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Ridgefield puts future fueling station options on pause with gas station moratorium

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The Ridgefield City Council heard public comment from two people on Oct. 8 regarding a six-month moratorium on new gas stations as officials consider whether the city's development regulations adequately address traffic, environmental risks and the community's continued growth.

The public hearing followed the council's Aug. 27 adoption of Ordinance 1487, which temporarily halts the filing, acceptance, processing and approval of applications for new gasoline service station facilities in all zones unless the moratorium is ended or extended.

The moratorium does not prohibit new gas stations permanently. Instead, it gives the council time to review current regulations and determine whether additional standards are needed before new development applications move forward.

According to the city, recent pre-application meetings involving potential fueling stations helped prompt the action. Although those meetings are an early step in the development process and are not

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After nearly 50 years of memories, Rocky Bria says goodbye to Rocky's Pizza

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Rocky Bria, owner of Rocky's Pizza & the "R" Bar, gathered with family and staff for a farewell party Aug. 29. Together, they blew out the candles on a cake, marking the end of nearly 50 years of memories at the longtime Battle Ground landmark.

"After I blew the candles, it hit really hard because then it kind of set in that it's really happening, you know," Bria said.

Bria, 82, decided to close the business because of his age and the demands of running the restaurant. Problems with the building also factored into his decision, since proper repairs required the business to temporarily close. Although repairs were completed, Bria and his family chose not to reopen.

"It was a hard, hard decision. But age is a factor that helped me make this decision. It's just too much for me right now," Bria said. "And I just have one daughter, you know. So I just don't have anybody to run it."

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Photo by Cade Barker

Rocky Bria, 82, owner of Rocky's Pizza & the "R" Bar in Battle Ground, poses in the kitchen with a well-worn pizza peel near the ovens.



Photo by Cade Barker

A sign reading "Rocky's last call" sits behind the bar at Rocky's Pizza & the "R" Bar in Battle Ground.



Photo by Cade Barker

An empty booth sits in the loft of Rocky's Pizza & the "R" Bar following the restaurant's closure Aug. 29.

Ridgefield man expresses creativity through extravagant Halloween display

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A house in Ridgefield is drawing visitors from all over the county thanks to its numerous detailed Halloween decorations.

The Holiday House on Third is a Clark County attraction that James Kugler fashions and runs from his own front yard and house, covering it with premade and handmade Halloween decorations.

"I grew up doing Halloween. When I was really young, I'd been to a lot of the local haunted houses in my neighborhood and that really influenced me," Kugler said.

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Photo by Cade Barker

A night time wide shot of the Holiday House on Third property in Ridgefield on Sunday, Oct. 25.



Brush Prairie residents raise concerns over railroad's industrial development plans



Photo by Cade Barker

A pile of rock and a freshly laid gravel bypass road along Northeast Laurin Road sits adjacent to a 28.8-acre area of land owned by the Portland Vancouver Junction Railroad (PVJR) in Brush Prairie on Thursday, Oct. 22.



Photo by Cade Barker

A portion of railroad track sits alongside Northeast Laurin Road in Brush Prairie on Thursday, Oct. 22.

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Portland Vancouver Junction Railroad (PVJR) says it intends to build a rail-served logistics park on 28.8 acres in Brush Prairie, while neighbors question potential impacts on homes, farmland and neighboring Laurin Middle School and Glenwood Heights Elementary School.

PVJR owns approximately 28.8 acres across six tax parcels off Northeast Laurin Road along the railroad corridor, according to company President Eric Temple. The company purchased the property with the intention of developing a logistics park that could accommodate rail transloading, warehousing, storage, distribution and other freight-dependent activities.

The specific uses, facility layout and construction timeline have not been finalized, Temple said in an email response to The Reflector.

The property's proximity to the school campus, nearby homes and surrounding agricultural land has become a central concern for area residents, who say they were caught off guard by recent work on the property and want more information about what could happen next.

One area resident, who said their family has lived along the railroad for 42 years, described the prospect of industrial development as a significant change to a landscape that has long defined the pocket of agricultural homes.

"It's been this way for 42 years," the resident said. "We've never had a problem with it. But we never ever in our lifetime thought that they're going to turn it into some heavy or light industrial use train that's going to haul stuff from point A to B and go right by our house with 30 cars."

The resident said the potential development could change the area's character and raise concerns beyond the loss of open space.

"What about our air quality?" the resident said. "What about safety concerns? What about hazardous materials? Things combusting? Fire danger?"

Temple said the company recognizes that nearby residents may be concerned about changes to the property and intends to account for neighborhood impacts as plans develop.

"Our goal is to develop a successful railroad logistics facility while being thoughtful about our neighbors," Temple wrote. "We'll consider issues such as dust, noise, lighting, safety, vehicle movements, and the relationship of the property to nearby homes and schools as plans progress."

Property's history and proposed use

Temple said PVJR purchased the property to support freight-rail-dependent development, pointing to Clark County's long-standing planning efforts along the railroad corridor.

According to Temple, portions of the area surrounding the property carry the designation Railroad Industrial Urban Reserve in the county's comprehensive planning maps. He said those designations reflect nearly two decades of county efforts to encourage rail-served industrial development and the economic opportunities associated with it.

"Those designations didn't appear by accident," Temple stated. "They reflect years of planning and deliberate efforts by the county to encourage rail-served industrial development and the jobs and economic opportunities that accompany it."

Area residents said they were unaware of much of that planning until earlier proposals brought attention to potential industrial uses along the corridor.

One resident recalled attending meetings at Prairie High School when the community opposed a proposed planning overlay. The resident said the proposal was eventually withdrawn, and neighbors believed the issue had been put aside until they learned of PVJR's property purchase and subsequent work.

The resident described seeing painted lines along the road before learning that railroad-related work was being considered.

The resident said someone later came to the door on Friday, Oct. 16 and explained that the road would be blocked while work was done to install a railroad spur. That prompted neighbors to contact the county's planning department to ask about permits and the purpose of the work, they said.

According to the resident, the work stopped after those calls, although equipment remained on the property for a time.

Temple said the work completed so far has been limited.

"Thus far, our work has been quite limited," Temple wrote. "We've created an internal bypass/access road entirely on our own property using locally sourced rock. We have not started constructing warehouses or a rail yard."

The company does not have a fixed construction schedule, Temple said. Additional improvements will depend on engineering, customer demand and the type of railroad facilities ultimately selected.

"Where permits or other regulatory approvals are required, we intend to follow the applicable laws and requirements," he wrote.

Questions about county oversight

The property's agricultural zoning and the extent of county oversight are additional sources of concern for residents.

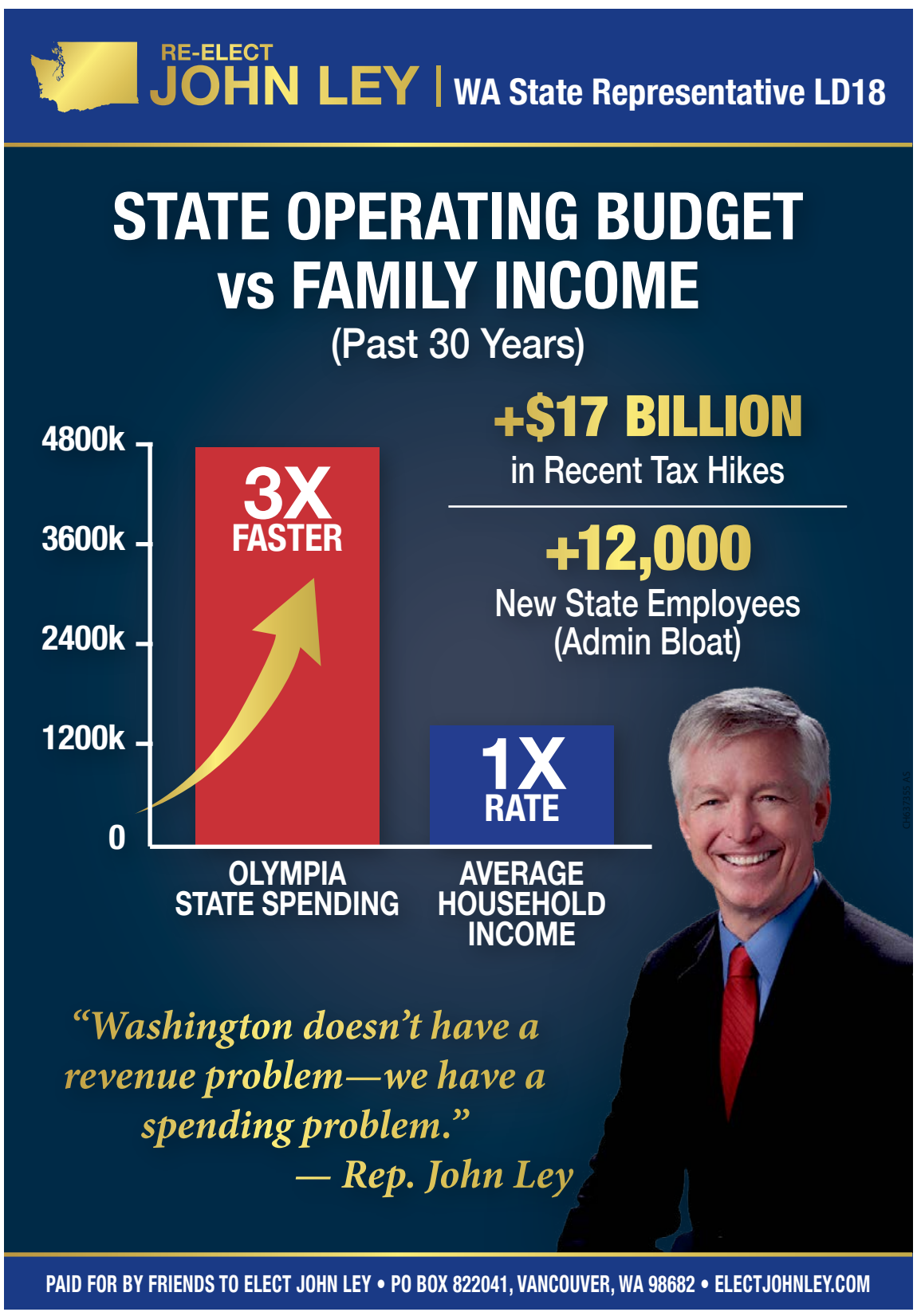
Temple said the property remains agriculturally zoned but pointed to a Sept. 6, 2025, letter from the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney's Office addressing the railroad's ability to construct railroad facilities under federal law.

According to Temple, the letter confirms that the county will not use the property's agricultural zoning or other local zoning restrictions to prohibit or require advance land-use approvals for construction of a rail yard, tracks and related railroad facilities when federal law preempts those requirements.

Temple also noted that the letter recognizes applicable engineering, stormwater, environmental and public safety requirements.

The resident questioned why PVJR could proceed with

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Railroad

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railroad-related work while questions remained about permits and compliance with county requirements.

The resident also questioned the county's decision to renew the railroad's lease despite the alleged violations.

The resident cited what they described as a reduction in a fine and questioned whether the railroad was being held to the same standards as other businesses.

"Like why is he held to a different standard than everybody else? Like it's just ridiculous," the resident said.

The resident also expressed skepticism about the railroad's promise to comply with applicable laws and requirements.

"Well, he's already shown us otherwise. He's already shown us otherwise in his own actions," the resident said.

Concerns extend to school and environment

For residents, the potential industrial use was not simply a question of how the property looks. They said nearby homes, agricultural activities and school operations could be affected by potential increased railroad activity.

A Battle Ground Public Schools campus sits near the property, and residents said students can be heard playing outside from their homes. The surrounding area also includes a nature preserve, a dog park and school facilities with agricultural and wooded areas.

One resident suggested the property could serve a different community purpose, such as a larger agricultural learning center for students and future farmers.

"I mean, this is prime land to help reintegrate agriculture into our community which so many people here love; like people really cling to the ag life here," the resident said.

The resident described a neighborhood where families raise poultry, grow food and preserve their own produce, arguing that an agricultural use could maintain a connection to the community's rural character.

"Everybody here has chickens, turkeys. We all grow our own food," they said. "We preserve our own food. Like it's a huge thing."

The resident acknowledged that the property may not remain an open field indefinitely but argued that future development should benefit the surrounding community.

"We know that something has to go here. It can't stay this way but let's do something productive for the community and keep it ag for the sake of our state," the resident said.

Concerns were also expressed about traffic and school transportation. The resident said buses travel across the railroad tracks during school drop-off and pickup periods, sometimes making it difficult for nearby residents to enter or leave their properties due to increased traffic.

The resident also questioned whether the existing railroad infrastructure could accommodate the level of activity contemplated by PVJR.

The resident referenced another individual with railroad experience who, according to the resident, believes certain sections of the railroad may require improvements to handle the proposed operations.

The potential costs of such improvements and who would pay for them were among the questions the resident raised.

Temple said the volume and timing of future railroad activity remain uncertain because the company has not finalized its customers or facility plans.

"One advantage of rail-served logistics is that certain operations, such as transloading or railcar storage, can potentially begin before permanent buildings are constructed," Temple wrote. "Other customers may require more substantial facilities."

He added, "The ultimate timing and volume of rail activity will depend on which customers we serve and the facilities they require. I would rather give you accurate information as plans develop than speculate about dates or train volumes."

Company says it wants to be a good neighbor

Temple said PVJR understands that residents who have enjoyed views of an open field may be concerned about the property's future and that the company intends to maintain open communication as plans advance.

"We absolutely intend to be good neighbors," Temple wrote.

Residents remained skeptical, pointing to what they described as a lack of advance communication about the recent work.

"I can't picture him being thoughtful after thinking about what he did up at Chelatchie Prairie," the resident said.

The resident said the company could have approached neighbors earlier to explain the plans and hear their concerns.

"Does a good neighbor knock on your door the day before they're going to tear up your road?" the resident said.

Temple said residents can contact PVJR directly at info@pvjr.com with questions. He said the company would prefer an open conversation over speculation about the project.

The resident said area neighbors have formed the Greater Brush Prairie Coalition on Facebook to share information and raise awareness about the potential development. At the time of the interview, the resident said the group had more than 60 members and planned to distribute informational flyers to the community.

The resident said the effort would include reaching people concerned about environmental issues, local schools and other community interests.

Temple also pointed to potential regional benefits of rail-served industrial development, including improved freight efficiency and fewer long-haul trucks on highways.

"Railroads are an important part of our regional economy," Temple wrote. "Moving freight by rail can reduce the number of long-haul trucks on our highways, improve transportation efficiency, and help local employers compete."

He said PVJR sees the property as an opportunity to support businesses and employment while respecting the surrounding community.

For residents, however, significant questions remain about how the property could change, what railroad operations would look like and how those activities could affect the neighborhood.



Photo courtesy of area residents

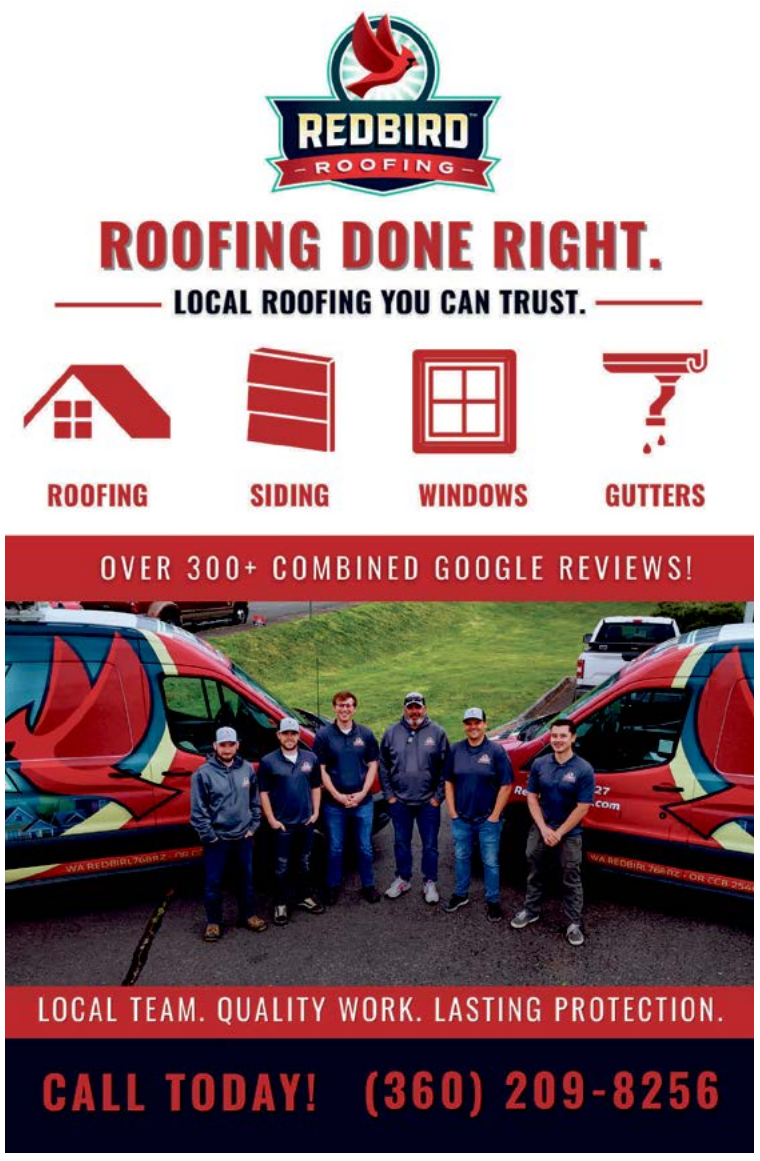
Residents along Northeast Laurin Road in Brush Prairie were confronted with construction activity related to potential railroad development on Friday, Oct. 16.



Photo by Cade Barker

The main stem of the railroad leased by Portland Vancouver Junction Railroad (PVJR) cuts through agricultural fields in the Brush Prairie area as a section of track sits alongside Northeast Laurin Road in Brush Prairie on Thursday, Oct. 22.







Camp Hope of Southwest Washington receives BiG Heart Award

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Camp Hope of Southwest Washington received the City of Battle Ground's October BiG Heart Award on Oct. 19 for its work providing local children with opportunities to explore the outdoors, build friendships and gain confidence.

The Christian organization offers overnight camps, facility rentals and community events at its 107-acre property along the East Fork Lewis River. Located at 12800 NE Roper Road in Battle Ground, Camp Hope of Southwest Washington also partners with schools, churches and other organizations.

The city highlighted the organization's scholarships, mentorship and camp experiences, which help children from all backgrounds discover new possibilities in a welcoming environment, according to a City of Battle Ground social media announcement.

The BiG Heart program recognizes a recipient each month for their contributions to Battle Ground. Honorees are selected for exceptional accomplishments that bring positive recognition to the community or outstanding volunteer service that makes a meaningful local impact. Recipients receive a commemorative stone, lapel pin and certificate at a City Council meeting.

Anyone can nominate a Battle Ground resident, organization or business for a BiG Heart Award. To submit a nomination, visit cityofbg.org/BiGHeart. For more information on Camp Hope's programs and facilities, visit camphope-wa.org or email camphope@camphope-wa.org.



Photo courtesy of the City of Battle Ground

Camp Hope of Southwest Washington received the BiG Heart Award on Oct. 19 during a City Council meeting. The award recognizes impactful community contributions and outstanding volunteer service.

Vitals *Obituaries, Birth and Death Notices*

Birth notices

Mabel Joyce Ray, daughter of Sierra and Jonathan Ray of Vancouver, was born Oct. 16, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, at PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center.

Death Notices

Betsy Hatton, 77, of Ridgefield, died Sept. 28. Arrangements are under the care of Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 360-892-6060.

Bruce Brunson, 97, of Woodland, died Oct. 2. The location and time of a memorial service have yet to be determined.

Rheanon Arhart, 35, of Vancouver, died Oct. 5. Arrangements are under the care of Northwood Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 360-574-4252.

James Mitchell, 80, of Vancouver, died Oct. 8. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Ruth Jacobson, 101, died Oct. 9. Arrangements are under the care of Clark County Crematory, 360-727-0468.

Michael Hughes, 69, of Camas, died Oct. 11. Arrangements are under the care of Straub's Funeral Home, 360-834-4563.

Heidi Littlejohn, 73, of Camas, died Oct. 12. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Trevor Ingram, 58, of Vancouver, died Oct. 12. Arrangements are under the care of Clark County Crematory, 360-727-0468.

Kevin Smith, 66, of Vancouver, died Oct. 13. Arrangements are under the care of Northwood Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 360-574-4252.

George O'Neill, 70, of Vancouver, died Oct. 14. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

George Eaton, 80, of Vancouver, died Oct. 14. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Emmett Hayes, 81, of Portland, died Oct. 14. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Douglas Beckner, 73, of Vancouver, died Oct. 14. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Sandra Kytola, 86, of Vancouver, died Oct. 15. Arrangements are under the care of Northwood Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 360-574-4252.

Leighanne Brady, 55, of Amboy, died Oct. 15. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

Terri Montei, 70, of Yacolt, died Oct. 15. Arrangements are under the care of Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 360-892-6060.

Ronald Fournier, 97, of Ridgefield, died Oct. 15. Arrangements are under the care of Northwood Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 360-574-4252.

Timothy Holley, 47, of Vancouver, died Oct. 16. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Bennie Taylor IV, 55, of Battle Ground, died Oct. 16. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

Vincent Posselt, 87, of Vancouver, died Oct. 17. Arrangements are under the care of Northwood Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 360-574-4252.

Pamela Wellman, 79, of Vancouver, died Oct. 17. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Roberta Gibbons, 81, of Woodland, died Oct. 18. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Dolores Bennett, 78, of Vancouver, died Oct. 19. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

Paul Hendrickson, 83, of Vancouver, died Oct. 19. Arrangements are under the care of Northwood Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 360-574-4252.

Mary Sears, 77, of Vancouver, died Oct. 20. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.



Sandra Lee Kytola



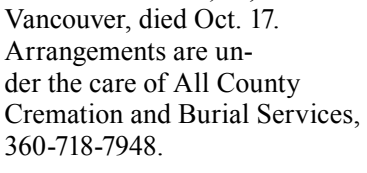
Sandra Lee Kytola, age 86, of Brush Prairie, Washington, passed away peacefully on October 15, 2026, at her care home. She was born on January 8, 1940, to William and Helen Strain. After graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1958, she moved to Oregon to attend Emanuel Hospital School of Nursing. After graduating in 1961, Sandra married Larry Kytola on Oct. 28, 1961. They built their life together on a dairy farm in Brush Prairie. Alongside managing a busy household and a full-time nursing career, Sandra served for many years as treasurer of the Clark County Dairy Women. Sandra dedicated 32 years to Southwest Washington Hospitals, starting in 1968 as a medication nurse before transitioning to an IV nurse. She was named department supervisor in 1972 and spent the final four years of her career as a chemotherapy nurse.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Larry; her children, Jeff Kytola (Lori) and Bonnie Stauffer (Dennis); grandchildren, Erika Stauffer, Emily Kytola, Sam Kytola (Kayla), Trent Stauffer, Mikayla Adams (Nathaniel); great-granddaughters, Lilly and Sophie Anderson; brother, William P. Strain (Pat); nieces, nephews, and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Helen Strain.

A memorial service will be held on November 14 at 11 AM at Bethel Lutheran Church, 12919 NE 159th Street, Brush Prairie, WA 98606. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the Bethel Lutheran Church Memorial Fund in Sandra's name.

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Marilyn Kathryn Wilken

December 7, 1936– October 3, 2026

Marilyn Kathryn (Harler) Wilken, 89, of Vancouver, Washington, passed away peacefully at her home on October 3, 2026. She was preceded in death three months earlier by Dale, her loving husband of 68 years, with whom she is now reunited. Marilyn was a beloved mom, grandma, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Marilyn was born on December 7, 1936, in Galesburg, Illinois, to Russell and Isabel Harler. After completing her training as a registered nurse at St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, Illinois, she began a long and rewarding career in nursing. She worked in both hospitals and later as a home health nurse. During her long career she worked in Illinois, Oregon, Washington, Virginia, and Texas as the family moved across the country. Marilyn was passionate about her profession and genuinely loved helping and caring for others, a dedication that remained with her throughout her career until retirement. Along the way, she also managed a busy household, raising three children and embracing all the joys and challenges of watching them grow into adulthood.

Marilyn will be remembered for her outgoing personality, her ability to strike up a conversation with anyone, and her willingness to lend a helping hand. She enjoyed spending time with friends and relatives, especially her grandchildren. She loved to travel, exploring the United States and the world, meeting new people, and experiencing new places. She enjoyed playing dominoes with her grandchildren, square dancing, playing mahjong with friends, and doing yoga. She volunteered for several years at Bloodworks NW. Her faith was always an important part of her life. She was an active member of the Lutheran Church in every community she called home, most recently at Family of Christ Lutheran Church.

Marilyn is survived by her daughter, Marci, of Keizer, Oregon; her sons, Brian, of Munich, Germany, and David, of Ridgefield, Washington; and her four grandchildren, Patrick, Andrew, Tim, and Emily.

A memorial service celebrating Marilyn's life and honoring her memory was held on October 24, 2026, at Family of Christ Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to:

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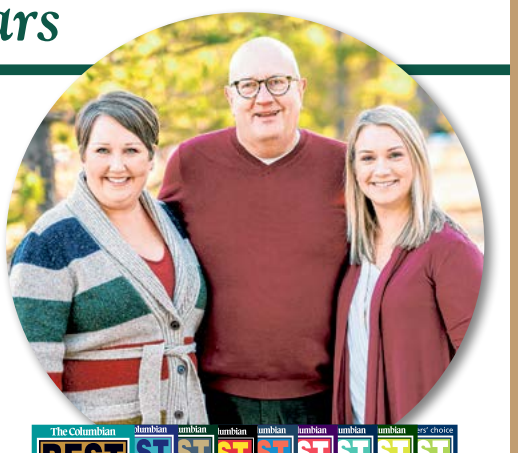
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Kalama taxidermy business provides quality work for local communities



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Several mounted elk and deer inside the shop of NW Wildlife Taxidermy on Tuesday Oct. 20.



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Mercedes Pittman and Christian Witt holding two elk skulls in front of their shop NW Wildlife Taxidermy on Tuesday Oct. 20.

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High quality taxidermy is available for Clark and Cowlitz County hunters at Northwest Wildlife Taxidermy in Kalama.

"I've been in the outdoor business my whole life as a fishing guide for 30 plus years," said co-owner Christian Witt. "I've been involved in taxidermy over time, just never went into business doing it."

That changed when he decided he and co-owner Mercedes Pittman wanted to work from home and be able to spend more time with family.

"We thought it would be a good home business for me and her to start together and have something to do with our family," Witt said.

Another benefit is that their overhead cost is greatly reduced compared to doing work away from home.

"I don't have to start the car and leave the driveway, I can come out to my shop and go to work," Witt said. "Doing our own schedule plus being here with our kids is very beneficial."

Becoming skilled enough to do this job took specialized training that both Witt and Pittman went through in the run-up to starting NW Wildlife Taxidermy.

"There's a lot of steps and processes going from skinning, to tanning to mounting," Witt said. "That's a whole other process."

Taxidermy begins with skinning the animal, then salting the hide, tanning it in brine, measuring it and ordering a mannequin, then mounting the hide on the mannequin.

"It definitely can be a little nerve-racking because you want to take your time, you don't want holes in anything," Pittman said. "That's gonna put more work on you on sewing later, so taking your time is probably the best way to go about it."

Pittman and Witt said that taxidermy is a messy art, requiring a lot of attention to detail and includes work with clay.

Their taxidermy business takes in everything from bobcats and cougars to bigger game such as elk, deer and bears.

"I like elk better because they're big and massive, they're easier to work on," Witt said. "Smaller animals are a lot more tedious to work on so I like to work on the bigger stuff."

Perhaps one of the biggest strengths of their business is the desire to be involved with their local community and serving its members as a small business.

"We know a lot of people in our local community, we know a lot of hunters and fishermen," Witt said. "We strive to do the best quality work possible for all of our local people."

Though the hunting season only recently started, Witt and Pittman have already had a few jobs and each customer has left with what they asked for.

"We take a lot of pride in our work. We strive to always do better work," Witt said. "It's just nice to do quality work for people and see them go home happy."



Photo by Marcus McCormic

A bear hide rug being salted on the ground of the shop of NW Wildlife Taxidermy on Tuesday Oct. 20.



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Bear hide soaking in the brine tub for tanning before being worked on at NW Wildlife Taxidermy on Tuesday Oct. 20.

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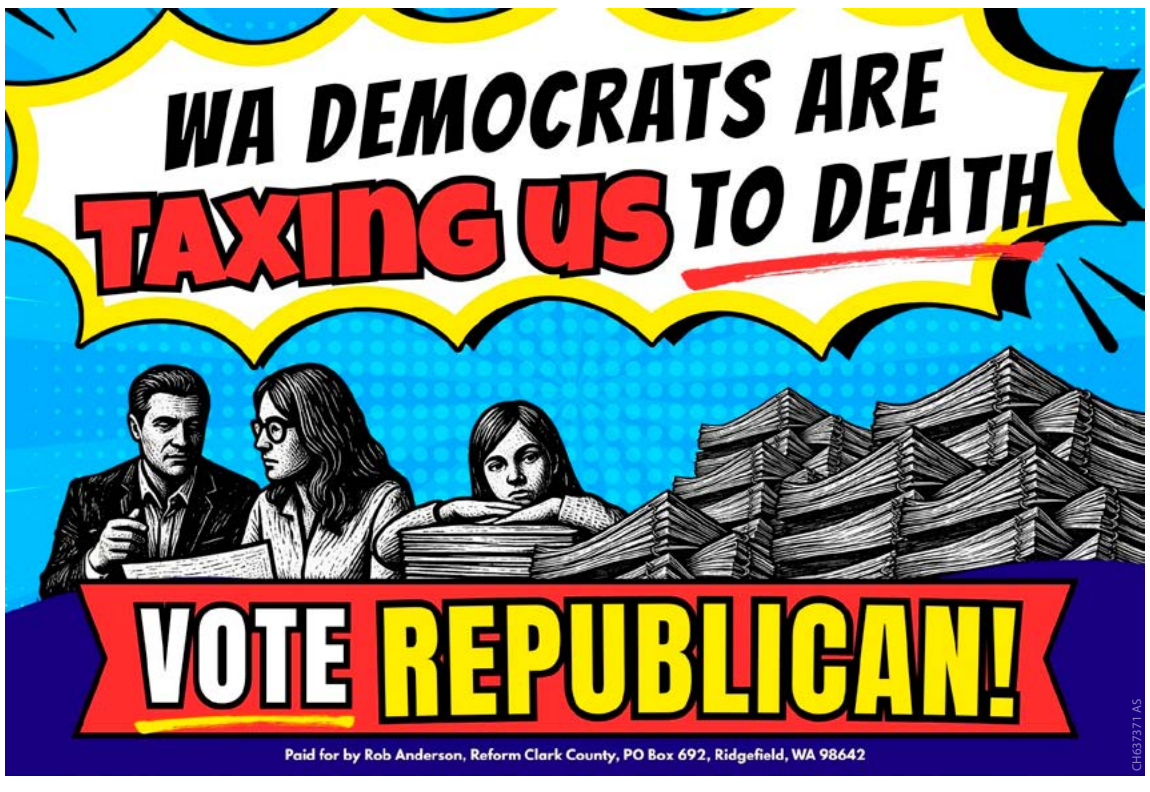
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Officials urge students to 'Report, Don't Repost' online threats



Photo by Cade Barker

Prairie High School junior and Battle Ground Public Schools district board student representative Addi Juhnke speaks during a press conference announcing 'Report, Don't Repost' on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at the ESD 112 District headquarters.



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Chelsea Quiggle, Clark County Sheriff's Office school resource officer at Prairie High School, speaks with TV news reporters about the launch of 'Report, Don't Repost' on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at the ESD 112 District headquarters.

Clark County schools, law enforcement launch campaign encouraging students to report social media threats rather than spread them

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School officials and law enforcement agencies across Clark County are urging students and families to report potential school threats directly to authorities instead of sharing them on social media, launching a public awareness campaign aimed at improving school safety and limiting the spread of misinformation.

The "Report, Don't Repost" campaign brings together school districts, the Clark County Sheriff's Office, additional law enforcement agencies and Educational Service District 112 to provide resources and guidance on how to respond to threatening or concerning online posts.

The initiative follows a rise in reports of potential threats circulating on social media, prompting school leaders and law enforcement to emphasize the importance of reporting concerns through appropriate channels.

"Online school threats can spread in seconds," Clark County Sheriff John Horch said during the campaign announcement. "Screenshots circulate, rumors grow, people worry, families start worrying."

Horch said people may share threatening posts because they want to protect their friends or family, but repeated sharing can complicate investigations by making it more difficult to locate the original post and identify who is responsible.

"Take a screenshot, report it, don't repost it," Horch said. "You do not have to decide whether the threat is real before reporting it. That's our job."

Chelsea Quiggle, a Clark County Sheriff's Office school resource officer at Prairie High School, said social media-related incidents frequently require intervention because students do not always consider the consequences of their words.

"It's pretty frequent," Quiggle said. "Our kids, we know that their brains are not fully developed, they don't have that prefrontal cortex fully intact yet, so they're really quick to say things without thinking ahead or thinking how it will impact others or themselves in the future."

Quiggle said many incidents involve students posting comments out of frustration or anger without intending to carry out a threat.

"That's mainly the conversations that we're having, is that the kids are saying things in the heat of the moment without there being any validity to it, and trying to educate them on using different terminology and understanding how their words impact others," she said.

Even when a post is not credible, school officials and law enforcement must determine whether it presents a legitimate safety concern. Quiggle said incidents involving potential threats can heighten security awareness, while conversations among students sometimes cause information to become distorted.

"They start talking about it and the potential threats, or you know, that game of telephone happens, and it sounds like a threat, but it's just them talking about a situation," she said.

Quiggle said schools already have protocols in place to respond to concerns and work to address issues before they escalate. She also emphasized the importance of giving students a way to report information without fearing judgment from their peers.

"A lot of kids don't want to be seen as a snitch or a rat, right? Those are their words," she said.

Quiggle said she has placed posters with QR codes in bathroom stalls at Prairie High School to direct students to the Vector reporting system.

"So providing that anonymous (option), they're able to get us the information so we can do our jobs, but still preserve their feelings as well," Quiggle said.

Student perspectives are also central to the campaign. During the news conference, Addi Juhnke, a junior at Prairie High School and a school board representative for the Battle Ground Public Schools district, described how quickly information can spread among students and create fear before anyone confirms the facts.

"In today's world, a single screenshot, message, or social media post can reach hundreds of students within minutes," Juhnke said. "And sometimes the information is accurate, but other times it's misleading or entirely untrue. Regardless, rumors can create fear and confusion before the facts are established."

Juhnke said students need to understand that reporting a concern is different from accusing someone publicly or creating unnecessary alarm. She also spoke about the importance of school administrators making the reporting process accessible and protecting students who come forward, citing her own experience the previous year.

"They made the process straightforward, took my concerns seriously, and kept my name out of the situation," Juhnke said, describing her experience reporting a concern to school administration.

She said that experience demonstrated how administrators can help students feel supported and confident that their safety concerns will be taken seriously.

Ridgefield School District Superintendent Dr. Jenny Rodriquez said the district plans to distribute campaign information to students, staff and families through existing communication networks, including a key communicators team and the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council.

Rodriquez said social media presents challenges beyond school threats, including its effects on students' mental health and anxiety.

For Ridgefield, efforts to reduce cellphone use during the school day have also produced positive results. Rodriquez said the district has seen a decline in disciplinary incidents related to social media since implementing its cellphone policy.

"Having those off and away all day, including during passing periods and at lunch, has significantly reduced behaviors that were related to social media and just cell phone use in general since we implemented that new policy," Rodriquez said.

Rodriquez encouraged families to contact district staff or school principals when they have questions or concerns rather than relying on social media for official information.

"I think it is just really important to remind folks, report and don't repost," she said. "And also, social media is probably not the official communication channel for both school districts and also for our emergency partners."

The campaign's resources, including posters, social media graphics and reporting guidance, are available at reportdontrepost.org.

Officials say students do not need to determine whether a threat is credible before reporting it. By preserving information and sending it directly to school officials or law enforcement, students and families can help investigators respond while limiting the spread of rumors.

As Juhnke told those gathered at the news conference, "When a post raises a safety concern, report it rather than post it."







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A giant skeleton scarecrow behind the pumpkin archway at the Holiday House on Third property in Ridgefield on Sunday, Oct. 25.



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The view of the Holiday House on Third property from the street in Ridgefield on Sunday, Oct. 25.



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A possessed tree decoration at the Holiday House on Third property in Ridgefield on Sunday, Oct. 25.



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A glimpse down the side walkway where a giant skeleton watches people approach at the Holiday House on Third property in Ridgefield on Sunnday, Oct. 25.



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A large pumpkin scarecrow on a balcony right above the sign for the Holiday House on Third property in Ridgefield on Sunday, Oct. 25.

Holiday House

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From his childhood through his teen years, Kugler built a lot of sets and decorations, notable among them a western town he constructed in high school with his father.

"My dad and I built the whole town, jail, saloon, full graveyard. They had a pretty good-sized yard," Kugler said. "I won a couple of awards, I was in the newspaper as a high schooler for best in Clark County neighborhood association for our house."

This year, Kugler's property features several special decorations, but the centerpiece is something he built himself.

"The front porch itself was a plan, an idea that I had basically since we moved in," Kugler said. "We never really had a picturesque front door so what's behind the facade is just the garage."

Planning for the season typically begins in July if Kugler is building a set piece, and setup begins during the first week of September.

For Kugler, the ability to create these pieces of art and have people enjoy them is a good alternative to the job he had dreamed of getting in the future.

"I really wanted to work on either a movie set or build sets for haunted houses," Kugler said. "Disney weighs a lot in my life and so my first memories of the haunted mansion at Disneyland when I was 5 years old, that's all weighed in on my artistic perspective."

For several years, Kugler lived in an apartment and was unable to do decorations like he wanted, and his dream career wasn't showing much promise.

During this time, he met his wife, and in 2020, the couple moved to their current residence.

"She was super into it too," Kugler said. "Halloween, Disney, all that was on the table and we knew long before we got this house that it's something we wanted to do."

The first year they moved into the house, they started decorating for Halloween, and since then, their inventory of decorations has grown to the point that they need a storage unit.

"There's a lot of people that come and I know people come back every year and they're looking for something new," Kugler said. "You just kind of have to keep expanding. Next year we're hoping to open up the garage and have a haunted walkway."

As the years go on, Kugler anticipates that his kids will be able to help out more and may eventually take over the event.

"All they want to do is come help, so I've got them to keep me at it as well," Kugler said.

Extra hands and extra help allow him to manage his time since Halloween isn't the only time he puts up a lot of decorations.

"After this we tear it down, put it all in our storage unit and then Christmas comes out," Kugler said. "I'd say it definitely consumes at least six months out of the year, physically hands-on and my brain's always turning to new ideas."

Though it takes a lot of dedication, Kugler finds that all the toil and trouble is worth it because it allows him to do something he loves.

"Everything I do, it's really backed by the art side of things," Kugler said. "I get to express my creativity and this is kind of my canvas."

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New lawsuit challenges I-5 bridge design, citing navigation issues

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A lawsuit has been filed to block the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program's current fixed-span design, with the litigants arguing the 116-foot vertical navigation clearance would restrict navigation and upriver industrial activity.

The IBR is a bi-state project to replace the aging Interstate 5 bridge over the Columbia River between Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington.

Iron Partners LLC, the plaintiff, contends that the Federal Highway Administration and related agencies did not follow proper environmental and navigation laws, and the company is asking the court for an injunction to stop current construction plans for the project.

Iron Partners owns a building on Vancouver's industrial waterfront, operating water-dependent industrial and heavy equipment facilities on the Columbia River, utilizing large internal heavy equipment.

The company says it has fabricated large structures for decades — including offshore drilling platforms, bridge components, and missile-defense parts.

They rely upon having a tall bridge to pass beneath and are concerned that a 116-foot fixed span is inadequate.

Rep. John Ley, R-Vancouver, an outspoken critic of the current IBR plan, explained to The Center Square that some upriver firms have been promised mitigation for damages to their business, but not all, including Iron Partners who have filed suit.

"It was announced about a year ago that they had a reached agreement with four upriver firms, and the total payment is $141 million. The biggest one is Thompson Metal Fab, getting the



John Ley

lion's share of that money. But three other firms are also getting money in it."

Ley said he's had no conversations with anyone affiliated with Iron Partners but said they may have been waiting to voice objections until the project was fully moving forward with the disagreeable restricted height.

"My belief is that this new firm that's bringing the lawsuit was waiting, hoping that a record of decision would not be given, because there were so many problems in the environmental review process and all of this," said Ley.

"And on July 1, the record of decision was done, so now they've spent three months reviewing all the documents and they are suing, saying 116 feet of clearance for marine vessels is 62 feet lower than the current clearance, and that represents an unreasonable obstacle to navigation."

Washington state Rep. John Ley is questioning the design, cost and environmental review process for the proposed Interstate 5 Bridge Replacement connecting Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Oregon.

Ley argues that the proposed bridge's 116-foot navigation clearance is unnecessarily



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A naval ship navigates the Columbia River downstream from the Interstate 5 Bridge.

restrictive and questions whether plans to extend light rail from Portland to Vancouver are influencing the bridge's design.

The Washington lawmaker says a taller bridge could be built within the existing project footprint. He cites an architect's alternative concept with up to 144 feet of clearance that the architect believes could cost approximately $3 billion to $4 billion.

Ley also welcomes additional scrutiny of the project's environmental review, alleging that concerns raised by Hayden Island residents and communities in Clark County and Southwest Washington were not adequately addressed.

He says ongoing litigation could potentially affect the project's anticipated 2028 construction start, although he acknowledges that the timing remains uncertain.

The debate raises questions about Interstate 5 Bridge Replacement costs, Columbia River navigation clearance, Portland-to-Vancouver light rail, environmental impacts and taxpayer accountability.

The lawsuit asserts that a 116-foot fixed bridge would create an unreasonable obstruction to navigation under the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and the General Bridge Act of 1946.

As previously reported by The Center Square, the price tag for the current design, to include light rail over the span, has exploded to between $13-15 billion.

Ley told The Center Square supporters of the design have recently said the project will be funded and built in phases.

"The IBR team came out and said, 'Well, there's not enough money to build all of this, so we are going to break it into phases.' And phase one, they are proposing would be between a $5.5 and a $7.5 billion dollar project," he said.

"The problem is, the IBR team, their engineers and financial people, are saying we are still short by $2.2 billion."

In 2022 the Coast Guard issued a determination finding that 116 feet, the current adopted plan height, would create an unreasonable obstruction for roughly a century.

The Coast Guard later changed up and without public comment, issued a new determination approving the lower height, according to the lawsuit.

Project officials with IBR provided a response via email to The Center Square's request for comment.

"The Interstate Bridge Replacement Program cannot comment on active litigation. Currently the suit has been filed against the IBR Program's federal lead agencies with the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration," the email said.

The email directed The Center Square to contact the Oregon and Washington FHWA division administrators and FTA regional administrator for further comment. The Center Square will be reaching out for additional information.

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Cowlitz County coffee staple arrives in Brush Prairie



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Derek and Justina Taft stand in their recently opened Red Leaf Organic Coffee Brush Prairie franchise location on Thursday, Oct. 22. The husband-and-wife duo also own the popular Orchards location.

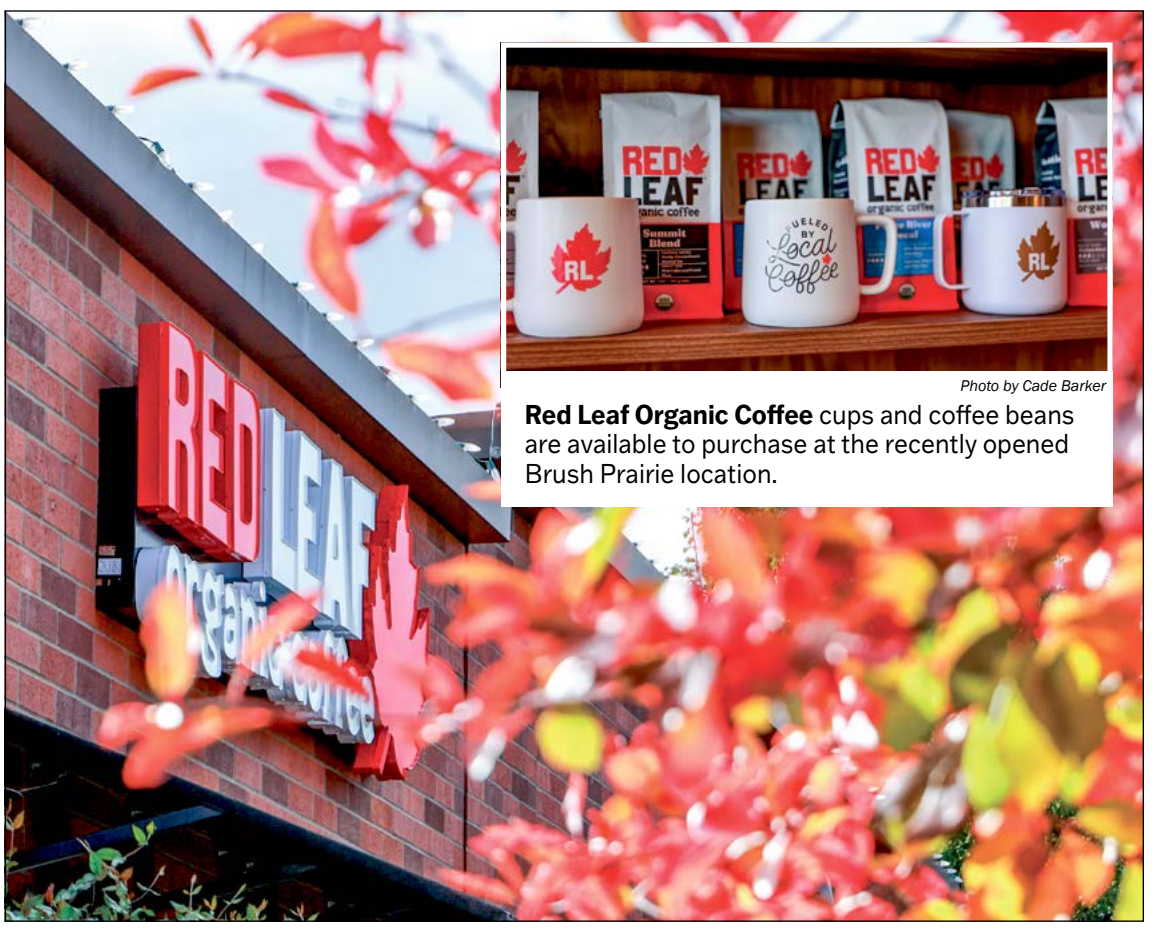


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The Red Leaf Organic Coffee Brush Prairie location's sign is seen through red leaves on a tree in the parking lot on Thursday, Oct. 22.

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Red Leaf Organic Coffee cups and coffee beans are available to purchase at the recently opened Brush Prairie location.

Red Leaf Orchards franchisees expand with second location

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A husband-and-wife team with nearly three decades of restaurant experience is expanding a locally grown coffee brand in Clark County, opening a second Red Leaf Organic Coffee location.

Derek and Justina Taft, of Kelso, opened their first Red Leaf Organic Coffee franchise in Orchards in June 2025. Their second location in Brush Prairie, across from Prairie High School in the site of former Fairway Coffee, opened Monday, Oct. 19, giving the couple another opportunity to introduce the brand to customers in north Clark County.

The Tafts built their careers in the restaurant industry, meeting while working at Taco Time. They now own the Longview Taco Time location together, while Derek's sister owns another in Kelso. Their relationship with Red Leaf founders Ray and Melissa Vandervalk eventually led to the opportunity to become the company's first franchisees.

The couple saw the Orchards location as a way to establish a stronger presence in Clark County before expanding into smaller markets.

"We felt like we needed a store that would kind of tell Clark County we're here," Derek Taft said.

Justina Taft said the couple has been encouraged by the response to both locations and hopes to maintain the personal connections that have helped the business grow.

"We're super grateful for the community accepting us the way that they have," she said.

The Orchards location has performed well, with Derek Taft saying he believes it is the highest-grossing Red Leaf location. He attributed that success not only to its visibility but also to the couple's efforts to build relationships with customers and local schools.

"We feel like giving back to the schools, sponsoring things," he said. "We're trying to make sure that our service times are really good. Our product is always top notch as best we can."

The Brush Prairie location offered a different opportunity. After hearing that a coffee shop in the area had closed, Derek Taft stopped by the property in December 2025 and began exploring whether it could become the couple's next franchise location.

The building, landscaping and drive-thru made it an appealing fit, while its location across from Prairie High School presented an opportunity to connect with students and teachers.

The Tafts took a low-key approach to the opening, they said, using a soft launch to work through operational challenges before promoting the shop more widely. Initial sales have exceeded their expectations, Derek Taft added.

The couple also planned to introduce the business to Prairie students through school events, including bringing approximately 150 drinks and pastries to a varsity volleyball game on Thursday, Oct. 22.

"We want them to know this is a place they can come before school, after school, hang out, make memories here and get something that not only tastes good, but it's a bit healthier," Derek Taft said.

Red Leaf, which began in Woodland in 2008, differentiates itself through organic coffee and expansive menu options for customers with dietary restrictions. The Brush Prairie location also offers a drive-thru queue that can accommodate an estimated 10 to 15 vehicles, the couple said.

Looking ahead, the Tafts are considering additional locations in Salmon Creek and Ridgefield. Red Leaf also has plans to expand into Nevada, with a location in Henderson anticipated to open in December under the ownership of another husband-and-wife franchisee team, Justina Taft said.

However, the Tafts said growth must not come at the expense of the company's identity or the personal relationships they value.

"We don't ever want it to lose the idea that we are a family company," Derek Taft said. "It's not just a number on a piece of paper for us. It's a location that we care deeply about, and we want to connect with the community in each location. We want to make sure that they know that we're not just there to make money, we're there to make an impact."

That philosophy extends to employees, whom the couple said they view as part of their extended family. They emphasized providing opportunities for workers to develop skills and advance, while remaining involved in daily operations.

For the Tafts, opening additional locations means balancing the demands of entrepreneurship with family life. They have three children involved in traveling sports, along with pets to care for at home, they added.

"It's hard, but it's all worth it in the end," Justina Taft said. "And it's so fun to be able to look back and be like, we did this, you know, and to really appreciate the hard work afterwards."

Ultimately, the couple hopes the shops become more than places to purchase coffee.

"When you can walk in and see someone or a couple or whoever, like, sitting down, enjoying a cup of coffee and a pastry or sandwich and having a great conversation, it really does make you feel so good that you've created a space for people to be able to do that," Derek Taft said.

Red Leaf Organic Coffee in Brush Prairie is located at 11504 NE 119th Street, Ste 104, Vancouver, open Monday-Friday 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Photo by Cade Barker

Customers begin to fill the seating at the Red Leaf Organic Coffee Brush Prairie location on Thursday, Oct. 22.





Ridgefield students explore farming during Agricultural Day



South Ridge Elementary School students pet a baby goat during Agriculture Day on Thursday, Oct. 15.

Photo courtesy of Ridgefield School District

THE REFLECTOR

Second-graders at South Ridge Elementary School explored Ridgefield's agricultural heritage during the school's second Agriculture Day on Thursday, Oct. 15.

Local agricultural experts and community volunteers led hands-on activities to teach students about farming and the people, plants and animals that support the region's agricultural industry. School counselors Anne Lamping and Anna Moskal helped organize the event and provided leadership, according to Ridgefield School District.

"By learning directly from local experts, students can make meaningful connections between what they study in the classroom and the world around them," the release stated.

The annual event connects students with Ridgefield's agricultural history as the city continues to grow and develop. Organizers hope the activities help students better understand agriculture's role in the community.

Open house planned for proposed Ridgefield-I-5 connection

THE REFLECTOR

Ridgefield residents can weigh in on a proposed roadway connecting the city to Interstate 5 during a drop-in open house Thursday, Nov. 12.

The event will run from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on the second floor of the TMI Building at 101 Mill St., Ridgefield. City staff will be available to explain the project, answer questions and gather public feedback, according to a City of Ridgefield news release.

The Ridgefield I-5 South Connector Study began in 2021 to address transportation challenges tied to the area's population and economic growth. The current phase, Stage II, focuses on evaluating potential routes, conducting environmental analyses and identifying a preliminary preferred alternative, according to the project website.

The proposed connector would link the area near NW Hillhurst Road and NW 31st Avenue to the I-5 interchange at NE 219th Street, also known as the Battle Ground exit. The city and Clark County are working together on the project.



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The open house materials are available online at shorturl.at/zqMkV, where the public can also submit feedback from Nov. 12 through Dec. 4.

Driver arrested in Battle Ground hit-and-run

THE REFLECTOR

A 20-year-old driver was arrested after a hit-and-run collision left a cyclist with significant injuries Monday, Oct. 19, in Battle Ground.

Officers responded around 3:30 p.m. near the intersection of SW 34th Street and SW 10th Avenue, where a vehicle had struck a 35-year-old male cyclist and left the scene. The injured cyclist was taken to PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center, according to a City of Battle Ground news release.

A witness provided officers with the license plate number and description of the suspected vehicle, helping them identify the driver as Cloe Vesely. Vesely, 20, was taken into custody and charged with hit-and-run with injury. She cooperated with investigators, according to the release.

No additional information was available as of press time.

Gas Stations

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formal applications, they provide an indication of the types of projects developers are considering. Once a formal development application is submitted, the city has a limited amount of time to review and respond. The moratorium gives officials an opportunity to consider the broader effects of additional fueling stations before facing those deadlines.

In the Ridgefield Junction area, seven fueling stations are either existing or under construction within 1.5 miles, according to the city. Several additional stations have been discussed, including some that would be located near existing or planned stations.

City Attorney Janean Parker said the hearing was focused on whether the council should pause development to evaluate the regulations.

Councilor Katie Favela said the city should consider the cumulative effects of gas stations on nearby neighborhoods.

"When we are going through this process, I want to make sure that we have adequate code to consider the whole picture, the cumulative environmental health, safety, and socioeconomic impacts that putting gas stations in neighborhoods can cause," Favela said.

Councilor Clyde Burkle raised concerns about the concentration of fueling stations along Pioneer Street.

"Basing my concerns on the fact that we will have in a one-mile section on Pioneer, six fueling stations. And in my opinion, I think that's more than adequate," Burkle said.

Other council discussion addressed how to account for differences between locations and the potential impacts of additional development. Councilor Lee Wells also noted that newer underground fuel tanks include additional containment designed to reduce leaks.

Some residents questioned whether the city should limit new stations. Joe Melroy said officials should be cautious about preventing businesses from moving forward.

"I'd be careful about putting a moratorium on them or stopping something that people want to be in business," Melroy said.

In a news release by the city, Mayor Matt Cole said the moratorium presents an opportunity to consider how the city manages development while responding to growth.

"We talk often as a Council about how we can make sure as a city government that we keep pace with the growth we are experiencing," Cole said. "This is an opportunity for us to thoughtfully manage the growth in our community. Here in Ridgefield, we are a city that is responsive to the needs of its residents and to development and growth, while balancing those needs thoughtfully."

Before the moratorium, gas stations were permitted in the Community Commercial Business, Commercial Regional Business, Central Mixed Use, Waterfront Mixed Use and Employment zones.

Following the Oct. 8 hearing, the council has up to six months to develop a plan and consider changes to the city's development regulations, if officials choose to pursue them. The hearing itself did not determine whether new gas stations would be prohibited or establish new development standards.



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City of Woodland explores proposal to build new sport courts and outdoor fitness area

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Woodland City Council is reviewing a proposal from City Council member Gabe Huston to develop new sports courts and an outdoor fitness area near the middle school.

"The idea behind the project is pretty simple," Huston said. "We want to take an area that is being underutilized and turn it into something that can benefit the community."

The tentative plan is to replace the old tennis courts near the middle school and install a full-sized basketball court, two pickleball courts, an outdoor fitness area and potentially batting cages.

"I've already had the conversation with Superintendent Riley and she's supportive of the concept," Huston said. "That's a huge first step because the property belongs to the school district."

Huston believes the project already has quite a bit of traction due to the city's access to grants, and the parks and recreation department.

"It's not just about basketball or pickleball or batting cages, it's about creating a space where kids can be active, families can spend time together and people of all ages can come and enjoy outdoor recreation."

— Gabe Huston
Woodland City Council member

"The first priority is getting the interlocal agreement between the city and the school district," Huston said.

The agreement would determine who is responsible for maintaining the facility, overseeing construction, handling insurance and liability, and making the facility available to the community.

By choosing to develop the site of the existing courts, the city could save on construction costs typically associated with building a facility from scratch.

"The floor is already there, so that saves us a lot of money versus having to pour concrete," Huston said. "It's going to be a pretty smooth and easy project."

Huston noticed that, with the exception of the schools, the community didn't have a good outdoor facility for sports.

"Giving the kids somewhere to go and be occupied and stay active, and the community can use it also, it's just a win-win for everyone," Huston said.

The next step of the process, after the interlocal agreement, is to finalize the preliminary design for the new courts and fitness area.

"We would finalize the design and determine the project's construction requirements and put together a realistic cost estimate," Huston said.

Once these steps are complete, the proposal would then return to the city and school district for final approval.

"Ideally, I'd like to see it make meaningful progress on the agreement plan and funding in the next several months," Huston said. "I don't want to promise a construction date until we know what funding is available and we have the necessary approvals in place."

Despite the long road ahead, Huston is encouraged by the support from the city and the school district.

"It makes it clear that the project is moving through the planning process. Having the city and the school both being supportive is going to be huge for the project," Huston said.

On a personal level, Huston feels this project is necessary to Woodland because it isn't just investing in a property, but investing in the future of the community.

"It's important that we're looking at existing facilities and looking for ways to improve them instead of starting completely from scratch," Huston said. "It's not just about basketball or pickleball or batting cages, it's about creating a space where kids can be active, families can spend time together and people of all ages can come and enjoy outdoor recreation."



Photo Courtesy of Gabriel Huston

The proposed design for the new Woodland community pickleball, tennis, basketball courts and outdoor fitness area at the middle school.

County seeks volunteers for Ethics Review Commission

THE REFLECTOR

Clark County is seeking volunteers to fill two openings on its Ethics Review Commission, which reviews complaints involving alleged violations of the county's code of ethics.

The openings are for three-year terms that begin immediately and end Oct. 31, 2029. Members must be qualified in government ethics and cannot hold elected office, serve as an officer of a political party or work for the county during their tenure, according to a Clark County news release.

The commission meets quarterly and holds special meetings as needed, with options to attend in person or virtually.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest and résumé to Michelle Pfenning, council administrative assistant, at P.O. Box 5000, Vancouver, WA 98666-5000, or email michelle.pfenning@clark.wa.gov. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30.

To learn more about the Ethics Review Commission, visit shorturl.at/TrTnt.

County seeks volunteers for Planning Commission

THE REFLECTOR

The Clark County Council is seeking applications to fill two openings on the county's Planning Commission. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6.

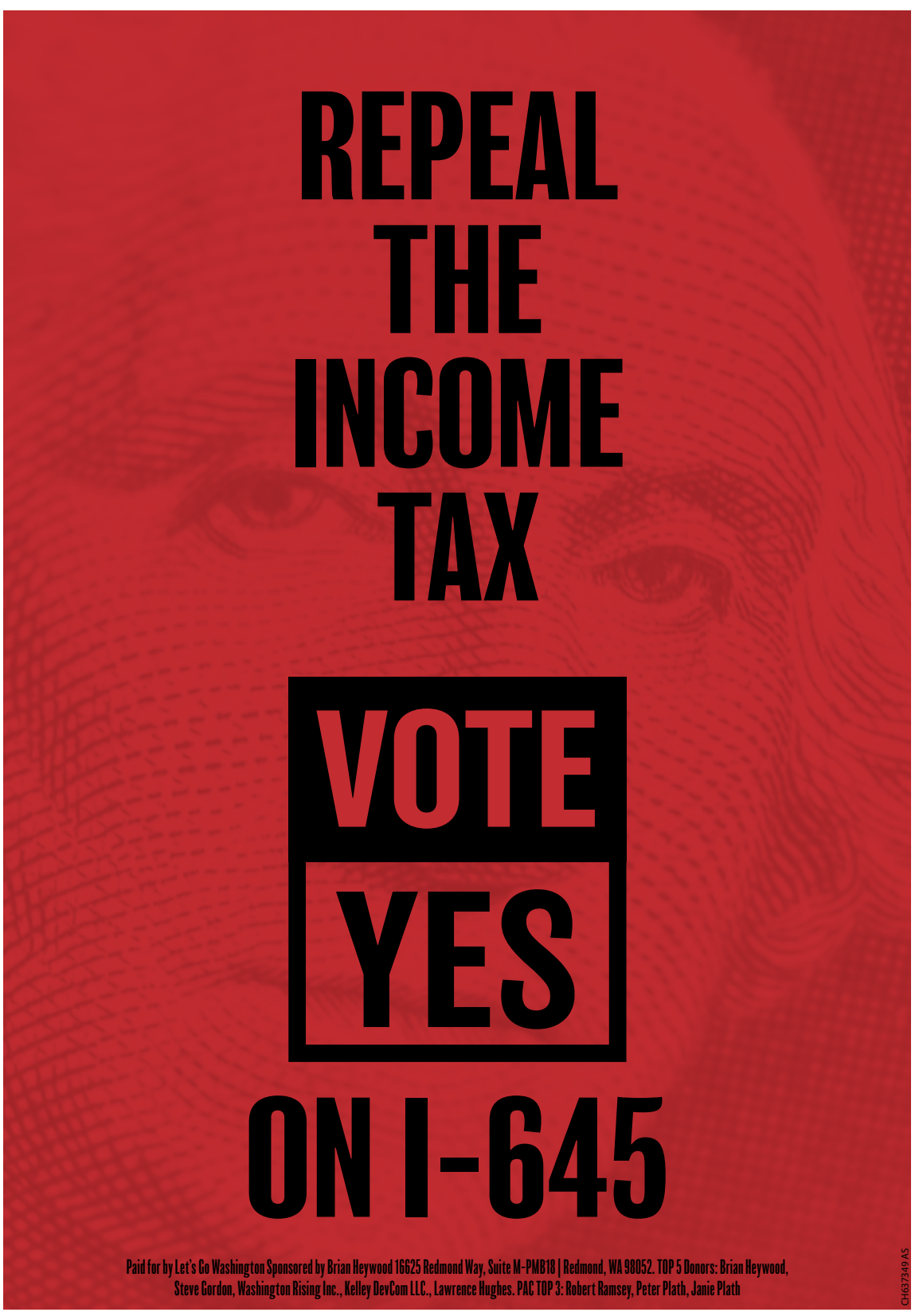
Both positions are for four-year terms ending Dec. 31, 2030, according to a Clark County news release.

The Planning Commission is a seven-member committee that provides recommendations to the County Council on land-use planning, zoning and development within unincorporated Clark County. The commission also provides feedback on issues such as growth management, roads, public facilities and development regulations.

Those interested in the positions should submit a letter of interest and résumé to Jake Goodwin, Clark County Council Office, PO Box 5000, Vancouver, WA 98666-5000, or by email to jake.goodwin@clark.wa.gov.

For more information on commission participation and duties, visit shorturl.at/El12L.





The frontlines of a political hot topic:

Ballot initiative 638 debated as transgender athlete competes in girls cross country event



Photo by Cade Barker

State Sen. and 3rd Congressional District candidate John Braun, R-Centralia, begins to walk to be interviewed by Portland's KGW news during a protest surrounded by signage for Washington Initiative I-638 against a transgender runner in the girls 4A Greater St. Helens League cross country championship on Wednesday, Oct. 21.



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A Battle Ground girls cross country runner, whose mother told reporters she did not want to be named in press, is embraced after stepping off of the line in protest of a transgender runner in the girls 4A Greater St. Helens League cross country championship on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

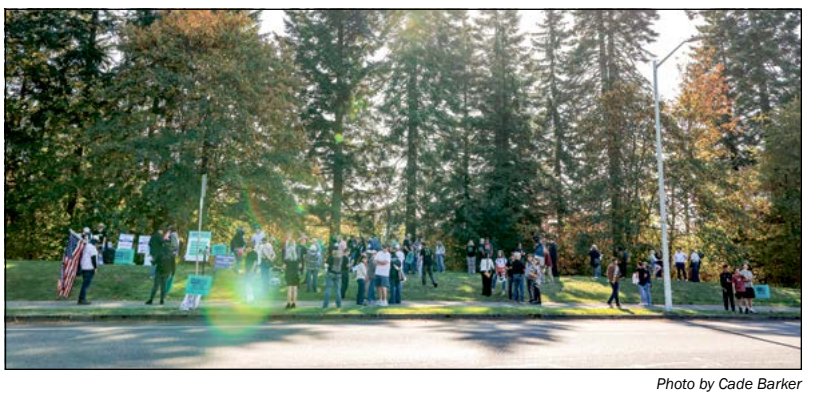


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Protesters against a transgender runner in the girls 4A Greater St. Helens League cross country championship begin to gather across the street from the race with shirts and signage supporting no boys in girls' sports on Wednesday, Oct. 21.



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Two Skyview girls cross country runners with scripture Hebrews 12:11 written on their legs were visibly upset after placing behind a transgender runner in the girls 4A Greater St. Helens League cross country championship on Wednesday, Oct. 21.



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XX-XY Athletics was offering shirts and other gear during a protest against a transgender runner in the girls 4A Greater St. Helens League cross country championship on Wednesday, Oct. 21.



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Law enforcement personnel from the Camas Police Department and Clark County Sheriff's Office are briefed on an incident outside of the girls 4A Greater St. Helens League cross country championship on Wednesday, Oct. 21.



Photo by Chris Barker

A school safety personnel member stands between a large crowd of attendees and the starting line for the boys and girls 4A Greater St. Helens League cross country championship on Wednesday, Oct. 21.



Photo by Cade Barker

A transgender runner on the Camas girls cross country team runs by a large crowd at the girls 4A Greater St. Helens League cross country championship on Wednesday, Oct. 21.



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WA 18th District State Rep. John Ley (R) speaks with attendees of a protest against a transgender runner in the girls 4A Greater St. Helens League cross country championship on Wednesday, Oct. 21.



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A conservative livestreamer, Thomas Wayne Allen, argues with security personnel after booing a transgender runner in the girls 4A Greater St. Helens League cross country championship on Camas School District property on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

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Contested congressional seat comes down to the wire with millions of dollars spent in final weeks

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U.S. Rep. Suzan DelBene, D-Wash., speaks to attendees of a campaign door knocking launch rally for U.S. Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, D-Skamania, at Kiwanis Park in Battle Ground on Saturday, Oct. 24.



Photo by Cade Barker

U.S. Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, D-Skamania, speaks to attendees of a campaign door knocking launch rally at Kiwanis Park in Battle Ground on Saturday, Oct. 24.



Photo by Cade Barker

House Speaker Mike Johnson speaks to reporters alongside 3rd Congressional District Republican challenger John Braun at a campaign event in Vancouver earlier this year.

Campaign dollars, endorsements, and big players in political parties are coming to a head as incumbent Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, D-Skamania, and challenger John Braun, R-Centralia, are in the final week of campaigning before votes are tallied on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd.

In Battle Ground on Saturday, Oct. 24, speakers emphasized that Washington's 3rd Congressional District is a battleground in its own right as volunteers prepared to knock on doors in the area on behalf of Gluesenkamp Perez's campaign. After discussing the importance of the election, volunteers heard directly from both Gluesenkamp Perez and Washington's 1st Congressional District Rep. Suzan DelBene, who also serves as chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC).

DelBene called the race for Washington's 3rd Congressional District critically important to the national political landscape, emphasizing the Democrats' need to retain competitive seats and encouraging voters to support Democratic incumbent Marie Gluesenkamp Perez.

DelBene said the district is a key part of Democrats' efforts to maintain their representation in Congress.

"This race is critically important, that's why I'm here," DelBene said in Battle Ground's Kiwanis Park. "... We've got to make sure we keep the districts we have and this one is a critically important seat."

DelBene praised Perez's work in Southwest Washington and said the campaign would focus on reaching voters before Election Day.

"Marie has done an incredible job and we just need to make sure that when people know what Marie stands for and the work she's done for this community, she wins," DelBene said. "So we're going to work hard to make sure we get out every vote."

DelBene also criticized the Republican-controlled Congress, arguing that lawmakers have not provided sufficient oversight of President Donald Trump's administration.

"We've seen a Republican Congress that's been a rubber stamp for Donald Trump," DelBene said. "They have not acted as an independent branch of government and so we need folks who are actually going to stand up for our community, stand up for people."

She described Perez as an independent-minded representative whose primary responsibility is serving her constituents.

"She has been an authentic, independent-minded voice for the people of Southwest Washington and they see that every day," DelBene said. "Her number one job is serving her community. She's been doing it. She has a strong track record of doing that and she will continue to do that when she's re-elected."

DelBene said grassroots campaigning, including door knocking and direct conversations with voters, remains essential despite the significant amounts of money spent on political advertising.

"It's incredibly important," DelBene said. "You know, Republicans have seemingly infinite amounts of money, but they have nothing to say."

She added, "Infinity times zero is still zero."

Campaign spending has crossed the $20 million mark in the 3rd Congressional District. According to reporting by the Washington State Standard, spending has reached over $10 million dollars in just the final stretch before the first week of November.

Gluesenkamp Perez, who is pursuing a third term, has raised $8.8 million and began October with roughly $640,000 on hand, according to filings with the Federal Election Commission.

Her opponent, Republican state Sen. John Braun, has hauled in $3.2 million and started October with $1.1 million available, according to reporting by Washington State Standard.

Large sums are getting poured into the race by Democratic and Republican organizations, and an array of political committees, at least one tied to President Donald Trump, the Washington State Standard article added.

Collectively they have committed in excess of $15 million on advertising, mailers, text messages, phone calls and direct outreach to voters in Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Pacific, Wahkiakum and Skamania counties, and a touch of Thurston County.

On Wednesday, Oct. 21, House Speaker Mike Johnson returned to the state of Washington to campaign for Braun. A second visit by House Speaker Mike Johnson earmarks the importance of this seat for both political parties.

Johnson's first visit on behalf of Braun occurred in Vancouver earlier this year. This time around, Johnson headlined a rally at Braun's business in Chehalis and was joined by four other Republican members of Congress including U.S. Rep. Richard Hudson of North Carolina, chair of the National Republican Congressional Committee.

According to the Washington State Standard, Johnson warned the crowd that Democrats in Congress, and many of those running for seats, are pushing a policy agenda to "abolish everything" achieved by the Republican majorities there now. He acknowledged that in nearly every midterm election sitting presidents lose seats, but insisted this year will be different if Republicans turn out.

"I'm absolutely convinced we're going to defy history and hold the majority," he said.

Republicans currently hold an advantage of 218-214 over the Democrats in the House as the Braun-Gluesenkamp Perez race holds great importance for both parties' goals this November.

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Washington and the Gilded Cage

Living in Washington can feel like a gilded cage. The scenery is stunning, the mountains are majestic, and daily life looks comfortable from the outside. Yet rising taxes and fees are steadily shrinking our personal freedom, happiness, and choices.

If you can afford the high price of gasoline plus the state and climate taxes layered on top, you might still drive to the Olympic Mountains. First, though, you must pay the increased fee for a Discover Pass. Couples who want to marry in a beautiful venue discover that even the marriage license costs more. The venue itself is more expensive because of higher minimum wages, business-and- occupation taxes, and new retail sales taxes. Over the last four years the price of starting a business, buying a house, attending college, or simply owning a firearm has climbed sharply.

In the legislature, Republicans argue that these taxes-including the new income tax- are not sustainable. People and businesses that can leave will leave.

Democrats answer that no one will go because Washington is simply too beautiful. That reply only works if voters ignore the rising cost of living inside the cage.

The pattern is clear. Each new fee and tax is defended as necessary, yet the cumulative effect is that ordinary residents pay more for the same basic freedoms.

Beauty doesn't pay the grocery bill, the heating bill, or the tuition bill. When one party holds nearly all the power, the costs keep rising while the answers stay the same.

Voters should look past the pretty views and ask hard questions about the price of one-party rule. The cage may be gilded, but it is still a cage.

Your vote is needed and matters. Vote by November 3.

Darlene Kulla
La Center

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I am a concerned Christian citizen, and this election has far-reaching consequences for our state and nation. As you fill out your ballot over the next two weeks, I ask you to ask yourself the following questions. Do you want your property taxes to continue to skyrocket? Do you want your car insurance rates to continue to skyrocket? What about gas prices? Washington has the 4 the highest gas prices in the nation because of all the additional state gas taxes. Why is it so expensive to live here? Washington is ranked 6 th for the most expensive housing in the nation. Again, this is because of all the state taxes, fees, and regulations. According to the Affordability Index, Washington State is ranked 40 for affordability (least affordable). Even though Washington's education spending increased significantly, from $13,775 to $19,163 per student, Washington dropped from 27th to 31st in national education rankings. Let's be honest, Democrats have been in control of Washington state's governorship and both chambers of the legislature since 2018 and held the governorship for 40 consecutive years, starting in 1985, and maintained a majority in the state legislature for much of that time. In 2020 the Democrats pushed through the Comprehensive Sex Education Curriculum, written by Planned Parenthood, which accomplished all that it hoped to accomplish - sexualizing our children and opening the door to more teenage pregnancies, abortion, transgenderism, boys in girls' sports, and yes, even increased sex trafficking. Do you want more abortions? Do you want boys in girls' locker rooms and bathrooms and playing in girls' sports? Do you want your son to be told he can be a girl and your daughter to be told she can be a boy? Do you want your parental rights stripped away?

Do you want higher taxes and a state income tax? Do you want higher insurance rates?

Now is the time to make a change. For our children. For our seniors. For our state. And for our nation.

Patty Daniells
Vancouver, WA

The Children Caught in the Crossfire of Our Culture Wars

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I would be lying if I did not admit the level of tension and frustration I feel as I sit and meditate on the current state of affairs in our county around a high school cross-country team. As I stood on the side of the starting line in Camas this last Wednesday, my focus was not on the student runners, but the adults that filled the sidewalks and grass lawns around them.


JAMES DOYLE

A normal sport event that's usually only made up of the dedicated parents, the supporting school staff and coaches, and the occasional on-lookers of the parks-was being occupied by multiple law enforcement agencies, national media broadcasters, social media influencers and activists. Every adult in attendance and engaging in the social media aftermath should be asking themselves, "how did we get here?"

Let me be clear about where I stand: As a girl dad myself, I believe fairness in girls' sports matters. Female athletes deserve a competitive environment in which their opportunities and achievements are protected. Biological sex is relevant to athletic performance, and acknowledging that reality should not automatically make someone a bigot. Girls who question whether a particular competition is fair deserve to have their concerns heard seriously, not dismissed with a slogan.

But there is another truth we cannot afford to ignore: these students at the center of this controversy are children. These children did not create the cultural conditions in which this conflict has erupted. They are growing up inside them. The outward expression of these behavior patterns are due to the social parameters these kids have been shaped and raised in. My frustration was amplified in both directions Wednesday with what I observed.

On one extreme end, the 'love-bombing' and clearly zealous supporters of a teenage boy, rally crying and cheering as they openly disregard and scoff at the tears of the Battle Ground biological girl who refused to run. The community that "prides" itself on love and compassion openly avoiding the obvious confusion on how a political movement with its foundation on women's rights and progress, has now metamorphosed into celebrating a biological male out performing and openly taking a podium position from a female.

And on the other extreme, a new and rising movement that has hijacked conservative christian values in their misguided 'counter-culture', standing at the finish line for their live stream content as they scream and berate a teenage kid who is grasping at acceptance and value.

Adults have a responsibility to do better than simply choosing which child to defend and which child to condemn.

I am not advocating for abandoning convictions or pretending difficult questions have easy answers. I'm distinguishing a policy disagreement from a personal attack. We have become a culture that is content to dwell on and amplify the 'what' instead of continuing onto the 'why'. I can stand there in my humanity and genuinely question what cultural influences led this boy, who ran the first few weeks of the season as a male, to switch and now compete on the girls team. I can also stand there and be heart-broken as I watched the tears intermingle with sweat on the face of the 3rd place female competitor from Skyview as she embraced her mother, realizing her 2nd place opportunity was taken.

Unfortunately, time has shown again and again that the cultural minorities that lead to widespread policy may not start with our children, but they almost certainly end with them. Perhaps the saddest part of this controversy is that compassion has come to be treated as a concession, and fairness for biological girls as a provocation. We have allowed the loudest voices to convince us that acknowledging the objective realities of biology means betraying another person's rights. While at the same time, emboldening the extremists on the opposite side of the political spectrum to deny the humanity of those they define as repulsive.

The question I pose is where do we go from here? That is not fence-sitting. This is what a local community should expect of itself.

The question before us is not simply who should have been on the starting line at a cross-country meet. It is whether we can resolve a difficult disagreement without sacrificing the young people caught in its middle.

If our culture cannot do that, then the problem extends well beyond one race in Camas.

It is a reflection of a culture that has forgotten that winning an argument is not the same thing as doing what is right—and that children should never have to pay the price for our inability to tell the difference.

Voters Deserve the Full Story

I am disgusted by both Washington's new income tax and the way its repeal is described on our ballot.

Washington voters have repeatedly rejected income-tax proposals, including a tax on higher earners in 2010. This isn't the identical proposal, but the Legislature's decision to impose an income tax anyway shows, in my opinion, a troubling disregard for that longstanding public resistance.

Now we're being told that voting YES on Initiative 645 to repeal it "would decrease funding" for schools, colleges, and health care.

Here's the missing explanation: this tax hasn't begun collecting revenue. Most of its anticipated revenue would go into the general fund. Repealing it would mean less PROJECTED revenue, but decisions about funding individual services would still belong to the Legislature. The measure DOES NOT itself order cuts to schools or health care.

Why leave that distinction out? Why specifically name services people are afraid of losing without explaining that their funding depends on future budget decisions?

To me, that reads like an effort to frighten voters into keeping the tax. I expect advocacy in the pro/con arguments. I EXPECT ACCURACY, COMPLETENESS, AND NEUTRALITY IN THE OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION, and so should you.

Explain the revenue consequences honestly. Explain that lawmakers still make the spending decisions. Then let voters decide without putting a thumb on the scale.

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Largest gas pipeline network in Northwest could grow as Oklahoma-based owners pursue expansion

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Washington State Standard

The Oklahoma-based company that owns one of the largest gas pipeline networks in the Northwest is beginning to pursue permits to expand that network, and to pump more gas to the region to meet rising electricity demand.

Pipeline company Williams, owner of the 4,000-mile long Northwest Pipeline system that brings fracked gas from Rocky Mountain states to Idaho, Washington and Oregon, last month submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission paperwork to build a new pipeline called the Silver Spur between two existing gas transmission lines in Idaho and Nevada. The news was first reported by the nonprofit gas industry watchdog group Oil and Gas Watch.

If approved, the 88-mile pipeline would carry up to 275 million additional standard cubic feet of natural gas per day to the Northwest, while states like Oregon and Washington simultaneously try to drive down gas consumption through policies and pollution caps meant to slow the growing threat of climate change. Environmental advocates say Williams' claims that the pipeline is meant to meet overall demand for electricity growing in the region masks that the demand is being driven almost entirely by data centers.

The Hood River-based nonprofit environmental organization is raising alarms about the proposed expansion with state officials and earlier this year led 20 organizations in calling on Washington and Oregon leaders to block fossil fuel expansion in the region.

Two analyses from Columbia Riverkeeper and the Seattle-based think tank Sightline Institute show that a growing number of Northwest utility companies are spending on new gas-powered energy infrastructure or buying gas-powered energy from other states to power new demand coming almost exclusively from data centers.

A recent analysis by ECOnorthwest found data centers today are responsible for nearly one-quarter of all power consumption in Oregon.

A spokesperson for Williams on Thursday said the company does not disclose information about its customers, and that analyses show the Northwest will continue to need natural gas and more of it.

"Natural gas remains a critical part of maintaining reliability as renewable energy and demand continues to grow," they wrote.

As part of the permitting process, FERC and other federal agencies will review the Silver Spur project, and eventually hold public meetings and comment periods. The company has said in interviews it plans to complete the pipeline in 2030.

The pipeline expansion would be significantly more than the 150 million cubic feet per day that Canadian pipeline company TC Energy was approved to add to its Gas Transmission Northwest Express pipeline in 2023, and that got major pushback from the region's Democratic leaders, including U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley of Oregon and then-Gov. Jay Inslee of Washington.

A spokesperson for Wyden said he was not able to comment Wednesday while the senator was in Bend following the school shooting at Silver Rail Elementary, and a spokesperson for Merkley did not respond to a request for comment Wednesday afternoon.

Silver Spur is one part of Williams' proposed larger Rockies Columbia Connector system, which would eventually include a nearly 160-mile pipeline expansion along the Washington side of the Columbia River, and another 137-mile pipeline called Valley Trail, in eastern Washington's Grant County and the state's data center hub in Quincy, according to reporting from The Seattle Times.

Williams has not yet filed for permits for the Rockies Columbia Connector or the Valley Trail pipelines, but altogether the expansion could bring nearly 1 billion cubic feet more natural gas to the region per day. The company has said it hopes to have the Rockies Columbia Connector complete by late 2030.

In a March earnings call, company executives described the projects as part of one of the largest gas pipeline expansions in the Northwest in more than two decades.

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A train hauling crude oil traverses the Washington side of the Columbia River Gorge where a new 160-mile natural gas pipeline is proposed.

Sen. Patty Murray visits Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge's nature center

THE REFLECTOR

U.S. Sen. Patty Murray toured the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge's new Community Nature Center on Thursday, Oct. 8.

The center opened May 3 with classrooms, meeting spaces, interpretive exhibits and visitor information, as well as access to nearby trails.

"As the city of Ridgefield continues to grow, the new Community Nature Center will be a valuable way to preserve the community's connection to nature," Murray said in a press release from her office. "This project is the product of decades of work by local, state and Tribal partners to make sure we are not just preserving the natural beauty of our state, but that we're making it more accessible to everyone."

In February 2021, Murray, U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell and then-U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler urged the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to maintain funding for the center after it was removed from the agency's five-year plan. In their letter, the lawmakers highlighted the refuge's role in supporting the local economy, noting that visitors benefit nearby restaurants and retail businesses. They said the center could attract more visitors and provide a needed boost to regional businesses.

The Nature Center is located at 28908 NW Main Ave. in Ridgefield. For upcoming workshops and opportunities to visit, check the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's events page at shorturl.at/OMhkD. To learn more about the center, visit ridgefieldfriends.org/community-nature-center.



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U.S. Sen. Patty Murray listens as park rangers lead a tour through the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge's Community Nature Center on Oct. 8.



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U.S. Sen. Patty Murray tours a classroom inside the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge's Community Nature Center on Oct. 8.



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Photographs of school sports teams from decades past cover a wall, known as the "Hall of Fame," at Rocky's Pizza & the "R" Bar.



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Vehicles travel along West Main Street in Battle Ground, passing the now-closed Rocky's Pizza & the "R" Bar, which had operated at the location since 1980.

Rocky's

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Bria hopes the property will continue serving the community, even if a new owner changes its name or cuisine or chooses a different use for the building.

"Not for my sake, or the name, or anything else like that. But just for the community. It's such a location that people remember; there's a lot of memories in here," he said.

The road to Rocky's Pizza

Bria's path to opening Rocky's Pizza began long before he settled in Battle Ground. The son of Italian immigrants, he was 13 when his family moved from Italy to Connecticut in 1958. After being drafted during the Vietnam War, he served a year in Vietnam before being stationed at Fort Lewis, now part of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, south of Tacoma. He met his future wife while stationed there and was later discharged.

Bria then worked as a truck driver, including making deliveries for Standard Oil. He and his wife later spent a short time in Connecticut but returned to Washington because she missed the state. They settled in Clark County, where he continued driving trucks until 1976, when he came home with news for his wife.

"I told her, 'I just quit my job, and I'm going to go into business. I'm going to start a restaurant,' and she freaked out," Bria said.

Bria had long wanted to work for himself and enjoyed cooking. He believed a pizza restaurant would be a good fit for both his ambitions and the Battle Ground community.

"I always wanted to be self-employed. I didn't want to work for anybody else. And I've always been pretty good at cooking. You know, even now, I love to cook and can come up with some pretty good meals," he said.

Bria opened his first Rocky's Pizza in 1977 in the Battle Ground shopping center at 715 W. Main St.

"From the very beginning, we did really well. We gave people good value for their money," Bria said. "They used to line up out the door."

In 1980, Bria moved the business into the log building at 1901 W. Main St., which became home to Rocky's Pizza & the "R" Bar. The building had sat vacant for a couple of years after the bank repossessed it, but Bria believed its location could work for his restaurant.

"We were doing really well, and we really liked this building. It had been sitting empty for a couple of years, and the bank had repossessed it," Bria said. "We know that if we did just as well as we did over in the shopping center, we could make it work."

Designed by a German architect and built from local timber, the log building had a distinctive style. Bria said the green timber had not aged well, and several key structural supports needed to be replaced before the restaurant could safely open.

"We had to spend some money on it, but it paid off. It was a great location for us," Bria said.

Inside, cozy booths and larger dining areas made room for families and groups. The restaurant's large menu and salad bar made it a destination for social gatherings. The open kitchen also let children watch pizzas being made from scratch.

"That way there was no doubt that we made everything from scratch," Bria said.

Bria credited the restaurant's success to its longtime employees. Fred Lane managed the business for about 35 years, while kitchen manager Maya Pranger worked there for about 32 years. Bria said he and Lane grew close over the years.

"Fred, the guy that ran it for me for all those years. We became like brothers, and I trusted him fully. He was very devoted, just like it was his own place. You know, what more could you ask of somebody?" Bria said.

A place full of community memories

Inside the now-closed restaurant, photographs of local sports teams from decades past still line the halls, preserving memories of the generations of young athletes who gathered at Rocky's with their teammates and families.

"I grew up coming here all the time, but it's just so funny. I don't think that there was a sports party of any sort that [Rocky's] did not host us. So if you played sports in Battle Ground or North Clark County, you came here to do your end-of-year events," managing broker Lindsey Maze said as she recounted her childhood visits to the restaurant.

Bria hopes former players will return as adults with their own children and show them where their teams once gathered.

"It's my hope that somebody will step up to the plate and keep it going, so that kids that are now adults can come back and say: 'This is where my picture's hanging, over there. And that's where I used to have Little League teams, and this is my team.' You know, you just can't throw things like that away."

The property at 1901 W. Main St. is listed for $2,999,999 as of press time. The approximately 7,600-square-foot building sits on 0.97 acres and includes a drive-through and 50 parking stalls. Property records indicate it was built in 1972.

For more information about the property or updates on its listing status, visit the property listing at shorturl.at/Pyj3O or contact Maze at 360-798-2786.

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More than 700,000 WA state voters have cast ballots

Secretary of state says election officers are dealing with challenges and threats from the federal government, though voting is well underway

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Vehicles line up to drop off primary election ballots at a drop box in Battle Ground in August.

Washington state voters are getting the message: Don't wait to turn in your ballots.

As of Friday afternoon, 705,231 ballots had been returned with 66.4% arriving via drop boxes, a sign early voters are heeding repeated warnings from state and local officials to steer clear of the U.S Postal Service to ensure their ballots are counted.

Voters are turning in their ballots fastest in Jefferson County in western Washington, which had 32.8% of ballots already in hand. Five other counties — San Juan, Asotin, Thurston, Lincoln and Skagit — topped 20% on Friday.

By sheer volume, the state's three most populous counties — King, Snohomish and Pierce — accounted for 47% of those mailed in or put in a drop box.

Overall, 13.7% of the state's 5.15 million registered voters had turned in a ballot. At this stage four years ago, 13.9% of voters had done so.

Secretary of State Steve Hobbs said this week that he's not expecting final turnout for the Nov. 3 election to eclipse the 64.6% mark for 2022.

"I hope it's higher," he said, but some voters only engage when there is a competitive high-profile statewide contest, like for a U.S. Senate seat. There isn't this time, but there was four years ago when Democratic U.S. Sen. Patty Murray defeated Republican Tiffany Smiley.

Hobbs is pleased drop boxes are the first choice of most early voters. Since August, election officials have sounded the alarm over the Postal Service not postmarking mail-in ballots on the day they're received due to reduced service and faraway processing centers.

Those who mail their ballots back are being told to do so at least a week before Election Day. And next week, Hobbs said, they should go to their local post office and ask a clerk to postmark it on the spot.

More than 20,000 ballots were not counted in the August primary because of a late postmark. In rural counties, the percentage of rejected ballots this year was much higher than the 2024 primary.

Meanwhile, in the current election, 4,229 ballots have been challenged thus far. Of those 2,026 had a signature on the return envelope that did not match on the voter's registration form, and 1,374 weren't signed. Those who voted with those ballots will be given a chance to cure the problem and have them counted.

'Throwing monkey wrenches at us'

With voting underway, Hobbs said election officers continue to deal with a maelstrom of challenges and threats from a federal government that's tried to exert more authority over elections.

Unlike past cycles, he said the federal government has not shared as much real-time information on potential security threats and bad actors. On Wednesday, Hobbs said he expected to receive a classified briefing "soon" and that Washington is part of a separate multistate task force monitoring for potential bad actors.

In the summer, the U.S. Department of Justice threatened Washington state election officials with criminal prosecution if they fail to prevent noncitizens from voting in this year's federal elections. In recent weeks, more than 60 subpoenas for records of individual voters have been received from federal authorities.

Hobbs said the office is reviewing the subpoenas to ensure that the responses comply with applicable state and federal laws.

"We take our responsibility to protect voter information seriously and will only respond to requests that follow due process," he said. "However, we see what's happening in California and don't want Washingtonians to be harassed."

The Trump administration has sued California to prevent the counting of thousands of ballots that it alleges were cast by noncitizens. Washington Attorney General Nick Brown has filed a legal brief opposing the federal government's demand.

Hobbs also anticipates federal election observers will be present in some counties, such as in southwest Washington where the hotly contested race for the 3rd Congressional District is taking place.

This week the Trump administration informed King County leaders that federal monitors will be sent there though it's unclear what role they'll play. Critics fear they'll try to interfere with elections, but the U.S. Department of Justice maintains their efforts are routine.

This year's situation is more difficult than elections two and four years ago, Hobbs said, because of the constant "push and pull" with the Trump administration.

Hobbs and Brown put together a guide to help election officials navigate the terrain.

"The federal government is not really there at the same time they're throwing monkey wrenches at us," he said.

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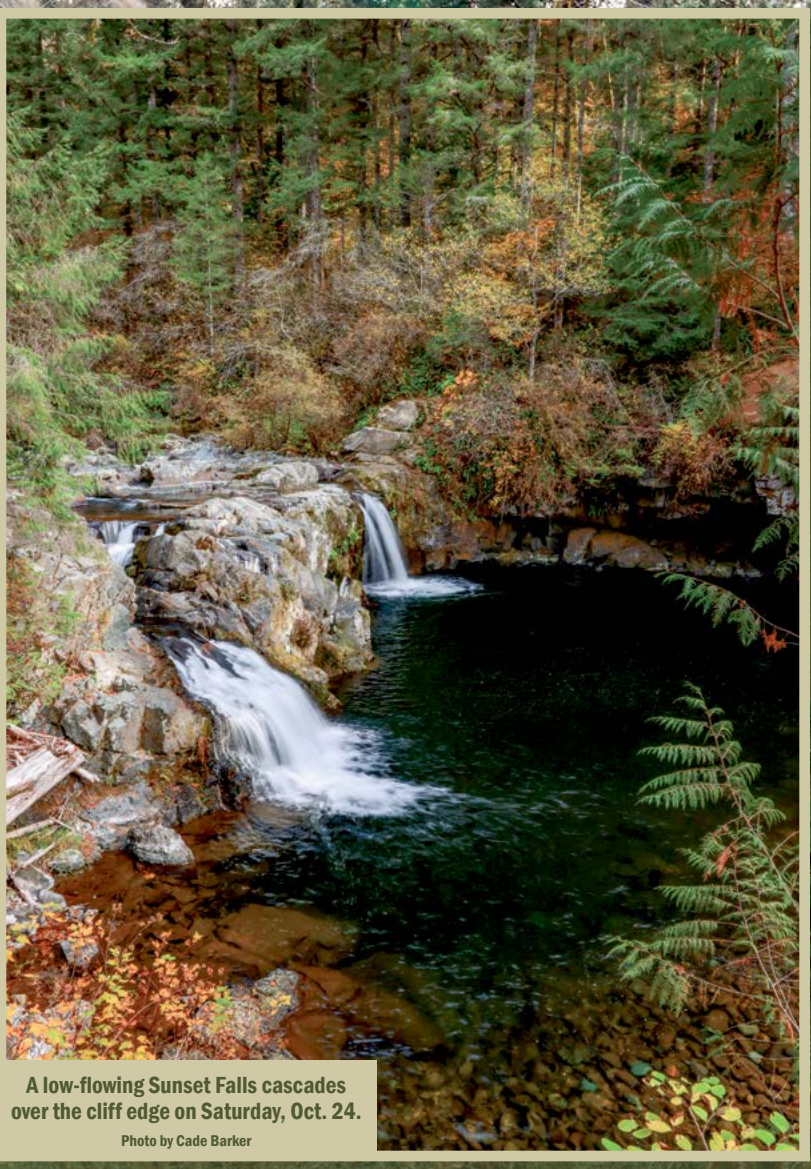
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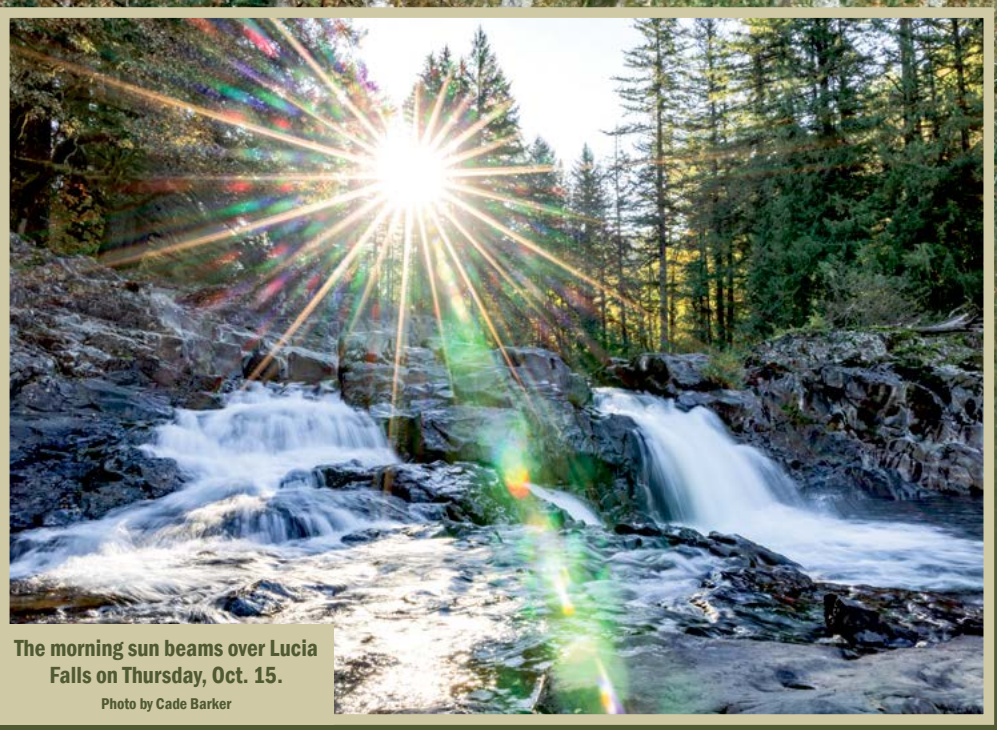
Fall scenes along a low-flowing

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A low-flowing Sunset Falls cascades over the cliff edge on Saturday, Oct. 24.

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The morning sun beams over Lucia Falls on Thursday, Oct. 15.

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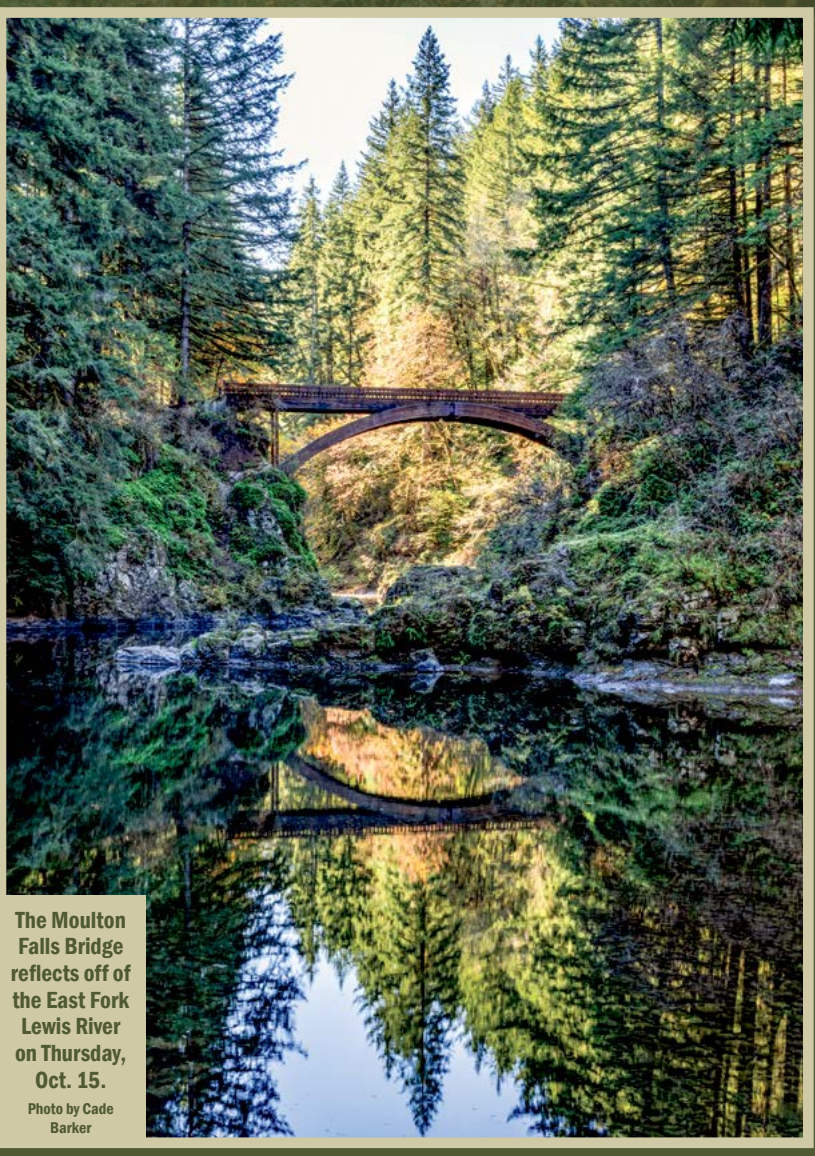
Low water totals carve through year-round channels of the East Fork Lewis River just above Moulton Falls on Thursday, Oct. 15.

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Fall colors reflect off the East Fork Lewis River below Moulton Falls on Thursday, Oct. 15.

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The Moulton Falls Bridge reflects off of the East Fork Lewis River on Thursday, Oct. 15.

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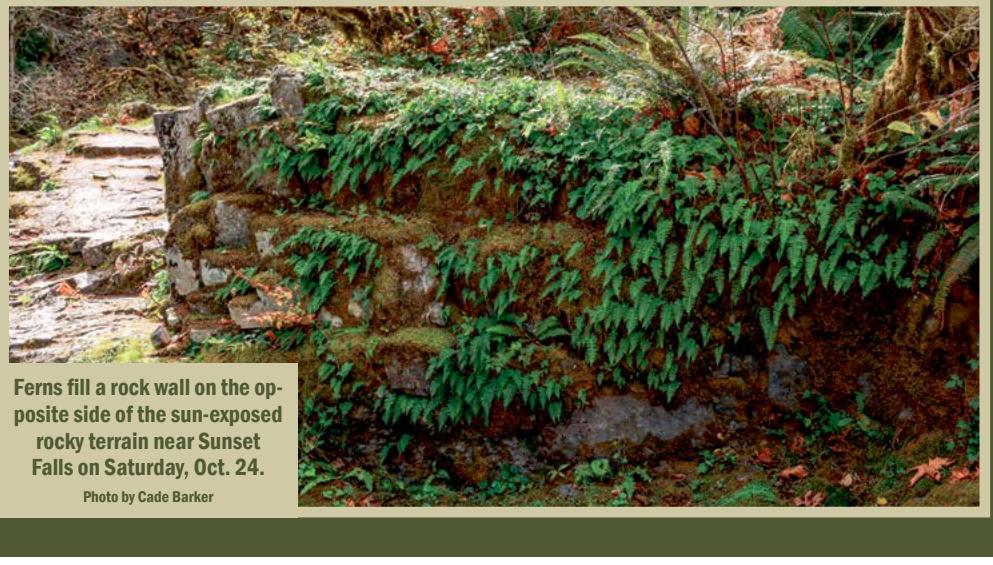
Smoothly eroded rocks were exposed in the low water totals at Sunset Falls on Saturday, Oct. 24.

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Water cascades over rocks above the brink of the main drop of Sunset Falls on Saturday, Oct. 24.

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Ferns fill a rock wall on the opposite side of the sun-exposed rocky terrain near Sunset Falls on Saturday, Oct. 24.

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Lifestyles *Arts and Entertainment*

Ridgefield pottery painting studio gives new artistic outlet for Clark County

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A Halloween selection of pottery that customers can paint at Clayvana pottery painting studio in Ridgefield on Friday, Oct. 16.

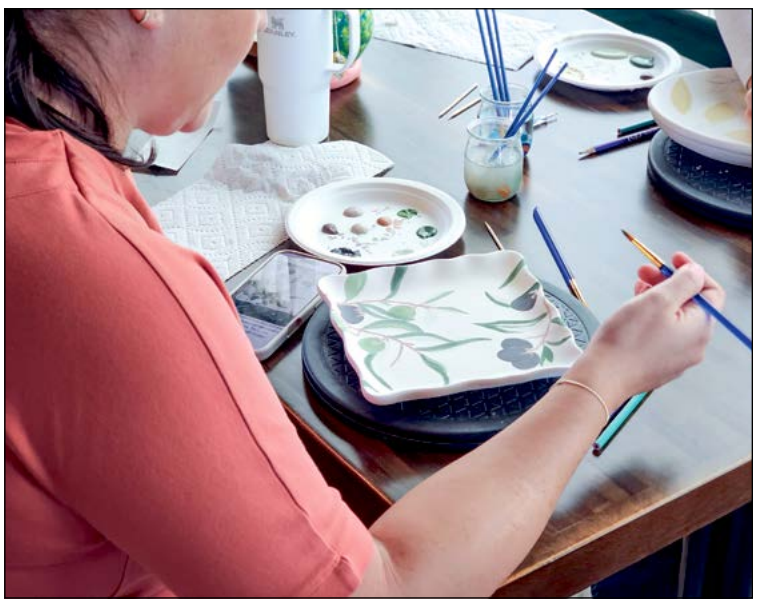


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A customer painting their piece of pottery at Clayvana pottery painting studio in Ridgefield on Friday, Oct. 16.

Clayvana pottery painting studio in Ridgefield has created a place for people to practice and refine their art skills in a low-judgement environment.

Owned by Steven and Emily Busenbarrick, Clayvana opened on Aug. 21, roughly a year after the couple had the idea.

"Emily frequently has some good ideas for businesses, but this one, as soon as I heard it, I was just, 'that's the perfect fit here,'" said Steven Busenbarrick, co-owner of Clayvana.

The business offers a wide selection of ready-made pieces of pottery, ranging from plain looking pots to things as complex as a dragon guarding a tower.

"I usually tell people, 'pick the first one that kind of draws your attention'," said Emily Busenbarrick, co-owner of Clayvana. "We kept the pricing inclusive and included tax and everything. That makes it pretty simple for the customer."

When customers enter the store, they're greeted with a three-tiered shelf of pottery that runs along the entire wall.

After making a selection to paint, they can go grab their glaze colors from in back then sit down and begin painting.

"Little kids usually tap out about half an hour, but some people we've had come in in the morning when we open and they're here when we close at 7," Emily said.

Once the painting is done, the pottery goes into the kiln, and about a week later, customers can come back to pick up their work of art.

Since opening day, Steven and Emily have seen a wide variety of artistic ability among their customers.

"The customers have produced some stunning artwork, like our first week we had somebody come in and freehand a peregrine falcon on the side of a small planter," Steven said. "It's been really impressive to see the creative abilities and talents of the people here."

Customers coming into the store and applying any level of artistic ability matches with the original vision and inspiration the couple had for the business.

"Eighteen years ago we got invited by some friends to go paint pottery. We went to a place called Picasso's in Florida," Steven said. "It was something we really enjoyed doing, we would go once a month and hang out with friends."

Behind the drive to open an artistic business was the artistic education that Emily pursued in college and in her career beforehand.

She studied graphic design and digital photography, allowing her to practice graphic design with several corporations over the years.

Steven likewise worked in corporate business, being employed by Amazon for a number of years.

Eventually both of them opted to leave the corporate world in favor of starting Clayvana.

"We just wanted to share something we really enjoy and to build something that the community would appreciate somewhere to take your 11-year-old," Steven said.

It's a sentiment that the couple could relate to, as they have an 11-year-old son of their own.

"There aren't a lot of entertainment options right here in Ridgefield," Steven said.

Aside from a movie theater, they said that most of the things people can find for entertainment are found in Battle Ground or Vancouver.

"We really wanted to bring something artistic, fun and creative that families can do," Emily said. "You don't have to have any experience."

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The wide variety of pottery selections customers can paint at Clayvana pottery painting studio in Ridgefield on Fri. Oct. 16.

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National story announcing President Wilson initiating the final blast to open the Panama Canal from 1913

Right: **National story featured in the Reflector from October 10, 1913 describing the opening of the Panama Canal**

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The high school foot ball season was opened here on Saturday by a game between the home boys and Rainier, Oregon, high-school team. Although the visitors were much heavier than the local boys, out weighing them 15 pounds to the man, they were out played from the start. A skillfull maniputation of the forward pass "got their goat" and the game ended in a decided victory for the locals by a score of 45 to 0. The visitors succeeded in making yardage only twice during the game.

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The hardest game here so far this season was played on Oct. 3 by the Senior-Freshman vs. the Junior-Sophomore teams, the latter winning by a score of 2 to 0. The Senior-Freshman want a return game which if arranged will be a fast one and well worth witnessing.

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Columbia River Presbytery Hold Annual Session

The Columbia River Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian church on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rev. C. B. Latimer, was chosen moderator. The afternoon session was given over to various items of regular business.

In the evening the retiring moderator, Rev. E. R. D. Hollenstead, preached the moderator's sermon, his theme being "The Glory of the Church." Rev. F. Dorris also addressed the Presbytery at the close of Rev. Hollensted's remarks.

Tuesday the regular order of business was observed and the regular committees reported.

The following ministers and elders were present: Rev. C. B. Latimer, of Kelso; Rev. A. H. Crittenden, of Chehalis; Rev. E. R. D. Hollenstead, of Camas; Rev. F. E. Dorris, of Centralia; Rev. J. Y. Steward, of Woodland; Rev. W. F. Pottsmith, of Elisworth; Rev. L. B. Quick, of Ridgefield; Rev. Merchant; Rev. J. T. Buford, Vancouver Hts.; Rev. Ghormley, of Tacoma; Rev. F. Mixell, of Tacoma; Rev. Hitchcock, of Seattle. Elders Evens, of Centralia; Elders Rosenau, A. C. Allen and B. L. Gaukel.

Local news from the front page of The Reflector October 17th, 1913 edition describing local high school sports and Columbia River Presbytery holding annual session locally

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Lifestyles Sports

Prairie Falcons' perseverance on full display with 21-17 win over Shelton



Photo by Chris Barker

Prairie junior running back Jacob Herrera required five Shelton Highclimbers to take him down in the Falcons' 21-17 win over Shelton High School on Friday, Oct. 23.



Photo by Chris Barker

Prairie junior wide receiver Cruz Asay makes a catch around a leaping Shelton defender in the Falcons' 21-17 win over Shelton High School on Friday, Oct. 23.



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Prairie sophomore quarterback Nolan Brame throws a touchdown pass in the Falcons' 21-17 win over Shelton High School on Friday, Oct. 23.

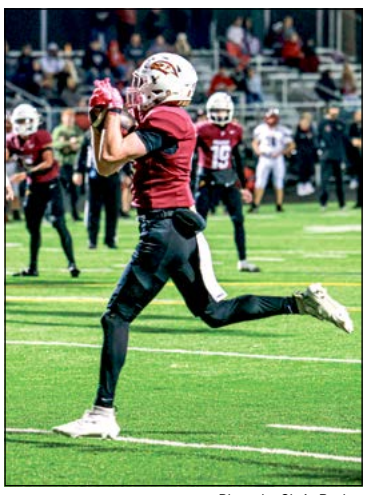


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Prairie junior Brennen Lumby catches a touchdown pass in the Falcons' 21-17 win over Shelton High School on Friday, Oct. 23.



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Prairie High School's AFJROTC color guard walks off the field after the national anthem before the Prairie Falcons' win over the Shelton Highclimbers on Friday, Oct. 23.



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Prairie Falcon players run through a banner after halftime of the Falcons' 21-17 win over Shelton High School on Friday, Oct. 23.

CADE BARKER
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Prairie High School football coach James Young-Lewis said his team's perseverance is beginning to pay off after the Falcons earned a 21-17 victory over the Shelton Highclimbers on Friday, Oct. 23, extending their winning streak to two games.

In his first season at the helm, Young-Lewis said the past two weeks have demonstrated what can happen when a young team commits to the process and continues

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WEEK EIGHT FOOTBALL SCORES

Skyview 47, Battle Ground 3
Prairie 21, Shelton 17
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Prairie junior wide receiver Jess Bradstreet streaks upfield on a passing route in the Falcons' 21-17 win over Shelton High School on Friday, Oct. 23.



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Prairie junior wide receiver Cruz Asay streaks upfield on a passing route in the Falcons' 21-17 win over Shelton High School on Friday, Oct. 23.



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Prairie junior wide receiver Cruz Asay makes a catch during the Falcons' 21-17 win over Shelton High School on Friday, Oct. 23.

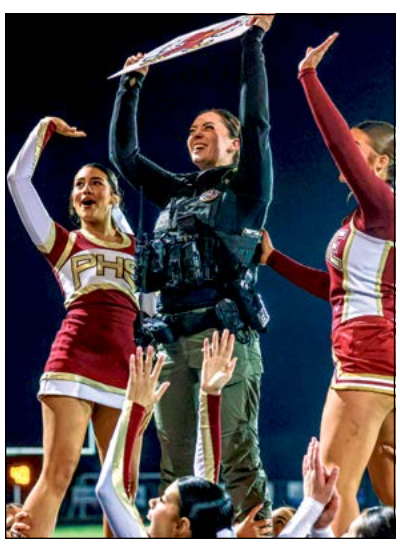


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Clark County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer Chelsea Quiggle takes part in a cheer performance between the first and second quarter of the Prairie Falcons' 21-17 win over Shelton High School on Friday, Oct. 23.



Photo by Cade Barker

Prairie Falcon CCYF football players cheer on the high school Falcons as they enter the field from halftime in the Falcons' 21-17 win over Shelton High School on Friday, Oct. 23.

Falcons

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working through adversity.

"Man, it means everything. We talk about being able to understand it's a process, and we go through the downs, we have to keep competing, we have to keep battling," Young-Lewis said.

The Falcons adjusted their practice approach over the past two weeks after an 0-6 start to the year, emphasizing physicality and maintaining full intensity throughout the week. Young-Lewis said the changes are beginning to translate into better performances on Friday nights.

"And it's starting to pay off with how we're playing in the games," he continued, "and I think they're starting to figure out, with such a young team, man, they're starting to see the fruits of their labor."

Prairie endured a difficult opening stretch, but Young-Lewis said the coaching staff used those early setbacks to evaluate personnel and find combinations that better fit the team.

"Man, just thinking about what's positive, right? We always say, 'Hey, it's either you're winning or you're learning,'" he said. "We learned a lot throughout the last six weeks about, 'Hey, what's not working?'"

The Falcons have since found greater consistency across their lineup, with contributions from special teams, defense and the running game helping secure the victory over Shelton.

Young-Lewis credited defensive coach Jack Gibson for bringing energy and developing a plan the players have embraced. He also highlighted Jarell Jones' explosiveness as an all-around athlete. Jones, a basketball player playing football for the first time this season, made a house call in the first quarter after returning a kickoff for a touchdown.

"For him to have that opportunity to take one to the house was special," Young-Lewis said.

Offensively, Prairie leaned on its offensive line and two running backs to establish the ground game and create opportunities downfield for the budding passing game with sophomore Nolan Brame at quarterback. Young-Lewis said the players' willingness to work together has been a key part of the team's improvement.

"Tonight we showed what can happen when we are able to trust our guys up front to do what they do and our running backs run hard and they all love each other," he said. "They don't care who gets to shine."

With the recent victories, Young-Lewis said the Falcons are focused on continuing to improve rather than just being satisfied with their recent success.

"We have a mindset of, 'Hey, we've earned nothing. Like we always have to reset and it's going to be able to figure out how we can be better this week than we were last week," he said.

With a young roster and more opportunities ahead, Young-Lewis said the program is working to establish a foundation that can sustain future success.

"It means a lot, man, because we have the opportunity to rebuild what Prairie football is," he said of having a stack of talented underclassmen on his roster.

Young-Lewis said the team's long-term goal is to build a culture that reaches beyond the regular season and eventually produces a championship-caliber program.

"But that's the process. And we see the fruits of the labor coming to life for us," he said.

The Falcons will conclude the regular season seeking a third consecutive win as they take on the Mountain View Thunder on Friday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. at District Stadium.

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Alvaro Sanchez: Consensus team leader for Prairie football



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Prairie Falcons' Alvaro Sanchez is set up for pass blocking during their 21-17 win against Shelton on Friday, Oct. 23.



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Falcons' Alvaro Sanchez stands up a Shelton opponent with textbook form during their 21-17 win on Friday, Oct. 23.



Photo by Chris Barker

Alvaro Sanchez of Prairie studies video on the sidelines while the Falcons' defense is on the field during their 21-17 victory over Shelton on Friday, Oct. 23.



Photo by Chris Barker

Falcons' Alvaro Sanchez looks to the sidelines for a play call during their win over Shelton on Friday, Oct. 23.

CHRIS BARKER
For The Reflector

When asked to conduct a postgame interview, Prairie High School senior Alvaro Sanchez said he'd come find the reporter after their meeting with the coaches. After the meeting, the reporter was tracked down by Sanchez, who said, "I'm bringing my quarterback with me."

Alvaro Sanchez is the leader of the offensive line for the Prairie Falcons, and plays left guard. However, watching him both on and off the field, it was clear he is the leader of the team as a whole. When Prairie High School football coaching staff was asked pregame who they felt was a standout senior team leader, the response from each was Sanchez. Falcons' head coach James Young-Lewis praised Sanchez for his leadership.

"He's our senior leader, starting left guard. You know, his leadership has been tremendous, especially when he went down early week three against Timberline. His spirit was still there. He was still vocal with all those teammates and was able to make sure that he helped those guys get right as he was working his way back through the process."

Sanchez plays his position on the field with passion and finesse, moving with purpose and finishing his blocks, whether run-blocking or pass-blocking. He played a great game and that often goes unnoticed, as he is an offensive lineman, and offensive linemen aren't often the center of attention.

One person who certainly appreciates the offensive line in front of him is sophomore quarterback Nolan Brame.

"He's super good," Brame said. "He makes sure I don't get hit. I haven't been hit in three games."

Sanchez and the Falcons have faced some adversity this season, winning only their second game on Friday, Oct. 23 against Shelton High School. The win was big and hard fought, leaving Sanchez optimistic about the remainder of the season.

"I definitely feel good, we've had our ups and downs," Sanchez said. Prairie has had to deal with some injuries to key players, including Sanchez, who missed time.

"A couple of people went down the first three weeks, including myself," Sanchez said. "Last week everybody came back, we're all connected as a team now to turn this around."

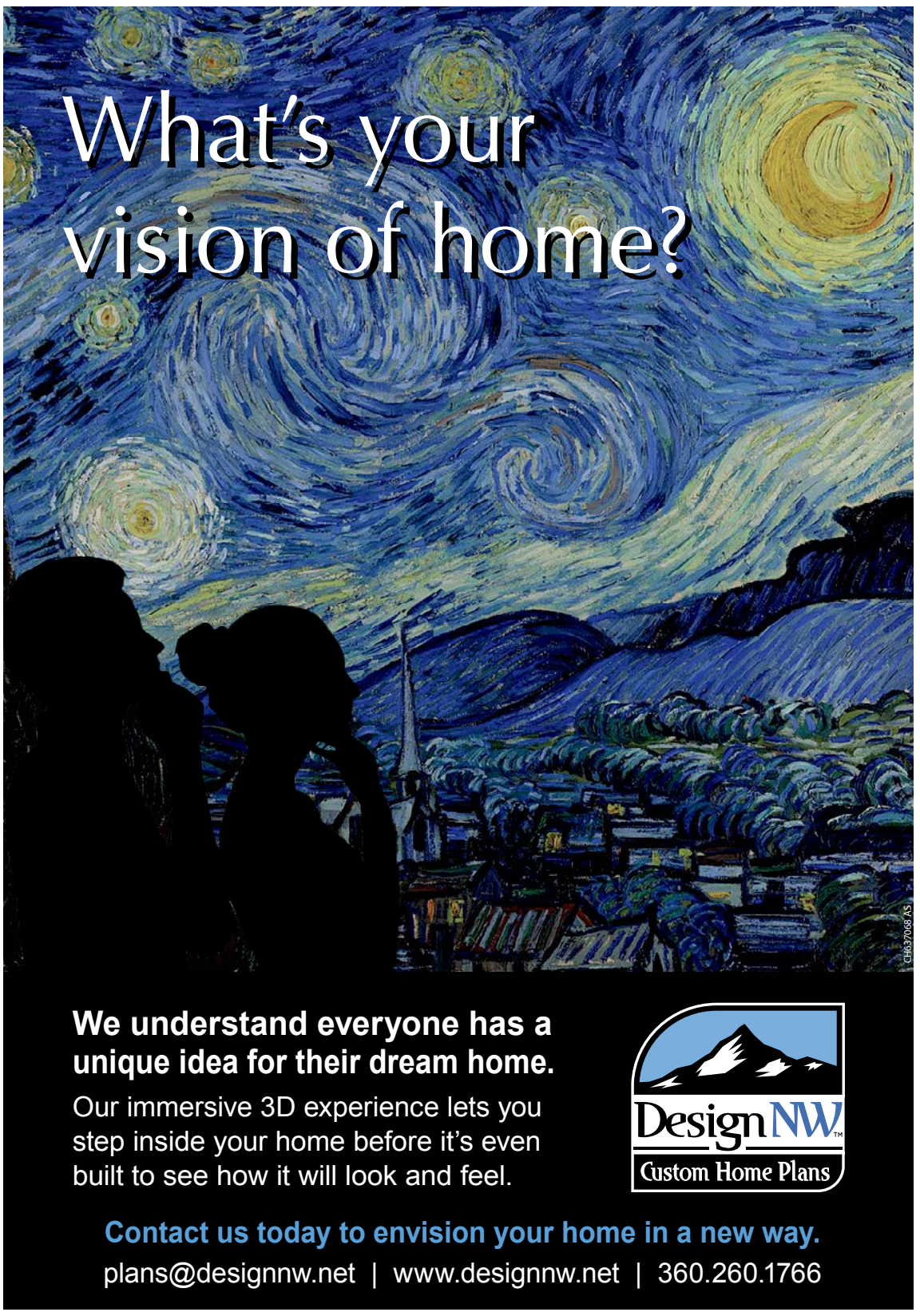
The Falcons have one game remaining on the schedule and Sanchez has goals for that game.

"Just got to win honestly, we don't know what's up with the league standings right now," Sanchez said. "We just got to play our hearts out next week because that's probably the last guaranteed week we've got left."

Sanchez takes his academics seriously as well, carrying a 3.4 grade point average. Math is his favorite subject in school. After graduating with the class of 2027, Sanchez would like to attend college, continue to play football and further his studies.







Tigers' Sophia Rogers claims district championship, sets sights on state podium



Photo by Cade Barker

Battle Ground senior Sophia Rogers runs past a large crowd gathered in the spectator area at the girls 4A Greater St. Helens League cross country championship on Wednesday, Oct. 21.



Photo by Cade Barker

Battle Ground senior Sophia Rogers crosses the finish line in first place over 20 seconds ahead of second place in the girls 4A Greater St. Helens League cross country championship on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

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Battle Ground High School senior Sophia Rogers had been thinking about a district championship for nearly a year.

After finishing second last season, the senior reached her goal with a time of 18:17.8 at the girls 4A Greater St. Helens League cross-country championship on Wednesday, Oct. 21, earning a victory that has boosted her confidence heading into the postseason.

"I'm so happy. It's been my goal since last year. I got second last year and I've been thinking about it almost every single day since, so I was just super, super happy," Rogers told reporters.

Rogers said her race strategy was to start conservatively before increasing her pace and maintaining it through the finish.

"The plan was to go on the first half mile pretty easy, pretty relaxed, and then the second half mile kick as hard as I can or like, you know, pick it up and then just try to keep that pace for the rest of the race," she said.

Having previously raced on the course just a week prior also helped Rogers prepare for the championship, which was held in Camas instead of the usual Lewisville Regional Park for the district championship. She said running alone can be challenging, making the experience valuable practice for maintaining her pace as she was half a minute ahead of second place.

The victory comes after a difficult start to the season. Rogers missed the first couple of races because of nagging pain but said she was able to overcome it and return to her rhythm.

"I didn't even think I was going to win coming into the season," she said. "So coming out here and winning is just super, super exciting."

With bi-districts and state approaching, Rogers has set her sights on another strong postseason performance. She hopes to finish in the top five at regionals and earn a medal at the state cross country meet.

Rogers said the district title has also strengthened her confidence after some doubts heading into the race.

4A Greater St. Helens League bi-district qualifiers for both boys and girls will now travel north to the Tacoma-area for a Halloween race day in the Westside Classic at Chambers Creek Regional Park.



Photo by Chris Barker

Battle Ground senior Sophia Rogers runs strong in the first mile of the girls 4A Greater St. Helens League cross country championship on Wednesday, Oct. 21.



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Battle Ground senior Sophia Rogers powers into the final stretch en route to her first place finish in the girls 4A Greater St. Helens League cross country championship on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

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Copper is gold, and Copper is silver for Battle Ground Boys Cross Country



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Trae Copper of Battle Ground High School competes in the 4A GSHL District Cross Country Championship on Wednesday, Oct. 21.



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Trae Copper (1) and brother Vance Copper (2) pushing each other towards a first and second place finish at the 4A GSHL District Cross Country Championship on Wednesday, Oct. 21.



Photo by Chris Barker

Brothers Trae Copper and Vance Copper pose after their one, two finish in the 4A GSHL District Cross Country Championship on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

CHRIS BARKER
For The Reflector

On a 70-degree-plus afternoon in October, on Camas School District property, the Copper brothers from Battle Ground High School earned first and second place in the boys 4A Greater St. Helens League District Cross Country Championship on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

Battle Ground senior Trae Copper ran the course in 15 minutes 27.1 seconds, crossing the finish line first, while his brother, Battle Ground junior Vance Copper ran just 4.3 seconds slower at 15 minutes 31.4 seconds and finished in second place.

"I'm really happy to go one, two with my brother," Trae Copper told reporters. "Watch out for him next year."

Trae Copper has goals for the upcoming regional and state competition, with finishing on the podium at the top of his list.

"Being a little greedy I'd like to win state, but realistically top five," Copper said.

The Battle Ground Varsity Boys edged out their competition by one point to claim the Team District Championship title as well. The Copper brothers and their teammates are running very solid and are ready to make a push in the postseason.

"If all of us have a good day I think we could win regionals and podium at state," Trae Copper said. "I think that would really be a great achievement for us."



Photo by Chris Barker

Battle Ground Tigers' Lord King Nana-Badu-Weah (10), Trae Copper (1) and Vance Copper (2) run as a group in the early stage of the race at the 4A GSHL District Cross Country Championship on Wednesday, Oct. 21.



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Battle Ground and Camas high school runners placing in the top-five of the 4A GSHL District Cross Country Championship on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

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Ridgefield volleyball builds momentum ahead of postseason



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Ridgefield Spudder sisters, freshman Daphne Hanes, center, and senior Paige Hanes go up for a block attempt in the Spudders' three-set win over Woodland High School on Thursday, Oct. 22.



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Ridgefield senior outside hitter Paige Hanes, right, meets the ball at the high point with Woodland freshman outside hitter Piper Ripp in the Spudders' three-set win over Woodland High School on Thursday, Oct. 22.



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Ridgefield freshman outside hitter Daphne Hanes sends a serve towards the Woodland Beavers in the Spudders' three-set win on Thursday, Oct. 22.



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Ridgefield freshman setter Kennedy Lowe sets the ball for a Spudder attack in Ridgefield's three-set win over Woodland High School on Thursday, Oct. 22.



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Ridgefield freshman middle blocker Kendall Curran makes a block at the net in Ridgefield's three-set win over Woodland High School on Thursday, Oct. 22.



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Woodland junior Makynzie Guthrie, left, goes to block a kill attempt by Ridgefield junior Piper Moog in the Beavers' three-set loss to Ridgefield High School on Thursday, Oct. 22.

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Ridgefield High School volleyball is finding its rhythm at the right time, with coach Sabrina Dobbs crediting improved team chemistry, mental preparation and consistent work in practice for the team's recent progress.

Dobbs said the Spudders have focused on building a stronger team culture rather than relying on individual performances as they prepare for the postseason. That mindset was fully on display in a dominant three-set win over the Woodland Beavers on Thursday, Oct. 22.

"I think we've been working really hard on our culture and playing the game together instead of individually and I think that's really helping us because we're starting to really thrive together," Dobbs said.

Ridgefield's roster features a combination of experienced contributors and emerging talent. Freshman Daphne Hanes has brought power and a positive attitude to the court, Dobbs said, while also continuing a family connection to the program through her sister, senior captain Paige Hanes.

"She's definitely brought a lot of power and she's very positive. She's very coachable," Dobbs said of Daphne Hanes.

The Spudders also benefit from the towering presence of 6-foot-7 middle blocker Piper Moog, whose height creates challenges for opposing hitters at the net.

"So with her and her height, just even having her in the front row, it's just scary to even, as a hitter on the other team, seeing that you're going to actually have to hit around a 6 '7 kid is like crazy," Dobbs said. "It's nerve-wracking if I was a hitter."

One of the team's notable performances came against Columbia River, when Ridgefield battled through five sets to defeat a rival that is hard to take down. Dobbs said the result was especially meaningful given the program's history against the Rapids.

"It was really nice to see my team just really thrive and really push past," Dobbs said of the Oct. 12 marquee win over the Rapids. "We're getting better every time we play, so that was nice to see and it was evident actually in that match to show that we're actually improving every time we play."

The victory has helped reinforce the team's confidence after opening the season against several tough opponents.

"This season we started off with several losses with some really tough teams," Dobbs said. "I think it's been really evident today that things are coming very naturally to us."

As the postseason approaches, Dobbs said the Spudders will continue emphasizing mental training, strength work and conditioning while maintaining the habits developed throughout the season.

"We're still doing our training and our strength training and we're still doing our conditioning," Dobbs said. "We're still keeping our same systematic way to get through to state because that's our whole goal. We didn't make it to state last year and that's what our whole goal is to keep pushing forward and stay consistent on what we're doing."

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Community Calendar

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.

BG Senior Citizens Healing Together: Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1-2:30 p.m., Battle Ground Senior Center, 116 NE Third Ave., Battle Ground. Join fellow seniors to process grief in an educational class led by a certified grief recovery method specialist. This session will feature special guest Saundra Neperud, a grief navigator. Each session includes a lecture, open discussion and practical tools to help heal from grief. Contact Sharon Wodtke, swodtke@comcast.net, for more information.

Senior Harmony & Happiness Hour: Wednesday, Nov. 4, 10-11 a.m., Battle Ground Senior Center, 116 NE Third Ave., Battle Ground. Listen to a live performance by local performer Daniel Trent. Cash donations will be accepted. Contact Sharon Wodtke, swodtke@comcast.net, for more information.

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 Crafting: Thursday, Nov. 5, 12 p.m., Woodland Community Center, 782 Park St., Woodland. Create fused-glass Christmas ornaments during an event hosted by Woodland Senior Enrichment Group. Participation costs $10. 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.

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.

Woodland Senior Estate Planning & More: Thursday, Nov. 12, 3-4:30 p.m., Woodland Community Center, 782 Park St., Woodland. Learn about estate planning, advance directives and more during a class hosted by the Woodland Senior Enrichment Group. Lawyer Amanda Proujan, who is licensed in Washington and Oregon, will teach the class. Family members may also attend. Registration is not required. Participants may pre-register at the Woodland Community Center from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, or email seniorinfo55up@yahoo.com.

LADY Mad Hatter's Meeting: Friday, Nov. 13, 11:30 a.m., Old Town Burger, 813 West Main. St., Suite #101, Battle Ground. Monthly meeting for the Battle Ground Senior Citizens LADY Mad Hatters. Participants are responsible for their own meal costs. Contact Sharon Wodtke, swodtke@comcast.net, for more information.

La Center Used Book Sale: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, Wheel Club Community Center, 1000 E. Fourth St., La Center. The Friends of the La Center Library are hosting a book sale featuring fiction, nonfiction and children's books and DVDs. Bags will be available to fill for $5. Proceeds from the sale will benefit La Center Library programs.

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.

Senior Lunch & Learn: Wednesday, Nov. 18, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Battle Ground Senior Center, 116 NE Third Ave., Battle Ground. Learn about emergency management 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.

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.

BG Senior Citizens Veterans Lunch Club: Friday, Nov. 20, 11:30 a.m., The Prairie Tavern, 14925 NE Caples Road, Brush Prairie. Meet fellow veterans at the monthly lunch club hosted by Battle Ground Senior Citizens. Participants are responsible for their own meal costs. Contact Sharon Wodtke, swodtke@comcast.net, for more information.

Native mason bee workshop: Saturday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., CASEE Center Building B, Room 205, 11104 NE 149th St., Brush Prairie. Learn about native mason bees during a class taught by Daniel Szumlas and Brigg Franklin, NS Mason Bee Program coordinators. Participants will help clean mason bee nesting tubes during the class. Registration is free for NatureScaping of Southwest Washington members and $15 for nonmembers. To register, email info@naturescaping.org, or call 360-737-1160.

Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation Turkey Trot: Thursday, Nov. 26, 9 a.m., Union Ridge Elementary School, 330 N. Fifth Ave., Ridgefield. Raise funds for the Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation, which supports school district families in need. A Drumstick Dash for children aged 5 and under will begin at 8:45 a.m. The 5-kilometer walk/run will begin at 9 a.m. Pre-race packet pickup will be available from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at Union Ridge Elementary School's gym. Packets may also be picked up on race day. Register online at ridgefieldpsf.org/turkey-trot.

Battle Ground Holiday Tree Lighting: Friday, Dec. 4, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Battle Ground Event Center, 912 E. Main St., Battle Ground. Celebrate the holiday season with Battle Ground's annual tree lighting ceremony. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive to light the tree, followed by other family-friendly events. For more information, visit shorturl.at/NVgBo.

La Center Christmas Tree Lighting: Sunday, Dec. 6, 5 p.m., East Fourth St., La Center. Celebrate the holiday season during La Center's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony, hosted by the La Center Festivals Committee. Additional attractions, such as live music, food vendors and more, will be available during the event. For the full La Center Christmas Festival itinerary, visit lacenterchristmasfestival.com.

Ongoing

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

Thursday Walkers: Every second and fourth Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Kiwanis Park, 422 SW Second Ave., Battle Ground. Join fellow seniors for a walk around the park, organized by Battle Ground Senior Citizens. For more information, email BattleGroundSeniorCitizens@gmail.com or call Sharon Wodtke at 360-953-3278.

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

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

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

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

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New community chorus in Woodland provides space for people to sing and connect



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Director Brent LiaBraaten going through a song with the Woodland Community Chorus during their rehearsal at Woodland High School on Monday, Oct. 19.



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The soprano section of the Woodland Community Chorus during their rehearsal at Woodland High School on Monday, Oct. 19.



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The basses and tenors sitting together reading their music for the Woodland Community Chorus during their rehearsal at Woodland High School on Monday, Oct. 19.



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An alto asking a question of the director of the Woodland Community Chorus during their rehearsal at Woodland High School on Monday, Oct. 19.

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Woodland's Community Chorus is entering another season of choral music rehearsals and performances.

The chorus is directed by Woodland High School music teacher Brent LiaBraaten and began meeting for rehearsals in the spring of this year.

"We had one season as a trial, and now hopefully, this will become an annual thing," LiaBraaten said.

He has been a musician all his life, participating in several vocal ensembles himself while also teaching at the school and directing the chorus.

Back in the fall of 2025, local Woodland resident Diane Buttrell had been looking around Woodland, trying to find a way to start a choir.

"Diane had been making inquiries all around Woodland and that led her to our superintendent of Woodland Public Schools Asha Riley," LiaBraaten said.

Riley pointed Buttrell in the direction of a man who had recently returned to the Woodland community. That was how Buttrell met LiaBraaten.

"I started my music career here at Woodland High School," LiaBraaten said. "As the high school choral director and Woodland Middle School choir director for 14 years."

Buttrell and LiaBraaten began planning right away with an emphasis on bringing people together.

"This was the brainchild of Diane Buttrell," LiaBraaten said. "She came to me with this idea of wanting to create community in Woodland, and now we're in our second season."

Since forming, the chorus has been invited to sing at several community events in Woodland.

"We got invited to sing at an event celebrating America's 250 years, so we chose music specifically to support that event," LiaBraaten said.

On July 3, the chorus had its first performance, singing patriotic songs such as "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the Woodland Public Library.

Right now, the chorus is focusing on winter and Christmas related songs and will be returning to perform at the library.

"December 18, at 4 p.m. we're going to support their open house," LiaBraaten said. "They want to host community events, get community members into their library and so we also want to support those."

While singing at the library draws focus to the building's emphasis on community, the chorus' presence allows it to showcase its own emphasis on community.

"It's amazing to see people from all walks of life who want to continue to experience music, to share music," LiaBraaten said. "We have three generations represented in our choir, so it's really for all ages. Woodland is a very special community and I absolutely love being a part of it."

Although the chorus is still less than a year old, LiaBraaten has considered what its trajectory will be as it grows.

"We're hoping that at some point we get a place where we can perform with and support community music in other venues," LiaBraaten said. "We really just want to get the word out that we're here, we're available and we want you to come sing. We want you to come be a part of this."

Woodland Community Chorus meets on Monday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. at Woodland High School.

They can be found on social media facebook.com/groups/971540128590455/.

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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. 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 columbiariverchorus.org or text 360-518-7829.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Battle Ground: Every Thursday, 10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Collective Community Battle Ground, 300 SW Seventh Ave., Battle Ground. The meeting starts with a private weigh-in. For more information or directions, call Helen Sheerin at 503-351-7395.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEGAL NOTICES

138037 Summons Collins

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF CLARK
Case Number: 26-3-00953-06
Summons Served by Publication (SMPB)
In re:
Petitioner:
JOYCE MUSUNGAYI COLLINS
And Respondent:
JOHN LESLIE COLLINS III
Summons Served by Publication To (other party's name/s): Joseph Donald Watson have started a court case by filing a petition. The name of the Petition is: Petition for a Dissolution (Divorce) You must respond in writing if you want the court to consider your side. **Deadline!** Your Response must be **filed and served** within **60 days** of the date this Summons is published: **January 11, 2023**. If you do not file and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline: No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and The court may approve the requests in the Petition without hearing your side (called a default judgment). Follow these steps: 1. **Read** the Petition and any other documents that were filed at court with this Summons. Those documents explain what the other party is asking for. 2. **Fill** out a Response on this form (check the Response that matches the Petition): RCW 26.09.030 Mandatory Form (10/2023) FL Divorce 211 **You can get the Response form and other forms you may need at:** The Washington State Courts' website: www.courts.wa.gov/forms Washington LawHelp: www.washingtonlawhelp.org, org. The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee). 3. **Serve** (give) a copy of your Response to the person who filed this Summons at the address below, and to any other parties. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5. 4. **File** your original Response with the court clerk at this address: Superior Court Clerk, Clark County
1200 Franklin Street
Vancouver, WA 98660
5. **Lawyer not required:** It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your Response without one.
Person filing this Summons or his/her lawyer fills out below:
S/ Millie Roberge
WSBA #3171
S/ Date: 9/16/26
I agree to accept legal papers for this case at Lawyer's address:
900 Washington St. Ste 800,
Vancouver WA 98660
Email: (if applicable)
Note: You and the other party/ies may agree to accept legal papers by email under Superior Court Civil Rule 5 and local court rules. *This Summons is issued according to Rule 4.1 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the state of Washington.*
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR CLARK COUNTY
CASE NO.: 26-2-02761-06
SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION (60 DAYS)
EQUITY PRIME MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT E. PARKER, an unmarried man; ROBERT E. PARKER, TRUSTEE OF THE PARKER LIVING TRUST DATED MARCH 9, 2023; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; and ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN,
Defendants.
TO THE DEFENDANTS ROBERT E. PARKER, an unmarried man, ROBERT E. PARKER, TRUSTEE OF THE PARKER LIVING TRUST DATED MARCH 9, 2023, and ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN:
You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 30th day of September, 2026, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff EQUITY PRIME MORTGAGE, LLC and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for plaintiff, ZBS Law, LLP, at their office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. This is an Amended Complaint for Judicial Foreclosure of Deed of Trust.
DATED: September 18, 2026
ZBS LAW, LLP
By:/s/ Tom B. Pierce
Tom B. Pierce, WSBA# 26730
Attorney for Plaintiff
ZBS Law, LLP
11335 NE 122nd Way,
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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
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Vancouver, Washington 98666
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
ORIGINAL TRUSTEE SALE RECORDED ON 7/6/2026 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLARK COUNTY RECORDER. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE File No.:24-129789 Title Order No.:260081618 Grantor: Clarendon Swift, a single woman Current beneficiary of the deed of trust: U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCAF Acquisition Trust Current trustee of the deed of trust: Aztec Foreclosure Corporation of Washington Current mortgage servicer of the deed of trust: Selene Finance LP Reference number of the deed of trust: 5042320 Parcel number(s): 090266-010 Abbreviated legal description: LT 5, MOUNTAIN VIEW ANNEX Commonly known as: 127 Northeast 21st Avenue, Camas, WA 98607 I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Trustee, AZTEC FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF WASHINGTON will on November 6, 2026, at the hour of 11:00 AM at the Public Service Center Gazebo Clark County, located at 1300 Franklin Street, in the City of Vancouver, WA, State of Washington, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable at time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Clark, State of Washington, to-wit: LOT 5, MOUNTAIN VIEW ANNEX, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME "F" OF PLATS, PAGE 113, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF WASHINGTON. which is the subject of that certain Deed of Trust dated December 20, 2013, recorded January 2, 2014, under Auditor's File No. 5042320, records of Clark County, Washington, from Clarendon Swift, a single woman as Grantor, to Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, a Nebraska Corporation as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Beneficiary, which as assigned by Selene Finance LP to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCAF Acquisition Trust under an assignment recorded at Instrument No. 6311214. II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust. III. The Default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: Delinquent monthly payments from the January 1, 2024 installment on in the sum of $49,691.25 together with all fees, costs and or disbursements incurred or paid by the beneficiary and or trustee, their employees, agents or assigns. The Trustee's fees and costs are estimated at $3,250.10 as of June 24, 2026. The amount to cure the default payments as of the date of this notice is $52,671.66. Payments and late charges may continue to accrue and additional advances to your loan may be made. It is necessary to contact the beneficiary or Trustee prior to the time you tender the reinstatement amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you would be required to pay. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal Balance $130,609.69, together with interest in the Note or other instrument secured from December 1, 2023, and such other costs and fees as are due under the Note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute. The amount necessary to pay off the entire obligation secured by your Deed of Trust as the date of this notice is $175,918.81. Interest and late charges may continue to accrue and additional advances to your loan may be made. It is necessary to contact the beneficiary or Trustee prior to the time you tender the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you would be required to pay. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty express or implied regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on November 6, 2026. The default(s) referred to in paragraph III, together with any subsequent payments, late charges, advances, costs and fees thereafter due, must be cured by October 26, 2026 (11 days before the sale date), to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time on or before October 26, 2026 (11 days before the sale date), the default(s) as set forth in paragraph III, together with any subsequent payments, late charges, advances, costs and fees thereafter due, is/are cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. The sale may be terminated any time after October 26, 2026 (11 days before the sale date), and before the sale by the Borrower, Grantor, any Guarantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the entire principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written notice of default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following addresses: Clarendon Swift 127 Northeast 21st Avenue Camas, WA 98607 Unknown Spouse and/or Domestic Partner of Clarendon Swift 127 Northeast 21st Avenue Camas, WA 98607 Occupant(s) 127 Northeast 21st Avenue Camas, WA 98607 by both first class and certified mail on April 21, 2026 proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served on April 21, 2026 with said written notice of default or the written notice of default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The declaration by the beneficiary pursuant to RCW 61.24.030(7)(a) was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the above addresses on April 21, 2026, proof of which is in possession of the Trustee. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth above, and whose telephone number is (360) 253-8017 / (877) 430-4787 will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having an objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever 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 61.24.60. XI. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only 90 calendar days BEORE the date of sale listed in the Notice of Trustee's Sale. If an amended Notice of Sale is recorded providing a 45-day notice of the sale, mediation must be requested no later than 25 days BEFORE the date of sale listed in the amended Notice of Trustee's 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 (Toll-free): 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: http://www.homeownership-wa.org/. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Telephone (Toll-free): 1-800-569-4287 or local counseling agencies: https://answers.hud.gov/housingcounseling/s/?language=en_US The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone (Toll-Free): 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: http://nwjustice.org/home XII. FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT NOTICE: AZTEC FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF WASHINGTON is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If a discharge has been obtained by any party through bankruptcy proceedings, this shall not be construed to be an attempt to collect the outstanding indebtedness or to hold you personally liable for the debt. DATED this 6th day of July, 2026 AZTEC FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF WASHINGTON By: Kira Lynch Secretary 1499 SE Tech Center Place, Suite 255 Vancouver, WA 98683 (360) 253-8017 / (877) 430-4787 ADDRESS FOR PERSONAL SERVICE Aztec Foreclosure Corporation of Washington 1499 SE Tech Center Place, Suite 255 Vancouver, WA 98683 STATE OF WASHINGTON)) SS. COUNTY OF CLARK) This instrument was acknowledged before me this 6th day of July, 2026, by Kira Lynch, Secretary. Kathy Zagariya Notary Public in and for the State of Washington My Commission Expires: 08/23/28 KATHY ZAGARIYA Notary Public State of Washington Commission # 24028053 My Comm. Expires Aug 23, 2028 NPP0491330
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
PURSUANT TO THE REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON CHAPTER 61.24 ET. SEQ. Grantor: DAVID ROSE, AN UNMARRIED PERSON Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust: Idaho Housing and Finance Association (which also dba HomeLoanServ) Original Trustee of the Deed of Trust: WFG NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps Current Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Idaho Housing and Finance Association dba HomeLoanServ Reference Number of the Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 6155209 Parcel Number: 986026475 I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 6, 2026, 09:00 AM, Public Service Center Gazebo near the corner of Franklin and 13th street, across from the Clark County Courthouse, Clark County Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98660, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, the undersigned Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable, in the form of cash, or cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of Clark, State of Washington, to-wit: LOT 10, MEADOW ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME 311 OF PLATS, PAGE 628, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. SITUATE IN THE COUNTY CLARK, STATE OF WASHINGTON. APN: 986026475 More commonly known as 6301 NE 44TH WAY, VANCOUVER, WA 98661 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated November 28, 2023, executed by DAVID ROSE, AN UNMARRIED PERSON as Trustor(s), to secure obligations in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (" MERS"), as designated nominee for MANN MORTGAGE, LLC DBA LIFE MORTGAGE, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, recorded November 29, 2023 as Instrument No. 6155209 and the beneficial interest was assigned to Idaho Housing and Finance Association (which also dba HomeLoanServ) and recorded January 8, 2026 as Instrument Number 6297195 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Clark County, Washington. II. No action commenced by Idaho Housing and Finance Association (which also dba HomeLoanServ), the current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrowers' or Grantors' default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: FAILURE TO PAY WHEN DUE THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS WHICH ARE NOW IN ARREARS: DELINQUENT PAYMENT INFORMATION From February 1, 2025 To June 24, 2026 Number of Payments 17 Monthly Payment Total $87,940.00 LATE CHARGE INFORMATION February 1, 2025 June 24, 2026 $2,332.26 PROMISSORY NOTE INFORMATION Note Dated: November 28, 2023 Note Amount $574,404.00 Interest Paid To: January 1, 2025 Next Due Date: February 1, 2025 Current Beneficiary: Idaho Housing and Finance Association (which also dba HomeLoanServ) Contact Phone No: (800) 526-7145 Address: 565 W Myrtle St., Boise, ID 83702 IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $568,435.39, together with interest as provided in the Note or other instrument secured, and such other costs and fees as are due under the Note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute. V. The above described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on November 6, 2026. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by October 26, 2026, (11 days before the sale date) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before October 26, 2026 (11 days before the sale) the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustees' fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers' or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the October 26, 2026 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the entire principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the current Beneficiary, Idaho Housing and Finance Association (which also dba HomeLoanServ) or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es): ADDRESS DAVID ROSE 6301 NE 44TH WAY, VANCOUVER, WA 98661 UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID ROSE 6301 NE 44TH WAY, VANCOUVER, WA 98661 by both first class and certified mail on January 20, 2026, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place January 20, 2026 on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustees' Sale. X. Notice to Occupants or Tenants. The purchaser at the Trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. Notice to Borrower(s) who received a letter under RCW 61.24.031: THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. Mediation MUST be requested between the time you receive the Notice of Default and no later than 90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in the Notice of Trustee Sale. If an amended Notice of Trustee Sale is recorded providing a 45-day notice of the sale, mediation must be requested no later than 25 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in the amended Notice of Trustee Sale. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you might eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Washington State Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) Website: htt

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ps://www.homeownership-wa.org/ The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 Website: https://answers.hud.gov/housingcounseling/s/?language=en_US The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Toll-free: 1-800-606-4819 Website: https://nwjustice.org/ home Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) may impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers Dated: June 25, 2026 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as Duly Appointed Successor Trustee By: Alan Burton, Vice President MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps 606 W. Gowe Street Kent, WA 98032 Toll Free Number: (844) 367-8456 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 For Reinstatement/Pay Off Quotes, contact MTC Financial Inc. DBA Trustee Corps NPP0490952
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

PURSUANT TO THE REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON CHAPTER 61.24 ET. SEQ. Grantor: TYLER CHRISTIANSON, AN UNMARRIED PERSON Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust: Idaho Housing and Finance Association (which also dba HomeLoanServ) Original Trustee of the Deed of Trust: HOME BUILDERS ESCROW, LLC DBA HOME BUILDERS ESCROW Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps Current Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Idaho Housing and Finance Association dba HomeLoanServ Reference Number of the Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 6154730 Parcel Number: 986060902 I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 6, 2026, 09:00 AM, Public Service Center Gazebo near the corner of Franklin and 13th street, across from the Clark County Courthouse, Clark County Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98660, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, the undersigned Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable, in the form of cash, or cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of Clark, State of Washington, to-wit: LOT 75, HERITAGE RIDGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME "312" OF PLATS, PAGE 203, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. APN: 986060902 More commonly known as 6319 NE 126TH STREET, VANCOUVER, WA 98686 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated November 21, 2023, executed by TYLER CHRISTIANSON, AN UNMARRIED PERSON as Trustor(s), to secure obligations in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for FAIRWAY INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, recorded November 22, 2023 as Instrument No. 6154730 and the beneficial interest was assigned to IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION and recorded March 17, 2026 as Instrument Number 6310686 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Clark County, Washington. II. No action commenced by Idaho Housing and Finance Association (which also dba HomeLoanServ), the current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrowers' or Grantors' default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: FAILURE TO PAY WHEN DUE THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS WHICH ARE NOW IN ARREARS: DELINQUENT PAYMENT INFORMATION From September 1, 2025 To June 29, 2026 Total Monthly Payment $48,887.00 Total $48,887.00 LATE CHARGE INFORMATION September 1, 2025 June 29, 2026 $1,650.80 PROMISSORY NOTE INFORMATION Note Dated: November 21, 2023 Note Amount $562,425.00 Interest Paid To: August 1, 2025 Next Due Date: September 1, 2025 Current Beneficiary: Idaho Housing and Finance Association (which also dba HomeLoanServ) Contact Phone No: (800) 526-7145 Address: 565 W Myrtle St., Boise, ID 83702 IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $554,379.69, together with interest as provided in the Note or other instrument secured, and such other costs and fees as are due under the Note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute. V. The above described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on November 6, 2026. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by October 26, 2026, (11 days before the sale date) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before October 26, 2026 (11 days before the sale) the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustees' fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers' or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the October 26, 2026 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the entire principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the current Beneficiary, Idaho Housing and Finance Association (which also dba HomeLoanServ) or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es): ADDRESS TYLER CHRISTIANSON 6319 NE 126TH STREET, VANCOUVER, WA 98686 OCCUPANT 6319 NE 126TH STREET, VANCOUVER, WA 98686 UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TYLER CHRISTIANSON 6319 NE 126TH STREET, VANCOUVER, WA 98686 WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION 1000 2ND AVENUE, SUITE 2700, SEATTLE, WA 98104-3601 WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION C/O INDECOMM GLOBAL SERVICES, MS-FD-FW-9909, 1427 ENERGY PARK DR., ST. PAUL, MN 55108 by both first class and certified mail on May 28, 2026, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place May 29, 2026 on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustees' sale. X. Notice to Occupants or Tenants. The purchaser at the Trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. Notice to Borrower(s) who received a letter under RCW 61.24.031: THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. Mediation MUST be requested between the time you receive the Notice of Default and no later than 90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in the Notice of Trustee Sale. If an amended Notice of Trustee Sale is recorded providing a 45-day notice of the sale, mediation must be requested no later than 25 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in the amended Notice of Trustee Sale. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you might eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. 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Reg. 70.258) may impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024 19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for residential-real-estate-transfers Dated: June 30, 2026 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as Duly Appointed Successor Trustee By: Alan Burton, Vice President MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps 606 W. Gowe Street Kent, WA 98032 Toll Free Number: (844) 367-8456 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 For Reinstatement/Pay Off Quotes, contact MTC Financial Inc. DBA Trustee Corps NPP0491136
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

ORIGINAL TRUSTEE SALE RECORDED ON 06/17/2026 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLARK COUNTY RECORDER. TS No. 189040 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Grantor: DANIELLE RYAN MEJIA, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Current beneficiary of the deed of trust: TH MSR Holdings LLC Current trustees of the deed of trust: Prime Recon LLC Current mortgage servicer of the deed of trust: RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing LLC Reference number of the deed of trust: 5985490 in Book xx, Page xx Parcel number(s): 986036232 I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Trustee will, on 11/06/2026, at the hour of 9:00 AM Clark County Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98660 in the City of Vancouver, State of Washington, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Clark, State of Washington, to-wit: LOT(S) 10, PIONEER CANYON PHASE 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME 311 OF PLATS, PAGE 775, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. The postal address of which is more commonly known as: 20 N 41st PL, Ridgefield, WA 98642. which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated November 2, 2021, recorded November 8, 2021, under Auditor's File No. 5985490 in Book xx, Page xx, records of Clark County, Washington, from DANIELLE RYAN MEJIA, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Grantor, to Chicago Title Company of Washington, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR FAIRWAY INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned, under an Assignment recorded 10/17/2022, under Auditor's File No. 6084917 of official records in the Office of the Auditor of Clark County, Washington. II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust. 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: $13,646.68; IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal Balance of $251,839.88, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from , and such other costs and fees as are due under the Note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on 11/06/2026. The default(s) referred to in paragraph III must be cured by the 26th day of October, 2026 (11 days before the sale date), to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time on or before the 26th day of October, 2026 (11 days before the sale date), the default(s) as set forth in paragraph III is/are cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. The sale may be terminated any time after the 26th day of October, 2026 (11 days before the sale date), and before the sale by the Borrower, Grantor, any Guarantor, or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the entire principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees, and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written notice of default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following addresses: Current Occupant 20 N 41st PL Ridgefield, WA 98642 All Unknown Persons, Parties, or Occupants 20 N 41st PL Ridgefield, WA 98642 Danielle Mejia 20 N 41st Pl Ridgefield, WA 98642 Danielle Ryan Mejia 20 N 41st Pl Ridgefield, WA 98642 Clark Regional Wastewater District PO Box 8979 Vancouver, WA 98668 Pioneer Canyon Homeowners Association c/o Schwartz Vays 7215 NE 4th Ave., Unit 101 Miami, FL 33138 Pioneer Canyon Homeowners Association 12503 SE Mill Plain Blvd #260 Vancouver, WA 98684 by both first-class and certified mail on the 13th day of January, 2026, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served on the 12th day of January, 2026, with said written notice of default or the written notice of default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. Prime Recon LLC 1330 N. Washington Street, Suite 3575 Spokane, WA 99201 Phone: (888) 725-4142 COMPLIANCE WITH RCW 61.24.031, RCW 61.24.040 AND RCW 61.24.163, IF APPLICABLE: For owner-occupied residential real property, before the Notice of Trustee's Sale is recorded, transmitted, or served, the beneficiary has complied with RCW 61.24.031, RCW 61,24.040, and, if applicable, RCW 61.24.163. Dated: 6/15/26 Prime Recon LLC By: Carmen Robinson, Authorized Signer State of Texas County of Collin Before me, Josh Bermudez, on this day personally appeared Carmen Robinson, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed. Given under my hand and seal of office this June 15, 2026. (Personalized Seal) JOSHUA BERMUDEZ Notary Public, State of Texas Comm. Expires 11-03-2029 Notary ID 135538728 Notary Public's Signature Joshua Bermudez THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only until 90 days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this Notice of Trustee's Sale to be referred to mediation. It this is an Amended Notice of Trustee's 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's 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. 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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. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) require specified information to be reported on non-financed title transfers of residential real property to covered entities and trusts. In order to successfully bid on applicable properties, the successful bidder will be required to complete, sign, and certify a form providing specified information, including but not limited to the following: All Successful Bidders: Category Information Required Beneficial Owner(s) Full legal names of all individuals who exercise substantial control over the entity, date of birth, complete residential street address, citizenship, and unique identifying number (like tax ID no. or nonexpired passport no.) Legal Name Full legal name of transferee Trade Name Any trade name or "doing business as" name Principal Place of Business Street address, city, state, zip code Tax Identification No. Federal EIN or applicable tax ID Entity Type Corporation, LLC, partnership, trust, etc. Additional Information Required for a Trust: Category Information Required Trustee Information Full legal name, date of birth, complete street address, citizenship, unique identifying number (like IRS TIN, nonexpired passport no.) Legal Name Full name of trust agreement Date Date trust agreement executed Revocability Whether trust is revocable or irrevocable Trust Tax Identification No. EIN or applicable Tax ID No. Authorized Signer(s) Names of individual(s) with authority to act on behalf of trust, date of birth, complete residential street address, unique dentification number (like IRS TIN or nonexpired passport), description of the capacity in which the individual is authorized to act Beneficiary List Full legal names of all beneficiaries Beneficiary Information Date of birth, residential address, tax identification no., ownership or beneficial interest details NPP0490718
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SHERIFF'S PUBLIC NOTICE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE SUPERIOR COURT STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY
Cause #: 25-2-01768-06

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

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

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

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff
vs
ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF NICKOLAUS BYNUM, A DECEASED PERSON; THE WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION; BELMONT PLACE OWNERS ASSOCIATION; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN,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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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: *ecyrewqianoi@ecy.wa.gov*, or ATTN: Water Quality Program, Construction SW GP
Washington State Department of Ecology
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Olympia, WA 98504-7696
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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

Legal Notices

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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate 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 later 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 as 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
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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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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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 this Notice: October 21, 2026.
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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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138166 NTC Lowe

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK No. 26-4-01298-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In the Matter of the Estate of:
SUSAN JEAN LOWE,
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 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 28, 2026
Personal Representative:
Keith Gail Spaulding
Address for Mailing or Service:
40204 NE 21st Ave
Woodland, WA 98674
Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number:
Clark County Superior Court, Case No. 26-4-01298-06
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138167 NTC Cline

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR YAKIMA COUNTY NO. 26-4-00832-39 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

Estate of
GLORIA J. CLINE,
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 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 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 months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
Date of First Publication:
October 28, 2026
ALLEN L. BROWN
Personal Representative
Haley Hargreaves (WSBA #61145)
Attorneys for Personal Representative
STOKES LAWRENCE
VELIKANJE MOORE & SHORE
120 N. Naches Avenue
Yakima, WA 98901-2757
509-853-3000
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138170 NTC Alvarez

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY No. 26-4-01428-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

In the Matter of the Estate of
RACHEL ALVAREZ,
Deceased
The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent that arose before the decedent's death must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the 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. 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 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:
October 28, 2026
Administrator: David S. Law, Jr.
Attorney for Administrator:
Erin N. M. White
Address for Mailing or Service:
Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt
700 Washington Street, Suite 701
Vancouver, WA 98660
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138173 NTC Lange

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY NO. 26 4 01331 06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

Estate of
RONALD H. LANGE,
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 nonprobate assets.
Marlene Lee
Executor
7484 SW Addie Lane
Portland, OR 97223
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138174 NTC Eli

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK NO. 26-4-01300-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

In re the Estate of:
LINDA MARIE ELI,
Deceased.
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of first publication: October 28, 2026
Personal Representative:
JAMES J. SOWDER
Attorney at Law
1600 Daniels St.
Vancouver, Washington 98660
(360) 695-4792
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138176 NTC Elton

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON NO. 26 4 01326 06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
SANDRA ELTON,
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 28, 2026.
Personal Representative: JULIANA CATON (FKA Juliana Elton)
10620 NE 164TH LANE
BOTHELL, WA 98011
Attorney for the Personal Representative: SAM B. GUNN
10000 NE 7TH AVENUE, SUITE 410-F
VANCOUVER, WA 98685
(360) 524-7318
Court of probate proceedings and cause number:
Clark County, Washington Superior Court
Cause No. 26 4 01326 06
CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1200 FRANKLIN
P. O. BOX 5000
VANCOUVER, WA 98666
s/SAM B. GUNN, WSBA#6160
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138180 Ord. No. 1598

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1598

On October 19th, 2026 the City Council of City of Woodland, Washington, approved Ordinance No. 1598 the main point of which may be summarized by its title as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF WOODLAND CITY COUNCIL OF WOODLAND, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING STAFF TO PAY OFF THE FIRE STATION BOND LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION (LTGO) BOND 2017 AND AUTHORIZE THE CLOSING FOR FUND 230 AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE AND SUMMARY. The full text of this ordinance may be obtained by contacting City Hall 360-225-8281 or visit 230 Davidson Ave, Woodland, WA 98674.
s/Amanda Hougan, City Clerk
Effective:
November 2nd, 2026
Published in The Reflector:
October 28, 2026

138181 NTC Goltz

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY NO. 26 4 01301 06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

Estate of
IRENE M. GOLTZ,
Deceased.
The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c), or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective for claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: October 28, 2026
Personal Representative:
LAURIE ACEVEDO
Attorney for Administrator:
Robin A. Smith
(WSBA # 32438)
Address for Mailing or Service:
Butcher & Smith Law, LLC
520 SW Yamhill St. Suite 1000
Portland, OR 97204
Court of probate proceedings and cause no.:
26 4 01301 06
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138184 NTC Kite

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR COWLITZ COUNTY No. 26-4-00468-08 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
VERA HELEN KITE,
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: 10/22/2026. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: 10/28/2026
BEVERLY H. KITE
Personal Representative
c/o Attorney for Estate:
Darrel S. Ammons
Address: 871 11 th Ave
Longview, WA 98632
Telephone: (360) 501-8090
/s/ Darrel S. Ammons
DARREL S. AMMONS,
WSB# 18223
ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE
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138186 Application & Hearing

Notice of Application, Public Hearing, and Likely SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

The City of Battle Ground is utilizing the optional determination of non-significance (DNS) process authorized by WAC 197-11-355 for this project. Based on the initial review of the proposed project, the City has determined that it expects to issue a DNS for the proposal, finding the project will not create probable significant adverse environmental impacts. The comment period for this notice of application may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal. This notice is intended to inform potentially interested parties about the proposal; invite them to submit written statements for the record; and inform them of their right to receive a notice of the decision, including a notice of appeal rights. Description: A proposal to subdivide approximately 17.77 acres into 84 single-family detached lots. Landscaping, a park/playground, trails, and open space will be incorporated into this subdivision proposal along with other necessary infrastructure. Location: 3018 SE Grace Ave & 609 SE 28th Cir, Battle Ground, WA 98604. Applicant/Owner: BG-A3 LLC. Contact: Luke Sasse, 9321 NE 72nd Ave. Bldg C#7, Vancouver, WA 98665, *luke@timberlandinc.com*. Project Contact: PLS Engineering, Jayson Taylor, PE, 604 W Evergreen Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98660, *pm@plsengineering.com*. The preliminary plat, SEPA checklist, plans, and other materials are available electronically upon request. Public Hearing Notice. A Land Use Hearing will be conducted for the Pepper Grove Subdivision by the City Hearing Examiner, **Wednesday, December 9th @1:30 PM** at City Hall, 2nd floor Council Chambers, Battle Ground, WA. If you would prefer to observe or participate virtually, please request a Zoom link from jenny.conde@cityofbg.org at least one day prior to the Hearing. **Comments must be submitted by November 11th, 2026, to be referenced and addressed in the staff report**. Comments received after this date will be included with the Record and forwarded to the Hearing Examiner for consideration. Comments may be sent via mail to: City of Battle Ground, Attn: Jenny Conde, 109 SW 1st Street, Suite 127, Battle Ground, WA 98604 or via e-mail to: *jenny.conde@cityofbg.org*. For further information regarding this proposal, please contact Jenny Conde, Associate Planner via email or phone at (360) 342-5041. Information is available in an alternate language by request to *cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org*

Información será traducida al español a petición de cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org.
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Za informacije na bosanskom jeziku obratite se na adresu cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org.
Ang impormasyon ay makukuha sa Tagalog sa pamamagitan ng kahilingan sa cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org.

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138188 NTC Brown

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY Probate Department Case No. 26-4-01321-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In the Matter of
the Estate of:
WILLIAM HOWARD BROWN,
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 nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: October 28, 2026
Personal Representative:
ELIZABETH A. STREETT
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
Lindsey George
ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: 1412 NE 134th St. Ste 130, Vancouver, WA 98685
Dated: October 22, 2026.
MYATT & BELL, P.C.
s/Lindsey George
Lindsey George, WSBA #59721
Attorney for Personal Representative
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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-26-1052363-BB Title Order No.: 260226432-WA-MSI Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 4564678 Parcel Number(s): 104610000 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: NADEZHDA STEFANYUK, A SINGLE WOMAN Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Selene Finance, LP I.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned Trustee, will on 11/6/2026, at 11:00AM At the Public Service Center Gazebo in Clark County, located at 1300 Franklin St, Vancouver, WA 98660 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: A PORTION OF LOT 17, FOURTH PLAIN HOMESTEAD LOTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME A OF PLATS, PAGE 56, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS 379.5 FEET EAST AND 131 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 17, RUNNING THENCE WEST 175 FEET; THENCE NORTH 100 FEET; THENCE EAST 175 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. More commonly known as: 9505 NE 69TH ST, VANCOUVER, WA 98662-4529 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 5/15/2009, recorded 5/26/2009, under Instrument No. 4564678 and re-recorded on 5/14/2013 as Instrument Number 4971383 records of CLARK County, Washington, from NADEZHDA STEFANYUK, A SINGLE WOMAN, as grantor(s), to JOAN H. ANDERSON, EVP ON BEHALF OF FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB., as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR PINNACLE CAPITAL MORTGAGE CORP., A CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 5920287 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: $23,107.93. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $256,019.88, together with interest as provided in the Note from 10/1/2025 on, and such other costs, fees, and charges as are due under the Note, Deed of Trust, or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 11/6/2026. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 10/26/2026 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 10/26/2026 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 10/26/2026 (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 5/18/2026. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS - The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You may be eligible for mediation. You have only until 90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this Notice of Trustee Sale to be referred to mediation. If this is an amended Notice of Trustee Sale providing a 45-day notice of the sale, mediation must be requested no later than 25 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this amended Notice of Trustee Sale. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: https://www.homeownership-wa.org/ The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: https://answers.hud.gov/housingcounseling/s/?language=en_US The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: https://nwjustice.org/home Additional information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note-holders rights against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-26-1052363-BB. Dated: 6/29/2026 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
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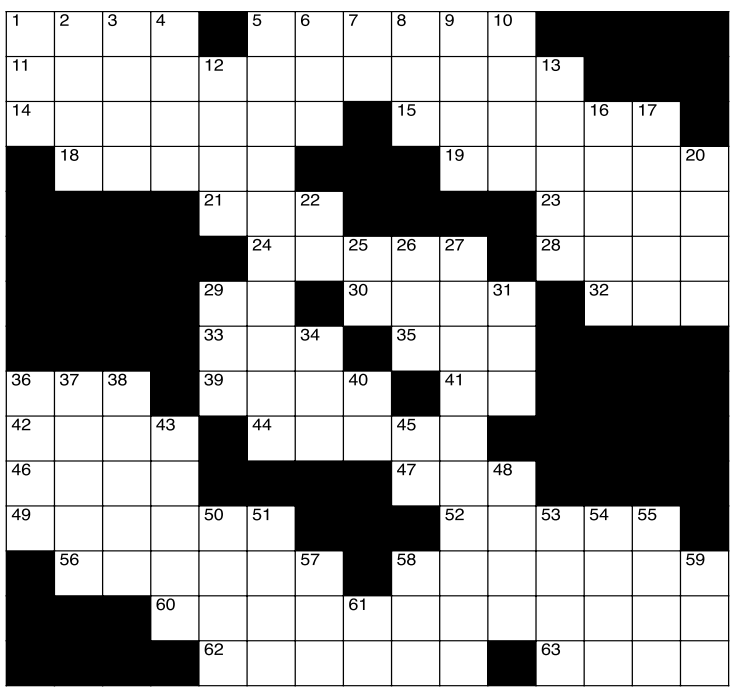


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THURSDAY, November 5, 2026
2:00 PM

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS

1. El Dorado High School
5. A sculpture representing a human or animal
11. A type of return
14. Tie the knot again
15. Washington city
18. Hairlike structures
19. Mark used over a vowel
21. Explosive
23. Popular 500 car race
24. Pile up
28. Currency
29. Commercial
30. A minute amount (Scottish)
32. Mass of fish eggs
33. Baseball stat
35. Licensed accountant
36. Japanese classical theater
39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
41. Blood group
42. Assist in wrongdoing
44. Language of Cameroon
46. Grayish-white
47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
49. Microorganism
52. Strong social customs
56. Calm and dependable
58. Congressman
60. Force
62. As a result of this document
63. A main branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN

1. Make a mistake
2. American DJ Rick
3. Fictional Asimov planet
4. Coughed out
5. Singing to one's lover
6. Scotland's longest river
7. One of the six noble gases
8. Body art
9. Two-toed sloth
10. Electronic counter-countermeasures
12. A foolish person
13. Of the wind
16. Mansion
17. Sound
20. English river
22. Business symbol
25. Exclamation of surprise
26. Pouch
27. Individually
29. Satisfaction
31. The bill in a restaurant
34. Japanese delicacy
36. Port in southern Japan
37. Double-reed instruments
38. Center
40. "The Mount Rushmore State"
43. Soldier
45. Indicates position
48. Beauty treatment: __-pedi
50. Nonsense (slang)
51. Republic of Ireland
53. Ballplayers' tools
54. American state
55. Clusters of a fern frond
57. Patriotic women's group
58. A person's brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep
61. Of I

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Answers on Page A5

SUDOKU

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

Level: Intermediate

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