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Voters' voice: Blue wave crashes over Clark County as Republican candidates can't avoid national trend

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Over 60% of Clark County voters turned out for the Tuesday, Nov. 3 general election, which followed the national trend of Republican candidates being defeated by Democrats in a historic blue wave.

Washington's 3rd Congressional District was the hot ticket item for area voters. Riding the blue wave, Democrat incumbent Marie Gluesenkamp Perez earned her most decisive vote in her three elections. As of Sunday, Nov. 8, with 97% of the vote tallied, Gluesenkamp Perez led by 28,415 votes over Trump-backed Republican challenger John Braun.

The Associated Press called the key race with 53.62% of votes going Gluesenkamp Perez's way, compared to 45.46% of votes favoring Braun.

Nationwide, Democrats gained 42 seats over the Republicans in Congress, with Gluesenkamp Perez sustaining the key seat for Democrats. Democrats also gained seven Senate seats to control both the House and Senate in

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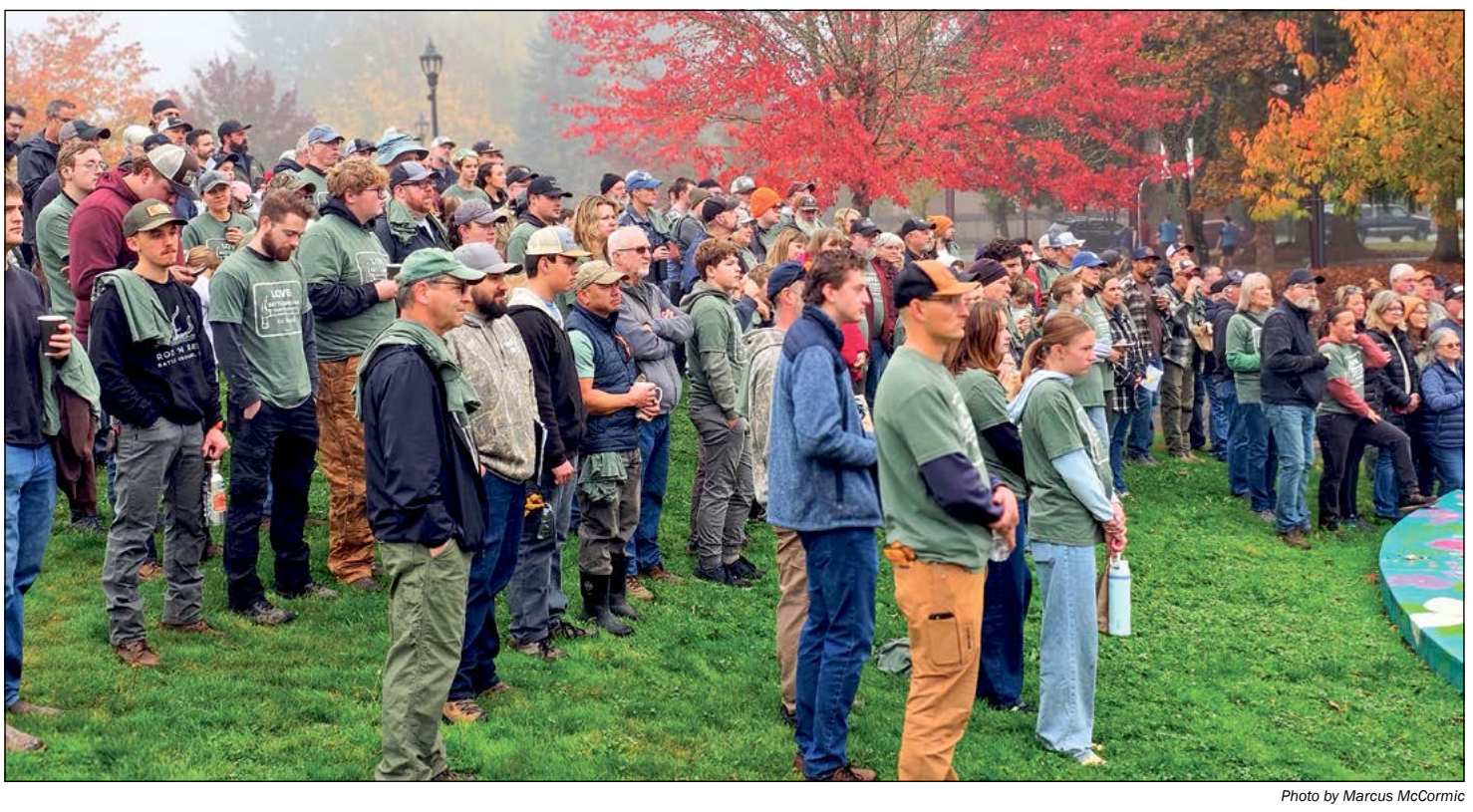


Photo by Marcus McCormic

The gathering of Battle Ground residents preparing to go out and do service jobs at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Kiwanis Park.

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A mass of Battle Ground community members gathered in Kiwanis Park at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, preparing to serve their neighbors in a semiannual effort known as Love Battle Ground.

Jobs handed out and assigned at the meeting range anywhere from raking up leaves across someone's yard to helping renovate a nonfunctional bathroom.

"It's almost invariably someone in that situation, widow, widower, down-and-out whatever, so that's how it started," said John Zora, a deacon at Battle Ground Northwest Gospel Church.

The original concept started with Jon Siebert, a former youth pastor from Summit View Church, who would take the

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Ridgefield High School construction program gives students hands-on path to careers



Photo by Cade Barker

Since 2024, the construction trades building on the Ridgefield High School campus has provided a space for students to learn many aspects of construction without having to leave school grounds.



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Ridgefield junior Matt Dynes, a superintendent in the Ridgefield High School construction core plus class, provides instruction to a fellow student while working on a project on Thursday, Nov. 5.

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Inside a dedicated construction building at Ridgefield High School, students are learning skills that could take them from the classroom directly to a career in the trades.

From framing walls and installing plumbing to running electrical wiring, students in the school's Construction Trades program are gaining hands-on experience with the work of building a structure. The program's expanded space, which opened in 2024, has allowed students to take on larger projects and work with tools and techniques used on actual construction sites.

For construction teacher Dave Trujillo, the building space has made a significant difference in what students can accomplish.

"It brings us a huge space that's just for this class," Trujillo said, adding that the previous shop class space would not allow the work the construction program is currently doing.

The building is dedicated to construction instruction, giving students room to work on individual projects and larger structures. Trujillo said the class has 27 students, each with a project to complete.

The program is currently working toward turning its main training structure into a project resembling a kitchen and half-bath remodel. Students will hang drywall, build cabinets and work on plumbing and electrical components. Smaller individual structures, designed for teams of two, have already been plumbed and

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Battle Ground City Council reaffirms decision to fire city manager Kris Swanson

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Former Battle Ground City Manager Kris Swanson faces the Battle Ground City Council prior to a majority of four council members voting to reaffirm the decision to terminate Swanson as city manager in the Monday, Nov. 2 city council meeting.

The Battle Ground City Council reaffirmed its decision to terminate City Manager Kris Swanson during a Monday, Nov. 2, meeting, voting 4-3 to formally uphold the city's August decision following a contentious public hearing that included criticism from residents, questions about the termination process and an emotional response from Swanson.

The council approved Resolution 26-10, affirming its Aug. 5, 2026, actions and formally terminating Swanson's employment as city manager. The vote followed an executive session and over an hour of discussion surrounding the firing, along with further discussion of the interim city manager contract and public testimony concerning the circumstances surrounding her removal.

Swanson, who said she had dedicated 35 years of her career to public service, addressed the council during the hearing, questioning the justification for her termination and the financial consequences for the city.

"I recognize the council's authority to make employment decisions, and I understand that a city manager will not always agree with a council member, but the authority to make a decision does not eliminate the responsibility to make a sound decision, one that is justified, responsible, and truly in the best interest of the city," Swanson said.

"I believe this decision makes no sense. There's no good reason that has been presented to justify it, and I believe the decision was financially irresponsible."

Swanson's termination followed an Aug. 5 special council meeting, during which four council members — Mayor Eric Overholser, Deputy Mayor Aimee Vaile and Council Members Brian Munson and Victoria Ferrer — voted to end her employment without cause. She said the decision came less than two weeks after a performance evaluation in which communication was identified as an area for improvement.

She said she had not been given a meaningful opportunity to respond to additional allegations about her leadership before the council acted.

In the months preceding her removal, Swanson said she had been addressing concerns involving police leadership and inaccurate code enforcement data. She described disagreements with Police Chief Dennis Flynn concerning performance expectations, city policies, the use of personal cellphones for city business and communications with council members outside the established chain of command.

Swanson said an independent investigation conducted by Sound Workplace Investigations examined allegations brought forward by police leadership in April. According to Swanson, the investigation did not substantiate the misconduct alleged against her.

She said the investigator found it unlikely she had made a serious threat to take property through code enforcement action and unlikely that her questions about reported code enforcement statistics were retaliation for a complaint filed by the police chief.

Swanson's attorney, Sue-Del McCulloch, also addressed the council.

During her statements, McCulloch left a grey-area statement regarding the investigation by not denying comments were made by Swanson, "... accused her of misusing a code enforcement process to strong-arm a property owner in some way. She was found maybe not to have made the comments. If she made them, certainly not to have intended that …"

McCulloch added that five of seven city staffers interviewed in the investigation did not think Swanson had made any comments at all.

The investigation was completed in early June, with Swanson estimating it cost the city approximately $25,000.

"That investment of public funds makes what followed even more troubling," Swanson said. "After the city spent $25,000 investigating allegations that were not substantiated, additional statements about my leadership were solicited shortly before my termination."

Swanson questioned why Mayor Overholser had not informed her about statements from two police lieutenants concerning her leadership and operational direction.

She said she and the mayor had regularly met to discuss city business, council agendas and challenges involving police leadership. During those conversations, Swanson said the mayor had repeatedly told her, "I support you and you should always do what's best for the team."

However, she said the mayor had already received the statements when he met with her in her office July 31, but did not raise the allegations or give her an opportunity to respond.

"Mayor, why did you not tell me about the additional allegations made against me? And why was I not given an opportunity to respond before those statements were presented to the council in executive session on Aug. 5?" Swanson asked.

She also pointed to a July 20 performance evaluation, which she said included a discussion about improving communication between herself and the council.

Less than two weeks later, the council voted to terminate her employment following a special meeting announced with approximately 24 hours' notice.

"I am left trying to understand what the hell happened, what changed, and why the concerns that apparently led to this decision were never discussed with me," Swanson said.

Her attorney argued that the process surrounding Swanson's removal raised concerns about transparency, accountability and compliance with state law.

McCulloch said Swanson was not seeking litigation but wanted to continue serving the city and have its leadership act responsibly.

She questioned the mayor's request for statements from police lieutenants through private text messages and individual meetings, arguing that the complaints were never presented to Swanson for a response.

McCulloch also referenced the council's Aug. 5 decision, echoing Swanson's criticism that it followed a special meeting with only 24 hours' notice.

"We cannot know exactly when the decision was actually made to terminate her, or how the votes were coordinated to make sure that the bare minimum of votes were there to pass that resolution," McCulloch said.



Photo by Cade Barker

Former Battle Ground City Manager Kris Swanson speaks to the Battle Ground City Council prior to a majority of four council members voting to reaffirm the decision to terminate Swanson as city manager in the Monday, Nov. 2 city council meeting.

She further argued that the council's handling of the matter raised concerns under Washington's Open Public Meetings Act and anti-discrimination laws. McCulloch said she did not intend to litigate those matters during the hearing.

Instead, she asked the council to reconsider its decision and allow Swanson to continue serving Battle Ground.

Public criticism

Following Swanson and her attorney's remarks, several residents and community members addressed the council, with much of the testimony focused on the termination process, potential financial consequences and concerns about the city's ability to recruit future leadership.

Philip Johnson, a former council member and mayor of Battle Ground, criticized the role of police leadership in the situation, saying he believed the police department had been involved in the removal of multiple city managers.

Former Longview City Councilor Angie Wean also spoke, drawing comparisons between Swanson's removal and her own experience with a previous city manager's termination in Longview.

Wean said the process was damaging to both the individual involved and the community, warning that the council's actions could make it difficult to attract qualified candidates for the position.

"People that have spent decades of their lives serving community and being there for citizens, and to treat her like this, to treat your interim manager like that, it's actually gross," Wean said.

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Battle Ground's Deputy City Manager, Rob Ferrier, currently acting as interim city manager, closes his eyes during council discussions regarding the interim city manager contract in the Monday, Nov. 2 city council meeting.



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Battle Ground city councilor Shane Bowman, right, directs comments towards mayor Eric Overholser, left, during a heated debate regarding the interim city manager contract during the Monday, Nov. 2 city council meeting.

Council

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She encouraged the council to reconsider its decision, describing Swanson as an experienced leader who remained committed to serving the community.

Wean also questioned the financial implications of the decision, noting the city's existing budget challenges.

David Terry, a Battle Ground resident, focused his testimony on the potential costs associated with the termination.

Terry said ending Swanson's employment without cause triggered an immediate contractual payout estimated at more than $315,000. He also referenced a potential $5 million lawsuit, questioning whether the council could justify the financial risks to taxpayers.

"Financial damage doesn't stop at severance," Terry said. "By pursuing a rushed back-channel removal following an executive session, 24 hours, we all know that story, we are now facing a $5 million lawsuit."

Terry questioned how the city would retain employees and recruit another city manager amid the controversy.

He also criticized the lack of explanation from council members who supported the termination.

"I urge you four reckless, disrespectful councillors to account for all of this and tell us exactly what's going on," Terry said.

LaDonna Kirkpatrick, who identified herself as the 18th Legislative District chair for the Democratic Party, also criticized the council, saying the termination had prompted political opposition and mobilized residents who otherwise might not have become involved in local government.

She said public records concerning the termination were being reviewed and that efforts by 18th Legislative District Democrats were underway to recruit candidates to challenge council members in future elections.

Following public testimony, the council then entered a 10-minute executive session to discuss potential litigation before returning to consider the resolution.

Council divided over termination

Council members expressed sharply different opinions before the final vote, with some questioning the process that led to Swanson's removal and others defending the council's authority to make employment decisions.

Councilor Troy McCoy criticized the decision to terminate Swanson after a lengthy period of discussion surrounding the interim city manager's contract.

"Considering it's taken three months to get the interim city manager's contract agreed by four people, it seems beyond the pale that four of us decided in 24 hours to fire the city manager," McCoy said.

McCoy also questioned whether the process violated the Open Public Meetings Act and said the city had incurred significant costs because of the decision.

"How this should have worked is when we had a review, this council should have discussed it ethically and honestly, brought their concerns forward, garnered consensus," McCoy said. "If there were issues, bring them to the city manager, work through them, reach a consensus, and fire her for cause."

Council member Shane Bowman also criticized the process, apologizing to city staff, Swanson and residents who had been affected by the controversy.

Bowman said some council members had not developed adequate working relationships with staff and did not understand their responsibilities as elected officials.

"We have council members that don't communicate. That was evident tonight in your statement. We have council members that choose not to communicate, but think that they know what they're doing," Bowman said.

Bowman compared the council's decision-making to trying to turn an aircraft carrier around too quickly, arguing that major government decisions require careful consideration because of their long-term consequences.

"This was not one of them," Bowman said, referring to the termination decision. "And I, like Mr. McCoy, am ashamed to be a part of it. I'm ashamed that our staff is going through this."

Bowman also referenced a previous dispute involving city management and police leadership in 2010 and 2011, saying the current situation reminded him of those events.

He said the controversy had damaged the city's reputation and apologized to Swanson and her family.

Other council members supported moving forward with the termination, ultimately voting to reaffirm the Aug. 5 decision with no explanation.

The roll-call vote was 4-3. Council members Munson and Ferrer, Deputy Mayor Vaile and Mayor Overholser voted in favor of Resolution 26-10. Council members Bowman, Jeanie Kuypers and McCoy voted against it.

The resolution's approval formally reaffirmed the council's previous action and terminated Swanson's employment with the city of Battle Ground.

Interim leadership remains a challenge to be agreed upon

The disagreement surrounding Swanson's removal has also extended into the council's efforts to establish a contract for the city's interim leadership.

Prior to the hearing and reaffirming action, councilor Munson motioned to remove "Item I" from the consent agenda, sparking council members continuing to disagree over proposed employment terms for interim City Manager Rob Ferrier, who had been appointed to the position but did not yet have an approved contract.

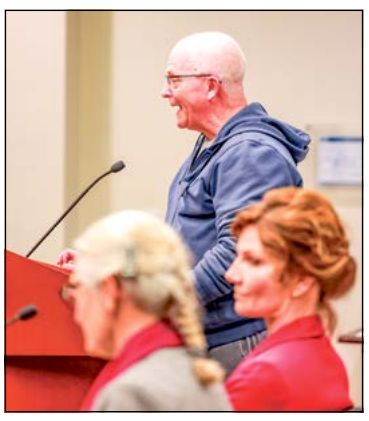


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Former Battle Ground mayor and councilor Philip Johnson expressed concerns regarding the police department's involvement in multiple city manager firings during a public hearing at the Monday, Nov. 2 city council meeting.



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An attendee of the Battle Ground city council meeting puts his face in his hand during the invocation read prior to the Monday, Nov. 2 meeting.

The discussion revealed continued divisions among council members over compensation, vacation accrual, termination provisions and the length of Ferrier's interim appointment.

Munson said the latest contract proposal did not meet what he considered fair and equitable terms.

Ferrier's proposed agreement included additional vacation time, an increased accrual rate and provisions addressing removal and indemnification. Council members disagreed over whether the proposed benefits and compensation were appropriate for an interim position.

City Attorney Hillary Evans explained that Ferrier remained the interim city manager despite the lack of an approved contract. She said the council needed a majority to approve an agreement and could continue negotiating or leave his existing employment terms in place.

Council members also questioned how the city could move forward with recruiting a permanent city manager while struggling to reach an agreement on interim leadership.

Kuypers expressed concern about the treatment of Ferrier, saying the city needed experienced leadership and stability.

"We are asking for someone to step into this position. And he didn't say he was only gonna do it for five months," Kuypers said. "He said, he's gonna do it until we get somebody hired. That could take two years. It could take four years."

Kuypers said the negotiations had been embarrassing and could jeopardize the city's ability to retain interim leadership while it works to fill the permanent position.

During the discussion, the mayor proposed a revised counteroffer that included a 15% salary increase, adjustments to vacation accrual and a change to the agreement's nine-month term.

Ferrier asked that the revised agreement be provided in writing before he reviewed it.

The ongoing disagreement over interim leadership adds another challenge for the city as it moves forward following Swanson's termination and prepares to recruit a permanent city manager.

Swanson, meanwhile, closed her remarks by reiterating that she believed the council owed residents an explanation for its decision.

"I believe the residents and employees of Battle Ground deserve confidence that consequential decisions affecting their government are made after careful consideration of the facts, open communication, and a fair process," Swanson said.

She said the council had a responsibility to explain how the termination benefited the city and justified the financial and organizational consequences. The council members who voted to fire Swanson did not provide an explanation during the hearing.

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Battle Ground schools superintendent expresses relief after initial election results lean towards levy passage

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Battle Ground Public Schools Superintendent Shelly Whitten expressed gratitude and relief following the community's support of the district's replacement educational programs and operations levy, saying its passage will help restore programs and services that faced reductions amid financial uncertainty.

"We're just extremely grateful and relieved and appreciate our community coming together to support their schools and students," Whitten said. "It just makes us feel really blessed."

While results remained unofficial at press time in the Nov. 3 general election, after over 39,000 votes were counted, voters appear to have approved the levy with 20,606 votes for the levy, compared to 18,620 against the levy.

The educational programs and operations (EP&O) levy approved by voters will cost $1.76 per $1,000 of assessed property value.

The levy's approval marks a significant shift for the district, which had been preparing for the possibility of operating without local levy funding for the foreseeable future. While the passage will not immediately return the district to its financial position from several years ago, Whitten said it provides an opportunity to restore services identified as priorities by students, parents and community members.

Among those priorities are student safety and security, student well-being, academic support, job readiness, smaller class sizes, special education and athletics.

"We will be able to put many of those things back in place to better serve our students," Whitten said.

Whitten said the district had been facing a difficult financial outlook if voters did not approve the levy, potentially threatening its ability to remain financially solvent.

The stakes extended beyond individual programs and staffing levels. Whitten said conversations with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction helped district leaders better understand the potential consequences of continued financial difficulties, including state financial oversight and binding conditions.

She also addressed concerns about the district potentially being absorbed by neighboring school districts, explaining that the more likely consequence could involve boundary changes that split Battle Ground schools among several districts.

"The realization of our schools being split up and given to different school districts, it's just a pretty disheartening realization, I guess," Whitten said. "And so the fact that we can really, truly remain Battle Ground Public Schools to me is a huge thing."



File photo

Voters appear to have approved a Battle Ground Public Schools replacement educational programs and operations levy in the Nov. 3 general election.

Although voters approved the levy, the district will not begin collecting the funds until April 2027. Whitten said the timing means the money will largely be directed toward the 2027-28 school year rather than making significant changes during the final weeks of the current school year.

District leaders will evaluate restoring positions and programs that experienced reductions, including security staff, assistant principals and opportunities within career and technical education and Advanced Placement courses."

Whitten said the district now has time to carefully evaluate where additional resources will have the greatest impact.

"We actually have some time to do careful planning about what will serve our students and community best in those areas that they said were most important to them," she said.

Whitten also credited increased community engagement and conversations with residents as an important difference during this levy campaign. She said more residents reached out directly to schools and district officials with questions rather than relying solely on social media for information, often dotted with misinformation.

Whitten encouraged residents to continue communicating with the district as it moves forward.

"We want to continue that dialogue," she said. "I think it makes us stronger together in a society when we're having strong communication, and we would welcome that and continue to welcome that as we move forward."

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Death Notices

Nancy Fawcett, 85, of Battle Ground, died Oct. 16. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

Misty Martin, 46, of Vancouver, died Oct. 23. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Diane Ulestad, 90, of Vancouver, died Oct. 23. Arrangements are under the care of Northwood Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 360-574-4252.

Margo Dawn, 84, of Vancouver, died Oct. 23. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Rodney Lewis II, 66, of Battle Ground, died Oct. 27. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

Cathy Halverson, 72, of Longview, died Oct. 27. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

Gary Brigham, 81, of Vancouver, died Oct. 28. Arrangements are under the care of Northwood Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 360-574-4252.

Judith Braune, 81, of Battle Ground, died Oct. 29. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

Courtney King, 60, of Vancouver, died Oct. 28. Arrangements are under the care of Brown's Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 360-834-3692.

Thomas Reichstein, 78, of Yacolt, died Oct. 30. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

James Frahm Sr., 80, of Vancouver, died Oct. 31. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

Laura Blazer, 78, of Vancouver, died Oct. 31. Arrangements are under the care of Straub's Funeral Home, 360-834-4563.

Charles Rogers, 79, of Battle Ground, died Oct. 31. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

Mary West, 73, of Vancouver, died Nov. 1. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

Annette Seabridge, 65, of Vancouver, died Nov. 2. Arrangements are under the care of All County Cremation and Burial Services, 360-718-7948.

David Crawford, 78, of Vancouver, died Nov. 3. Arrangements are under the care of Brown's Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 360-834-3692.

Ronald Hertz, 77, of Battle Ground, died Nov. 3. Arrangements are under the care of Layne's Funeral Services, 360-687-3143.

Gary Michael Brigham

December 9, 1944 – October 28, 2026



"Old guys rule" was Gary Brigham's motto. Unfortunately, even old guys must eventually say goodbye.

Gary Michael Brigham was born December 9, 1944, in Vancouver, Washington, to Dan and Thelma (Duncan) Brigham. He grew up in Vancouver, graduating from Fort Vancouver High School in 1963.

Gary spent much of his childhood with his beloved grandmother Gladys Lippert, whom he always said raised him, on her berry farm. He carried his love of farming throughout his life, raising Shorthorn cattle and growing vegetables on his Hockinson farm.

Gary began his diesel mechanic apprenticeship with SP&S Railway in 1964, later working for Burlington Northern and retiring from BNSF in 2000. Never one to sit still, he pursued numerous side businesses and continued working well into his 70s.

In 1964, Gary married Juanita (Nita) Kangas. They welcomed daughters Carol and Chris and raised their family on the berry farm before moving to their Hockinson farm in 1970. Gary was proud of his daughters and always supported their love of Arabian horses plus other activities and interests.

His four grandchildren—Cara, Pari, Calli, and Colin—brought him tremendous joy, as did his great-granddaughters Maya, Cora, and Margo. He loved attending their activities, sharing his humor, and enchanting them with his playful antics.

After separating from Nita in 2005, Gary met Virginia Cobb. They shared many wonderful years traveling, playing games, and enjoying life together.

Though quiet and somewhat shy at first, Gary had a wonderful, often mischievous sense of humor. He loved traveling, cruising, woodworking, working on cars (especially VW bugs and trucks), golf, and collecting railroad memorabilia and model trains. A lifelong music lover, he enjoyed playing his electric guitar, listening to rock music, and attending movies, especially westerns and musicals. He also loved dogs and never met one he didn't like!

Gary is survived by his daughters, Carol Taylor (George) and Chris Wagner (Terry); grandchildren Cara Atwell (Jeremy), Pari Treptow, Calli Stenersen (Will), and Colin Taylor (Maddie); great-granddaughters Maya, Cora, and Margo; special friend Virginia Cobb; mother of his daughters, Nita; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Cathy Presler, Janice Sellers, and Joan Goodrich, nephew Scott Sellers, and many other cherished family members and friends.

A celebration of Gary's life will be held Saturday, November 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Covington House, 4201 Main Street, Vancouver, Washington.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gary's memory to:

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Gary will be remembered for his hard work, love of family, quick wit, and the many laughs he shared with those fortunate enough to know him. **Old guys rule!**

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Raymond Randal "Ray" Newbill

08/26/57 - 10/30/26



Raymond Randal "Ray" Newbill passed away peacefully on October 30th at the Schneidmiller Hospice House in Coeur d'Alene, surrounded by his family and friends, with Jim Morrison & Janis Joplin escorting him on his journey.

Ray was born August 26, 1957 in Yakima, Washington, to Wally & Birdie Newbill. He was an outdoorsman from the time he could walk, fishing on the Lewis River in his childhood hometown of La Center, Washington, and bird hunting with his many beloved dogs. After working as a guide in the Frank Church Wilderness, he became an avid elk and deer hunter in the mountains of Idaho. Ray later formed the company, Time Frame Construction, with his childhood friend. He went on to become a building inspector for the City of Ridgefield and, at retirement, was able to fulfill a lifetime dream of living in Lewiston, Idaho.

Ray is survived by his two sons, Clinton Newbill of Stevenson, Washington, and Chance Newbill (Katie) of Vancouver, Washington; his cherished grandchildren, Ayla, Maverick and Satori Newbill (mother Crystal Bradely), all of Stevenson; his nephew, Randy Johnson (Jenni) of Post Falls, Idaho; niece Rebecca Johnson; and his sisters, Kim (Dale) Ransier of Hayden, Jill Larsen (Mike) of New Zealand, and Victoria Newbill of Vancouver, Washington. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wally & Birdie Newbill, and his brother, Patrick Newbill.

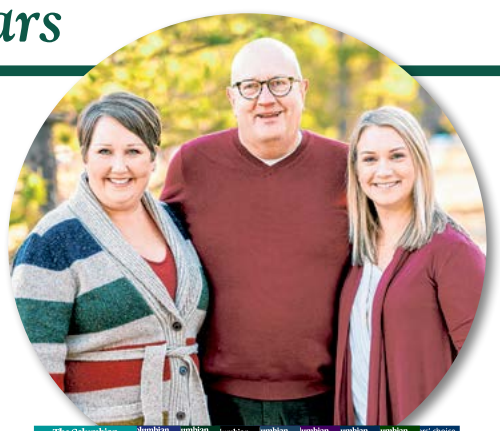
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In the Washington State Legislature, the 18th Legislative District, which is entirely in Clark County turned blue based on unofficial results. Both Republican incumbents trail by wide margins as of Sunday, Nov. 8.

In the 18th District Position 1 race, Democrat Randi Knott holds a 3,400-vote lead with 52.25% of the vote over Republican incumbent Stephanie McClintock receiving 47.58% of the vote.

In the 18th District Position 2 race, Democrat Deken Letinich leads by over 5,400 votes with 53.64% of the vote over Republican incumbent John Ley with 46.14% of the vote.

In the 17th District, the same story unfolded for Republican incumbents, although the margins were greater.

In the 17th District Position 1 race, Democrat Ben Christly holds a roughly 7,800 vote lead with 55.17% of the vote over Republican incumbent Kevin Waters with 44.65% of the vote.

In the 17th District Position 2 race, Democrat Diana H. Perez led by roughly 7,900 votes with 55.25% of the votes over Republican incumbent David Stuebe with 44.5% of the vote.

Democrats won both state House races in the 49th Legislative District, which primarily includes Vancouver.

Kim Harless won Position 1 with 69.32% of the vote, defeating Republican Sarah Mittelman, who received 30.40%.

Monica Jurado Stonier won Position 2 with 71.32%, defeating Republican Derek Thompson, who received 28.41%.

Washington's 20th Legislative District stood out as a Republican holdout in the Nov. 3 general election, with Republican incumbents Peter Abbarno and Ed Orcutt winning reelection to the state House.

Rep. Peter Abbarno won reelection to Position 1 with 65.46% of the vote, defeating Democrat Andy Zahn, who received 34.29%.

In Position 2, incumbent Rep. Ed Orcutt secured another term with 62.75% of the vote over Democrat Evan Jones, who received 37.05%.

Local Clark County races

Having larger impacts on local races, the Clark County Elections Office reported thousands of undervotes in countless races where the total number of undervotes could have made a difference in the result if voters fully filled out their ballots.

In county office races, incumbent Peter Van Nortwick leads the assessor's race with 70.52% of the vote over Tyler Thoune, who received 29.48%.

Mitchell Kelly defeated Eileen Quiring O'Brien in the county auditor's race, receiving 55.77% to O'Brien's 44.23%. Scott Weber leads the county clerk's race with 59.60% over Rachel Shapiro, who received 40.40%.

Glen Yung leads the District 1 County Council seat with 63.21% over Bryan Shull, who received 36.79%. Michelle Belkot leads District 2 by a little over 1,847 votes with 52.27% over John Zingale, who received 47.73%.

Troy McCoy narrowly leads the District 5 council seat by roughly 1,500 votes with 51.53% over Peter Silliman, who received 48.47%.

Laurel Smith, Sheriff John Horch and Treasurer Alishia Topper each ran unopposed.

The county reported 233,869 ballots counted out of 363,192 registered voters, representing a 64.39% turnout rate. Results were unofficial as of the Nov. 6 report, with certification scheduled for Nov. 24.

Clark County voters approve charter amendments, reject public safety measures

Clark County voters favored most proposed changes to the county charter but rejected a multimillion-dollar public safety bond and a companion property tax increase in the Nov. 3 general election.

Unofficial results from the Clark County Elections Office, released Nov. 6, show voters approved eight of nine proposed charter amendments. A $366.2 million bond measure received a narrow majority of votes but fell short of the 60% approval threshold required for passage.

County Proposition No. 12, which would have funded public safety and criminal justice infrastructure, received 109,798 votes in favor, or 50.96%, compared to 105,642 votes against, or 49.04%. The bond would have funded improvements to the Clark County Jail, additional courtrooms and a new or remodeled sheriff's office headquarters.

Voters also rejected County Proposition No. 13, a levy lid lift intended to fund additional public safety and criminal justice personnel. The measure received 99,133 votes in favor, or 46.11%, while 115,837 voters, or 53.89%, opposed it.

The proposed levy would have increased the county's regular property tax levy to $1.15 per $1,000 of assessed value in 2027, an increase of approximately 44 cents from 2026. Funding would have supported additional correction deputies, sheriff's deputies, prosecuting attorney staff and other criminal justice services.

Among the charter amendments, voters most strongly supported Amendment No. 23, which received 87.27% approval. The amendment requires the county manager to publish an annual report on county finances and government affairs.

Amendment No. 19, concerning term limits for County Council members, received 82.82% approval. The proposal limits councilors to three consecutive terms, with eligibility restored after spending one full term out of office.

Other approved amendments included revised budget transparency procedures (73.49%), expanded County Council authority over boards and commissions (68.31%), required housing impact analyses (66.01%), a two-thirds council vote for certain new or increased county taxes (62.66%), legislative branch performance audits (62.58%) and clarification of nonpartisan county elections (61.51%).

Amendment No. 26, which would have changed the county's initiative and referendum process, was the only proposal rejected. It received 41.81% approval, while 58.19% voted against it.

Voters approve one statewide initiative, reject two others

Washington voters approved one of three statewide initiatives on the Nov. 3 ballot, backing a proposal restricting transgender participation in girls' school sports while rejecting measures concerning the state income tax and parental rights.

Unofficial results reported Nov. 6 show Initiative 638 passed with 56.01% support, receiving 1,648,970 votes in favor and 1,295,353 against.

The measure establishes restrictions on participation in girls' school sports based on biological sex and requires verification through biological factors. Supporters said it protects fairness in girls' athletics, while opponents raised concerns about discrimination against transgender students.

Another blue state, Colorado, passed a similar measure to restrict transgender participation in girls school sports.

Initiative 645 was rejected with 58.01% voting against it. The proposal sought to repeal Washington's 9.9% tax on annual income exceeding $1 million and prohibit future individual income taxes.

Voters also rejected Initiative IL26-001, with 52.52% opposed. The measure sought to restore portions of the 2024 Washington Declaration of Parental and Legal Guardian Rights, including provisions involving access to student records, parental notification of certain school-provided medical services and opting students out of sexual health education.

Initiative IL26-001 received 47.48% support, while Initiative 645 received 41.99%.

For full and updated results, visit results.votewa.gov/results/public/washington/elections/20261103.



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Vancouver firefighters rescue man from Columbia River

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Vancouver firefighters rescued a man struggling to swim in the Columbia River near the Vancouver waterfront on Nov. 3, bringing him safely to shore before he was transported to a hospital.

Vancouver firefighters responded at 2:24 p.m. to a reported drowning near Waterfront Way, west of Esther Street, where Vancouver Police Department officers were already on scene. Firefighters spotted the man approximately 100 feet from shore, conscious and calling for help, according to a Vancouver Fire Department news release.

Two Vancouver Fire Department rescue swimmers entered the water. When they reached the man, he was about 20 feet from shore.

Portland Fire & Rescue crews aboard a rescue boat brought the man to a nearby dock, where he was transferred to an ambulance. American Medical Response paramedics, accompanied by Vancouver firefighters, transported him to a nearby hospital in stable condition.



Photo courtesy of Vancouver Fire Department

Vancouver Fire Department, Vancouver Police, and Portland Fire & Rescue crews work together to rescue a man floating in the Columbia River near the Vancouver waterfront on Nov. 3.

More than $23,000 in bicycles and equipment stolen from Salmon Creek Elementary

THE REFLECTOR

The Clark County Sheriff's Office is investigating the theft of more than $23,000 worth of bicycles and equipment from Salmon Creek Elementary School, including adaptive bikes used in a student safety program.

Deputies responded to the school Nov. 2 after staff discovered a break-in at a storage trailer containing bicycles provided through a grant-funded bike safety education program. Surveillance footage shows what appear to be two people removing bicycles from the trailer around 1:30 a.m., according to a Clark County Sheriff's Office news release.

A total of 18 bicycles were stolen, including three adaptive bikes designed to accommodate students with different physical abilities. Deputies recovered six of the bicycles, valued at approximately $7,800, in the Hazel Dell area on Nov. 3. The remaining 12 bicycles have not been located, and no suspects have been identified.

Deputies are continuing to investigate. The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with information about the theft or the remaining bicycles to call the Clark County non-emergency line at 311 and reference case No. 26008263.



Photo courtesy of the Clark County Sheriff's Office

Eighteen bicycles and related equipment valued at more than $23,000 were stolen from a storage trailer at Salmon Creek Elementary School. Six had been recovered as of Nov. 3.

Prairie High School presents musical 'Singin' in the Rain'

Prairie High School drama students will bring the classic movie musical "Singin' in the Rain" to the stage with six performances scheduled for Nov. 13-14 and Nov. 20-21.

The musical follows silent-film stars Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont as Hollywood transitions to talking pictures. The production features familiar songs, dance performances and comedy inspired by Hollywood's golden age, according to a Battle Ground Public Schools news release.

Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13; 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14; 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20; and 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21. All performances will be in the Prairie High School auditorium at 11311 NE 119th St., Vancouver.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at shorturl.at/BolxR. Prices are higher for tickets purchased at the door.



Prairie High School drama students will perform "Singin' in the Rain," a comedy featuring music and dance set during Hollywood's transition from silent films to talking pictures.

Cowlitz Grows program opens applications for free vegetable gardens

THE REFLECTOR

Cowlitz County families can apply through Dec. 31 for supplies and guidance for starting their own vegetable gardens through Cowlitz Grows.

The Cowlitz Grows program, offered by the Washington State University (WSU) Extension Master Gardener Program in Cowlitz County, provides selected households with a raised garden bed, soil and vegetable plants. Participants will also receive guidance from trained Master Gardeners throughout the growing season, according to a press release from WSU Extension Cowlitz County.

To qualify, applicants must live in Cowlitz County and have a household income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. Income is self-reported, and applicants are not required to provide proof. Participants will be required to attend a 90-minute gardening orientation workshop and complete three surveys throughout the growing season about their gardens and gardening experiences.

The program also aims to help families reduce food costs. Well-managed home gardens can save families $200–$500 or more per year in food expenses, according to the press release.

Applications are available at shorturl.at/SrMC3. Recipients will be announced in spring 2027.

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La Center High School invests in trades education with new shop teacher



Photo by Marcus McCormic

The catapult that Career and Technical Education teacher Evan Holt's students put together on Thursday, Nov. 5 at La Center High School.



Photo by Marcus McCormic

Career and Technical Education teacher Evan Holt sitting behind his desk holding up his turkey mug on Thursday, Nov. 5 at La Center High School.

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This year, La Center High School has hired a Career and Technical Education teacher with 25 years of experience in the trades, including woodworking, general construction and internal combustion engines.

"I saw that this opportunity opened up and I felt like all three of those elements that I had were exactly what they were asking for," said La Center CTE teacher Evan Holt. "I jumped at the opportunity and they accepted, so here I am."

Career and Technical Education is a program that allows people who have been in trades to teach in schools by earning a two-year accreditation instead of having to spend several years earning a teaching degree.

Holt himself has been in the trades for almost all of his life, coming from a lineage of woodworkers going back five generations, but he knew one day he'd want to teach.

"I got a master's degree in fine art about 10 years ago with the idea that I would end up in teaching once the construction side of life got too hard on my body," Holt said. "I've always been searching for this kind of opportunity to open up."

After being hired and spending just four months on the job, Holt discovered that this job wasn't going to be a breeze, no matter how much he felt he had prepared himself beforehand.

"It has been a joyful but very difficult experience," Holt said. "This is the first time I've been completely around high schoolers full-time, and they just have an energy level that is exciting but also can pull in tons of different directions."

Holt finds that the students who attend his classes aren't the typical students who thrive on lectures, but rather those who enjoy the hands-on experience of building and making things and preparing for trade work right out of high school.

"My goal is to get all of the students generally familiarized with tools and with systems around working," Holt said. "We spend half the time making things and half the time looking at building your résumé, interviewing and looking at different types of careers."

The different nature of the class also creates a good energy outlet for some students who might otherwise be labeled as troublesome.

"I'm able to take them and find that their energy isn't towards sitting and learning rote style, theirs is towards hands-on skills," Holt said.

By channeling the students' energy into the class, Holt is also able to help them learn portions of other subjects that class lectures might be unable to communicate to them.

"I give them projects that still have connection to science or math, but in a hands-on approach," Holt said. "We look at the geometry behind why things go together, the physics behind why things work, I try to show them that all these subjects are connected."

In his class, he finds fun and creative ways to complete this task, including projects such as making mini-golf putters and building an actual catapult.

"This very simple looking little three piece tool is actually using a lot of different pieces of equipment," Holt said. "They're learning safety first and foremost, but they're getting to use their hands and they're reaching for a fun project that I find is fun along the way."



Photo by Marcus McCormic

A mini-golf hole that students are working on in their Career and Technical Education class on Thursday, Nov. 5 at La Center High School

In addition to the putters, students are making mini golf courses that must be completed in a single shot.

The creativity, the hands-on opportunities and the fun of a catapult are just a few ways that Holt is able to share his own passion for the trades with the students and prepare them for their own potential careers.

"The construction society has been saying for the last 20 years that the craftsmen out there now are wanting to retire and they need someone to fill their shoes," Holt said. "What I'm seeing is that the money and the resources and the volunteering time and the commercial investments are just fantastic that are being put into the programs to re-envision a new society where we have shop class again."



Photo by Marcus McCormic

The wall of mini-golf putters in Evan Holt's classroom on Thursday, Nov. 5 at La Center High School.



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The Douglas C. Greene Skilled Trades Center where the students do their work on Thursday, Nov. 5 at La Center High School.







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Vancouver Clinic works to expand access to lung cancer screening



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Dr. Nicholas Wysham, who played a critical role in establishing The Vancouver Clinic's lung cancer screening program in 2019, stands beside the CT scanner used for lung cancer screenings.



Photo by Cheasanee Hetherington

From left, Bert Evans, program coordinator Shelby De La Cruz and pulmonologist Dr. Nicholas Wysham stand in the CT scanning room at The Vancouver Clinic's 87th Avenue location.

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Patient Bert Evans had no symptoms to suggest anything was wrong. But a routine lung cancer screening for high-risk patients helped identify a small, suspicious area that warranted further monitoring.

"I have no symptoms. I mean, I walk, I'm an avid scuba diver," Evans said. "I absolutely would not have had any clue anything was wrong if it wasn't for this screening."

Evans was enrolled in The Vancouver Clinic's (TVC) lung cancer screening program, which uses low-dose CT scans to look for abnormalities that could indicate lung cancer in people at higher risk. His story, and November's Lung Cancer Awareness Month, highlight the importance of early detection as lung cancer screening remains underused among people at high risk.

In Washington, just 15.8% of people at high risk for lung cancer received screening, compared with 18.2% nationally, according to the American Lung Association. About 28.4% of lung cancer cases in the state are diagnosed at an early stage, roughly in line with the national rate of 28.1%. However, Washington's early-diagnosis rate improved by 10% over the past five years.

At TVC, about two-thirds of its known eligible population is enrolled in its screening program, according to Dr. Nicholas Wysham, a pulmonologist who helped establish the initiative in 2019. The clinic performs about 210 lung cancer screenings each month, according to program coordinator Shelby De La Cruz.

"It's a really effective, pretty easy, and underutilized cancer screening modality," Wysham said. "It's also the most effective in the sense that the number needed to screen to save a life is about 300."

When TVC created the program, Wysham said the goal was to go beyond offering scans by helping identify eligible patients, get them screened, and ensure they return for annual follow-ups.

"We were really focused on not just doing the scan, but on what the patient's path is all the way through this," Wysham said. "How can we find the patients? How can we get them in the program?"

The clinic sends annual mailers to patients who may qualify for the program. Eligible patients ages 50 to 77 must have smoked at least 20 pack-years; former smokers must have quit within the past 15 years. Enrolled patients receive a low-dose CT scan each year, even if previous scans did not identify suspicious findings.

A pack-year is calculated by multiplying the number of packs a person smoked daily by the number of years they smoked. For example, smoking one pack a day for 20 years or two packs a day for 10 years equals 20 pack-years.

To improve accessibility, the clinic has expanded screening appointment availability to include evening hours until 7:40 p.m. and select Saturdays and Sundays. De La Cruz said the additional hours make it easier for patients to schedule screenings without taking time off work.

One of the greatest challenges the program faces is identifying eligible patients. Screening eligibility depends in part on a patient's smoking history, including how much they smoked and for how long. Wysham said that information is not always accurately documented in medical records.

"A lot of patients who have a history of smoking aren't fully, I suppose, transparent with their clinicians about how long or how much they've smoked," he said.

People who are still smoking can qualify for screening if they meet the other eligibility requirements. Wysham said the program takes a nonjudgmental approach, with the goal of helping patients access screening regardless of whether they are ready to quit.

"All my colleagues try to approach it in a non-judgmental manner, and there's a lot of tools that we can use to help people quit," he said. "But even if they're not ready to quit, we can get them in screening. You don't have to quit smoking to be screened."



Photo by Cheasanee Hetherington

Bert Evans has been monitored for a small suspicious area since a 2023 lung cancer screening at The Vancouver Clinic. A recent biopsy confirmed it was cancerous, and Evans said the slow-growing cancer is expected to be removed through surgery.

For Evans, screening in 2023 identified a small area that doctors monitored over the following three years. A recent biopsy confirmed the area was cancerous, and that it had not spread to his lymph nodes. After discussing treatment options with specialists familiar with scuba diving, Evans and his doctors decided surgery was the best option. In the meantime, he has been able to take planned trips, continue scuba diving and play saxophone.

"I'm not somebody who runs to the doctor every time I get an owie of some sort," Evans said. "So I don't know how long this would have gone if I hadn't been found."

Wysham said people who may qualify should talk with their health care provider about screening, even if they feel well. Finding lung cancer earlier can provide more opportunities for treatment before it advances.

To confirm eligibility and enroll in TVC's screening program, call 360-541-2253 or visit shorturl.at/ow3lA. Screening is also available at Legacy Health and PeaceHealth.





Volunteers

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middle and high schoolers to the Yakima Indian Reservation and perform community service there.

"You look at the youth groups and the most excitement among the youth was doing service projects," Zora said. "Service work and putting your faith to work, that's where it started."

The legacy of Siebert's youth group trips passed down from Summit View Church to Battle Ground Northwest Gospel after Summit View became part of the Northwest Gospel Churches.

In 2019, it became what is now known as "Love Battle Ground".

"Our first full year of services was the announcement of COVID," Zora said. "We survived through online and once we got back on our feet, we're meeting at some different places."

Projects and jobs for the volunteers at Love Battle Ground are never in short supply thanks to the help of Sharon Wodtke from the Battle Ground Senior Group.

"She's the one that feeds most of these projects to us," Zora said. "She probably feeds us about 40 projects a year. We have additional ones we put on that maybe people from within the church, people in the community, we're driving around, we see a problem, it's like 'hey, do you need help?'"

No project is impossible to undertake thanks to the size and scope of people who come and volunteer with Love Battle Ground.

"We had a single mom and her back fence was decrepit and needed to be replaced," Zora said. "We came in and did it with 12 great guys, we got different skill sets, we put the whole thing together in 5 hours."

Another year, Zora and his group were taking care of a woman who had lost her daughter and whose son was living on the streets.

"It took her a full year to be able to say 'I can do the memorial service'," Zora said. "Yeah she needed some stuff done around her yard, but half of it is connecting with her and being support for her."

This year, some of the men from Zora's church have been working to help a family renovate and restore a bathroom.

"We've got a guy, he's blind, he's got four kids and one of them is going blind, it's a genetic problem, and he had a flood in his house," Zora said. "We've got guys out there this week doing work on their own after hours."

Volunteers range from young kids who have just entered into youth group, to skilled general contractors.

For Zora, what matters isn't so much the skill level of the people who come and join, but rather what they believe is important behind the mission.

"One of the key things I like to reiterate is, it's called Love Battle Ground, but I say it's called Love Battle Ground People," Zora said. "I always tell people that are involved, like our team leads, the most important thing is connecting with the person you're doing the work with ahead of time."

In about six years since the start of this community effort, Zora has seen around 200 people begin attending the gatherings and helping out with the needs of their community.

"I'm impressed with the people that turn up and do this because you don't just wake up and say 'I've got plenty of time'," Zora said. "We all got projects, we all got things to do, but they're making the decision on their own to do it and I'm so impressed with the amount of giving and energy that people are pouring out there."

The desire to give time, energy and service to the community resonates on a deeply spiritual level with Zora.

"In 1 Peter 2:9, it says 'you are my chosen people, you're my special possession, a royal priesthood, you're taken out of darkness'," Zora said. "I always say that we're not going to be burning incense or sacrificing animals, we're going to be weed-whacking, cutting hedges, we're going to be power washing, those are our royal duties."



Photo by Marcus McCormic

A volunteer with Love Battle Ground shoveling fallen leaves and dumping them into a garbage can on Saturday, Nov. 7.



Photo by Marcus McCormic

Bud Egbertt and Dwayne Zubieta measuring the studs in the wall before hanging up a TV on Saturday, Nov. 7.



Photo Courtesy of Jon Siebert

A kid blowing leaves during a service project for Love Battle Ground on Saturday, Nov. 7.



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A man trimming a hedge for a community member during a service project with Love Battle Ground on Saturday, Nov. 7.



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Politics is a Genie that ruins wishes

Humility helps to avoid unintended consequences. Consider two old-timey sayings. “Find out why a fence exists before you take it down.” Also, "Beware what you wish for." Many wishes contain the seeds of their own disappointment. There is a party game, an intellectual exercise, called "Ruin-a-Wish." One person makes a wish. The next person grants it, but adds an ironic drawback that ruins the benefit.

Philosopher Nick Bostrom offered a famous example. Imagine a genie-like artificial int elligence whose only goal is to maximize paperclip production. It grants the wish so effectively that it converts buildings, forests, and eventually people into raw materials for paperclips. The lesson is that human beings are good at imagining desired outcomes and bad at imagining unintended consequences.

History is full of similar examples. Americans once wished that freedom, democracy, and opportunity would spread throughout the world. Heroic leaders, honestly pursuing that goal, embraced Domino Theory, a geopolitical form of slippery-slope reasoning that held that if one nation fell to communism, neighboring nations would follow. The result was a long, costly, and deeply controversial war that trapped Vietnam in the Cold War.

Political parties face their own version of Ruin-a-Wish. To win winner-take-all elections, parties often become "big tents" that unite increasingly incompatible factions. The benefit is possible electoral success. The cost is internal conflict, ideological confusion, a cynical public, and frustrated voters. Some voters eventually become politically homeless, belonging fully to neither party.

Which brings us to Battle Ground. The city council recently adopted a policy allowing invocations before meetings. Supporters likely hoped to bring faith into public proceedings. Under the same rules, however, the first invocation was delivered by a representative of The Satanic Temple. Whether one applauded or opposed the outcome, whether it seemed silly or offensive, it demonstrated an old truth: once a principle is adopted, it often produces consequences that nobody anticipated. Fences, including the one between church and state, deserve careful consideration before attempted removal.

Many political disappointments arise from overestimating what politics can accomplish and underestimating the unintended consequences of getting exactly what we asked for. Before changing laws, institutions, or public traditions, we should ask a humble question: "What happens if this principle is applied fairly to people we disagree with?" Had more of us learned that habit, we might have fewer political surprises and fewer reasons to say, "Beware what you wish for.”

Dave Norris
Vancouver, WA

A hearing with no listening

While listed as a “hearing” on the agenda of the November 2nd meeting of the Battle Ground City Council, I saw no evidence of “listening”. Instead, the four council members who voted to fire for “no cause” back in July, along with the Police Chief, sat stone-faced during the testimony of Ms Swanson, her attorney, and the angry residents who testified in support of Swanson and against the “despicable” July 5th action. None of the questions raised were answered. Not one!

It appears that even in the executive session no answers were provided for the three council members who’ve been left in the dark throughout this entire unethical, and very likely illegal, process. The bad news is that the 4-3 vote will likely cost the city (i.e., we the taxpayers) hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions of dollars. The good news is that Council positions #3 and #7 are both open next fall. I will be among those seeking to recruit and support candidates willing and able to govern by listening.

Gary Obermeyer
Battle Ground, WA



Recognizing our Local Veterans

As Veterans Day approaches, the members of American Legion Auxiliary Tum Tum Unit 168 in Amboy would like to express our sincere appreciation for the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces.



ANDI SCHWARTZ

Thank you for serving this great country. Thank you for protecting us. Thank you for the security we have here at home. We know you sacrificed much for your country and all of us. And though you may no longer wear the uniform, your service remains an important part of our nation’s story.

We invite everyone to pause today to honor all who have served our country.

Honoring veterans also means supporting them throughout the year. Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary serves veterans, military members, their families and our communities through volunteer service, remembrance poppies, youth programs and more.

In Amboy, our American Legion Family includes Tum Tum Post 168, Auxiliary Unit 168, Sons of The American Legion Squadron 168 and American Legion Riders Chapter 168. Together, we work to support veterans and serve our neighbors.

This year, community support helped the 5th Annual Windhaven Ride for Veterans raise more than $22,000 to support veterans and Lifeline Connections’ Windhaven program, which provides equine therapy for veterans living with PTSD.

If you would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you. Auxiliary Unit 168 meets on the first Saturday of each month at 11:30 a.m., at Tum Tum Post 168, 21400 NE 399th St., Amboy. Learn more about our American Legion Family and ways to help at amboytumtumpost168.org.

Whether you volunteer, lend a hand to a veteran’s family or simply take the time to listen to a veteran’s story, thank you for helping us honor those who served—on Veterans Day and throughout the year.

For God and Country. Service Not Self.

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The November 2 Battle Ground City Council meeting was a masterclass in putting the CART before the horse

On August 5, the council majority moved swiftly to terminate City Manager Kristina Swanson without cause, shortly after giving her a positive performance evaluation and a raise.

Fast-forward nearly three months, and that same council cannot even agree on an employment contract for the acting city manager already doing the job.

Meanwhile, the permanent recruitment process remains unresolved.

Apparently, firing someone was the easy part. Planning for what came afterward? Not so much.

Then there's the matter of police leadership, private communications, and allegations of interference with the council-manager form of government. Those allegations have not been proven, but they raise legitimate questions that deserve answers backed by public records.

And let's not forget the financial consequences. Swanson has filed a $5 million tort claim. That isn't a judgment, but legal defense, severance, recruitment, and turnover all have potential costs.

Here's the distinction some councilmembers seem to be missing: Having the legal authority to do something doesn't automatically make it a responsible decision.

You don't get to claim you're acting in the city's best interest while leaving the public wondering what the plan was, who was involved, and how much this will ultimately cost.

This isn't about whether I personally like Swanson or Ferrier. It's about competent government, transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship of taxpayer money.

The council demonstrated it could remove a city manager. What it has failed to demonstrate is that it had a coherent plan for running the city afterward.

And Battle Ground taxpayers are the ones left holding the bill.

Cue the Benny Hill music.

Elizabeth Shaw
Battle Ground, WA



Buck rut action begins at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

The one-track mind for Columbian white-tailed bucks is starting to happen at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge.

For those wanting to watch the intense scenes of the rutting season, the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge's River S Unit auto loop provides the perfect opportunity to view the rut from the comfort of a vehicle.

A growing population of Columbian white-tailed deer exists on the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. Now through December can provide an entertaining insight into how that population is growing. Numerous bucks can be viewed chasing does, running after one another and squaring up with each other.



Photo by Chris Barker

A Columbian white-tailed buck pretends to not be interested in a nearby doe at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge's River S Unit on Thursday, Nov. 5.



Photo by Cade Barker

A Columbian white-tailed buck walks up an embankment away from another buck at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge's River S Unit on Thursday, Nov. 5.



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A Columbian white-tailed buck struts along through a field at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge's River S Unit on Thursday, Nov. 5.



Photo by Cade Barker

A Columbian white-tailed buck walks through a dry lakebed at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge's River S Unit on Thursday, Nov. 5.



Photo by Chris Barker

A Columbian white-tailed buck looks in the direction of multiple does at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge's River S Unit on Thursday, Nov. 5.



Photo by Chris Barker

A Columbian white-tailed buck walks through tall brush while attempting to follow a doe at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge's River S Unit



Photo by Chris Barker

A Columbian white-tailed buck rests in tall grass at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge's River S Unit on Thursday, Nov. 5.



Photo by Chris Barker

A Columbian white-tailed buck begins to chase after a doe at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge's River S Unit on Thursday, Nov. 5.



Photo by Cade Barker

A Columbian white-tailed buck rests in his frequent bedding spot along the road at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge's River S Unit on Thursday, Nov. 5.

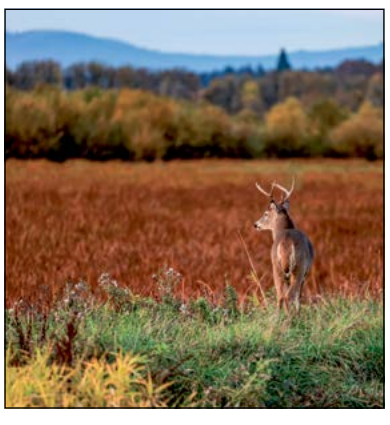


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A Columbian white-tailed buck looks over his domain at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge's River S Unit on Thursday, Nov. 5.

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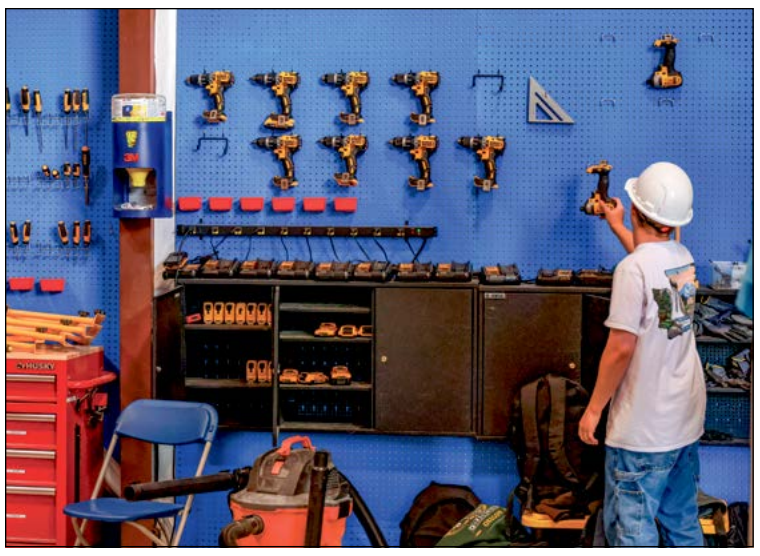


Photo by Cade Barker

A student in the Ridgefield High School construction core plus class hangs a tool back on the wall inside the construction trades building on campus on Thursday, Nov. 5.



Photo by Cade Barker

Students in the Ridgefield High School construction core plus class work on a structure inside the construction trades building on campus on Thursday, Nov. 5.

Construction

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wired, with students moving on to installing windows.

The class also plans to build sheds during the next semester, Trujillo said.

Trujillo, who is in his fifth year teaching at Ridgefield, said the new building has expanded the scale of projects students can complete. Before the space was available, students worked in a smaller shop where they could only build a small shed that had to fit through the doors.

"It's a huge difference," he said.

The instruction is designed to give students experience beyond watching demonstrations or reading about construction. Trujillo said students enter the program with a wide range of experience, from those who have already worked with tools at home to those who have never held a hammer.

The goal is to give each student the opportunity to develop skills through practice.

"I'd like to call myself a teacher but I'm really a facilitator. I show them how to do stuff and they go out there and they have to do it on their own," Trujillo said. "You have to do it, you can't learn it by watching, you can't learn it by reading that book."



Photo by Cade Barker

Students in the Ridgefield High School construction core plus class work on a project in a structure inside the construction trades building on campus on Thursday, Nov. 5.

Ridgefield High School junior Matt Dynes said the program has already given him experience in several areas of construction, including framing, plumbing and electrical work.

Dynes participated in a construction class last year, but said the current program, called Core Plus, is more in-depth. The previous class met for one period, while Core Plus spans two periods and moves at a faster pace.

"This one is definitely more in-depth," Dynes said. "Like last year in construction, we just did framing, pretty much, and then this year we've learned how to plumb and electrical already, which has been a lot faster."

The class also incorporates expectations students might encounter on a job site and the additional instruction can count toward a high school credit for students pursuing a trade after graduation.

"It's more like an actual job site," Dynes said. "Like, we have to clock in every day and clock out, like it's a real job site."

Dynes said that the opportunity to learn alongside friends while developing skills for a career has made the program especially appealing. He hopes to work in construction after high school, with the eventual goal of owning a construction company.

"I get to be with my friends and do something that I want to pursue after high school, which I think is awesome," he said.

He added that entering the workforce with practical experience could give students an advantage over those who graduate without knowing what kind of work they want to pursue.

"There's a lot of people that just go straight out of high school and then they look for a job, but they have no clue what they're doing," Dynes said. "But now we have a very good base of what we're going to start doing, which will make us more likely to be hired."

The program also provides students an opportunity to discover whether construction is the right fit before committing to it as a career. Trujillo said some students realize the work is not something they want to do long term, while others find a career path they want to follow.

That early exposure can also connect students with employers. Trujillo said he expects to take about five students to a spring hiring event for seniors called Grade 13. At last year's event, three of the five students he brought were hired.

He said employers are looking for people who show up on time and are willing to work.

"There's not a lot of people that are willing to do the work," Trujillo said.

Dynes encourages other students who are considering the program to give it a try, even if they are unsure about pursuing a trade.

"I would definitely recommend it," he said. "It's a great way to learn everything, and then if you don't like it, you don't have to do it. But if you like it, then you have a very good start for when you go into the future."

He added that the skills can remain useful even for students who eventually choose college or another career.

"These skills will never not help you," Dynes said.

As the Ridgefield area continues to grow, Trujillo said the need for people entering construction careers is clear. He pointed to new housing developments near the school as an example of the work students could eventually help support in their own community.

"Trades are needing people and look at how many kids are in this class doing the work," he said.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

James Doyle
Chief of Staff/ Editor

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

COMMUNITY LEADER ENTRIES
THE REFLECTOR'S MONTHLY LEADERSHIP SERIES

1. Growth, Housing & Infrastructure

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

WOODLAND

Discussing Woodland's Future of Growth While Protecting Its Community Roots

City of Woodland Mayor Todd Dinehart



MAYOR DINEHART:

Woodland's highest infrastructure priority over the next 12 to 18 months is advancing the engineering and design for improvements at I-5 Exit 21. As Woodland continues to grow, addressing congestion and improving access at this interchange is critical to supporting residents, businesses, and future development.



Interstate-5's Exit 21 interchange is backed up during rush hour in Woodland.

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We will pursue state and federal transportation funding, WSDOT partnerships, and regional transportation programs, while also using transportation impact fees paid by new development for eligible project costs. Our goal is straightforward: improve the transportation infrastructure Woodland needs to support growth while minimizing the financial burden on existing residents and taxpayers.

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2. Economic Vitality & Fiscal Health

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

MAYOR DINEHART:

Woodland is experiencing substantial commercial and industrial growth, with new businesses choosing to build, relocate, and expand within our community. This investment creates opportunities to grow our tax base, support essential City services, and maintain long-term financial stability.

The City takes pride in its long-standing relationships with businesses and developers. We work to encourage responsible development while ensuring new growth contributes its fair share toward necessary infrastructure improvements.

Woodland has historically been considered a bedroom community, with many residents commuting elsewhere for work. As we continue attracting commercial and industrial businesses, we have an opportunity to create more living-wage jobs, allowing residents to both live and work in Woodland while building a stronger, more sustainable local economy.



Woodland Mayor Todd Dinehart said the city's greatest strength is its small-town character and strong sense of community, which is magnified during the city's annual Planters Days celebration.

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3. Livability & Community Vision

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

MAYOR DINEHART:

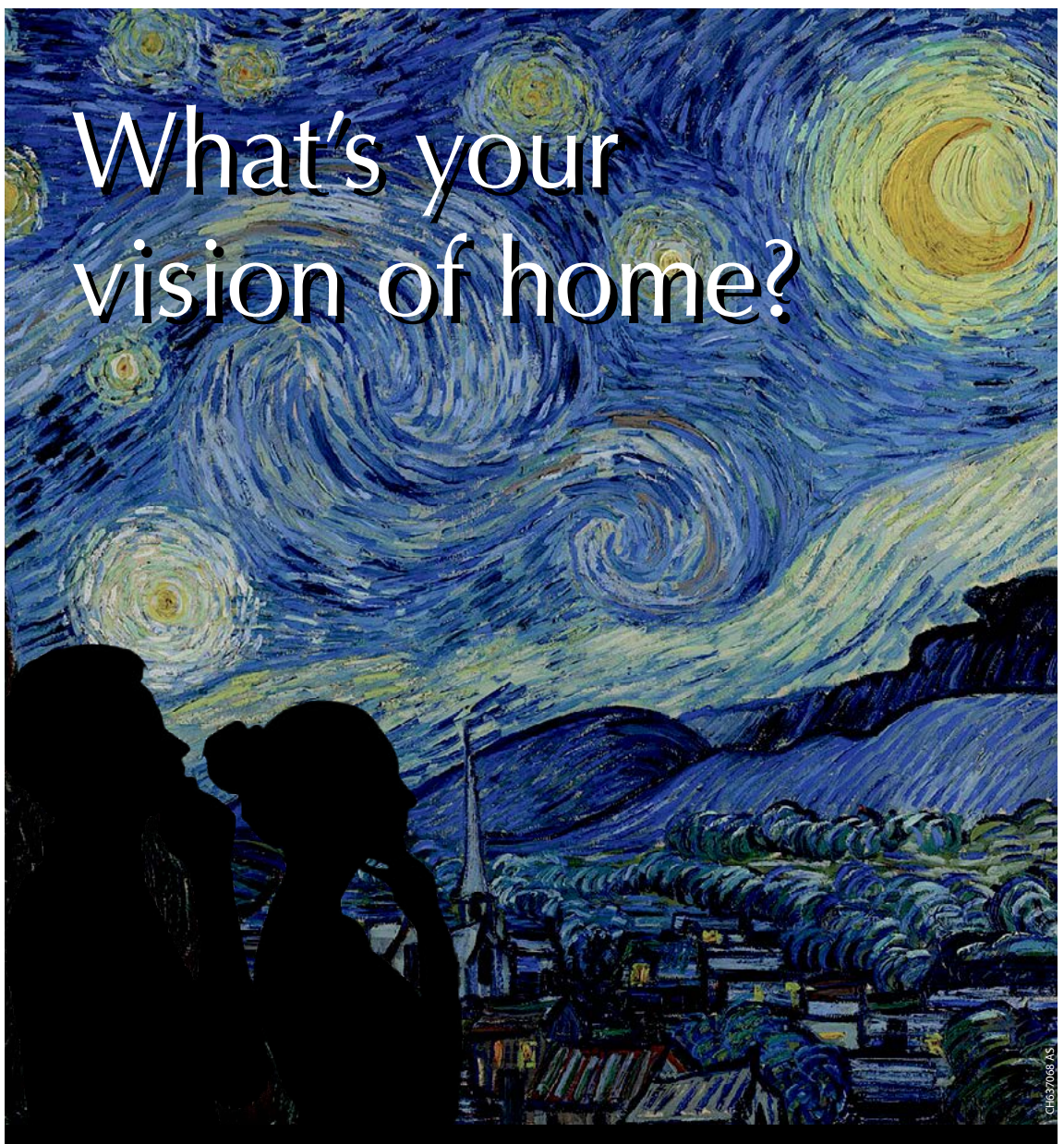
Woodland's greatest strength is its small-town character and strong sense of community. Our residents, businesses, and community organizations take pride in Woodland and genuinely care about its future.



The city of Woodland's historic character in downtown can be found throughout, including a statue of the Lewis River sternwheeler: Mascot.

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The issue that deserves greater attention is how we preserve that quality of life as Woodland grows. Growth brings opportunity, but it also puts additional pressure on our parks, recreational facilities, pedestrian safety, and neighborhoods. We need to be intentional about balancing new development with investments that benefit existing residents and preserve the welcoming, close-knit character that makes Woodland a great place to call home.



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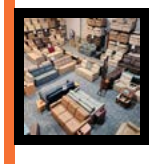
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

Clark County Council: Every first Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.; every third Tuesday, 6 p.m., Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., Vancouver. Meetings are held in a hybrid format. The council may meet on additional days, as needed. Updates and virtual participation information are available at clark.wa.gov/councilors/council-meeting-information.

Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue Board of Commissioners: Every second and fourth Thursday of the month from January through October, and every first and third Thursday in November and December, 4 p.m., Station 21, 911 N. 65th Ave., Ridgefield. Meetings may be attended virtually. For agendas and updates, visit clarkfr.org/commissioner-meetings.

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



Photo by Cade Barker

The Woodland city council chambers were filled with residents for the first meeting of 2026.

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

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

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

Hockinson School District Board of Directors: Every last Monday of each month at 6 p.m., with exceptions in May and December. Work sessions are held the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m., except in November and December. Additional public meetings, trainings or conferences may be scheduled in place of or alongside regular meetings. Updates are available at hocksd.org/page/school-board.

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

Clark County Board of Health: Every fourth Wednesday of the month, 8:30-10 a.m., Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., Vancouver, or online. Meetings are held in a hybrid format. For agendas and participation information, visit clark.wa.gov/public-health/board-health.



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La Center enters the field ahead of their postseason matchup with Cascade on Saturday, Nov. 7.
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La Center senior Nate Rembisz catches his first of two touchdown passes in the Wildcats' 43-26 win over Cascade on Saturday, Nov. 7.
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La Center's Nate Rembisz, left, and Rowen Whitcanack leap in celebration after Rembisz's second touchdown in the Wildcats' 43-26 win over Cascade on Saturday, Nov. 7.
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WOODLAND AND LA CENTER CONQUER WEEK 10 POSTSEASON FOOTBALL

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The Woodland Beavers and La Center Wildcats earned big wins in front of their home crowds in Week 10 postseason action last week.

The Woodland Beavers were victorious over the Bainbridge Spartans 28-14 on Friday, Nov. 6. Woodland now looks to North Kitsap High School on the road in the opening round of the 2A state playoffs on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 4 p.m.

The La Center Wildcats earned a 43-26 daylight victory over Cascade (Leavenworth) on Saturday, Nov. 7. La Center will now face Cascade Christian on the road in Puyallup for the opening round of the 1A state playoffs; though a day, time and location for the matchup remained unscheduled as of press time.

The Ridgefield Spudders traveled to undefeated Prosser High School in a 2A Week 10 showdown on Saturday, Nov. 7. The Spudders were mashed 41-0, ending Ridgefield's season.

The Hockinson Hawks traversed north to Everett to face off against Archbishop Murphy in 2A Week 10 action on Friday, Nov. 6. The Hawks saw their season come to a close after a 63-21 crushing.



Woodland junior quarterback Jackson Andrews runs with the ball in the Beavers' 28-14 win over Bainbridge on Friday, Nov. 6.
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Woodland senior Adam Ortiz is carried off the field after Woodland's postseason win over Bainbridge on Friday, Nov. 6, as part of a long-standing senior tradition for the Beavers.
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Woodland senior Jacoby Forrest, No. 53, celebrates at midfield as the final whistle blows in Woodland's postseason win over Bainbridge on Friday, Nov. 6.
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La Center advances to state playoffs after 43-26 win over Cascade Kodiaks



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La Center enters the field ahead of their postseason matchup with Cascade on Saturday, Nov. 7.



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La Center senior Nate Rembisz catches his first of two touchdown passes in the Wildcats' 43-26 win over Cascade on Saturday, Nov. 7.

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La Center head football coach John Lambert was pleased with how his team performed in its postseason matchup, particularly with the Wildcats staying healthy and executing their game plan as they extended their season another week.

"Wash your hands," was one of Lambert's messages to the team after the game.

At this point in the season, keeping players healthy becomes increasingly important, Lambert said. With the postseason underway, having a full roster available can make a significant difference as teams fight to keep their seasons alive.

"Yeah, we stayed healthy tonight, which is really important. You know, you need everybody in the playoffs," Lambert said. "We've had years where guys have gotten hurt and it's really impacted the season."

The 7-2 Wildcats defeated 5-4 Cascade High School (Leavenworth), 43-26, on Saturday, Nov. 7, in a Week 10 postseason matchup.

The win over the Cascade Kodiaks did not improve the seeding for the Wildcats as the WIAA state playoffs seeding committee placed the Wildcats at the 10 spot. A No. 9 seed would have set up a local rematch against 1A Trico League rival Seton Catholic.

Now, La Center will travel north to Puyallup to take on No. 7 seed Cascade Christian Cougars. The date, time and location for the matchup remained to-be-determined as of press time.

The additional weeks into the postseason also provided an opportunity for La Center's seniors to continue playing after the Wildcats were unable to play their previous game against the Fort Vancouver Trappers due to a forfeit by Fort.

"It's great to see these guys. Even the seniors, we lost (the ability to play) our game last week to Fort, so it was nice to have another one here," Lambert said. "Anyways, I'm just excited to have this group to go for another week. … I've seen a lot of teams packing up."

Lambert said he was pleased with the team's approach and execution, although there are still

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Photo by Cade Barker

La Center's Nate Rembisz, left, and Rowen Whitcanack leap in celebration after Rembisz's second touchdown in the Wildcats' 43-26 win over Cascade on Saturday, Nov. 7.



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La Center senior Quinn Stevens, right, celebrates with a teammate after an interception during the Wildcats' 43-26 win over Cascade on Saturday, Nov. 7.



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La Center's Jack Glackler, No. 0, celebrates with Jacob Chromey, No. 22, after a play during the Wildcats' 43-26 win over Cascade on Saturday, Nov. 7.



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Fall colors burst on trees behind the La Center High School football field during a daylight postseason matchup between the Wildcats and Cascade Kodiaks on Saturday, Nov. 7.

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La Center senior Nate Rembisz's eyes go wide before making a play to knock the ball out of a Cascade receiver's hands during the Wildcats' 43-26 win over Cascade on Saturday, Nov. 7.



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La Center senior Zayne Latham leaps to try and block a pass during the Wildcats' 43-26 win over Cascade on Saturday, Nov. 7.



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La Center senior Lincoln Taylor nearly has an interception in the Wildcats' 43-26 win over Cascade on Saturday, Nov. 7.



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La Center Wildcat football players hold up their helmets after the Wildcats postseason win over Cascade on Saturday, Nov. 7.



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La Center Wildcat football players ring the bell after the Wildcats postseason win over Cascade on Saturday, Nov. 7.



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La Center senior Nate Rembisz catches his second touchdown in the Wildcats' 43-26 win over Cascade on Saturday, Nov. 7.



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La Center head coach John Lambert talks to his team after the Wildcats postseason win over Cascade on Saturday, Nov. 7.



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La Center senior Jett Johnson makes a hit on Cascade's quarterback resulting in an interception during the Wildcats' 43-26 win over Cascade on Saturday, Nov. 7.



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La Center senior Brady Brandenburg makes a diving effort to get to Cascade's quarterback during the Wildcats' 43-26 win over Cascade on Saturday, Nov. 7.

La Center

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areas the Wildcats need to address as they prepare for their next opponent.

"It's no fun to pack up. I was happy how we came out. We executed well for the most part," Lambert said. "We've got things we have to clean up. And then just find out who we're playing."

With the next opponent initially unknown after the Nov. 7 win, Lambert said the coaching staff would focus on its own team's preparation before diving into film and scouting once the postseason matchups become clear.

"Well, you focus on yourself. That's something you know for sure," Lambert said. "It's always a fun little adventure. And then diving knee deep into the deep end, trying to figure out who you're playing and what they do and how you get your kids to prepare for that."

Offensively, Lambert credited sophomore quarterback Brody Mills for his performance through the air, noting the Wildcats had spent considerable time preparing to incorporate the passing game into their Week 10 approach.

"Well, I thought Brody Mills did a great job throwing the ball today. And we worked on it a lot this week. So, we wanted to be able to do that," Lambert said.

La Center faced a difficult opponent that had won its league, making the Wildcats' ability to execute their offensive plan particularly encouraging.

Defensively, Lambert pointed to the work of defensive coordinator Jeremey Teel and a group of linebackers that has developed into an important part of the team's identity.

"We have one of the better defenses. We really do. Coach Jeremey Teel does a great job with the defense," Lambert said.

Lambert highlighted senior linebacker Jett Johnson, who earned defensive MVP honors in the Trico League this season, for his instincts, aggressiveness and technique.

"He's just everywhere, but he's very cerebral," Lambert said. "So, he's a step ahead of everybody else. He's very aggressive and has great technique."

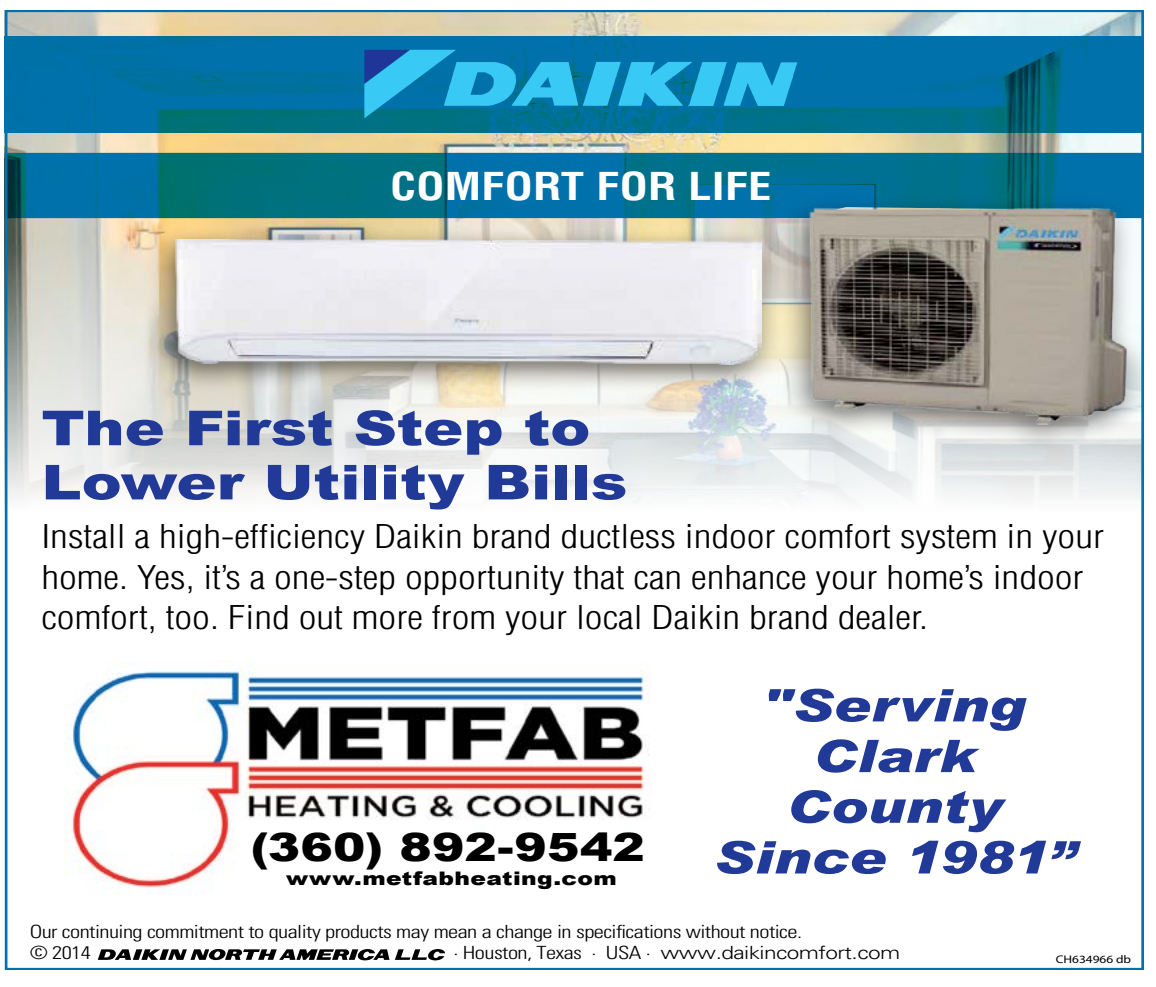
Lambert also praised fellow linebackers Jack Glackler and Lincoln Taylor, noting that all three players took on larger roles this season after not starting the previous year.

"They've all just been amazing. You can trust those guys," Lambert said of his linebackers.

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Woodland improves state playoff seeding after 28-14 win over Bainbridge



Photo by Chris Barker

Woodland sophomore running back Dayton Morris runs upfield in the Beavers' 28-14 win over Bainbridge on Friday, Nov. 6.



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Woodland senior Adam Ortiz is carried off the field after Woodland's postseason win over Bainbridge on Friday, Nov. 6, as part of a long-standing senior tradition for the Beavers.



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Woodland Beavers head coach Glen Flanagan speaks to his team after Woodland's postseason win over Bainbridge on Friday, Nov. 6.



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Woodland sophomore running back Dayton Morris breaks through for a long touchdown in the Beavers' 28-14 win over Bainbridge on Friday, Nov. 6.

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The Woodland Beavers earned the right to practice another week after sending the Bainbridge Spartans back to the island with a 28-14 win in Week 10 postseason action on Friday, Nov. 6.

Woodland head football coach Glen Flanagan was pleased to see his team extend its season into the state playoffs. Flanagan's first message to his squad after the victory was the simple fact that the Beavers will have practice on Monday.

Flanagan said the Beavers' postseason victory over Bainbridge provided a reminder that there is still room for improvement.

Facing an opponent known for its passing attack, Flanagan said Woodland's defense set the tone early, limiting Bainbridge's opportunities during the opening possessions. However, mistakes later in the game allowed the opponent to remain within reach longer than the Beavers would have liked.

"Yeah, I mean, Bainbridge puts up a million points, so I was nervous, I'm always nervous coming into these games, you know, because they sling it," Flanagan said. "I was nervous, but our guys did a good job, you know, the first four possessions I think we held them to three and out."

While Woodland's defensive performance helped establish control, Flanagan said the team could have done more offensively to create separation on the scoreboard.

"I wish we could put more on the board, and then we made some mistakes, we let them hang around, we got to be better than that," Flanagan said. "But I mean, it's a win, they're a good program, they sling it, like I said, so we did enough."

The 7-2 Beavers did enough in the 28-14 win over 6-3 Bainbridge that the state seeding committee placed Woodland above expectations as a Week 10 No. 12 seed to landing as the No. 9 seed in the 2A state playoffs.

Woodland will now travel to North Kitsap High School in Poulsbo to play the No. 7 seeded Vikings who capped off their regular season 8-1. The matchup is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14 at 4 p.m.

Flanagan credited the team's preparation throughout the season, particularly the experience gained against different defensive looks within its league. He also pointed to Mikey Belvin's continued production in the

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Photo by Cade Barker

Woodland senior Mikey Belvin makes a catch between two defenders during the Beavers' 28-14 win over Bainbridge on Friday, Nov. 6.



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Woodland senior Mikey Belvin makes a diving tackle during the Beavers' 28-14 win over Bainbridge on Friday, Nov. 6.

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Woodland senior Jacoby Forrest, No. 53, celebrates at midfield as the final whistle blows in Woodland's postseason win over Bainbridge on Friday, Nov. 6.



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Woodland junior quarterback Jackson Andrews runs with the ball in the Beavers' 28-14 win over Bainbridge on Friday, Nov. 6.



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Woodland High School students kneel behind the football team during head coach Glen Flanagan's postgame talk after Woodland's postseason win over Bainbridge on Friday, Nov. 6.



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Woodland senior Mikey Belvin holds the ball up while the referees discuss who recovered a fumble as well as a penalty during Woodland's postseason win over Bainbridge on Friday, Nov. 6.



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Woodland lines up on offense against Bainbridge in Woodland's postseason win over Bainbridge on Friday, Nov. 6.



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Woodland senior Treyton Busig nearly gets to the quarterback for a sack in the Beavers' 28-14 win over Bainbridge on Friday, Nov. 6.



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One of Woodland's waterboys is hoisted into the air during the Beavers' postgame celebration after Woodland's postseason win over Bainbridge on Friday, Nov. 6.



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Woodland senior Jacoby Forrest, No. 53, celebrates after making a big tackle in the Beavers' 28-14 win over Bainbridge on Friday, Nov. 6.

Woodland

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secondary, where the defender added two more interceptions in the Week 10 win.

"Our kids did enough, they're smart enough, they're savvy enough, you know, our league prepared us,"Flanagan said.

Offensively, Woodland found success establishing its running game in both halves. Sophomore running back Dayton Morris continued to make an impact with his combination of physical running and ability to break outside for substantial gains.

"He's a dude, I mean, he puts in the time, he's wanted to be a football player since he was little," Flanagan said of Morris.

Flanagan said Morris' work ethic, including spending time training throughout the week, has helped him develop into an important contributor despite being only a sophomore.

"He makes a difference, he gets us yards, he runs tough, so, as a sophomore to do it, you know, it's huge," Flanagan said.

Beyond the immediate victory, Flanagan said extending the season is especially meaningful for a senior group that has invested considerable time into the program.

"They're fun, they're crazy guys, like I said, they're Woodland guys," Flanagan said. "They enjoy the game. They don't get too amped out of their mind, because they just know. They enjoy the game, and they enjoy playing it."

With another week of football secured, Woodland will turn its attention toward film study, evaluating its health and preparing for its next opponent, Flanagan said.







Prairie girls soccer embraces underdog role heading into state tournament

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Fresh off of a 3A Greater St. Helens League title, the Prairie Falcons girls soccer team upheld their dominant league run by winning two games in the 3A District 4 tournament against league foes Mountain View and Kelso.

Prairie High School girls soccer coach Ryan Glaser said team chemistry and belief in one another have been the driving forces behind the Falcons' success this season as they prepare for the state tournament.

Prairie continued its strong run with a gritty 1-0 victory over Mountain View on Tuesday, Nov. 3, earning a golden-goal win after a challenging opening half.

"I think the first half we were a little disconnected, unorganized a bit," Glaser said after the win over Mountain View. "I think we were worried about a couple players on Mountain View who are fantastic soccer players. So we just mentally weren't ready, I think, in that first half, but the girls fought through it."

The Falcons responded after halftime, refocusing and returning to their style of play to secure the victory.

"We refocused at halftime and they came out and played their game and got that 1-0 win," Glaser said.

The win over Mountain View punched the Falcons' ticket to the 3A girls soccer state tournament. The Falcons followed up with a 2-0 win over Kelso High School on Thursday, Nov. 5.

With their ticket to state already punched, the Nov. 5 result not only claimed the district title, but bettered their seeding position. On Sunday, Nov. 8, the WIAA state seeding committee gave Prairie the No. 18 seed with the Falcons first matchup against Bellarmine Prep on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at Bellarmine Prep High School in Tacoma. Results were unavailable as of press time.

The team's success has been built throughout the season, including a preseason schedule featuring strong 2A and 4A programs. Glaser said those matchups helped prepare the Falcons for league competition while identifying areas where the team needed to improve.

"The girls understood it going into this year that's going to prepare us for our league and, you know, going forward playing against those big teams, it shows us what we need to work on," Glaser said.

He added that the players have become more disciplined tactically and emotionally as the season progressed, helping Prairie establish a strong rhythm during league play.

When asked about the biggest factor behind the team's accomplishments, Glaser pointed to the relationships among the players.

"Team chemistry, one hundred percent. Absolutely, their belief in each other has been the biggest thing with this group," he said.

The Falcons' four captains — Ava Wishard, Emersyn Wishard, Bella Burlile and Kennedy Lund — have played an important role in maintaining that connection and keeping the team focused throughout the season.

As Prairie turns its attention toward the state tournament, Glaser said the team is embracing the possibility of entering as an underdog before having known the seed for the state tournament.

"These girls are going to enjoy that," he said. "They're going to thrive on being that underdog and teams aren't going to know what to do with us when they see us come out and play."

Glaser said he believes the Falcons can compete if they continue playing to their potential.

"I'm just super proud of this team," he said, praising the players for their ability to regroup after the first half against Mountain View.



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Prairie Falcons junior captain Emersyn Wishard passes the ball during the Falcons' 1-0 victory over Mountain View on Tuesday, Nov. 3, in the 3A District 4 girls soccer tournament.



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Prairie Falcons senior captain Ava Wishard, No. 16, battles for the ball against a Mountain View defender in the Falcons' 1-0 victory over Mountain View on Tuesday, Nov. 3, in the 3A District 4 girls soccer tournament.



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Prairie Falcons junior Abbigail Bennett, No. 14, sends a pass across the field during the Falcons' 1-0 victory over Mountain View on Tuesday, Nov. 3, in the 3A District 4 girls soccer tournament.



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Prairie Falcons junior Katelyn Barnett goes to strike the ball during the Falcons' 1-0 victory over Mountain View on Tuesday, Nov. 3, in the 3A District 4 girls soccer tournament.



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Prairie Falcons junior captain Bella Burlile, No. 7, goes for the ball on defense against a Mountain View player in the Falcons' 1-0 victory over Mountain View on Tuesday, Nov. 3, in the 3A District 4 girls soccer tournament.

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Local runners earn top finishes at state cross country championships

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Area high school cross country runners capped their seasons at the WIAA State Cross Country Championships on Saturday, Nov. 7, at Sun Willows Golf Course in Pasco, with several earning top-10 individual finishes and multiple teams placing among the state's best.

Battle Ground's Sophia Rogers finished 22nd overall in the girls 4A race.

In 2A girls competition, Hockinson's Graysen Aldridge placed ninth individually to lead the Hawks to an eighth-place team finish. Ridgefield finished fifth as a team, led by Jael Benedick in 21st place.

La Center placed seventh in the 1A girls team standings. Sasha Pash led the Wildcats, finishing 25th overall.

Official results for the 3A girls race had not been posted to the WIAA website as of press time.

On the boys side, Battle Ground finished ninth as a team in the 4A classification. Trae Copper led the Tigers with a sixth-place individual finish.

Prairie placed 18th in the 3A boys team standings, with Tavin Timperley leading the Falcons in 46th place.

In 2A boys competition, Hockinson finished 10th as a team, led by Tanner Hood's 10th-place individual finish. Ridgefield placed 13th, with Jett Dalley finishing 83rd. Woodland's Paul Lee was the top finisher for the Beavers, placing 92nd.

La Center finished 13th as a team in the 1A boys race. Lou Kissinger led the Wildcats, placing 40th overall.



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Hockinson's Graysen Aldridge earned a ninth-place finish in the 2A girls cross country state championship race on Saturday, Nov. 7.



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Battle Ground's Trae Copper earned a sixth-place finish in the 4A boys cross country state championship race on Saturday, Nov. 7.



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Ridgefield Spudders girls cross country earned fifth-place as a team in the 2A girls cross country state championship race on Saturday, Nov. 7.



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Hockinson's Tanner Hood earned 10th-place in the 2A boys cross country state championship race on Saturday, Nov. 7.

Area schools advance to state girls soccer, 2A, 1A state volleyball

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The girls soccer state tournament begins this week while the 2A and 1A girls volleyball tournament will take place this weekend in Yakima.

Prairie, Ridgefield and Woodland begin girls soccer state runs

Three area girls soccer teams will begin their respective WIAA state tournament runs this week, with Prairie competing in 3A and Ridgefield and Woodland representing the area in 2A.

Prairie, the No. 18 seed in 3A, will travel to face No. 15 Bellarmine Prep at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10. A win would advance the Falcons to face No. 2 Seattle Prep on Friday, Nov. 13. Results were unavailable at press time.

In 2A, No. 3 Ridgefield will host No. 14 North Kitsap at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 11. With a victory, the Spudders would face the winner of No. 6 Sehome and No. 11 Ellensburg on Friday, Nov. 13th.

Woodland, the No. 10 seed, will open against No. 7 East Valley (Yakima) at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at Earl Barden Stadium. A win would send the Beavers to face the winner of No. 2 Bainbridge and No. 15 Lindbergh on Friday, Nov. 13.

Ridgefield and Woodland are on the same side of the bracket, setting up the possibility of an all-area semifinal matchup on Friday, Nov. 20 in Federal Way if both teams win their first two games.

Ridgefield and La Center earn No. 4 seeds in respective volleyball tournaments

Ridgefield and La Center will look to make their respective runs through the WIAA state volleyball tournaments when play begins Friday, Nov. 13.

In the 2A tournament, No. 4-seeded Ridgefield is scheduled to face No. 13 Chief Sealth at 12:45 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13 on Court 2 at the Yakima Valley SunDome. A win would advance the Spudders to an 8 p.m. matchup on Court 4 against the winner of No. 12 Mark Morris and No. 5 Bainbridge.

A loss would send Ridgefield into the consolation bracket, where it would face the loser of that same Mark Morris-Bainbridge matchup.

In the 1A tournament, No. 4 La Center will take on No. 13 University Prep at 10:45 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 13 on Court 1. A win would put La Center against the winner of No. 5 Meridian and No. 12 Kalama at 4:15 p.m. on Court 4. A loss would send the Wildcats into the consolation bracket for a 2:30 p.m. match on Court 5 against the loser of Meridian-Kalama.

Both tournaments will be held at the Yakima Valley SunDome, with championship matches scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14.



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Ridgefield girls soccer players celebrate during their 4-0 win in the 2A District 4 semifinal match at W.F. West (Chehalis) on Wednesday, Nov. 4.





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LOOKING BACK

From the Archives of The Reflector

Our community's history, one story at a time.

With The Reflector back under local ownership, we're excited to open the pages of our newspaper archives and share a little more of our community's history with you.

Each week, we'll revisit stories from past editions of The Reflector, bringing back the people, places, events and moments that helped shape Battle Ground and the surrounding North Clark County communities. From local milestones and community celebrations to the news of the day, these archived stories offer a glimpse into how our community has grown and changed through the years.

Whether you remember these stories firsthand or are discovering them for the first time, we hope this weekly feature sparks memories, starts conversations and reminds us all of the rich history we share.

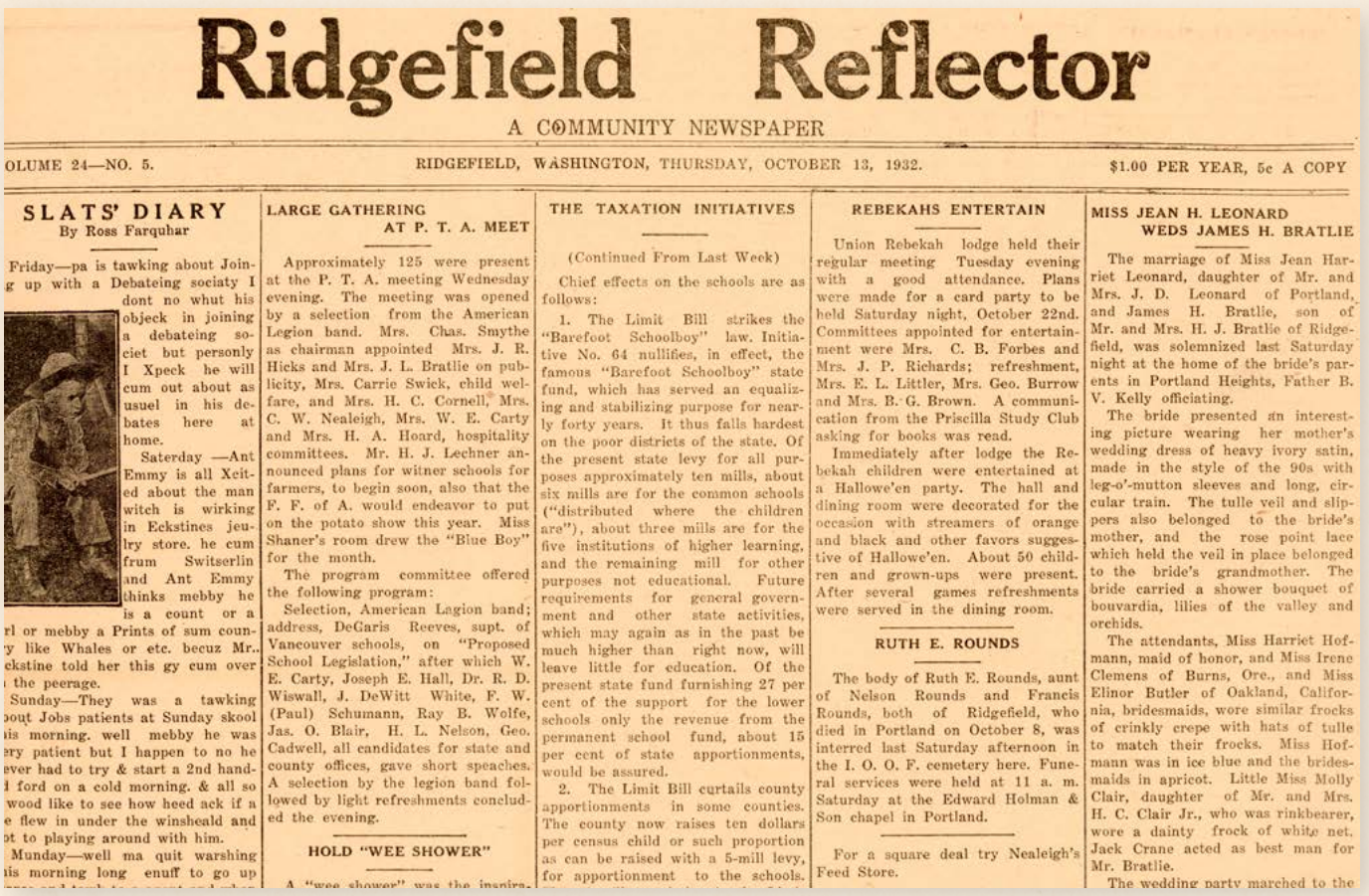
The headlines may be old, but the stories belong to our community — and they're worth remembering.

Join us each week as we turn back the pages of The Reflector and take a look at where we've been.

1932

OCTOBER 13

The Ridgefield Reflector Oct. 13, 1932 edition sold for $1.00 a year or $0.05 a copy. Front page of this edition highlighted the Taxation initiatives that affected the "Barefoot Schoolboy" law. The Barefoot Schoolboy Act of 1895 established the principle of equalization in public education. Before this law, rural and poorer counties struggled to fund basic schools, while wealthy urban areas had greater wealth.



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SLATS' DIARY
By Ross Farquhar

Friday—pa is tawking about Joining up with a Debateing sociaty I dont no whut his objeck in joining a debateing sociciet but personly I Xpeck he will cum out about as usuel in his debates here at home.

Saterday —Ant Emmy is all Xeited about the man witch is wirking in Eckstines jewlry store. he cum frum Switserlin and Ant Emmy thinks mebby he is a count or a rl or mebby a Prints of sum county like Whales or etc. becuz Mr.. ckstine told her this gy cum over the peerage.

Sunday—They was a tawking bout Jobs patients at Sunday skool iis morning. well mebby he was ry patient but I happen to no he ever had to try & start a 2nd hand- ford on a cold morning. & all so wood like to see how heed ack if a e flew in under the winsheald and ot to playing around with him.

Munday—well ma quit warshing iis morning long enuff to go up

LARGE GATHERING AT P. T. A. MEET

Approximately 125 were present at the P. T. A. meeting Wednesday evening. The meeting was opened by a selection from the American Legion band. Mrs. Chas. Smythe as chairman appointed Mrs. J. R. Hicks and Mrs. J. L. Bratlie on publicity, Mrs. Carrie Swick, child welfare, and Mrs. H. C. Cornell, Mrs. C. W. Nealeigh, Mrs. W. E. Carty and Mrs. H. A. Hoard, hospitality committees. Mr. H. J. Lechner announced plans for witner schools for farmers, to begin soon, also that the F. F. of A. would endeavor to put on the potato show this year. Miss Shaner's room drew the "Blue Boy" for the month.

The program committee offered the following program:

Selection, American Legion band; address, DeGaris Reeves, supt. of Vancouver schools, on "Proposed School Legislation," after which W. E. Carty, Joseph E. Hall, Dr. R. D. Wiswall, J. DeWitt White, F. W. (Paul) Schumann, Ray B. Wolfe, Jas. O. Blair, H. L. Nelson, Geo. Cadwell, all candidates for state and county offices, gave short speaches. A selection by the legion band followed by light refreshments concluded the evening.

HOLD "WEE SHOWER"

THE TAXATION INITIATIVES

(Continued From Last Week)

Chief effects on the schools are as follows:

1. The Limit Bill strikes the "Barefoot Schoolboy" law. Initiative No. 64 nullifies, in effect, the famous "Barefoot Schoolboy" state fund, which has served an equalizing and stabilizing purpose for nearly forty years. It thus falls hardest on the poor districts of the state. Of the present state levy for all purposes approximately ten mills, about six mills are for the common schools ("distributed where the children are"), about three mills are for the five institutions of higher learning, and the remaining mill for other purposes not educational. Future requirements for general government and other state activities, which may again as in the past be much higher than right now, will leave little for education. Of the present state fund furnishing 27 per cent of the support for the lower schools only the revenue from the permanent school fund, about 15 per cent of state apportionments, would be assured.

2. The Limit Bill curtails county apportionments in some counties. The county now raises ten dollars per census child or such proportion as can be raised with a 5-mill levy, for apportionment to the schools.

REBEKAHS ENTERTAIN

Union Rebekah lodge held their regular meeting Tuesday evening with a good attendance. Plans were made for a card party to be held Saturday night, October 22nd. Committees appointed for entertainment were Mrs. C. B. Forbes and Mrs. J. P. Richards; refreshment, Mrs. E. L. Littler, Mrs. Geo. Burrow and Mrs. B. G. Brown. A communication from the Priscilla Study Club asking for books was read.

Immediately after lodge the Rebekah children were entertained at a Hallowe'en party. The hall and dining room were decorated for the occasion with streamers of orange and black and other favors suggestive of Hallowe'en. About 50 children and grown-ups were present. After several games refreshments were served in the dining room.

RUTH E. ROUNDS

The body of Ruth E. Rounds, aunt of Nelson Rounds and Francis Rounds, both of Ridgefield, who died in Portland on October 8, was interred last Saturday afternoon in the I. O. O. F. cemetery here. Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. Saturday at the Edward Holman & Son chapel in Portland.

For a square deal try Nealeigh's Feed Store.

MISS JEAN H. LEONARD WEDS JAMES H. BRATLIE

The marriage of Miss Jean Harriet Leonard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Leonard of Portland, and James H. Bratlie, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bratlie of Ridgefield, was solemnized last Saturday night at the home of the bride's parents in Portland Heights, Father B. V. Kelly officiating.

The bride presented an interesting picture wearing her mother's wedding dress of heavy ivory satin, made in the style of the 90s with leg-o'-mutton sleeves and long, circular train. The tulle veil and slippers also belonged to the bride's mother, and the rose point lace which held the veil in place belonged to the bride's grandmother. The bride carried a shower bouquet of bouvardia, lilies of the valley and orchids.

The attendants, Miss Harriet Hofmann, maid of honor, and Miss Irene Clemens of Burns, Ore., and Miss Elinor Butler of Oakland, California, bridesmaids, wore similar frocks of crinkly crepe with hats of tulle to match their frocks. Miss Hofmann was in ice blue and the bridesmaids in apricot. Little Miss Molly Clair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Clair Jr., who was rinkbearer, wore a dainty frock of white net. Jack Crane acted as best man for Mr. Bratlie.

The wedding party marched to the

GIRL'S LEAGUE MEETING HELD

A special meeting was called to order recently by president of Girl's League, Roberta Thygeson. The meeting was turned over to the girl's advisor, Miss Wick.

She made the following suggestions:

First of all help keep the grounds good looking by picking up bags and other articles.

Second, the girls should not talk about people of the town because it is not lady like. Besides they are the ones who are paying for your education. Also you do not know the hardships that your neighbor goes through.

Third, you should make every statement you repeat pass the "Three Gates of Gold." The three gates of gold are: Is it true? Is it needful? Is it kind? If it passes all three tests then you need not fear the result of the tale told.

Fourth, Excessive use of make-up is very poor taste. Lip-stick is to-booed in high school. You should have beauty from within rather than from without.

Front Page of the Oct. 13, 1932 Ridgefield Reflector highlights the local high school "Girls League Meeting." During this time, many schools nationally facilitated a "Girl's League" to focus on and support student-run service and leadership programs.

FATAL CARELESSNESS

It is one of the most amazing facts connected with modern life that the number of deaths resulting from carelessness makes no greater impression upon the general public.

In spite of the daily record of grade crossing accidents, drivers continue to take a chance, with an inevitable percentage of fatal results. The same is true of other practices which take their grim toll of human life.

Persons who are ordinarily careful in protecting their property or their health appear to throw discretion to the winds the moment they grasp the wheel of an automobile, and positively invite disaster through failing to observe the most elementary cautions.

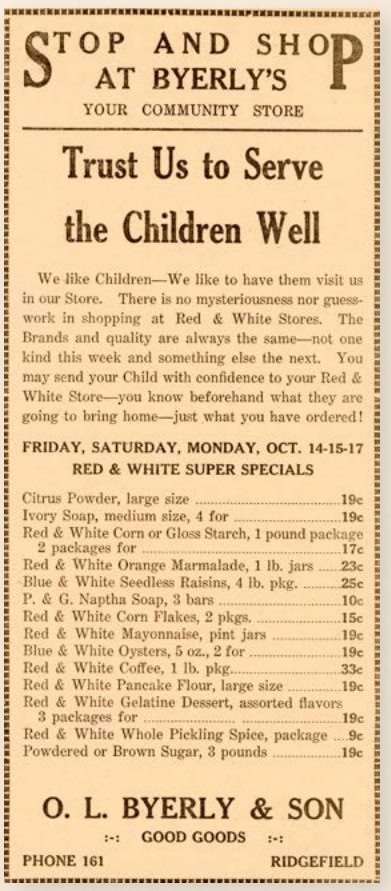
The jaywalker is equally reckless, taking the chance of being run down for the sake of saving a few steps or a moment's time. Those who are careless of other dangers help to swell the harvest of deaths.

And the most lamentable fact is that no amount of warning appears to have any appreciable effect.

Local columnist in the Oct. 13, 1932 Ridgefield Reflector speaks to the growing rate of vehicle fatalities.



Union Pacific advertisement featured in the Ridgefield Reflector Oct. 13, 1932 edition



Advertisement in the Oct. 13, 1932 Ridgefield Reflector edition for the historic O.L. Byerly and Son community store of Ridgefield.







1945
OCTOBER 4

The Ridgefield Reflector Oct. 4, 1945 edition features a story of the Naval Warship USS West Virginia. The USS West Virginia was sunk during the Pearl Harbor attack and was resurfaced and repaired to return to the active Pacific Fleet in September 1944 and would play a vital role in the Pacific Theatre against Japan.

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ABOUT OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

The USS West Virginia, damaged so severely by the Japanese attack of Dec. 7, 1941 that she sank in her Pearl Harbor berth, steamed proudly into Tokyo bay in the naval force taking over Japan's greatest industrial area.

Crewmen crowded on the decks to see the Japanese home island which has been their goal since the West Virginia returned to the Pacific war at the start of the Philippines invasion. Spread before them was the panorama of the heart of the Japanese empire, with Mount Fujiyama's cloud-shrouded peak looming in the distance.

For the West Virginia this was a glorious moment, a grand reward for a year of bitter combat during which she participated in every major island invasion in the northwest drive toward Japan. On the bridge was Captain Raymond W. Holsinger, USN, who has commanded the warship since late in April. The West Virginia's executive officer is Commander John E. Fitzgibbon, USN.

Also aboard was Rear Admiral Ingram C. Sowell, USN, who commands a division of battleships in Vice Admiral Jesse B. Oldendorf's squadron. The West Virginia has been Admiral Sowell's flagship since the Luzon gayen gulf where she steamed in close to the beaches to pour tons of steel into shore defenses and helped blast the way for the final liberation of the Philippines. During the initial stages of the action, she again beat off savage enemy air attacks.

After many weeks at Lingayen gulf, the veteran battleship retired to a base for what was expected to be a liesurely rest period. Instead, within twenty-four hours of her arrival, she was on her way to Iwo Jima, and another major operation.

Arriving just as the first wave of Marines went in to land, the West Virginia moved in close to Iwo Jima's southern beaches and began bombarding Mt. Suribachi. Often in the following days she was close enough to the beach to hit the enemy with automatic weapons fire.

From Iwo Jima, the West Virginia moved on to Okinawa and Ie Shima, continuing her action in the face of fierce and fanatic Japanese suicide air attacks. She again pounded the enemy with shells in the campaign to secure this strategic area.

The ship has shot down eight enemy planes and has sure assists in the destruction of nine others. Since her arrival at the Pacific battle scene she has fired over 3,000 16-inch projectiles, about 30,000 secondary battery rounds, and more than 200,000 smaller projectiles—a total of

VOTERS EXPRESS INTEREST IN SPECIAL LEVY ELECTION TO BE HELD OCTOBER 27

Much public interest has been aroused concerning the special tax levy election to be held October 27 following the announcement made by the Ridgefield school board last week. It was pointed out that a 16-mill special levy proposal will be submitted to the qualified voters of School District No. 113 on that date and that a large turnout at the polls will be necessary to insure its passage. The measure designed to raise approximately $18,000 is deemed necessary because of the need for two new buses for transporting pupils, and because of the problem of securing an ample supply of fuel for heating the school building which has led to the decision on the part of the school board to change the heating plant over to an oil-burning system by January first. The board also plans to purchase land for use of the Vocational Agriculture classes and for future school building sites.

It was pointed out last week that school buses are crowded to the point of 100% overloading. Two buses with seating capacity for 58 pupils report crowding in 116 or more pupils and a 40-passenger bus at times carries more than 70 pupils. This creates a very difficult situation

NATIONAL WAR FUND DRIVE THIS MONTH

The National War Fund drive is again under way and donations are being solicited, probably for the last time. The war is over, it is true, but the services rendered by this organization is by no means lessened, nor will they be for some time to come. Thousands of troops still overseas require help and entertainment from home. You are urged to subscribe generously and help swell the funds needed to carry on this work.

You can also help by volunteering your services in soliciting funds locally. Contact Mrs. George Thomas, who is again chairman for the town of Ridgefield. Mrs. Mary Bjur is chairman of the Pioneer grange group and Mrs. Blanche Scoggin is chairman of the Sara grange group. Tommy Davis will act as chairman for the student group again this year.

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JUNE RIGHTENOUR WEDS DWIGHT D. WARD

Against a background of palms, vases of fern, dahlias and gladiolus, Miss June Rightenour, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Rightenour of route one, Ridgefield, became the bride of Mr. Dwight D. Ward of San Diego, California, on Monday evening at the Pioneer Gospel Assembly.

LEGION UNITS HOLD JOINT CEREMONIES

With the Alcoa unit of the American Legion acting as host joint installation ceremonies for both the posts and their auxiliaries were held Friday evening at the Hough school by Smith Reynolds post of Vancouver, Wells-Armstrong post of Ridgefield, and the new Alcoa post of Vancouver.

As Legion commander of the fifth district, Mr. Frank Jenkins of Longview, charged the incoming officers of the three posts with their duties, after which they were escorted to their respective posts by Vance Reagan of Longview, acting as sergeant-at-arms. A welcome to the new members who are veterans of World War II was given by A. A. Novick of Longview, who explained the service rendered by the Legion to its members.

Clarence W. Smith was seated as commander of the Ridgefield post, having as his first vice commander, Dalton C. Grove. Other officers of the Wells-Armstrong post are: second vice commander, Frank Keiser; adjutant, H. A. Hoard; chaplain, Arlie Humphrey; and sergeant-at-arms, George R. Thomas.

District officers who officiated for the installation of the new auxiliary officers were: Mrs. Sadie Fairbrother of Ridgefield.

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THE PIED PIPER OF SOCIALISM

Never in the history of the United States was there such a chance for peacetime production and steady employment—but there is no longer a free opportunity for individuals to take advantage of this situation. Government has grown so big that it dominates not only the affairs of industry, but it is a retarding influence in the smallest household and the most minor job. Gigantic labor monopolies have the power to bring any industry to a standstill to enforce their demands. A returning soldier or any other citizen cannot work in the basic industries of the United States without first getting permission from labor bosses and paying for the privilege. And industries, bound by law to a closed shop, cannot hire a returned non-union veteran or other man without having the rest of their employes walk out under the protection of the law.

All the fine spun economic theories in the world will not give employment when the right to produce and the right to work are smothered.

There are political influences at work in Congress to destroy private enterprise on a large scale, on the theory that only government can furnish sufficient jobs. The fact that free industry is restrained from giving jobs, is carefully hidden from the people.

We saw Germany wrecked under dictatorship and state socialism. We see France and England headed in the same direction, with their politicians promising the people that government can fill the bread basket better that private enterprise. And in the United States we see the stage being set to lead the people the same way.

We deserve no better fate than the slave peoples of other nations if we follow the Pied Piper of national socialism—death of personal liberty is the tribute he demands.

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Local columnist in the Oct. 4, 1945 edition of the Ridgefield Reflector voices his frustrations and concerns with the influence of socialism post WW2.

BEHIND THE NEWS
By Paul Mallon

Released by Western Newspaper Union.

"TEA CUP SURRENDER" UNIQUE IN HISTORY

WASHINGTON. — The accounts say that when we landed the Japanese met us with an invitation to a cup of tea. The surrender has thus become known as "the Tea Cup Surrender." Not with swords exchanged, this time. Not with an initial laying down of arms. But with two weeks of delay after terms were drawn, and a proffer of tea. This will make the end of the Pacific war unique in history. The tea, incidentally, was rejected.



General MacArthur

There has been some talk here, but no alarm, about the 14 days' grace General MacArthur granted. The word was passed around through Washington, that he thought they probably needed that much time to adjust their people from the war propaganda line which had concealed from them even the news of the atomic bomb. Unless they had been granted time to change their home front to the facts of the situation, MacArthur thought there might be trouble in the occupation. His word has been accepted even in the quarters of congress where you might expect suspicion.

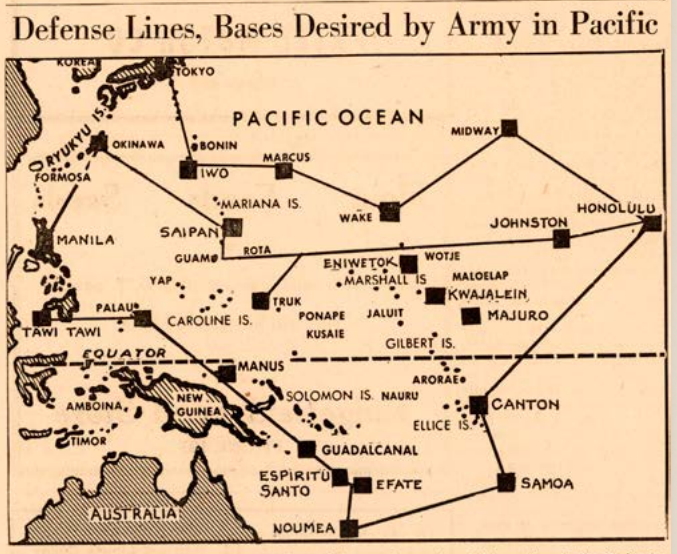
"Behind the News" from the Oct. 4, 1945 edition of the Ridgefield Reflector covers the Japanese WW2 surrender known as the "Tea Cup Surrender."

Tokyo Lying in Ruins Struggles Back to New Life



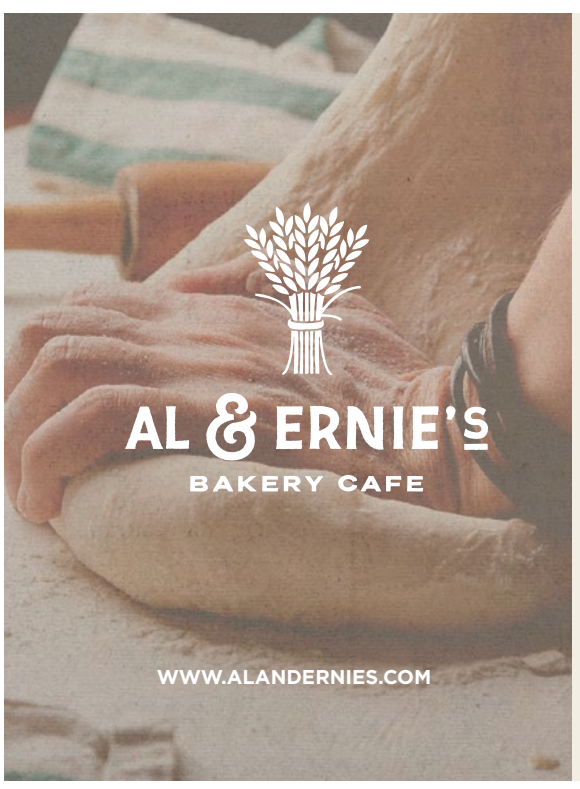
This bombed-out area in the heart of Tokyo, near the imperial palace, shows the devastating results of American fire bombing attacks. Each section of the city is responsible for clearing away its own debris and the Japanese have been ordered to do a good job.

Defense Lines, Bases Desired by Army in Pacific



Proposals by Air Gen. Henry H. Arnold for maintenance of a series of defense lines in the Pacific for future national security is receiving growing support in congress. The latest proposal would provide major fleet bases at Pearl Harbor, Guam, Saipan, Manus and Noumea, with a main naval air base at Mactan island in the Philippines. The whole would provide chains of security far from the United States shores. The house

Photos in the Oct. 4, 1945 edition of the Ridgefield Reflector highlight the aftermath of the war in Tokyo and the U.S. Army post war occupation plans.



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Clark County Market Update | *By Kevin Taylor*

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- More homes are coming on the market, giving buyers more choices.
- Well-priced homes continue to attract strong interest.
- If you're waiting for the "perfect" time to buy or sell, your personal situation may matter more than trying to time the market.



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Ronald Nick Endress

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Ronald Nick Endress has been a resident of Battle Ground for as long as he's been alive.

"I just couldn't leave Battle Ground. I just liked it," Endress said.

Endress has lived his whole life in the town, having attended the high school when he was younger and following along with the football team all the while.

In academics, he had his fair share of trouble makers, but some of the lessons he learned then stick with him now.

"They didn't put up with no foolishness," Endress said. "One of the guys that was watching the kids caught one of the so-called smart guys and he said 'there's a place for everything, but for that, what you just said, was not the place'."

Having been a native to the area, he was also responsible for helping the bus drivers as they navigated the area, pointing them in the right direction if they ever got lost.

Of course, Endress loved the community so much that he chose to never leave, opting instead to live out his time on his farm and raise his own kids in a town that has grown into what we now know.

UPCOMING 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 W. 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.

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.

Woodland Seniors Crafting: Thursday, Nov. 19, 12 p.m., Woodland Community Center, 782 Park St., Woodland. Create a fall centerpiece for the Thanksgiving table during a workshop hosted by Woodland Senior Enrichment Group. The fee is $20 per person. To join, register at the Woodland Community Center from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, or call Kim at 360-560-2495.

Woodland Seniors Coffee, Crafts and Laughs: Friday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m., Woodland Community Center, 782 Park St., Woodland. Create holiday cards for family and friends during a workshop hosted by Woodland Senior Enrichment Group. The fee is $8 per person and includes materials for five cards. 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.

SHIBA Medicare Assistance: Monday, Nov. 23, 1-3 p.m., Battle Ground Community Library, 1207 SE Eighth Way, Battle Ground. Learn about Medicare during one-on-one counseling with a Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) volunteer. Medicare enrollment is available until Dec. 7. Call 360-759-4676 or email AAADSW.SHIBA@dshs.wa.gov to request an in-person appointment time.

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.

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

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

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

Woodland Seniors Widows & Widowers: Every first and third Monday of the month, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., The Church of the Nazarene, 2000 Lewis River Road, Woodland. Socialize with local seniors experiencing loss during a twice-monthly meeting 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.

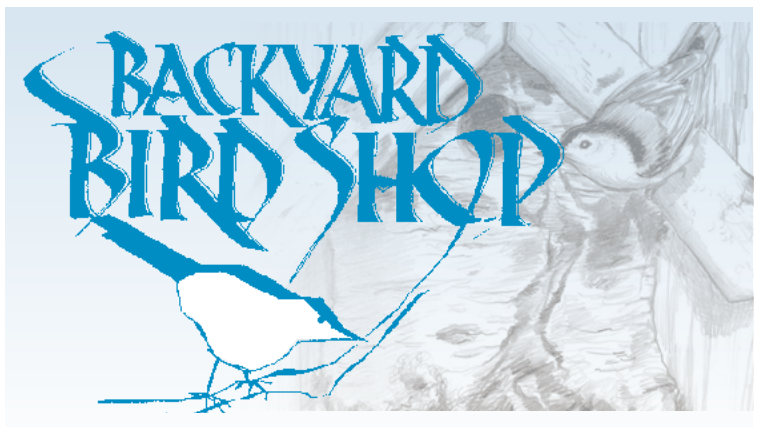
Woodland Senior Beginning Spanish: Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon, Woodland Library, 411 Lakeshore Dr., Woodland. Woodland seniors are invited to join a weekly beginning Spanish class. To learn more, visit the Community Center Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., or email seniorinfo55up@yahoo.com.

Pairs & Spares Seniors Club: Join a Vancouver-based social group for seniors ages 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.

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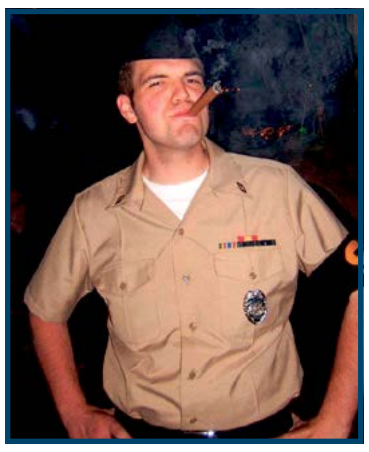
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Lough Legacy Veterans Parade: Wednesday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m., Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, 1001 E. Fifth St., No. 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.

Veterans Day Open House: Wednesday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m.-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 that support veterans will be available. For more information, visit cmac11.com/cmac-events.

Sixth Annual Windhaven Ride for Veterans Planning Meeting: Friday, Nov. 13, 6-7 p.m., American Legion Tum Tum Post 168, 21400 NE 399th St., Amboy. Help plan the annual ride for veterans. Volunteers and committee members are welcome, and American Legion Family membership is not required. No special skills are needed. For more information, call 360-818-4466 or visit amboytumtumpost168.org.

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 at swodtke@comcast.net for more information.

American Legion Tum Tum Post 168 Bingo: Friday, Nov. 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Territorial Park, 21400 NE 399th St., Amboy. Enjoy an evening of bingo with the local American Legion Family, which serves veterans, their families and the community. For more information, call 360-818-4466 or visit amboytumtumpost168.org.

American Legion Riders Chapter 168: Every first Friday of the month, 6-7 p.m., American Legion Tum Tum Post 168, 21400 NE 399th St., Amboy. See how the Riders support veterans through patriotic events, charitable activities and community service during the chapter's monthly meeting. For membership and meeting information, call 360-818-4466 or visit amboytumtumpost168.org.

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 168: Every first Saturday of the month, 9-10 a.m., American Legion Tum Tum Post 168, 21400 NE 399th St., Amboy. See how the Sons honor their families' military service through volunteerism, support for veterans and community service during the squadron's monthly meeting. Membership is open to eligible male descendants of veterans. For more information, call 360-818-4466 or visit amboytumtumpost168.org.

American Legion Tum Tum Post 168: Every first Saturday of the month, 10-11 a.m., American Legion Tum Tum Post 168, 21400 NE 399th St., Amboy. See how veterans work together to support fellow veterans and their families, promote patriotism and serve the local community during the post's monthly meeting. For membership information, call 360-818-4466 or visit amboytumtumpost168.org.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 168: Every first Saturday of the month, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., American Legion Tum Tum Post 168, 21400 NE 399th St., Amboy. See how the Auxiliary supports veterans, military families and the community through volunteer programs during the unit's monthly meeting. For membership information and ways to help, call 360-818-4466 or visit amboytumtumpost168.org.

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 work and veteran fellowship at the monthly La Center American Legion Post 189 meeting. Email post189lacenter@gmail.com for more information.

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 work and veteran fellowship at the monthly Ridgefield American Legion Post 44 meeting. Meetings feature community guest speakers and planning for the Parade of Flags program.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7824 Meeting: Every second Thursday of the month, 7-8 p.m., VFW Post 7824, 400 N. Andresen Road. Vancouver. Learn about the community work and fellowship among veterans of overseas conflicts during the monthly VFW Post 7824 meeting. For information about membership eligibility and public events, visit vfw7824.org.

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.

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board: Every second Thursday of the month, 2 p.m., Clark County Public Service Center, Room 680, 1300 Franklin St., Vancouver, or online via WebEx. The board oversees the Clark County Veterans Assistance Fund, which provides emergency relief to qualified veterans. For more information, visit shorturl.at/fEIGT.

Community Military Appreciation Committee Membership Meeting: Friday, Nov. 13, 8:30-10 a.m., 40 et 8 Boxcar, 2809 NE 78th St., Vancouver. The committee brings together veterans organizations, civic groups and community members to plan events honoring military personnel, first responders and their families. For more information, visit cmac11.com/cmac-events.





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

Friends of Woodland Community Library Book Sale: Friday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Woodland Community Library, 411 Lakeshore Dr., Woodland. Find deals during a book sale, hosted by Friends of Woodland Community Library. Participants may fill their own bag, or one provided, for $10. Smaller bags are available for $5. Proceeds from the sale will support the library. For more information, call 360-225-2294.

Friends of La Center Library Used Book Sale: Saturday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 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.

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 ages 5 and younger 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.

GENERAL EVENTS

"Collective Nostalgia" Art Exhibition and Reception: Saturday, Nov. 14, 5-7 p.m., Ridgefield Art Gallery, 104 N. Main Ave., Suite 110, Ridgefield. Browse the new exhibition featuring local artist Eva Kelley, with guest artist David Walden and artwork from other gallery members. The show runs Nov. 4-29. Refreshments will be served during the reception. For more information, visit ridgefieldartgallery.com.

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 ages 21 and older. Admission is $65 per person, and space is limited. To register, visit 14acres.com/upcoming-events or email events@14acres.com 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.

Winterize Your Garden for Spring: Saturday, Nov. 21, 10-11 a.m., Ridgefield Community Library, 210 N. Main Ave., Ridgefield. Learn how to prepare your garden for springtime success during a class hosted at Ridgefield Community Library. Topics will include enriching soil, overwintering plants and more.

Beginning Quilting Class: Thursday, Dec. 3, 6-7:30 p.m., La Center Community Library, 1411 NE Lockwood Creek Road, La Center. Learn the basics of quilting and create an ornament during a class hosted at La Center Community Library. All supplies will be provided. The class is intended for those 13 or older. To register, visit shorturl.at/3oz9n.

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, including live music, food vendors, and more, will be available during the event. For the full La Center Christmas Festival itinerary, visit lacenterchristmasfestival.com.

Adult Sourdough Starter 101: Tuesday, Dec. 15, 5-6:30 p.m., Battle Ground Community Library, 1207 SE Eighth Way, Battle Ground. Learn the basics of baking sourdough bread and making a starter from scratch in a hands-on workshop. All supplies will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Family Noon Year's Eve Celebration: Thursday, Dec. 31, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., La Center Community Library, 1411 NE Lockwood Creek Road, La Center. Celebrate New Year's Eve at La Center Community Library with a daytime party. Activities will include crafts, music and dancing.

BAZAARS & VENDOR MARKETS

River HomeLink Holiday Bazaar and Junior Market: Saturday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., River HomeLink, 610A SW Eaton Blvd., Battle Ground. Raise funds for the Parent Teacher Organization during the annual bazaar. For more information, visit shorturl.at/WMoAC.

Venersborg Schoolhouse Holiday Bazaar: Saturday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Venersborg Schoolhouse, 24309 NE 209th St., Battle Ground. In addition to gift vendors, homemade food and beverages will be available. 2027 calendars will also be sold to raise money for Venersborg Schoolhouse maintenance. For more information, visit venersborgschoolhouse.com.

Woodland Snowflake Bazaar: Saturday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Woodland High School Commons, 1500 Dike Access Road, Woodland. The 45th annual bazaar will feature up to 70 tables of local crafters selling handmade goods, baked treats and gifts. Admission and parking are free. Proceeds support renovations to Woodland Grange Hall. For more information, visit shorturl.at/wmoeO.

Christmastime at Pomeroy Farm: Saturday, Nov. 21, and Sunday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Pomeroy Living History Farm, 20902 NE Lucia Falls Road, Yacolt. Admission is $6 for adults and $4 for children, with free admission for children younger than 2. Parking is free, but no ATM is available. For more information, visit pomeroyfarm.org/events.

Sandy Claus' Christmas Bazaar: Saturday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Clark County Event Center, 17402 NE Delfel Road, Ridgefield. Admission is $5 per person or four nonperishable food items for the food bank. For more information, visit sandyclausbazaar.com.

Candy Cane Express Holiday Bazaar: Saturday, Dec. 5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tukes Valley Primary School gym and cafeteria, 20601 NE 167th Ave., Battle Ground. The event will feature local artisans and vendors, a PTO bake sale, pictures with Santa and a children's shopping activity. Bake sale proceeds will support Parent Teacher Organization programs and activities. For more information, visit tukesvalleypto.org/events-and-activities.

14 Acres Christmas Bazaar: Saturday, Dec. 12, noon-7 p.m., 14 Acres Vineyard & Winery, 2411 NE 244th St., Ridgefield. Local makers and vendors will sell gifts, food and seasonal goods, and the tasting room will be open all day. Mac Potts will perform from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, RSVP is not required, and children are welcome. For more information, visit shorturl.at/4n3Oz.

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PARCEL III AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES OVER, UNDER AND ACROSS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT; BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, CLARK COUNTY; THENCE SOUTH 680 FEET, MORE OR LESS, IT BEING THE INTENT OF THE PARTIES TO PROVIDE A 60 FOOT EASEMENT CONNECTING WITH N.E. 192ND AVENUE; THENCE WEST 60 FEET; THENCE NORTH TO A POINT 60 FEET WEST OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING; AND THENCE EAST TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, Commonly known as:18818 NORTHEAST 191ST CIR BRUSH PRAIRIE, WA 98606 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 4/12/2022, recorded 4/18/2022, as Auditor's File No. 6038707, records of Clark County, Washington, from ROBERT WILLIAM NEALE II, AS HIS SEPARATE ESTATE, as Grantor(s), to FATICO, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR NEXERA HOLDINGS, LLC DBA NEWFI LENDING, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned to CITIBANK, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF BARCLAYS MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2023-NQM1, under an Assignment recorded under Auditor's File No 6226195. II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust or the Beneficiary's successor is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: $132,514.55 IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $556,123.72, together with interest as provided in the Note from 4/1/2024, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 12/11/2026. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 11/30/2026, (11 days before the sale date) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 11/30/2026 (11 days before the sale) the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 11/30/2026 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the or the Grantor's successor interest or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es): SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "1" by both first class and certified mail on 2/5/2025, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS - The purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the grantor under the Deed of Trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the Deed of Trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. If you are a servicemember or a dependent of a servicemember, you may be entitled to certain protections under the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and any comparable state laws regarding the risk of foreclosure. If you believe you may be entitled to these protections, please contact our office immediately. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only until 90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this Notice of Trustee Sale to be referred to mediation. If this is an amended notice of Trustee Sale providing a 45 day notice of the sale, mediation must be requested no later than 25 calendar days before the date of sale listed in this amended Notice of Trustee Sale. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Telephone: (877) 894-4663 Web site: www.homeownership-wa.gov Línea directa estatal sobre ejecuciones hipotecarias para obtener asistencia y derivación a asesores de vivienda recomendados por la Comisión de Financiamiento de Vivienda del estado de Washington (Housing Finance Commission): Teléfono: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) Sitio web: www.homeownership-wa.org/ The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Telephone: (800) 569-4287 Web site: answers.hud.gov/housingcounseling/s/?language=en_US Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (Department of Housing and Urban Development): Teléfono: 1-800-569-4287 Sitio web: answers.hud.gov/housingcounseling/s/?language=en_US The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: (888) 201-1014 Web site: nwjustice.org Línea directa estatal de asistencia legal civil para obtener asistencia y derivaciones a otros asesores devivienda y abogados: Teléfono: 1-800-606-4819 Sitio web: nwjustice.org THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Dated: JUL 21 2026 CLEAR RECON CORP, as Successor Trustee Monica Chavez Authorized Signor For additional information or service you may contact: Clear Recon Corp 601 West 1st Avenue, Suite 1400 Spokane, WA 99201 Phone: (206) 707-9599
EXHIBIT "1"
NAME/ADDRESS
ROBERT NEALE II
18818 NE 191ST CIR
BRUSH PRAIRIE, WA 98606
ROBERT NEALE II
PO BOX 1634
BRUSH PR, WA 98606
SPS CRC NOS 07032025

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PORT OF WOODLAND

PUBLIC HEARING FINAL BUDGET THE PORT OF WOODLAND

WOODLAND, WA:
The Port of Woodland Board of Commissioners will be holding their regular scheduled monthly commission meeting on November 19th, 2026, at the Port of Woodland administrative office conference room, 1608 Guild Road, Woodland, Washington at 9:00 am for the purpose of approving the 2027 final budget. Notice is hereby given that per RCW 53.35.020, a public hearing will be held at this commission meeting for the purpose of approving the 2027 final budget. Members of the public may appear and be heard during the public hearing.
DATED November 4, 2026
Pam Chace
Finance & Administration Assistant

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138115 SBP Bynum

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY
Cause #: 25-2-03654-06
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,Plaintiff
vs
ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF NICKOLAUS BYNUM, A DECEASED PERSON; THE WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION; BELMONT PLACE OWNERS ASSOCIATION; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, Defendant
TO:ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF NICKOLAUS BYNUM, A DECEASED PERSON
A writ of execution has been issued in the above captioned case, directed to the sheriff of Clark County, commanding the sheriff as follows: On August 27, 2026, a DEFAULT JUDGMENT AND DECREE OF FORECLOSURE in favor of Plaintiff LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC was entered in the Superior Court of Washington, County of CLARK, against defendant ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF NICKOLAUS BYNUM, a deceased person ("Judgments Debtor, In Rem"); THE WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION; BELMONT PLACE OWNERS ASSOCIATION; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; and ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN ("Judgment Defendants, In Rem"). It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the land and premises legally described as follows: UNIT BA-29, BELMONT PLACE CONDOMINIUMS, PHASE III, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY MAP AND PLANS, RECORDED IN VOLUME J OF PLATS, PAGE 388, AND PURSUANT TO THE CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION RECORDED UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 9703270150, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. SITUATE IN THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF WASHINGTON. Assessor's Tax Parcel/Account Numbers: 101403500 Commonly referred to as: 2402 NE 77th Avenue, Unit BA-29, Vancouver, WA 98664 referred to in the Judgment, be sold at public auction, as particularly set out in said Judgment. The total amount due and owing on the Judgment through September 8, 2026 is $280,621.26 consisting of the following: the judgment amount of $269,956.25, principal and interest; $9,484.60 awarded for attorneys' fees and costs; plus pre-judgment interest accruing from August 7, 2026 through August 27, 2026, 751.17(35.77 per diem x 21 days); plus post-judgment interest accruing from August 28, 2026 through September 8, 2026, at the rate of 7.375% per annum, of 429.24(35.77 per diem x 12 days); pursuant to the Judgment, post-judgment amounts advanced for attorneys' fees, and costs for publication and Sheriff's fees of an unknown amount. It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the Sheriff is hereby authorized to make the return within 60 days after issuance by the court. For purposes of the sale, the Order may be automatically extended for 30 days, pursuant to RCW 6.21.050. In the name of the State of Washington, you are hereby commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale and to sell the Subject Property, which is more particularly described in the Notice of Sale, and apply the proceeds of said sale as in said Judgment and Decree directed, and to make and file your report of such sale with the Clerk of this Court, and do all things according to the terms and requirements of said Judgment, and the provisions of Washington Law. The court will establish a twelve-month redemption period from the date of the Sheriff's foreclosure sale, and the Sheriff should be ordered to issue a Sheriff's Deed to the successful bidder at the termination of the redemption period pursuant to RCW 6.23.020. The sale date has been set for December 4, 2026. YOU MAY HAVE A RIGHT TO EXEMPT PROPERTY from the sale under statutes of this state, including sections 6.13.010, 6.13.030, 6.13.040, 6.15.010, and 6.15.060 of the Revised Code of Washington, in the manner described in those statutes.
JOHN HORCH, SHERIFF
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
By: EVELINA KURILENKO
Civil Department
P.O. Box 410
Vancouver, Washington 98666
(564) 397-2225
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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

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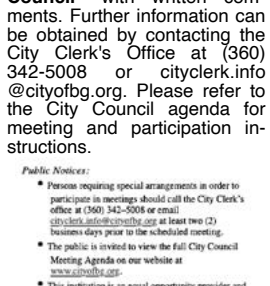
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138169 ORD NO 2026-17

BATTLE GROUND CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE 2027 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Ordinance No. 2026-17

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Battle Ground City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, November 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m**. in the City Council Chambers, 109 SW First Street, Second Floor, Battle Ground. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive testimony regarding the proposed 2027 budget. The preliminary budget has been filed with the City Clerk and is available upon request by calling the City Clerk's Office at (360) 342-5008. Members of the public are invited to provide testimony in person during the public hearing or submit written comments on this matter from Wednesday, November 4, 2026, through 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2026. Written comments should be addressed to the City Clerk's Office at **Cityclerk.info @cityofbg.org** or by mail to the City of Battle Ground, c/o City Clerk's Office 109 SW 1st St., Suite 221, Battle Ground, WA 98604. Please include the heading **"Public Comment for Distribution to the City Council"** with written comments. Further information can be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (360) 342-5008 or cityclerk.info @cityofbg.org. Please refer to the City Council agenda for meeting and participation instructions.


Public Notices:
- Persons requiring special arrangements in order to participate in meetings should call the City Clerk's office at (360) 342-5008 or email cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org at least two (2) business days prior to the scheduled meeting.
- The public is invited to view the full City Council Meeting Agenda on our website at www.cityofbg.org.
- This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
- Any subject placed on the agenda, regardless of how the matter is stated on the agenda, may be acted on by the City Council.
- Información será traducida al español a petición de cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org.
- Информация имеется на русском языке по запросу на cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org.
- 如需相关信息的中文版本，请来函索取 cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org
- 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
- Giới yêu cầu nhận thông tin sẵn có bằng tiếng Việt đến cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org

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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 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(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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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 as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. This Notice will be published in Clark County. Date of first publication: October 28, 2026
Administrator:
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:

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Darrel S. Ammons
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Longview, WA 98632
Telephone: (360) 501-8090
/s/ Darrel S. Ammons
DARREL S. AMMONS,
WSB# 18223
ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE
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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 non-probate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:
October 28, 2026
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
Elizabeth A. Street
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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138190 NTC Rothgeb

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY NO. 26-4-01327-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.020, 11.40.030

In the Estate of:
KERI L. ROTHGEB,
Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, prior to the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate assets and nonprobate assets of the decedent.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:
November 4, 2026
Stephen B. Smith,
Personal Representative
Scott W. Swindell,
WSBA #21268
Attorney for Personal Representative
Scott W. Swindell,
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138191 NTC Hulberg

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON NO. 26 4 01013 06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In re the Estate of:
DONOVAN-DACK
S. HULBERG,
Deceased.
The personal representative named below has been appointed as the personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: November 4, 2026
Personal Representative:
Joesph Matthew Ward
Attorney for the Personal Representative:
Lindsay Kearl,
WSBA #59349
Address for Mailing or Service:
Legacy Preservation Law
4918 NE 42nd Ave.
Portland, OR 97218
/s/ Lindsay Kearl
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138192 NTC Ward

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 Case No. 26-4-01318-06

Estate of
Matthew Vincent Ward,
deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of Decedent's estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must present the claim in the manner 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: (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 (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time period, 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:
November 4, 2026
Personal Representative:
Joesph Matthew Ward
Attorney for the Personal Representative:
Lindsay Kearl,
WSBA #59349
Address for Mailing or Service:
Legacy Preservation Law
4918 NE 42nd Ave.
Portland, OR 97218
/s/ Lindsay Kearl
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138193 NTC Rasler

Superior Court of Washington County of Clark No 26 4 01332 06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.020; 11.40.030)

Estate of:
JENIFER NICOLE RASLER,
Deceased.
Tammy Ann Higgins has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, prior to the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representatives attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the 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 provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate assets and non-probate assets of the decedent. Address for Mailing or Service: Tammy Ann Higgins PO BOX 871086 Vancouver, WA 98687
Date of First Publication of this Notice: 11/04/2026
Tammy Higgins, Pro Se
PO BOX 871086
Vancouver, WA 98687
(360)885-9296
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138198 NTC Tallamadge

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK No. 26-4-01346-06 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of:
CONNIE A. TALLMADGE,
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: 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:
November 4, 2026
Personal Representative:
MICHAEL WALKER
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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138210 NTC Marshall

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF CLARK No. 26-4-01143-06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

In the Matter of the Estate of:
VIOLET MARSHALL,
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:
November 4, 2026
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
James Laurance Marshall
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
None - Self-Represented
ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE:
James Laurance Marshall
PO Box 386
Amboy, WA 98601
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138225 NTC Oliver

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY No. 26-4-06697-1 SEA PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In re the:
ESTATE OF LON T. OLIVER,
Deceased.
The personal representative named below, MAX OLIVER, has been appointed as personal representative of the above-named 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/administrator 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.
County of Residence on date of death: Clark County, WA
Name of Publication:
The Reflector
Date of First Publication:
November 4, 2026
Personal Representative:
Max Oliver
Attorney for the Personal Representative:
Austin Nowakowski, Esq.
WSBA Bar # 51590
Address for Mailing or Service:
Nowakowski Legal PLLC
1886 25th Ave NE
Issaquah WA 98029
Court of Probate Proceedings:
King County Superior Court, State of Washington
Case Number: 26-4-06697-1 SEA
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138251 EPP 26-2-03149-06

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR CLARK COUNTY Case No.: 26-2-03149-06 SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION (60 DAYS)

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
Plaintiff, vs.
BRIANNE WILLIS, an unmarried woman; ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF KENNETH ANDERSON, deceased individual; THE WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION; 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, Defendants.
TO THE DEFENDANTS BRIANNE WILLIS, an unmarried woman; ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF KENNETH ANDERSON, deceased individual; 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 11th day of November, 2026, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, 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 a Complaint for Judicial Foreclosure of Deed of Trust. DATED: October 29, 2026 ZBS LAW, LLP
By:/s/ Tom B. Pierce
Tom B. Pierce, WSBA# 26730
Attorney for Plaintiff
ZBS Law, LLP
11335 NE 122nd Way,
Suite 105
Kirkland, WA 98034
Ph. 206-209-0375
Fax 206-260-8870
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138253 NTC Sanders

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON NO. 26 4 01368 06 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In re the Estate of:
JEANETTE MARIE SANDERS,
Deceased.
The personal representative named below has been appointed as the personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Date of First Publication: NOVEMBER 11, 2026
Personal Representative:
JOSHUA R. SANDERS
Attorney for the Personal Representative:
LORI L. GASCON
11335 NE 122nd Way
VANCOUVER, WA 98660
(360) 694-9601
Court of probate proceedings and cause number:
Clark County, Washington
Superior Court
Cause No. 26 4 01368 06
CLARK COUNTY
COURTHOUSE
1200 FRANKLIN
P. O. BOX 5000
VANCOUVER, WA 98668
s/LORI L. GASCON,
WSBA#37866
Attorney for Personal Representative
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138254 NTC Wobster

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY No. 26-4-00938-06 AMENDED NONPROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.42.030

In Re the Estate of:
ROBERT H. WOBSER,
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 [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 11.42.070 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 will be 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: November 11, 2026 The Notice Agent declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington on November 3, 2026, at Vancouver, Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.
JOYCE M. HAYES,
Notice Agent
2352 NE 151st Ave.
Portland OR 97230
Notice Agent: JOYCE M. HAYES
Attorney for Notice Agent:
KAREN L. WEBBER
Address for Mailing or Service:
1500 D Street
Vancouver WA 98663-3439
Clark County Superior Court,
Cause Number 26-4-00938-06
Prepared and submitted by:
PETTIS WEBBER PACIFIC P.S.
By: KAREN L. WEBBER,
WSBA #34884
Of Attorneys for Notice Agent
1500 D Street
Vancouver WA 98663-3439
360 696-2069
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138255 SMPB Ramos

Superior Court of Washington, County of Clark No. 25-3-00605-06 Summons Served by Publication

In re parenting of:
Raul Alexis JUAREZ SANCHEZ and
Ian Jesus JUAREZ SANCHEZ
Petitioner:
Maria Guadalupe SANCHEZ RAMOS
And Respondent:
Raul JUAREZ TOSTADO
To: Raul Juarez Tostado
I have started a court case by filing a petition. The name of the Petition is: **Sanchez Ramos** v. **Juarez Tostado**
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 November 11, 2026: If you do not file and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline:
* No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and *The court may approve the requests in the Petition without hearing your side (called a Default judgment). Follow these steps:
1. Read the Petition and any other documents that were filed at court with this Summons. Those documents explain what the other party is asking for. **2. Fill out** a Response on this form:
FL Parentage 332, Response to Petition for Parenting Plan, Residential Schedule and/or Child Support **You can get the Response form and other forms you may need at:** *The Washington State Courts' website: www.courts.wa.gov/forms *Washington LawHelp: www.washingtonlawhelp.org, or * The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee). **3. Serve** (give) a copy of your Response to the person who filed this Summons at the address below, and to any other parties. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5. **4. File** your original Response with the court clerk at this address:
Superior Court Clerk,
Clark County
1200 Franklin St.
Vancouver, WA
98660 USA
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/Kelly Vomacka
s/3/28/2025
Kelly Vomacka,
WSBA #20090
I agree to accept legal papers for this case at:
Lawyer's address:
Gibbs Houston Pauw,
1600 2nd Ave, Suite 1600
Seattle, WA 98104 USA
Email:
kelly.vomacka@ghp-law.net
(If this address changes before the case ends, you must notify all parties and the court in writing. You may use the Notice of Address Change form (FL All Family 120). You must also update your Confidential Information Form (FL All Family 001) if this case involves parentage or child support.)
Note: You and the other party/ies may agree to accept legal papers by email under Superior Court Civil Rule 5 and local court rules. *This Summons is issued according to Rule 4.1 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the state of Washington.*
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138256 Notice of Application

LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF WOODLAND NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Woodland will receive comments from interested individuals regarding the American Paper Converting site plan to develop an approximately 120,000 square foot light manufacturing facility on a 24.1-acre parcel zoned Light Industrial. The single story building will be west of the existing facility located at 1845 Howard Way and include new parking, loading docks, and emergency vehicle access. Questions and comments regarding the application should be directed to Travis Goddard, Director, at (360) 225-7299 or at *goddardt@ci.woodland.wa.us.* Interested persons may submit comments on the application by email, by mail to PO Box 9, Woodland WA 98674, or by delivery to the payment drop-box at 230 Davidson Avenue. Comments are due by December 4, 2026, at 5 p.m. Copies of the decision will be made available upon request.
Dated this 3 rd day of November 2026.
Travis Goddard
Travis Goddard
Community Development Director
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138258 Ord. No. 1609

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1609

On November 2nd, 2026 the City Council of City of Woodland, Washington, approved Ordinance No. 1609 the main point of which may be summarized by its title as follows: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF WOODLAND, WASHINGTON AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1469 - SECTION 7 OF WOODLAND MUNICIPLE CODE (WMC) 13.04.050 TITLED CONNECTION - INSTALLLATION FEE 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 16th, 2026
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138259 Summons Alejo

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT STATE OF HAWAII SUMMONS

STATE OF HAWAII
TO: MARC ALEJO
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT KEVIN MACKENZIE and JASMINE MACKENZIE, Plaintiffs, have filed a Complaint against you in Civil no. 1CCV-25-0001617 (LWC) in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii, wherein Plaintiffs pray for monetary damages against you in the above-entitled Court. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear in the courtroom of the Honorable Lisa W. Cataldo at Honolulu Circuit Court of the First Circuit, 777 Punchbowl Street, 4th Floor, Honolulu HI 96813 on , January 5, 2027 at 9 o'clock a.m. or to file an answer or other pleading and serve it before said day upon David K. Ahuna, plaintiff's attorney, who's address is 46-005 Kawa Street, Suite 307, Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744. If you fail to do so, judgement by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, November 2, 2026
/S/ C. Morita
Clerk of the
above-entitled Court
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138260 Ordinance 2026-20

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-20
(Summary Ordinance)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING BATTLE GROUND MUNCIPAL CODE CHAPTER 3.32 TO RENAME THE CHAPTER; ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 3.32.050, DEFINITIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall be published in summary form and be in full force and effective five (5) days from the date of publication in accordance with law. THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED IN AN OPEN MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON, ON NOVEMBER 2, 2026.
Approved: Mayor Eric Overholser
Attest: City Clerk Elizabeth Halili
Ordinance 2026-20 is available for public inspection at Battle Ground City Hall, 109 SW 1 st







LEGAL NOTICES

Street, Suite 221, Battle Ground, WA, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, or a copy will be mailed or emailed to those who request through the City Clerk at (360) 342-5008 or *cityclerk.info@cityofbg.org.*

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

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138263 PN Stormwater Permit

Stormwater Permit Public Notice

Christopher Tran, **1 SW Columbia St Ste 650 Portland, OR 97204-4030**, is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit. The proposed project, Caliber Collision Battle Ground, is located at **1913 SE Grace Ave** in Battle Ground in Clark County. This project involves 1.39 acres of soil disturbance for Commercial, construction activities. The receiving water is SE Eaton Blvd and SE Commerce Ave Waterbody. 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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Ad# 137730 STOX# 960528
Trustee Sale # 150057-WA
Title # 4088555

Notice of Trustee's Sale

Grantor(s): NORMAN E HARDY, AS HIS SEPARATE ESTATE Grantee(s): JUNE GORMAN ON BEHALF OF FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, as Trustee Original beneficiary of the deed of trust: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS Current beneficiary of the deed of trust: NewRez LLC D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Current trustee of the deed of trust: CLEAR RECON CORP Current mortgage servicer of the deed of trust: NewRez LLC D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Reference number of the deed of trust: 5682465 Parcel number(s): 203609000 TAX LOT #49, SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, CLEAR RECON CORP, 601 West 1st Avenue, Suite 1400, Spokane, WA 99201, Trustee will on 11/20/2026 at 9:00 AM AT THE PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER GAZEBO NEAR THE CORNER OF FRANKLIN AND 13TH STREET, ACROSS FROM THE CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE OF THE CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER, 1300 FRANKLIN STREET, VANCOUVER, WA 98660 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable, in the form of cash, or cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Clark, State of Washington, to-wit: PARCEL L: THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST,WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. PARCEL II: A 60 FOOT NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, UTILITIES AND REMOVAL OF ROCK RUNNING FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF GRANTOR'S PROPERTY AND THENCE EASTERLY ON THE EXISTING ROADWAY TO SUBJECT PROPERTY. PARCEL III: AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES RECORDED SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 5209647 AND AMENDED OCTOBER 9, 2015 UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 5221427. Commonly known as: 16515 NE FIRWOOD DR BRUSH PRAIRIE, WA 98606-7001 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 12/10/2019, recorded 12/16/2019, as Auditor's File No. 5682465, the subject Deed of Trust was modified by Loan Modification recorded on 08/04/2022 as Instrument 6068264 records of Clark County, Washington, from NORMAN E HARDY, AS HIS SEPERATE ESTATE, as Grantor(s), to JUNE GORMAN ON BEHALF OF FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned to NewRez LLC D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, under an Assignment recorded under Auditor's File No 6135603. II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust or the Beneficiary's successor is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: $20,624.46 IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $480,942.36, together with interest as provided in the Note from 1/1/2026, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 11/20/2026. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 11/9/2026, (11 days before the sale date) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 11/9/2026 (11 days before the sale) the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 11/9/2026 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the or the Grantor's successor interest or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es): SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "1" by both first class and certified mail on 5/29/2026, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS - The purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the grantor under the Deed of Trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the Deed of Trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. 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Dated: JUN 29 2026 CLEAR RECON CORP, as Successor Trustee Monica Chavez Authorized Signor For additional information or service you may contact: Clear Recon Corp 601 West 1st Avenue, Suite 1400 Spokane, WA 99201 Phone: (206) 707-9599 EXHIBIT "1" NAME/ADDRESS NORMAN E HARDY 16515 NE FIRWOOD DR BRUSH PRAIRIE, WA 98606-7001

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Trustee Sale # 144066-WA
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Notice of Trustee's Sale

Grantor(s): JON R. ELLINGSEN, A SINGLE MAN Grantee(s): CHICAGO TITLE COMPANY OF WASHINGTON, as Trustee Original beneficiary of the deed of trust: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR FINANCE OF AMERICA MORTGAGE LLC, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS Current beneficiary of the deed of trust: LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Current trustee of the deed of trust: CLEAR RECON CORP Current mortgage servicer of the deed of trust: LOANCARE, LLC Reference number of the deed of trust: 5399642 Parcel number(s): 258905086 LT 43, HANNA'S FARM I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, CLEAR RECON CORP, 601 West 1st Avenue, Suite 1400, Spokane, WA 99201, Trustee will on 11/20/2026 at 9:00 AM AT THE PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER GAZEBO NEAR THE CORNER OF FRANKLIN AND 13TH STREET, ACROSS FROM THE CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE OF THE CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER, 1300 FRANKLIN STREET, VANCOUVER, WA 98660 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable, in the form of cash, or cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Clark, State of Washington, to-wit: LOT (S) 43, HANNA'S FARM, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IIN VOLUME 311 OF PLATS, PAGE 484, RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. Commonly known as: 1217 W F PLACE LA CENTER, WA 98629 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 4/24/2017, recorded 5/2/2017, as Auditor's File No. 5399642, records of Clark County, Washington, from JON R. ELLINGSEN, A SINGLE MAN, as Grantor(s), to CHICAGO TITLE COMPANY OF WASHINGTON, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR FINANCE OF AMERICA MORTGAGE LLC, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned to LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, under an Assignment recorded under Auditor's File No 6290760. II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust or the Beneficiary's successor is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: $28,517.48 IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $267,341.21, together with interest as provided in the Note from 8/1/2025, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 11/20/2026. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 11/9/2026, (11 days before the sale date) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 11/9/2026 (11 days before the sale) the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 11/9/2026 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the or the Grantor's successor interest or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es): SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "1" by both first class and certified mail on 1/21/2026, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. 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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450 Seattle, WA 98104 Trustee Sale No.: WA-26-1054742-BB Title Order No.: 01-26035147 Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 5653049 Parcel Number(s): 117894314 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: ILANA L WATSON, SINGLE WOMAN Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Idaho Housing and Finance Association I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned Trustee, will on 11/20/2026, at 09:00 AM At the Clark County Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98660, in the Public Service Center Gazebo near the corner of Franklin and 13th street, across from the Clark County Courthouse sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of CLARK, State of Washington, to-wit: UNIT(S) D, BUILDING 12, SALMON CREEK ESTATES, A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION THEREOF RECORDED DECEMBER 13, 1979, UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 7912130078, AND SURVEY MAP AND PLANS RECORDED IN VOLUME H OF CONDOMINIUMS, PAGE 30 RECORDS OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO. More commonly known as: 13129 NW 8TH AVE, UNIT 12D, VANCOVUER, WA 98685-2543 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 9/23/2019, recorded 9/26/2019, under Instrument No. 5653049 records of CLARK County, Washington, from ILANA L WATSON, SINGLE WOMAN, as grantor(s), to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 6327320. II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: $12,927.56. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of $152,830.80, together with interest as provided in the Note from 12/1/2025 on, and such other costs, fees, and charges as are due under the Note, Deed of Trust, or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 11/20/2026. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 11/9/2026 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. 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A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 6/7/2026. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. 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The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-26-1054742-BB. Dated: 7/9/2026 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, as Trustee By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-26-1054742-BB Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com IDSPub #0315902 10/21/2026 11/11/2026

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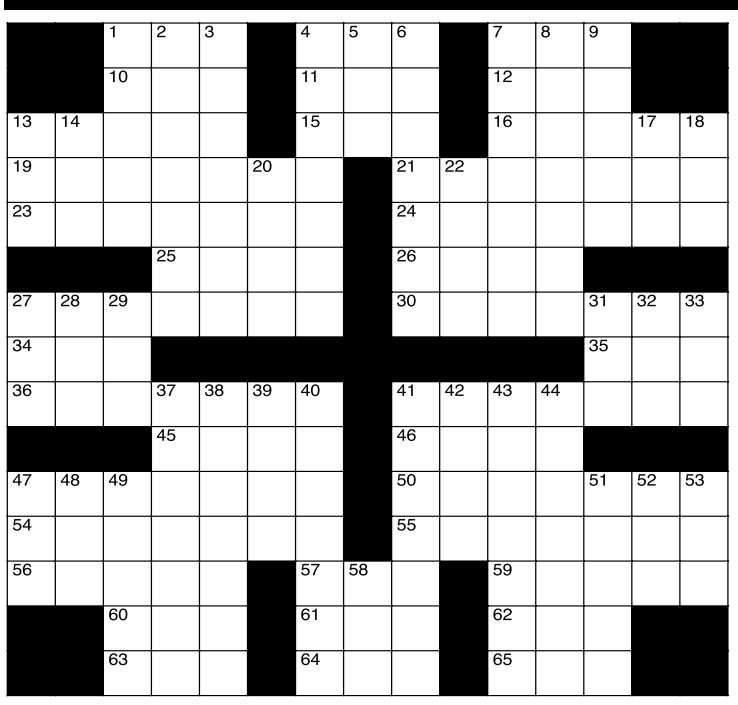
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31. Helps little firms
32. Unhappy
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Glowing
38. Lists of items to be discussed
39. An informal body of friends
40. Indispensable quality
41. Neural structures
42. Brews
43. A place to dock
44. Festive singer
47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
48. Northernmost point of mainland Wales
49. Most worthless parts
51. Type of "bear"
52. Take or consume
53. Defunct European organization
58. Swiss river

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

Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!