and enjoy the sceneries and the people, the birds especially and the squirrels," Beamon said.

One thing she wants to leave behind is a legacy for her children and grandchildren.

Beamon was born in Franklin, Nebraska, and moved to Colorado at age 12. After spending five years in a hospital because of an illness, she moved to California.

It was there that she met her husband Bob, and then in the year 1962, she and Bob moved up to Amboy, Washington.

Together they helped to start the Territorial Days and invested their lives in their community.

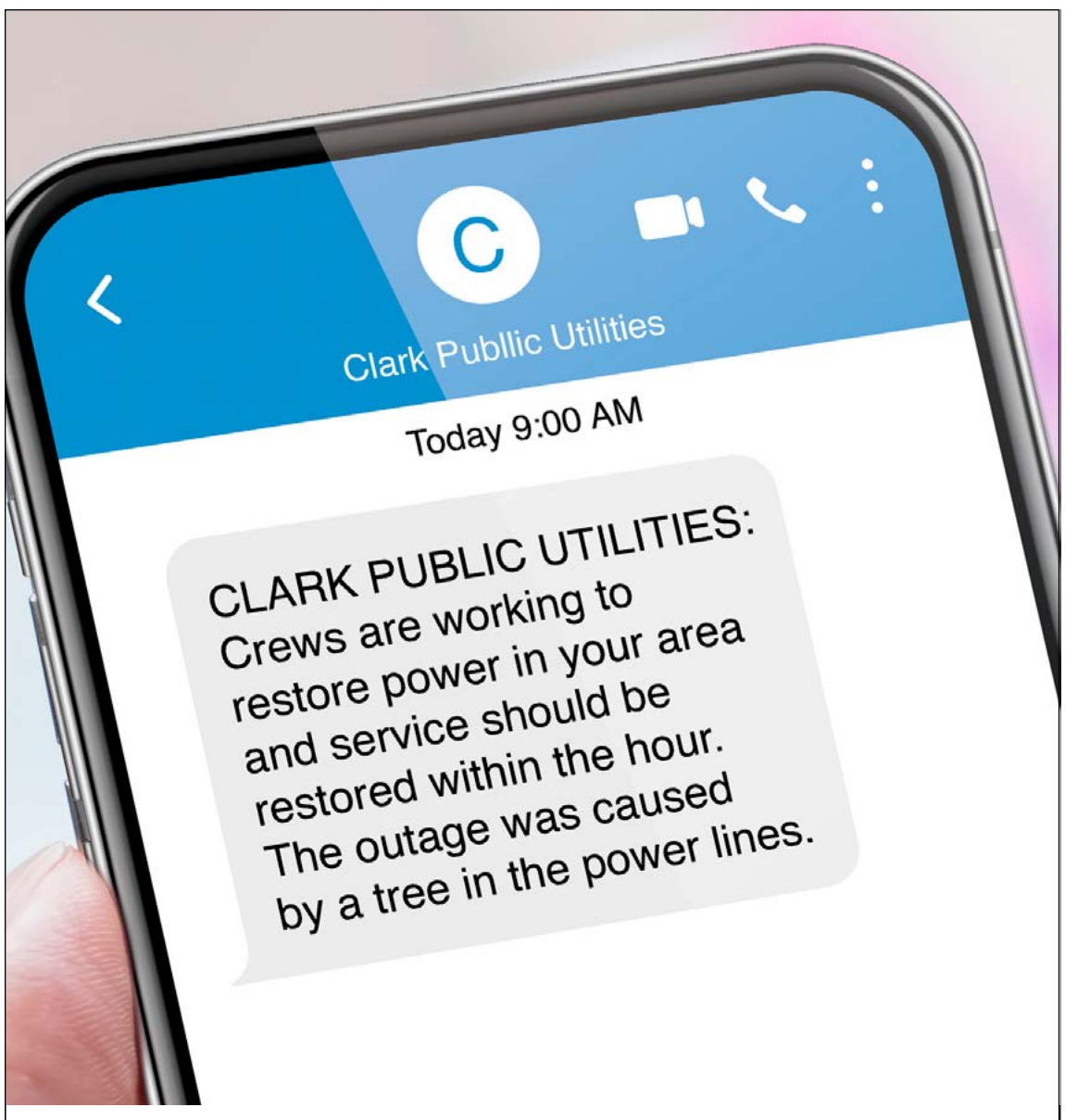
Her work allows her to capture what she says is God's handiwork in creation.

One of the more recent works she has been working on is paintings to give to her grandchildren individually.

"I am making one picture for each grandchild specifically," Beamon said. " Some of them, I can see them in it."

Her art and inspiration is always to capture the beauty she sees in the world around her, whether in the animals or the nature of the area.

"I love the afterglow of it, what you can create," Beamon said.



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Lifestyles *Paws for Pets*

Clark County's first cat cafe adopts out over a hundred cats in first three months

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



Photo by Marcus McCormic

Furry Friends executive director Jenn Hutchman and board of directors member Diane Stevens holding two cats at the Furry Friends Cat Shelter on Tuesday Oct. 13.

A total of 118 cats have been adopted thanks to a partnership between Milky & Coco's Kit-tea Cafe and Furry Friends Cat Shelter.

"I'm thrilled that we have this partnership with the cat cafe," said Furry Friends board of directors member Diane Stevens. "It gives another opportunity for the public to come and see our cats."

Milky & Coco's Kit-tea Cafe opened in late July off of Mill Plain Boulevard in Vancouver and is the first cat cafe in Clark County.

At the cafe, people can pay for an hourlong session to meet, play with and even hold the cats. Additionally, every cat is up for adoption through Furry Friends.

"We supply all the cats, and usually there's 25 or more there at any given time," said Furry Friends Executive Director Jenn Hutchman. "We supply the cat food, litter, the volunteers to clean up after and feed the cats, bedding, cat trees, basically anything the cats need."

Furry Friends' partnership with the cafe is classified as foster housing, which allows the shelter to retain responsibility for the cats' needs, including supplies and medical care.

"We want to make sure that we're still consistently there for our cats," Hutchman said.

Having the cafe house and care for the cats allows Furry Friends to take in more cats and give them more exposure to potential adopters.

One thing that has caught the shelter staff by surprise is how many adult cats have been adopted from the location, rather than kittens.

"There's been some adoptions there that would not have happened here," Hutchman said. "The cafe really is giving these cats a better chance of finding homes."

The partnership with Milky & Coco's has strengthened the shelter's connection to the community and provided another avenue for addressing the large influx of cats.

According to Stevens, there are thousands of cats in Clark County, and many of the cats the shelter has taken in are from hoarding situations.

One factor contributing to the increase in cats across the county can be traced to the effects COVID-19 had on veterinary clinics and the services they provided.

"The spay and neuter services were halted, and so there were a lot more kittens created. Now those ones are having kittens," Hutchman said.

With such a high number of cats needing care, the organization has continued to grow since it started.

Though there are only two part-time staff members and two full-time staff members, the number of volunteers has reached 280.

"We have grown within the last six or seven years. Back then, to adopt out 200 cats was a big deal. This last year we adopted out 1,000 cats," Stevens said. "She's getting calls every day for people to give us their cats."

While Furry Friends was established in 2020, its ability to help stray cats and provide medical care has continued to grow.

Within the last year, the shelter has arranged procedures such as amputations and the removal of a bullet from a cat's head.

"We partner with all the veterinarians around here, which means we can get a rescue deal on certain surgeries," Hutchman said.

The organization is developing a dedicated medical building where it hopes to hire a full-time veterinarian.

A big difference that shapes the way Furry Friends operates compared with other shelters, such as the Humane Society, is its funding model.

"They're funded by large grants, large donors. They have this open pool of funding, but we don't have contracts with anybody," Hutchman said. "It's all just from our community, which I think is amazing, because then that empowers everybody out there to know that their money can make a difference."

At the center of the shelter's mission is the desire to help the community and stray cats at the same time.

"We try to focus on the ones that need us the most and the ones that are in someone's home, they don't need us that much," Hutchman said.

Another difference between Furry Friends and the Humane Society is that Furry Friends does not accept owner-surrendered cats.

Instead, Furry Friends prioritizes cases involving cats the organization takes in, including cats abandoned in apartments, left in carriers at parks and kittens found in car engines.

"There's so many that need our help that we can't ignore those ones by taking in owner relinquishments," Hutchman said.

According to Stevens and Hutchman, there are several things people can do to help address the problem.

First, if you're taking care of a stray cat, get it spayed or neutered, especially if it's a male.

Second, if you have a cat, keep it indoors.

Third, adopt one of the cats from the shelter and give it a good home.

"Anybody that's looking for a cat, they can always go to our website and there's a button they can push there to see what cats are adoptable," Stevens said.

Furry Friends is a nonprofit organization established to care for stray, abused and abandoned cats throughout Clark County.

For information about them visit furryfriendswa.org or email them information@furryfriendswa.org.

Milky & Coco's Kit-tea Cafe is Vancouver's first cat cafe located at 5000 E Fourth Plain Blvd #103 Vancouver, WA 98661.

The cafe's hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily and closes at 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

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Autumn colors on the roads less traveled

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Traveling east past Cougar, golden maples line Forest Service Road 90.



Photo by James Doyle

Descending into Carson after leaving the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, you are welcomed by the towering backdrop of the Columbia River Gorge.



Photo by James Doyle

A maple tree stands alone overlooking Swift Reservoir on a recently logged hillside.



Photo by James Doyle

Golden yellows reside on the banks of the Lewis River crossing the bridge at Eagle Cliff.



Photo by James Doyle

Vibrant autumn foliage blankets Curly Creek Road.

This past weekend, my family and I embarked on the fourth anniversary of one of our favorite autumn traditions. Each year, once elk hunting season comes to a close, we select one Saturday between mid October to mid November to enjoy some of the most scenic fall foliage the Gifford Pinchot has to offer.

Our travels start on highway 503 at the southeast corner of Cowlitz County in Cougar. Our route follows the shores of Swift Reservoir, passes beneath the evergreens of Curly Creek Road, and eventually concludes via the Wind River Highway on the outskirts of the Columbia River Gorge.

For our family every year, this is an opportunity to appreciate the remarkable landscape we have practically in our backyard. Go too early, and the maples and cotton woods that line the Wind River highway will still be in their final stages of green. Wait too long into fall, and the cycle of yellows and oranges will have turned to brown and already cover the sides of the road.

Leaving Cougar, the route will carry you east through the tunnels of alders that overlook the cliffs of the Swift Reservoir. We discovered this year that recent logging on these cliff sides blessed us with remarkable views of the reservoir as you travel Forest Service Road 90. As you head further east, the subtle transition in foliage becomes increasingly apparent—alders gradually give way to maples, painted in ever-more vibrant shades of yellow and orange.

You will then enjoy your last glimpse of the Lewis River as you cross the bridge at Eagle Cliff. This year, the banks of the river were shining in a vibrant yellow foliage. Give a quick wave to the rural Northwoods community before turning onto Curly Creek Road. Here, the character of the drive becomes part of the experience. The pavement bends through the mountains, trees crowd the roadside, and each turn offers another glimpse of the forest's autumn transformation. The journey is not about speed, especially for those of us with car-sick prone children. Our family looks with anticipation in this stage of the drive, not yet knowing where within the fall cycle our drive will be this year.

One of the memorable stops along the way will be McClellan Viewpoint, a familiar destination for those seeking a breathtaking view of Mount St. Helens and the surrounding mountain country. The viewpoint offers a reminder of just how expansive this landscape is, even when the journey itself takes place along narrow, winding roads beneath a canopy of trees. This stop is usually dictated by the amount of cloud cover in the forecast, unfortunately this year the mountain could not be seen.

From there, the route continues through the forest as you turn onto the Wind River Highway. The beauty of this country lies partly in that contrast: the enduring green of the conifers alongside deciduous trees preparing for winter, with color and texture changing from one stretch of road to the next. A once busy highway during the summer season is now lined with closed camp grounds and the occasional deer hunter. While our regional fall foliage might not match the deep crimson maples found on the East Coast, the brilliant contrast between the yellow cottonwood trees and the vibrant red and orange vine maples along Paradise Creek is a sight that will make anyone proud to call Washington home.

As you exit the Gifford Pinchot, you will be greeted by the towering backdrop of the high hills of the Columbia River Gorge. Our family concludes our drive at the original location for Backwoods Brewing in Carson. After a day spent appreciating the natural beauty of the region, ending in a local gathering place always feels like the right conclusion. The mountains, forests, reservoirs and winding roads are part of what makes this corner of Washington special, but so are the small communities and local businesses that give these places their character.

Autumn is a fleeting season. The colors change, the leaves fall, and the landscape soon takes on the whisper of winter. That is part of what makes these days worth documenting. They capture a particular moment in a place that continues to change with the seasons.

For anyone looking for a way to appreciate fall in our region, this route deserves consideration. Travel with care, allow extra time for the winding forest roads, and take advantage of the opportunities to stop and enjoy the view.

Experiencing autumn does not necessarily require an elaborate vacation or a distant destination. Sometimes, all it takes is a willingness to take the scenic route, leave yourself time to stop, and pay attention.

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WDFW: The rut is on; watch for deer on the move

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Try using a little less pressure on the accelerator this fall when driving; deer are especially active in November as the rut (mating season) is at its peak.

Additionally, many animals from each of Washington's three deer species are migrating from the high country to lower elevations where they spend the winter. During this time, it also starts getting dark earlier. This all adds up to the need for drivers to slow down and be extra vigilant to protect both themselves and deer.

Deer and other cervids (elk, moose and caribou) in North America accumulate and store nutritional reserves during the summer and fall, and mostly live off those reserves over the winter. This means they are working hard to store up fat reserves now by moving to areas where foraging is better, to balance activity versus energy reserves when the weather cools down.

"Migratory deer in central Washington leave their summer ranges during this time of year because snow levels are too deep in these areas for them to manage during winter," said Brendan Oates, ungulate specialist with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). "The quality of vegetation available for forage on winter range is nowhere close to what it is on summer range."

Around Central and Eastern Washington, this includes mule deer and some white-tailed deer moving down from the Cascades, Kettle Range, Selkirks and Blue Mountains to winter ranges in the valleys and Columbia Basin shrubsteppe. In Western Washington, certain groups of black-tailed deer migrate from summer ranges high in the Cascade and Olympic Mountains to spend the winter in lower elevation forests and valleys.

In the process of this move from one range to another, deer often cross busy highways. Roadways with high traffic volumes create barriers to habitat connectivity and can force deer into dangerous situations with vehicles, as well as endanger human lives.

Deer also become less attentive to potential danger during the rut as they are focused on finding a mate and are more prone to jumping out in front of a vehicle. The time change associated with daylight saving time can also take a toll on deer. Deer are most active at dawn and dusk. With more people driving after dark and before sunrise in the late fall and winter, it is important to be especially watchful and drive carefully during these times.

Collisions with deer and wildlife species of all kinds are tracked through three sources by the Washington state Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and the numbers are staggering.

Local law enforcement agencies and the Washington State Patrol submit collision reports to WSDOT. Nationwide, it is estimated that 1 million deer-vehicle collisions occur annually, with an associated cost of more than $1 billion in vehicle damages and 29,000 human injuries.

Carcass removal records

WSDOT maintenance crews remove roadkill from state highways and have been tracking the number of carcasses, including deer and elk, since the mid-1970s. Data from those efforts suggest that around 5,000 collisions with deer and nearly 300 collisions with elk occur each year.

Numbers from 2018 through 2022 estimate that there are 13,382 annual deer-vehicle collisions when a correction factor is applied to account for animals that are hit by vehicles but not discovered or reported by road crews (this number doesn't include elk, moose or other species).

The average cost of a deer-vehicle collision was estimated at $14,014 per collision in 2022. That adds up to over $187 million per year in damages and other costs associated with deer-vehicle collisions on Washington highways.

Community salvage records

In most counties, WDFW allows members of the public to legally salvage road-killed deer and elk as long as they obtain a salvage permit within 24 hours of picking up a carcass (salvaging roadkill in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties is not allowed due to the presence of the federally-protected Columbian white-tailed deer subspecies). WDFW also asks salvagers to have their deer or elk tested for chronic wasting disease. Salvage data collected by WDFW is provided to WSDOT for their tracking purposes.

During the first full six years of legal salvage (2017-2022), community members reported the removal of 4,876 deer and 1,584 elk from Washington highways. This represents 18% of total deer carcass removals and 63% of total elk carcass removals over the same time period.

All of the data gathered through these three sources is analyzed to pinpoint deer-vehicle collision locations and helps engineers develop safety plans to reduce collisions.

"For the first time, the federal government has created funding mechanisms intended to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and increase habitat connectivity, which will be allocated on a competitive basis," said Glen Kalisz, habitat connectivity biologist with WSDOT. "This data not only helps us identify and mitigate the worst wildlife-vehicle collision locations in the state, but also gives us a competitive edge when applying for those funds."

It also informs drivers where to be the most vigilant to the presence of both deer and elk, such as the following areas with some of the highest wildlife-vehicle interactions in the state:

- State highways north of Spokane, such as U.S. 395 from Chewelah north to Kettle Falls and U.S. 2 from North Spokane to Cusick where highways intersect with white-tailed deer wintering grounds. U.S. 2 north of Spokane is also a moose collision hotspot.
- State routes 124 and U.S. 12 in southeast Washington where the roadways follow the Touchet River Valley from about Lamar up to the intersection with Highway 261. This area has an abundance of white-tailed deer.
- I-90 in the vicinity of the town of Sprague experiences deer, elk, and moose-vehicle collisions. A human fatality involving a moose collision was recently reported in this area.
- Busy highways north and west of Wenatchee, specifically Highway 97 near Blewett Pass and along the Okanogan and Columbia Rivers, particularly between the towns of Riverside and Tonasket where wildlife crossing and fencing projects are underway. There is an abundant mule deer population outside of the city.
- U.S. 97 north of Goldendale.
- I-90 in the Easton/Cle Elum vicinity and the Ryegrass to Vantage area. Ryegrass to Vantage has the highest number of elk/vehicle collisions on the east side of the state.
- Along state Routes 20 and 525 on Whidbey Island.
- Areas where highways intersect the Cascade Mountains such as U.S. Highway 12 in the Packwood-Randle vicinity as well as near Satsop and Montesano, on state Route 20, and on I-90 near North Bend. These are all elk-vehicle collision hotspots.
- Highways 101 and 4 close to Willapa Bay. This area has high rates of collisions involving elk.
- U.S. Highway 101 between Port Angeles and Sequim experiences high levels of deer-vehicle collisions by Western Washington standards.
- Interstate 5 in Southwest Washington experiences above average wildlife-vehicle collision rates, particularly with black-tailed deer. While collision rates in this location are not as high compared to some others, the high volume of traffic and speed of travel merit this location's inclusion.



Photo by Cade Barker

A Columbian white-tailed buck snorts and pants while in the vicinity of a doe at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge River S Unit during the 2025 buck rut.

While deer and elk are the most common roadkill collected, please be alert for other wildlife crossing roadways as well. While all large animals are considered together for the map of large animal-vehicle collisions, the results are driven by deer collisions, which equaled over 80% of the total records.

Tips to avoid collisions with wildlife

WSDOT has some design tactics it uses to encourage animals to stay off highways — primarily wildlife fencing and wildlife crossings — which consistently reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions by 80-90% when deployed together and allow unencumbered wildlife movement across roads.

Even so, drivers are recommended to use the following preventative measures to avoid hitting wild animals:

- Slow down and be extra alert for wildlife, especially during the rut and migration season in the fall and in the spring when fawns follow does across roads.
- Deer often move in small herds so seeing one deer is often an indicator that more deer may be present. If you stop to let a deer cross the road, pause long enough to ensure that more aren't following.
- Treat the road shoulder like an extra traffic lane. Be on the lookout for animal activity as if they represent merging traffic.
- Headlights confuse deer and may cause them to move erratically or stop. If you see a deer on the side of the road or in front of you, be prepared for it to potentially approach your vehicle.
- If a collision with a deer seems imminent, take your foot off the accelerator and brake lightly. Keep a firm hold on the steering wheel while keeping the vehicle straight. Do not swerve in an attempt to miss the deer. Studies show that more serious crashes occur when drivers swerve to avoid an animal as it could cause you to lose control of your vehicle and possibly roll over or hit another car or object.

If a motorist accidentally hits and kills a deer, WDFW advises them to move the animal off the road if it can be done safely, then report the collision to the appropriate authorities. Do not try to remove dead animals from a high traffic roadway due to safety concerns. Instead, report the collision to law enforcement and let them know the carcass is still in the roadway. They will alert WSDOT staff to safely remove it.

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Oh man! La Center's warrior in the trenches

CHRIS BARKER
For The Reflector

A football game, at any level, is won and lost in the trenches.

The trench, as it pertains to football, is the line of scrimmage. The line of scrimmage is where the offensive, and defensive lines meet to start the play. Positions of such are offensive tackles, guards, centers, and sometimes a tight end. Defensively there are tackles, nose guards, defensive ends, and sometimes the linebacker stepping up to the line of scrimmage.

One La Center Wildcat may have opponents saying, "Oh man!" when they have to face him at multiple positions in the trenches.

In the Wildcats' matchup against Seton Catholic on Friday, Oct. 16, La Center senior Connor Ohman occupied three positions in the trench. Ohman played both left and right tackle on offense, and nose guard on defense.

Ohman stands at over six-feet three-inches tall and weighs 285 pounds. He clearly enjoys spending time in the weight room. He occupies a lot of space on the field, especially when playing defense at the nose guard position. When Ohman is playing nose guard, there is rarely a play where the offense is not attempting to block him without at least two players, called a double team block.

With his stature, and ability to move with great agility, Ohman is accustomed to taking on those double teams. The football lineman does not often get the glory, and said glory is generally reserved for the quarterbacks, running backs, and receivers.

"Yeah, that kind of reflects on the entire idea of a lineman," Ohman said. "Linemen do all the dirty work, my opinion of the glory side of it, I'm honestly totally fine without any of the glory."

On offense, Ohman switches regularly between the left and right tackle position, depending on the formation and play call.

"We switch so I'm the quick tackle, which means I can be on the left side and the strong side depending on where we are on the field, and what down it is in our situation," Ohman said. "It mostly revolves around our playbook."



Photo by Chris Barker

La Center's Connor Ohman gets ready for battle in the trenches from his nose guard position during their game against Seton Catholic on Friday, Oct. 16.



Photo by Chris Barker

La Center offensive tackle Connor Ohman, No. 77, blocks a Seton Catholic opponent during their game on Friday, Oct. 16.

Ohman studies game film to better understand the game, and how he and the team's linemen are doing, both positively and negatively to see where they can improve. He wants to instill good habits and more film study to the younger group of linemen coming up in the program, taking seriously the leadership responsibilities he has as a senior.

During school hours, Ohman has an obvious favorite class.

"My favorite class right now, honestly, is probably the weight room," Ohman said. "It's my favorite one. I get to work out every day, stay consistent, and weight train."

After graduation with the class of 2027, Ohman has his sights set in the trades. He plans on applying for an electrical apprenticeship, with the goal of becoming a journeyman electrician.



Photo by Chris Barker

La Center Wildcat left tackle Connor Ohman is set and ready for an offensive play during their game against Seton Catholic on Friday, Oct. 16.



La Center defensive nose guard Connor Ohman, No. 77, takes on a double team block during the La Center versus Seton Catholic game on Friday, Oct. 16.

Photo by Chris Barker







La Center stumbles in 14-7 loss to Seton Catholic



Photo by Cade Barker

La Center sophomore defender Jack Fox leaps in an attempt to tip a pass during the Wildcats' 14-7 loss to the Seton Catholic Cougars on Friday, Oct. 16.



Photo by Cade Barker

La Center sophomore quarterback Brody Mills loads up a deep pass in the Wildcats' 14-7 loss to the Seton Catholic Cougars on Friday, Oct. 16.

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The La Center Wildcats were unable to gain momentum in a stalemate-esque gridiron affair with the Seton Catholic Cougars on Friday, Oct. 16.

The result was a 14-7 loss for the Wildcats in a marquee 1A Trico League matchup that La Center High School football coach John Lambert believes should have been a two-score game in favor for the Wildcats in the first quarter.

"Just stupid little penalties. We should have been up 14-0 in the first quarter. And we just shot ourselves in the foot," Lambert said.

Lambert said missed assignments and undisciplined penalties hurt his team in a loss to Seton, despite a defensive effort that limited the opponent's running game.

In the first quarter, the Wildcats lined up for a field goal, rather than landing on the scoreboard up 3-0, La Center was trying to chase down the Cougars after a blocked field goal returned for a touchdown.

Lambert emphasized that football requires every player to execute his assignment on each play, noting that even a small mistake can derail an otherwise successful sequence.

"It's little things. On that block, (point-after) team, it takes one guy not to do his job," Lambert said. "And so, we talked all week about, you know, the play lasts five, six seconds, every play. We need to get locked in during those five or six seconds."

The Wildcats bounced back with a first half rushing touchdown by way of senior running back Brady Brandenburg.

The La Center defense held strong, giving up just one

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WEEK SEVEN FOOTBALL SCORES

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Prairie 16, Heritage 14
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Seton Catholic 14, La Center 7



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La Center junior running back Adrian Whited cuts up field on a big play for the Wildcats in their 14-7 loss to the Seton Catholic Cougars on Friday, Oct. 16.

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Spudders volleyball gains three league wins last week

The Ridgefield Spudders volleyball team earned three 2A Greater St. Helens League wins last week.

The first came in a thrilling five set rematch, winning 3-2 over the Columbia River Rapids on Monday, Oct. 12, revenging an earlier season loss to River. The Spudders immediately followed up the next day with a three-set win over the Washougal Panthers on Tuesday, Oct. 13 before finishing the week with another three-set win over the Mark Morris Monarchs on Thursday, Oct. 15.

Entering this week, the Spudders landed in second place behind River, both at 9-1 in the league standings.

Ridgefield first hosted the Hockinson Hawks on Tuesday, Oct. 20, results were unavailable at press time, the Spudders next travel north on Interstate 5 for a matchup with the Woodland Beavers on Thursday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.



Photo by Cade Barker

Ridgefield's 6-foot-7 junior middle blocker Piper Moog rejects the ball at the net in the Spudders' three-set win over Washougal High School on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

La Center

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touchdown from the Seton offense. In the big scheme of things, the Wildcat defense dominated the entire game besides the lone Cougar touchdown drive.

Lambert praised the Wildcats' defensive performance, particularly their ability to contain Seton's ground game. He described the unit's effort as a collective achievement while highlighting Jett Johnson's consistent contributions.

"Boy, they couldn't run the ball on us, obviously. … It just really was a team effort from the defense," he said.

"Kids like Jett Johnson. Week in and week out, our best defensive player. And he gives his effort all the time," Lambert highlighted.

The Wildcats drove the ball deep into Seton Catholic territory in the final minutes of the fourth quarter. In the red zone with less than a minute remaining, looking to tie, a fourth-down passing play resulted in the ball being thrown into the ground before the line of scrimmage, ending the Wildcats' hopes.



Photo by Chris Barker

La Center senior Nate Rembisz awaits to catch the opening kickoff in the Wildcats' 14-7 loss to the Seton Catholic Cougars on Friday, Oct. 16.

The week may look longer after falling short of remaining undefeated in the 1A Trico League as the Wildcats will line up against Castle Rock High School to remain in second place in the Trico League. Both the Wildcats and Rockets enter week eight 3-1 in league play.

Lambert said players must take responsibility for improving during film sessions, practices and team meetings. He pointed to penalties, missed reads, ball security and blocking assignments as areas requiring attention in preparation for the final stretch of the season.

"I feel like this team has the character to come back from a game like this," he said, "and show what they're really able to do. We just have to make sure that we're focusing on the details, and get better at the little stuff."

The La Center Wildcats will host Castle Rock High School on Friday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. before finishing off the year with another home matchup against the Fort Vancouver Trappers on Friday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.



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La Center senior Nate Rembisz awaits to catch the opening kickoff in the Wildcats' 14-7 loss to the Seton Catholic Cougars on Friday, Oct. 16.



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La Center senior running back Jack Glackler commands three Seton Catholic defenders to tackle him in the Wildcats' 14-7 loss to the Seton Catholic Cougars on Friday, Oct. 16.



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La Center senior linebacker Jett Johnson, No. 4, blitzes through the middle of the line during the Wildcats' 14-7 loss to the Seton Catholic Cougars on Friday, Oct. 16.



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La Center sophomore quarterback Brody Mills twists his body to launch a deep pass in the Wildcats' 14-7 loss to the Seton Catholic Cougars on Friday, Oct. 16.

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Ridgefield girls soccer leans on defense, team play in 1-0 win over Woodland



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Ridgefield sophomore forward Rory Peck keeps her eye on the ball as it bounces during the Spudders' 1-0 win over Woodland High School on Tuesday, Oct. 13.



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Ridgefield junior midfielder Sydney Dalrymple anticipates a header between two Woodland defenders in the Spudders' 1-0 win over Woodland High School on Tuesday, Oct. 13.



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Woodland senior midfielder Emma Gonzalez gathers the ball between Ridgefield defenders in the Beavers' 1-0 loss to Ridgefield High School on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

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Ridgefield High School's girls soccer team continued to build momentum with a 1-0 victory over the Woodland Beavers on Tuesday, Oct. 13, relying on a coordinated team effort and a defense that has made scoring difficult for league opponents.

The Spudders found the early breakthrough from Kennedy Byers, who scored off an assist from Izzy Brown, and carried the 1-0 lead into halftime before holding on for the shutout performance by goalkeeper Opal Ruddy. Aurora Horning was named Ridgefield's Player of the Game by coaches.

Head coach Mallory Hall said the matchup carried significance for both teams and required a full 80 minutes of effort.

"It was a hard-fought game, you know. We knew coming in that this was going to mean a lot to both teams and that it was going to have to take 80 minutes of full effort," Hall said. "I'm really proud of my girls for understanding the gravity of this game and coming up and showing up for the challenge."

Ridgefield's success came through the style of play Hall and her team have worked to establish in recent games. Rather than relying on individual efforts, the Spudders have focused on moving the ball efficiently, building attacks together and creating quality scoring opportunities.

"I really think it was just good team soccer tonight," Hall said. "It's what we've been really trying to string together these last couple of games of playing in that one-and-two touch, building up as a team, creating good opportunities, and then just putting the ball in the back of the net."

The defensive performance was equally important. Hall expressed confidence in Ruddy and the back line, noting the team's success at preventing opponents from scoring during league play.

"You know, I have the belief that I have the best keeper in the state and one of the best back lines in the state," Hall said. "And so we have yet in league play to have an in-play goal scored on us. And so hopefully that's what we can continue doing and just lock teams down."

With the postseason approaching, Hall said the Spudders are working to stay focused on the immediate challenge rather than looking too far ahead. The team's approach centers on treating each matchup as its own test and respecting every opponent.



Photo by Cade Barker

Woodland senior forward Riley Jones Huezo passes the ball away from Ridgefield sophomore forward Aurora Horning in the Beavers' 1-0 loss to Ridgefield High School on Tuesday, Oct. 13.



Photo by Cade Barker

Ridgefield senior midfielder Savvy Semlick controls the ball away from Woodland sophomore midfielder Camryn Elkinton in the Spudders' 1-0 win over Woodland High School on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

"I mean, I wouldn't consider it revenge," Hall said when asked about the significance of the win over Woodland after suffering a 1-0 loss to the Beavers earlier in the season. "I think it's more just, one team at a time. We understand that we have a lot in our own control and we want to make sure that we don't leave it up to anybody else."

Hall said Ridgefield's players have embraced that mentality, with upperclassmen setting an example for the rest of the team. The coaching staff emphasizes the importance of each match during practices, regardless of the opponent or the team's position in the season.

"Every single game matters, and we cannot overlook anybody," Hall said.

The Spudders additionally won 5-1 over Mark Morris High School on Thursday, Oct. 15. Ridgefield next played at Columbia River High School on Tuesday, Oct. 20, but results were unavailable at press time.

The Spudders now look to hosting R.A. Long High School on Thursday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.

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Prairie's Timperly leads Falcons to dominant league meet finish



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Prairie High School junior boys cross country runner Tavin Timperly heads into the final stretch all alone as he earned first place in a cross country meet against Evergreen High School on Tuesday, Oct. 13.



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Prairie High School junior boys cross country runner Tavin Timperly took first place in a 3A Greater St. Helens League meet against Evergreen High School on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

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Prairie High School junior boys cross country runner Tavin Timperly took first place in a 3A Greater St. Helens League meet against Evergreen High School on Tuesday, Oct. 13, leading a dominant performance by the Falcons at Lewisville Regional Park.

Timperly crossed the finish line ahead of the field, followed by five more Prairie runners to fill the top six spots in the race. The performance showcased the depth of Prairie's lineup as the team turns its attention toward the postseason.

With the final league meet in the books, Timperly said his focus has shifted to preparing for the state championship, where he hopes to contend for another podium finish.

"I'm definitely just more focused on state, because I know as a team we'll make it, because we're deep enough," he said. "So, just push the next couple of weeks and make sure my training is dialed so I'm ready for state."

The Falcons had already completed a mile run before the meet, making the race another opportunity to build fitness ahead of the championship portion of the season.

"Oh, it definitely hurt, but we were just using today as like a training run to kind of push through after the mile," Timperly said.

As the postseason approaches, Timperly said his training will become more focused, with shorter weeks and faster workouts designed to prepare him both physically and mentally for state.

"Runs are faster than they would be usually," he said of his preparation for the final leg of the season.

Timperly hopes to return to the podium at the state meet, where he plans to stay with the leading pack and see what opportunities develop later in the race.

"Hopefully the podium again. I'll just try to roll with the pack and see what I can do when it comes to the second mile," he said.

While Timperly's individual performance highlighted the meet, Prairie's depth has also helped drive the team's success. He credited the Falcons' collective effort at practice for helping teammates improve throughout the season.

"Our energy is great at practice, and me running my workouts at my pace pulls everyone along, and everyone just gets faster together," Timperly said. "So it's just all of us as a team just helping each other get better."



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Prairie High School junior boys cross country runners Tavin Timperly, right, and Micah Hoyt, run together in the first half of the Falcons' cross country meet against Evergreen High School on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

The Falcons' girls cross country team also filled the top-four finishing times in the girls race over Evergreen High School on Oct. 13.

The boys and girls squads for Prairie High School now look towards Wednesday, Oct. 28 at Kelso High School for the GSHL District 4 Championship ahead of the Saturday, Nov. 7 state championship race at Sun Willows Golf Course in the Tri-Cities.

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Community Calendar

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.

Battle Ground Arts Talk Live: Sunday, Oct. 25, 4 p.m., Battle Ground Community Library, 1207 SE Eighth Way, Battle Ground. Hear local artists Joylynn Woodard, Hiroko Stumpf and Sharon Harbeck discuss their creative journeys, techniques and inspirations during an event hosted by the Clark County Arts Commission. The event is free and open to the public.

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.

Not Fade Away, Stories and Songs of Buddy Holly: Thursday, Oct. 29, 6 p.m., Providence Academy, 400 E. Evergreen Blvd., Vancouver. Music historian Joel Underwood will share stories and perform songs from Buddy Holly's life and career during a concert in Providence Academy's chapel. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are $18 and must be purchased in advance. To purchase tickets, visit shorturl.at/UTWkx.

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.

Woodland Seniors Paint & Sip: Wednesday, Nov. 4, 12-3 p.m., Matranga Vineyard, 1044 B St., Woodland. Paint a canvas and enjoy wine with fellow seniors during an event hosted by Woodland Senior Enrichment Group. Canvas prices vary by size, with 8-by-10-inch canvases costing $27 and 5-by-7-inch canvases costing $17. A charcuterie board and soda will also be available. To join, register at the Woodland Community Center from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, or email seniorinfo55up@yahoo.com.

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.

Woodland Seniors Coffee, Crafts & Laughs: Friday, Nov. 6, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Woodland Community Center, 782 Park St., Woodland. Decorate pre-baked cookies with autumn-colored frosting during an event hosted by Woodland Senior Enrichment Group. Each participant will receive six cookies and can choose from four frosting colors. Participation costs $35. To join, register at the Woodland Community Center from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, or email seniorinfo55up@yahoo.com.

Columbia Mothers of Twins Club Fundraiser: Friday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m., St. John Lutheran Church, 11005 NE Highway 99, Vancouver. Bid in an auction fundraiser benefiting the Columbia Mothers of Twins Club. Participants may preview the auction items, starting at 6:30 p.m. To learn more, visit columbiamotc.com or email columbiamot@gmail.com.

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 clean-ups, 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 St., Ridgefield. Celebrate fall 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.

Ongoing

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

Battle Ground Senior Citizens Coffee Social: Every fourth Monday of the month, 9-10 a.m., Battle Ground Senior Center, 116 NE Third Ave., Battle Ground. Enjoy a morning with fellow senior citizens. For more information, email BattleGroundSeniorCitizens@gmail.com or call Sharon Wodtke at 360-953-3278.

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Dogs put their best paws forward at Howl-O-Ween Pooch Parade



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Duke, a German shepherd dressed as the Big Bad Wolf, poses with owner Kayla Cruanas and police Lt. Jason Perdue, handler of Rafferty, the Battle Ground Police Department's comfort dog, at the Howl-O-Ween Pooch Parade on Wednesday, Oct. 14.



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Canine students from Enzo's Dog Training in Battle Ground and their owners pose for a group photo at the Howl-O-Ween Pooch Parade on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Ava, a French bulldog, won Most Unique Costume for her look inspired by "Grease: Rise of the Pink Ladies." Her owner, Shauna Vaughn, wore a matching pink jacket, and the pair received a prize basket at the Howl-O-Ween Pooch Parade on Wednesday, Oct. 14.



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Carrie Barnes and her dog, BB, coordinate costumes at the Howl-O-Ween Pooch Parade on Wednesday, Oct. 14, with Barnes as a flower and BB as a bumblebee.



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Costumed participants parade before the crowd inside the Battle Ground Event Center during the Howl-O-Ween Pooch Parade on Wednesday, Oct. 14.



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Daisy, a golden retriever dressed as a Chia Pet, won Best in Show at the Howl-O-Ween Pooch Parade on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the Battle Ground Event Center.



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Duke, a German shepherd dressed as the Big Bad Wolf, looks toward the crowd during the Howl-O-Ween Pooch Parade on Wednesday, Oct. 14.



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Scooter, dressed as Punch the Monkey, gives Rafferty, the Battle Ground Police Department's comfort dog, an inquisitive sniff as his owner, Jess Highland, receives their prize basket for Parks & Recreation Choice at the Howl-O-Ween Pooch Parade on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Battle Ground's Howl-O-Ween Pooch Parade brought a pack of costumed canines to the Battle Ground Event Center on Wednesday, Oct. 14, for an evening of treats, prizes and tail-wagging competition.

Hosted by Battle Ground Parks & Recreation, the event invited dogs and their humans to show off their Halloween creativity. Costumes ranged from vampires to superheroes, with prizes for Best in Show, Most Unique Costume, Best Dog/Human Duo, People's Choice and Parks & Recreation Choice.

Daisy, a golden retriever owned by Colleen Saylords, won Best in Show in her Chia Pet costume. Saylords said she wanted something different this year and found the green, plant-like material for Daisy's costume at IKEA.

Ava's Pink Lady look, inspired by "Grease: Rise of the Pink Ladies," won Most Unique Costume. Owner Shauna Vaughn wore a matching pink jacket.

Duke, dressed as the Big Bad Wolf, won Best Dog/Human Duo with owner Kayla Cruanas, who dressed as Little Red Riding Hood.

Scooter's Punch the Monkey costume earned him the Parks & Recreation Choice award. His owner, Jess Highland, joined him at the event.

Zoe, a canine student at Enzo's Dog Training in Battle Ground, won People's Choice. Zoe's owners, mother and daughter Natalie and Elizabeth Conner, joined her in a family costume. Zoe and Elizabeth dressed as police officers, while Natalie completed the trio as a prisoner.

Enzo's Dog Training brought a group of its canine students and their humans to the competition. The business was a first-time sponsor, joining VCA Animal Hospitals, Paws Cascadia, All Natural Pet Supply, Battle Ground Barkery and Wilco.

Dawn Alyse, owner of Enzo's Dog Training, said the group frequently attends events together so everyone feels supported.

"We're teaching them to be good [canine] citizens," Alyse said. "It can be intimidating to go alone, so we all go out to events together."

Other participants included BB, last year's Best in Show winner, who returned in a bumblebee costume alongside owner Carrie Barnes, who wore a flower costume. Anne Flindt embraced the spooky season as a witch, while her dog, Fergus, sported a vampire costume. John and Melanie Casey portrayed Homer and Marge Simpson alongside their dogs, Henry and Kitty, who were dressed as Bart and Lisa.

Rafferty, the Battle Ground Police Department's comfort dog, also attended with his handler, police Lt. Jason Perdue. The duo posed for pictures with the award winners.

Participating dogs received treat bags, ensuring even those who didn't leave with a prize had something to wag about.

The Howl-O-Ween Pooch Parade is an annual event hosted by Battle Ground Parks & Recreation. Registration opens each October. To learn more about future parades, visit city-ofbg.org/549/Annual-Events.

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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 body-weight exercises, Thursday is balance and flexibility, and Friday is a mix of favorite exercises of the week. To find classes, visit facebook.com/silverandfit. For more information, call 877-427-4788 or email silverandfitonfacebook@ashn.com.

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

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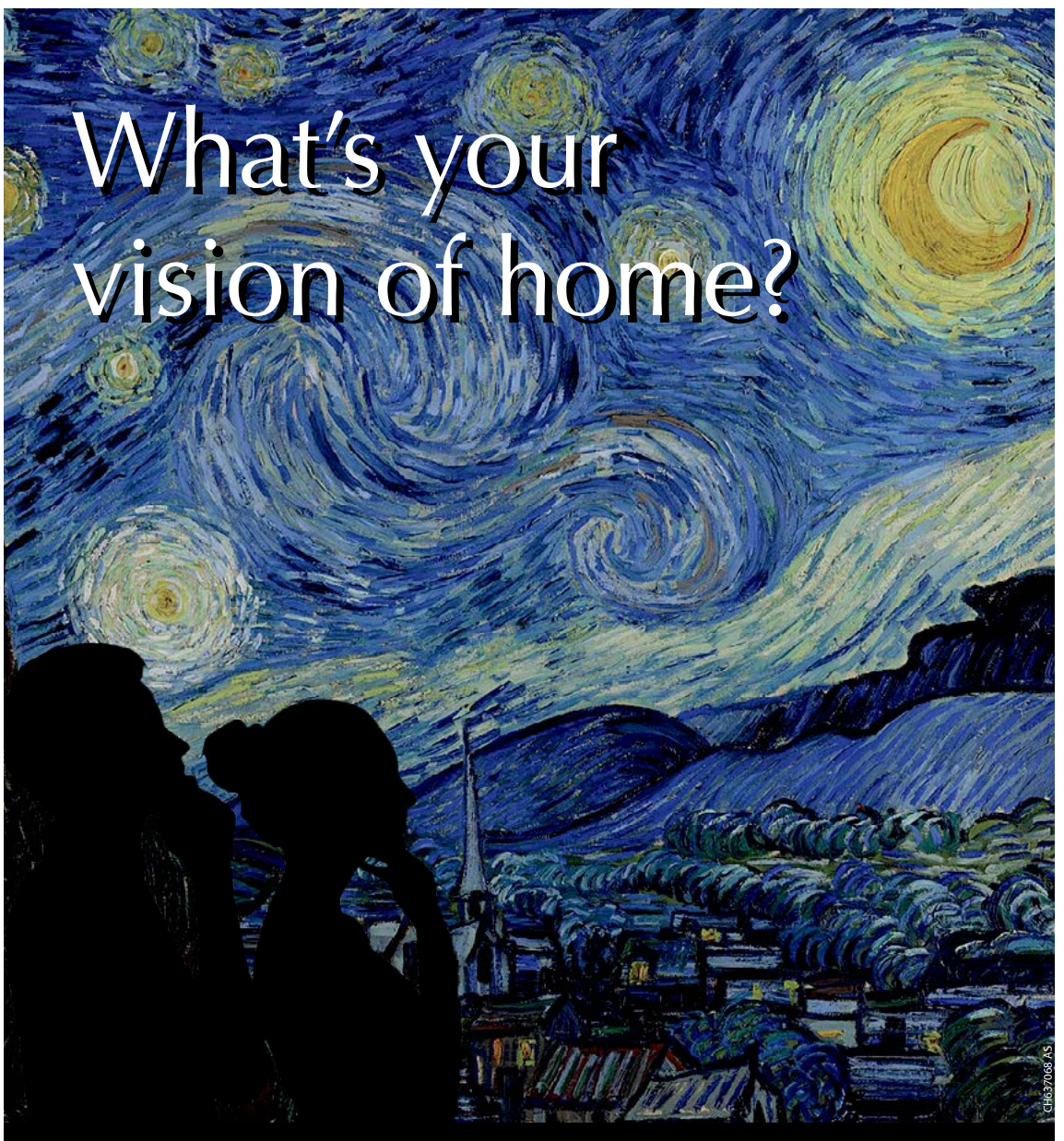


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138111 NTC Hammons

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS NO. 26-4-00968-06 RCW 11.40.030

In the Matter of the Estate of: Beverley G. Hammons, Deceased.
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of the estate of Beverley G. Hammons. 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: October 7, 2026
Personal Representative:
Tiffany L. Shroyer
Attorney for Personal Representative: Jackson A. Shaw
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Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Clark County Superior Court PO Box 5000 Vancouver, WA 98666; No. 26-4-00968-06
/s/ Jackson A. Shaw,
WSBA #: 62611
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138037 Summons Collins

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF CLARK
Case Number: 26-3-00953-06
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JOYCE MUSUNGAYI

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COLLINS
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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
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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
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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
8904 NE Hazel Dell Avenue,
Vancouver WA 98665,
360-576-7947
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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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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 served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim will be forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: 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,
360-576-7947
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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
Telephone: (503) 245-0894
Fax: (503) 245-1562
Email: greg@naylaw.com
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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. 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
Law Offices of Nay & Friedenberg LLC 6500 S. Macadam Avenue, Suite 300 Portland, OR 97239-3565
Telephone: (503) 245-0894
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Email: greg@naylaw.com
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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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138115 SBP Bynum

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,Defendant TO:ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF NICKOLAUS BYNUM, A DECEASED 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: 2402 NE 77TH AVENUE, UNIT BA-29 VANCOUVER, WA The sale of the above described property is to take place:
TIME: 09:30 a.m.
DATE:December 4, 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 $280,621.26 together with interest, cost, and fees before the sale date. For he 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: 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
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138117 NTC Mosser

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK Case No.: 26-4-00897-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In the Matter of the Estate of:
CYNTHIA KAY MOSSER
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 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:
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138128 CCA Notice

TAKE NOTICE:
This documents the formation of the Clark County Assembly. We hereby notify all lawful residents of Clark County of the formation of the Clark County Assembly and its Notice of Covenant. Lawful residents are invited to request a copy and inquire further at **ClarkCountyAssembly@protonmail.com**
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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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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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138142 Paving Project

PUBLIC NOTICE
MIT Washington Real Estate LLC, Max Booth, *1601 SE Commerce Ave Battle Ground, WA 98604*, **is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit. The proposed project,** Maddox Industrial Transformer, **is located at** Lot 13 of Battle Ground Corporate Center located west of the intersection of SE 17th Street and SE Commerce Ave and *1810 SE Commerce Ave, Battle Ground, WA 98604* in Battle Ground in Clark county. **This project involves 1.3 acres of soil disturbance for Commercial, construction activities. The receiving water is Salmon Creek. Any persons desiring to present their views to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding this Application, or interested in Ecology's action on this Application, may notify Ecology in writing no later than 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice. Ecology reviews public comments and considers whether discharges from this project would cause a measurable change in receiving water quality, and, if so, whether the project is necessary and in the overriding public interest according to Tier II anti-degradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320. Comments can be submitted to:** *ecyrewqianoi@ecy.wa.gov,* or
ATTN: Water Quality Program,
Construction SW GP
Washington State
Department of Ecology
P.O. Box 47696
Olympia, WA 98504-7696
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138143 NTC Stocks

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY NO. 26 4 01247 06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

In the Estate of:
JAMES M. STOCKS,
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:
Wednesday, October 21, 2026
Personal Representative:
CYNTHIA L. STOCKS
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Marilyn K. Reynolds
Address for Mailing or Service:
900 Washington Street, Suite 820
Vancouver, Washington 98660
Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Clark County, Washington 26 4 01247 06
Cynthia L. Stocks,
Personal Representative
s/Marilyn K. Reynolds
MARILYN K. REYNOLDS,
WSBA #26245
Of Attorneys for Personal Representative
Pabst Holland & Reynolds, PLLC
900 Washington Street, Suite 820
Vancouver, WA 98660
360.693.1910
360.693.2290 fax
mkr@phr-law.com
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138144 Old Apostolic

PUBLIC NOTICE
Old Apostolic Lutheran Church of Woodland, Mike Moore, PO Box 1500 Woodland, WA 98674, is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit. The proposed project, OALC View, is located on one parcel of land (265281-000) approximately 300ft northwest of the intersection of NE 119th Ave & NE 359th St and approximately 950ft northeast of the intersection of NE 114th Ave and NE 359th St in La Center in Clark County. This project involves 14.02 acres of soil disturbance for commercial construction activities including the construction of a two-story church building, maintenance shed, parking lot and cemetery. The receiving water is an Unnamed Stream. Any persons desiring to present their views to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding this Application, or interested in Ecology's action on this Application, may notify Ecology in writing no later than 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice. Ecology reviews public comments and considers whether discharges from this project would cause a measurable change in receiving water quality, and, if so, whether the project is necessary and in the overriding public interest according to Tier II anti-degradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320. Comments can be submitted to:
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138145 NTC Gardner

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030) Probate Department Case No. 26-4-01256-06

In the Matter of the Estate of:
HARRY NEAL GARDNER,
Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or to the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Clerk of the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:
October 21, 2026
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
Katherine Phyllis Gardner
ATTORNEY & RESIDENT AGENT FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Lindsey George
ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: 1412 NE 134th St. Ste 130, Vancouver, WA 98685
Dated: October 9, 2026.
MYATT & BELL, P.C.
s/Lindsey George
Lindsey George, WSBA #59721
Attorney for Personal Representative
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138146 NTC Olsen

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK IN PROBATE NO. 26-4-01302-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

In Re the Estate of
Warren M. Olsen,
Deceased.
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication:
October 21,2026
Suzanne K. Baumgartner
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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138147 NTC Mottola

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY NO. 26-4-01184-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.020, 11.40.030)

In the Estate of:
GRAHAM DANIEL MOTTOLA,
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 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:
October 21, 2026
NATALIIA TOPALA MOTTOLA
Personal Representative
MARISSA D. BARTOLUCCI, WSBA #53689
Of Attorneys for Personal Representative
1312 Main Street
Vancouver, WA 98660
360-216-1098
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138149 NTCGriffith

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF CLARK No. 26-4-01277-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

In Re the Matter
of the Estate of
ROGER M. GRIFFITH,
Decedent.
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the latter of: 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 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 to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication:
Oct. 21, 2026
Personal Representative:
INNA VOZNYUK
Attorney for the Personal Representative: MOLOY K. GOOD
Address for Mailing or Service:
3606 Main Street Suite 100
Vancouver, WA 98663
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138152 NTC Hambleton Jr.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK IN PROBATE NO. 26-4-01275-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

In Re the Estate of
James Hambleton Jr.,
Deceased.
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication:
October 21, 2026
Sarah Patterson
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
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138154 NTC Pruitt

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON NO. 26 4 01270 06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In re the Estate of:
LARRY LEE PRUITT,
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:
October 21st 2026.
Personal Representative:
CRAIG J. PRUITT
10000 NE 7TH AVENUE, SUITE 105
VANCOUVER WA 98685
360-576-0655
Attorney for the Personal Representative:
SAM B. GUNN
10000 NE 7TH AVENUE, SUITE 370
VANCOUVER, WA 98685
(360) 949-7480
Court of probate proceedings and cause number:
Clark County, Washington Superior Court
Cause No. 26 4 01270 06
CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1200 FRANKLIN
P. O. BOX 5000
VANCOUVER, WA 98666
s/SAM B. GUNN, WSBA#6160
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138156 Public Hearing Notice

BATTLE GROUND CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY MANAGER REMOVAL REPLY AND HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to RCW 35A.13.140, the Battle Ground City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, November 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m**. in the City Council Chambers, located on the second floor at 109 SW First Street, Battle Ground, Washington. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony upon the question of the City Manager's removal. Members of the public may provide testimony in person during the public hearing or submit written public comments regarding this matter. Written comments must be received **by 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2026,** to be considered for the hearing. Written comments should be addressed to the City Clerk's Office and may be submitted by email to *Cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org* or by mail to the City of Battle Ground, c/o City Clerk's Office, 109 SW 1st St., Suite 221, Battle Ground, WA 98604. Please include the heading **"Public Comment for Distribution to the City Council"** with written comments. Further information can be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (360) 342-5008 or cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org. Please refer to the City Council agenda for meeting and participation instructions. cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org.
Public Notices:
Persons requiring special arrangements in order to participate in meetings should call the City Clerk's office at (360) 342-5008 or email *cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org* at least two (2) business days prior to the scheduled meeting. The public is invited to view the full City Council Meeting Agenda on our website at *www.cityofbg.org.* This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Any subject placed on the agenda, regardless of how the matter is stated on the agenda, may be acted on by the City Council.

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138157 2027 Revenue Sources

BATTLE GROUND CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE 2027 REVENUE SOURCES Ordinance No. 2026-22 2027 Property Tax Levy and Resolution No. 26-08 2027 Fee Schedules

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Battle Ground City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, November 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers, 109 SW First Street, Second Floor, Battle Ground. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive testimony regarding the authorized 2027 Property Tax Levy and increases to the fee schedules for 2027. Members of the public are invited to provide testimony in person during the public hearing or submit written comments on this matter from Wednesday, October 21, 2026, through 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2026. Written comments should be addressed to the City Clerk's Office at *Cityclerk.info@cityofbg.*org or by

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mail to the City of Battle Ground, c/o City Clerk's Office 109 SW 1st St., Suite 221, Battle Ground, WA 98604. Please include the heading " **Public Comment for Distribution to the City Council"** with written comments. Further information can be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (360) 342-5008 or cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org. Please refer to the City Council agenda for meeting and participation instructions. *Public Notices:* Persons requiring special arrangements in order to participate in meetings should call the City Clerk's office at (360) 342-5008 or email *cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org* at least two (2) business days prior to the scheduled meeting. The public is invited to view the full City Council Meeting Agenda on our website at *www.cityofbg.org.* This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Any subject placed on the agenda, regardless of how the matter is stated on the agenda, may be acted on by the City Council.

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138158 Community Development

BATTLE GROUND CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Battle Ground City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 109 SW First Street, Second Floor, Battle Ground. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive testimony on proposed projects for grant funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Members of the public may provide testimony in person during the public hearing or submit written public comments regarding this matter. Written comments must be received by 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2026, to be considered for the hearing. Written comments should be addressed to the City Clerk's Office and may be submitted by email to *Cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org* or by mail to the City of Battle Ground, c/o City Clerk's Office, 109 SW 1st St., Suite 221, Battle Ground, WA 98604. Please include the heading "Public Comment for Distribution to the City Council" with written comments. Further information can be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (360) 342-5008 or cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org. Please refer to the City Council agenda for meeting and participation instructions. *Public Notices:* Persons requiring special arrangements in order to participate in meetings should call the City Clerk's office at (360) 342-5008 or email *cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org* at least two (2) business days prior to the scheduled meeting. The public is invited to view the full City Council Meeting Agenda on our website at *www.cityofbg.org.* This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Any subject placed on the agenda, regardless of how the matter is stated on the agenda, may be acted on by the City Council.

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138159 Ordinance 2026-20

BATTLE GROUND CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Ordinance No. 2026-20 AMENDING BATTLE GROUND MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 3.32 TO RENAME THE CHAPTER; ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 3.32.050, DEFINITIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Battle Ground City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, November 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m**. in the City Council Chambers, 109 SW First Street, Second Floor, Battle Ground. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive testimony on proposed Ordinance No. 2026-20, which would amend the name of Battle Ground Municipal Code Chapter 3.32 and provide a definition section clarifying what constitutes "gross revenue." Members of the public may provide testimony in person during the public hearing or submit written public comments regarding this matter. Written comments must be received **by 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2026,** to be considered for the hearing. Written comments should be addressed to the City Clerk's Office and may be submitted by email to *Cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org* or by mail to the City of Battle Ground, c/o City Clerk's Office, 109 SW 1st St., Suite 221, Battle Ground, WA 98604. Please include the heading " Public Comment for Distribution to the City Council" with written comments. Further information can be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (360) 342-5008 or cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org. Please refer to the City Council agenda for meeting and participation instructions. *Public Notices:* Persons requiring special arrangements in order to participate in meetings should call the City Clerk's office at (360) 342-5008 or email *cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org* at least two (2) business days prior to the scheduled meeting. The public is invited to view the full City Council Meeting Agenda on our website at *www.cityofbg.org.* This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Any subject placed on the agenda, regardless of how the matter is stated on the agenda, may be acted on by the City Council.

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138160 NTC Carey

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK Case No.: 26 4 01314 06 NONPROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN RE THE ESTATE OF
JUDITH P. CAREY
Deceased

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: As Notice Agent, I have elected to give notice to Decedent's creditors. On the date of filing this Nonprobate Notice to Creditors with the Court: I had no knowledge of: Any other person acting as Notice Agent; or The appointment of a Personal Representative for Decedent's probate estate in the State of Washington. According to the records of the Court that were then available: No cause number regarding Decedent had been issued to any other Notice Agent; and No Personal Representative of Decedent's estate had been appointed. Any person having a claim against Decedent must present the claim: Before the time when the claim would be barred by any applicable statute of limitations; and In the manner provided in RCW 11.42.070: By filing with the Court the original of the signed Creditor's Claim; and By serving upon or mailing by first class mail to me at the address provided below a copy of the signed Creditor's Claim. The Creditor's Claim must be presented by the later to occur of: Thirty (30) days after I served or mailed this Notice to you as provided in RCW 11.42.020(2)(c); or Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice. If the Creditor's Claim is not presented within the foregoing time period, the claim will be forever barred except as provided in RCW 11.42.050 and 11.42.060. This bar is effective for claims against both the Decedent's probate and non-probate assets. In accordance with RCW 9A.72.085, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated this 13 day of October, 2026.
CAREY F. RICH, Notice Agent
Address For Mailing or Service:
c/o Matthew Yates
Yates Marshall, PLLC
10000 NE 7th Avenue, Suite 200
Vancouver, WA 98685
Phone: (360) 449-6100
Facsimile: (360) 449-6111
Date of First Publication of
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138165 Public Meeting Notice

Public Meeting Notice 2027 Revenue Hearing

Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue will hold a 2027 Revenue Public Hearing during the regular Board meeting scheduled on Thursday, November 5 th at 4:00 p.m. The virtual access link is posted at *www.clarkfr.org*.

LOCATION
Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue
Station 21
911 N 65th Avenue
Ridgefield, WA 98642
Questions? Call 360-887-4609
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Ad# 137730 STOX# 960528
Trustee Sale # 150057-WA
Title # 4088555

Notice of Trustee's Sale

Grantor(s): NORMAN E HARDY, AS HIS SEPARATE ESTATE Grantee(s): JUNE GORMAN ON BEHALF OF FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, as Trustee Original beneficiary of the deed of trust: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS Current beneficiary of the deed of trust: NewRez LLC D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Current trustee of the deed of trust: CLEAR RECON CORP Current mortgage servicer of the deed of trust: NewRez LLC D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Reference number of the deed of trust: 5682465 Parcel number(s): 203609000 TAX LOT #49, SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, CLEAR RECON CORP, 601 West 1st Avenue, Suite 1400, Spokane, WA 99201, Trustee will on 11/20/2026 at 9:00 AM AT THE PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER GAZEBO NEAR THE CORNER OF FRANKLIN AND 13TH STREET, ACROSS FROM THE CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE OF THE CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER, 1300 FRANKLIN STREET, VANCOUVER, WA 98660 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable, in the form of cash, or cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Clark, State of Washington, to-wit: PARCEL L: THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST,WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. PARCEL II: A 60 FOOT NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, UTILITIES AND REMOVAL OF ROCK RUNNING FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF GRANTOR'S PROPERTY AND THENCE EASTERLY ON THE EXISTING ROADWAY TO SUBJECT PROPERTY. PARCEL III: AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES RECORDED SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 5209647 AND AMENDED OCTOBER 9, 2015 UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 5221427. Commonly known as: 16515 NE FIRWOOD DR BRUSH PRAIRIE, WA 98606-7001 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 12/10/2019, recorded 12/16/2019, as Auditor's File No. 5682465, the subject Deed of Trust was modified by Loan Modification recorded on 08/04/2022 as Instrument 6068264 records of Clark County, Washington, from NORMAN E HARDY, AS HIS SEPERATE ESTATE, as Grantor(s), to JUNE GORMAN ON BEHALF OF FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned to NewRez LLC D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, under an Assignment recorded under Auditor's File No 6135603. II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust or the Beneficiary's successor is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: $20,624.46 IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $480,942.36, together with interest as provided in the Note from 1/1/2026, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 11/20/2026. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 11/9/2026, (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 11/9/2026 (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 11/9/2026 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the or the Grantor's successor interest or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es): SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "1" by both first class and certified mail on 5/29/2026, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS - The purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the grantor under the Deed of Trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the Deed of Trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. If you are a servicemember or a dependent of a servicemember, you may be entitled to certain protections under the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and any comparable state laws regarding the risk of foreclosure. If you believe you may be entitled to these protections, please contact our office immediately. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only until 90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this Notice of Trustee Sale to be referred to mediation. If this is an amended notice of Trustee Sale providing a 45 day notice of the sale, mediation must be requested no later than 25 calendar days before the date of sale listed in this amended Notice of Trustee Sale. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Telephone: (877) 894-4663 Web site: www.homeownership.wa.gov Línea directa estatal sobre ejecuciones hipotecarias para obtener asistencia y derivación a asesores de vivienda recomendados por la Comisión de Financiamiento de Vivienda del estado de Washington (Housing Finance Commission): Teléfono: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) Sitio web: www.homeownership-wa.org/ The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Telephone: (800) 569-4287 Web site: answers.hud.gov/housingcounseling/s/?language=en_US Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (Department of Housing and Urban Development): Teléfono: 1-800-569-4287 Sitio web: answers.hud.gov/housingcounseling/s/?language=en_US The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: (888) 201-1014 Web site: nwjustice.org Línea directa estatal de asistencia legal civil para obtener asistencia y derivaciones a otros asesores devivienda y abogados: Teléfono: 1-800-606-4819 Sitio web: nwjustice.org THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Dated: JUN 29 2026 CLEAR RECON CORP, as Successor Trustee Monica Chavez Authorized Signor For additional information or service you may contact: Clear Recon Corp 601 West 1st Avenue, Suite 1400 Spokane, WA 99201
Phone: (206) 707-9599
EXHIBIT "1"
NAME/ADDRESS
NORMAN E HARDY
16515 NE FIRWOOD DR
BRUSH PRAIRIE,
WA 98606-7001

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Ad# 137794 STOX# 960714
Trustee Sale # 144066-WA
Title # 250692795-WA-MSI

Notice of Trustee's Sale

Grantor(s): JON R. ELLINGSEN, A SINGLE MAN Grantee(s): CHICAGO TITLE COMPANY OF WASHINGTON, as Trustee Original beneficiary of the deed of trust: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR FINANCE OF AMERICA MORTGAGE LLC, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS Current beneficiary of the deed of trust: LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Current trustee of the deed of trust: CLEAR RECON CORP Current mortgage servicer of the deed of trust: LOANCARE, LLC Reference number of the deed of trust: 5399642 Parcel number(s): 258905086 LT 43, HANNA'S FARM I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, CLEAR RECON CORP, 601 West 1st Avenue, Suite 1400, Spokane, WA 99201, Trustee will on 11/20/2026 at 9:00 AM AT THE PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER GAZEBO NEAR THE CORNER OF FRANKLIN AND 13TH STREET, ACROSS FROM THE CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE OF THE CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER, 1300 FRANKLIN STREET, VANCOUVER, WA 98660 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable, in the form of cash, or cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Clark, State of Washington, to-wit: LOT (S) 43, HANNA'S FARM, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IIN VOLUME 311 OF PLATS, PAGE 484, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. Commonly known as: 1217 W F PLACE LA CENTER, WA 98629 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 4/24/2017, recorded 5/2/2017, as Auditor's File No. 5399642, records of Clark County, Washington, from JON R. ELLINGSEN, A SINGLE MAN, as Grantor(s), to CHICAGO TITLE COMPANY OF WASHINGTON, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR FINANCE OF AMERICA MORTGAGE LLC, 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 6290760. II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust or the Beneficiary's successor is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: $28,517.48 IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $267,341.21, together with interest as provided in the Note from 8/1/2025, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 11/20/2026. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 11/9/2026, (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 11/9/2026 (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 11/9/2026 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the or the Grantor's successor interest or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es): SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "1" by both first class and certified mail on 1/21/2026, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS The purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the grantor under the Deed of Trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the Deed of Trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. 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Teléfono: 1-800-606-4819
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THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Dated: JULY 02 2026 CLEAR RECON CORP, as Successor Trustee Monica Chavez Authorized Signor For additional information or service you may contact: Clear Recon Corp
601 West 1st Ave, Suite 1400
Spokane, WA 99201
Phone: (206) 707-9599
EXHIBIT "1"
NAME: JON R. ELLINGSEN
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LA CENTER, WA 98629

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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-26-1054742-BB Title Order No.: 01-26035147 Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 5653049 Parcel Number(s): 117894314 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: ILANA L WATSON, SINGLE WOMAN Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Idaho Housing and Finance Association I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned Trustee, will on 11/20/2026, at 09:00 AM At the Clark County Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98660, in the Public Service Center Gazebo near the corner of Franklin and 13th street, across from the Clark County Courthouse sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of CLARK, State of Washington, to-wit: UNIT(S) D, BUILDING 12, SALMON CREEK ESTATES, A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION THEREOF RECORDED DECEMBER 13, 1979, UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 7912130078, AND SURVEY MAP AND PLANS RECORDED IN VOLUME H OF CONDOMINIUMS, PAGE 30 RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO. More commonly known as: 13129 NW 8TH AVE, UNIT 12D, VANCOUVER, WA 98685-2543 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 9/23/2019, recorded 9/26/2019, under Instrument No. 5653049 records of CLARK County, Washington, from ILANA L WATSON, SINGLE WOMAN, as grantor(s), to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 6327320. 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: $12,927.56. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $152,830.80, together with interest as provided in the Note from 12/1/2025 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 11/20/2026. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 11/9/2026 (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 11/9/2026 (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 11/9/2026 (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 6/7/2026. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. 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The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-26-1054742-BB. Dated: 7/9/2026 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-26-1054742-BB Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com IDSPub #0315902 10/21/2026 11/11/2026

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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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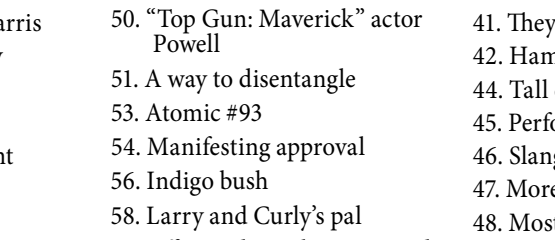
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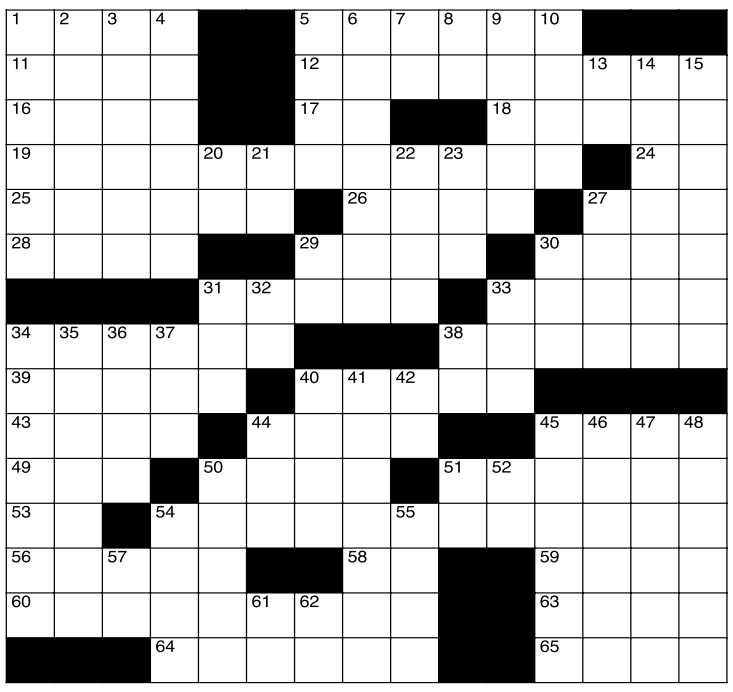
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Nocturnal rodent
5. Requesting
11. Give temporarily
12. Frivolousness
16. Military arm
17. "Westworld" actor Harris
18. Persian Gulf port city
19. Air hostesses
24. Partner to "Pa"
25. Percussion instrument
26. Raincoats
27. Lower the light
28. Asian mountain range
29. Every one of two or more
30. Lack of difficulty
31. A public announcement of a proposed marriage
33. Reduces in size
34. Make an impact
38. Serviceman
39. A French river
40. Prehistoric people
43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
44. "Layla" singer Clapton
45. Ancient Greek sophist
49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
50. "Top Gun: Maverick" actor Powell
51. A way to disentangle
53. Atomic #93
54. Manifesting approval
56. Indigo bush
58. Larry and Curly's pal
59. Off-Broadway theater award
60. Fencers
63. Masses of fish eggs
64. Passerine birds
65. Arrange systematically

CLUES DOWN

1. Colorless part of blood
2. Of a main artery
3. Photog's tool
4. Blues Traveler hit "But __"
5. Grew older
6. Not the leader
7. __ Lang: country singer
8. A driver's license is one
9. Nests of pheasants
10. Antelopes
13. One quintillion bytes
14. Japanese lute
15. A type of cat
20. It cools your home
21. Dorm official
22. Pouches
23. German trigraph
27. Form of Persian
29. __ route
30. Upper body part
31. Bridge building degree
32. Indicates position
33. Political action committee
34. Edible nuts
35. Front part of a quadruped
36. Locate
37. Geological time
38. Of I
40. Northern Utah city
41. They work in the trenches
42. Hammer is one
44. Tall deciduous tree
45. Performers
46. Slang for mistake
47. More open
48. Most slick
50. Provokes
51. Home of the NCAA's Flyers
52. Sodium
54. Large fish of the mackerel family
55. Not one
57. __ and behold
61. Atomic #21
62. "The Great Lakes State"

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Answers on Page A5



SUDOKU

		1					4	6
2			6				3	9
						7		
			5		7			
								8
6		4			8	3		
	1		8				2	
9			1	2	6			
		7		4	9			

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