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Owner of Ridgefield's 'Iron Ranch' remembered

Antique machine collector honored in potentially last Heritage Fair over weekend

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It was a fitting tribute for a man who spent his life collecting machines and teaching others how to tinker as Ridgefield's Iron Ranch played host to what might be the last iteration of the annual Heritage Fair this past weekend.

On Saturday and Sunday the

property owned by Alan Schurman was filled with hundreds of antique machines for the 25th iteration of the Heritage Fair. It was the first time that Schurman, whose collection dominated what was on display, was not there, as he had died in February, making this year's event a memorial in his honor.

Michael Bjur has helped to organize the Heritage Fair over the years, having went to Ridgefield High School with Schurman back in the day. He said the prolific collector was never shy to show

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Alan Schurman, seen here in a still from his appearance on History channel show "American Pickers" in 2012.

Rosauers opening pushed to November

Weather, work with state held up project initially slated to open in August

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Those looking forward to having a grocery store in Ridgefield will have to wait a little longer than initially projected as weather and coordination with state agencies has held up the anticipated opening of Rosauers off of Pioneer Street until November.

Dean Maldonado, principal developer for the Rosauers project on property known as Discovery Ridge, gave an update on the project during the monthly meeting of Ridgefield Main Street at Sportsman's Public House July 18. The project, officially announced by the Port of Ridgefield in February 2018, will bring a 53,000 square-foot grocery store as part of the first phase of development at Discovery Ridge. Rosauers is a part of a Spokane-based chain.

Though initially planned to open next month, several things have held up the project, according to Maldonado. The delay is due to issues across the board, not the least of which was wet weather that held up construction of stormwater facilities for the site.

Maldonado added that given Pioneer Street is State Route 501 and thus under the purview of the Washington State Department of Transportation, they had to work with the department to get things moving, resulting in lots of paperwork that also added to the delay.

After the Ridgefield Main Street meeting Maldonado gave The Reflector a timeframe,

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HARVEST DAYS LIVES ON

Full story and more photos on page **A6**.



Three-year-old Jonathan Felix Bautusta from Yacolt lets out an excited squeal before swinging the hammer to win a prize at Harvest Days in Battle Ground July 20.



Chief Umtuch Middle School band performs during the Battle Ground Harvest Days July 20.



Performers spin lassos during the Harvest Days parade in Battle Ground July 20.

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Decision on 179th Street improvements postponed

Lack of full council, changing information pushes decision to August

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A decision regarding how Clark County will fund roughly \$66 million in road improvements mostly located near Northeast 179th Street off of the Interstate 5 interchange has been postponed again, with an absence of two of the five county council members and concerns over constantly-changing information to blame.

The council voted to continue a hearing regarding the selec-

tion of a funding option for the road improvements until Aug. 20 during their regular meeting last week.

Councilor John Blom, acting as chair for the meeting, announced that although the council would conduct a public hearing on the funding decision at their July 16 meeting, they would not be taking a vote. He said the absent councilors, chair Eileen Quiring and councilor Julie Olson, had "emerging issues" that required their attention that night and thus couldn't make the meeting.

Council and county staff have spent months attempting to come up with a solution to make up the \$66 million. That money would be used to fund road projects

required before the county can lift an urban holding overlay on some 2,100 acres located around the I-5/179th Street interchange. The overlay prevents development within it before the needed infrastructure is reasonably funded.

In May, the council had also postponed a vote in order for staff to provide them with a better framework on how different funding options would pan out. Though staff did provide a more granular look at how potentially leveling more fees for developers, raising property tax rates or a combination of both would pan out, councilors were concerned over how much information provided to them seemed to change over several meetings, both at

work sessions and public hearings.

Clark County Councilor Temple Lentz said a development agreement final draft for one of several projects proposed in the urban holding area was not presented to the council until the day before and presentation material changed the day of the hearing.

"It's disappointing to me to once again be in a position where information for a hearing has been replaced and added to at the last minute," Lentz said. "Our responsibility as councilors is to make informed decisions on behalf of our constituents, and it is difficult to achieve that when neither we nor our constituents are able to review materials in a

reasonable amount of time."

Lentz reiterated a request she has made before, that "complete materials" be available to council and the public at least a week before a meeting. Both councilors John Blom and Gary Medviga agreed with Lentz on getting documents available sooner.

"The legal minimum may be 24 hours, but when we are dealing with something that affects this many people, involves so much money and has seen substantive changes literally every time we have reviewed it, more time is crucial," Lentz said.

Council decided to continue the hearing to Aug. 20 and not Aug. 6, their next regular meeting, given the day is the deadline for the 2019 primary election.

Convicted Christmas Eve arsonist sentenced

Daniel Cronin will serve more than 14 years for involvement in December 2017 house fire

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One of two suspects accused of burglary and arson received a

sentence of more than 14 years after pleading guilty to charges related to a house fire in Hockinson on Christmas Eve 2017.

Daniel Cronin, 36, received his sentence July 17 in Clark County Superior Court. He had previously pled guilty to charges of first-degree burglary, theft and arson May 16, according to court documents.

Cronin was one of two men suspected of breaking into a

Hockinson home Dec. 24, 2017 and setting fire to the building. The homeowners, Jamon and Chyra Holmgren, returned from an evening church service to find their home in flames.

Extensive footage was captured on the Holmgren's home security system of the two men on the day of the arson. It shows them casing the house earli-

er in the day, then breaking in and stealing all of the electronics they

could find (a drone, tablets, computers, a phone), along with jewelry before setting the house on fire with lawnmower gas.

It was an out-of-place gas can that initially led to the speculation of arson, Jamon Holmgren previously told The Reflector around the time of the crime. Police also found blood

from one of the suspects at the scene.

Cronin was on the run for more than three weeks before being caught in the St. John's neighborhood of Portland. He was arrested after his alleged accomplice, Joshua Roland, 31, was caught Jan. 5, 2017, also in Portland.

According to the state court database, Roland is scheduled for a pre-trial appearance Aug. 15.

Editor-in-Chief Jonathan Haukaas contributed to this report



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BG massage therapist charged with rape has license suspended

Decision follows arrest in March

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Editor's note: this article contains graphic details which may be unsuitable for children.

The Washington State Department of Health has officially suspended the license of a Battle Ground massage therapist currently facing charges of rape and indecent liberties, the agency announced last week.

The department has suspended the license of Eddie Anzalone, who

in March was arrested by Battle Ground police following an investigation. In their announcement, the department stated Anzalone, 48, has charges of second-degree rape and indecent liberties without forcible consumption, a Class-A and Class-B felony respectively.

The suspension means that "Anzalone cannot practice massage in Washington until the charges are resolved," according to the announcement, though he has the chance to contest the charges in a hearing. According to a legal document the suspension was officially ordered July 15.

Anzalone had left employment from Opdahl Chiropractic and Massage March 1 — according to a release from the city of Battle Ground at the time of his arrest the business was "fully cooperating with the investigation."

According to a probable cause affidavit for Anzalone's arrest, he had inappropriately touched two patients at the business in February. Both victims were seeking treatment from vehicle accidents sustained the prior year.

During a massage on Feb. 27, Anzalone had placed his face "extremely close" to one of the victims which made her uncomfortable, according to the affidavit. He then massaged the victim's breasts, asking "Do you like it?" multiple times before the victim was able to say "no."

When the victim asked if she could see another therapist Anzalone asked "Why, are you going to fire me?" and waited at the reception desk following the session, preventing the victim from reporting a complaint, according to the affidavit. The victim later contacted the business' owner, Monique Opdahl, by phone.

The following day Opdahl asked Anzalone about the allegations which she said he never denied, the affidavit states. On March 1 Anzalone contacted Opdahl to say he had quit.

During a police interview a week later Opdahl had told the officer of a second victim, according to the affidavit. That victim was interviewed later that day, explaining she came forward after learning Anzalone was no longer employed there, wondering

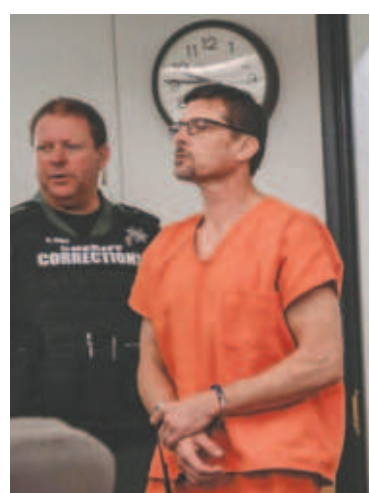


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Battle Ground massage therapist Eddie Anzalone appears before the judge in Clark County Superior Court March 26. Anzalone's license to practice massage was suspended last week, preventing him from doing so "until the charges are resolved" according to the Washington State Department of Health's announcement.

if he had been fired due to actions similar to what happened to her.

The second victim, who was receiving treatment due to a vehicle accident in November, explained that on Feb. 15 Anzalone "had brushed over her vagina with both of his hands" over a towel, which she initially thought was a mistake.

A week later the second victim had another appointment with Anzalone toward the end of the day Feb. 22 when the therapist was the only one in the office, the affidavit states. After the victim removed her clothes Anzalone entered the massage room and turned off the lights before the beginning the session, during which he touched the victim's breasts and vagina.

The second victim recounted in the affidavit being scared, stating "nobody can hear me if I scream" and fearing she would be raped. When Anzalone left the room the victim got dressed and he never mentioned what happened as he let her out of the office that was locked for the day.

According to the state court database, Anzalone is scheduled for a pre-trial hearing Oct. 17.

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After local backlash, proposed clearcut near Hantwick Trail put on hold

Community opposition prompts a more thorough look at options

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Talk about potentially cutting trees in a roughly 60-acre area near the Hantwick Trail at Moulton Falls has gone from frustrating to encouraging for some nearby residents as the Washington State Department of Natural Resources looks at alternatives to doing the proposed timber harvest.

Though initially planned for January, timber harvest on a unit of property owned by the state was postponed until May in order for work to be done regarding a potential land swap of sorts between the DNR and Clark County. When May came around the harvest didn't happen; DNR Division Manager for Conservation, Recreation, and Transactions Brock Milliern said the second postponement was due to the department recognizing it needed more feedback from the community before moving forward.

"I would say right now we've postponed it while we work with the community and the county to figure out the best path forward," Milliern said, adding there was no specific timeline on when something would happen.

Recently, the Clark County Council has been more direct with its stance regarding the proposed harvest, sending a letter dated June 12 to the Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz stating their concerns. In it, the council addressed the potential of a land transfer, acknowledging that it would cost them financially but bringing up the potential for environmental costs should trees fall.

"The scenery, habitat, and recreational opportunities in this area are invaluable," the letter read, adding that it looked forward to hearing potential options.

Milliern said there would be a chance for the council to hear those options as he will be attending a meeting with them planned for next month. He said there were three options on the table, including "some sort of harvest." The other two options involved two different ways the county could take ownership.

Land changing hands

One of those options would be a process called "reconveyance" which would be similar to the previously proposed swap. Milliern said there was a complication for reconveyance given the designations of trust land involved. The land where the timber sale would happen was a part of the state Common School Trust, a designation where revenues from a property are used for K-12 school construction across the state.

The issue would be whether or not the property that the county would swap for the one with the potential harvest would be of similar benefit to that trust than what the property currently is, Milliern explained. He added that since the county would be giving some of its own trust land, it could have impacts on their bottom line as well. Under the county trust designation, properties' revenue can benefit local taxing districts like schools and fire protection services.

Another option would be for the county to purchase the land outright, Milliern said. The benefit for the Common School Trust would be the revenue from that sale, which could potentially make the option more viable for the state. That would likely cost more, though Milliern did not have an estimate of how much the 60-acre unit would be.

A reconveyance would still have costs for things like surveys, appraisals and coordinating public meetings, Milliern said, estimating it would be between \$25,000 to \$50,000 to go that route.

Milliern explained that the land in question was part of acreage granted to the state of Washington from the federal government at the time of statehood in 1889. He noted that although there is generally some pushback on timber harvests the one for the potential Hantwick Trail cut was more robust than usual.

"We've had a very engaged public," Milliern remarked. Moving forward he anticipated there would be public meetings if any land transfer were to move forward.

"It's tough to see exactly what the solution is right now," Milliern said. "We definitely haven't landed anywhere yet."

A neighbor's take

Linda Lorenz, a property owner across the East Fork Lewis River from the trail, has been pleased with the direction dis-

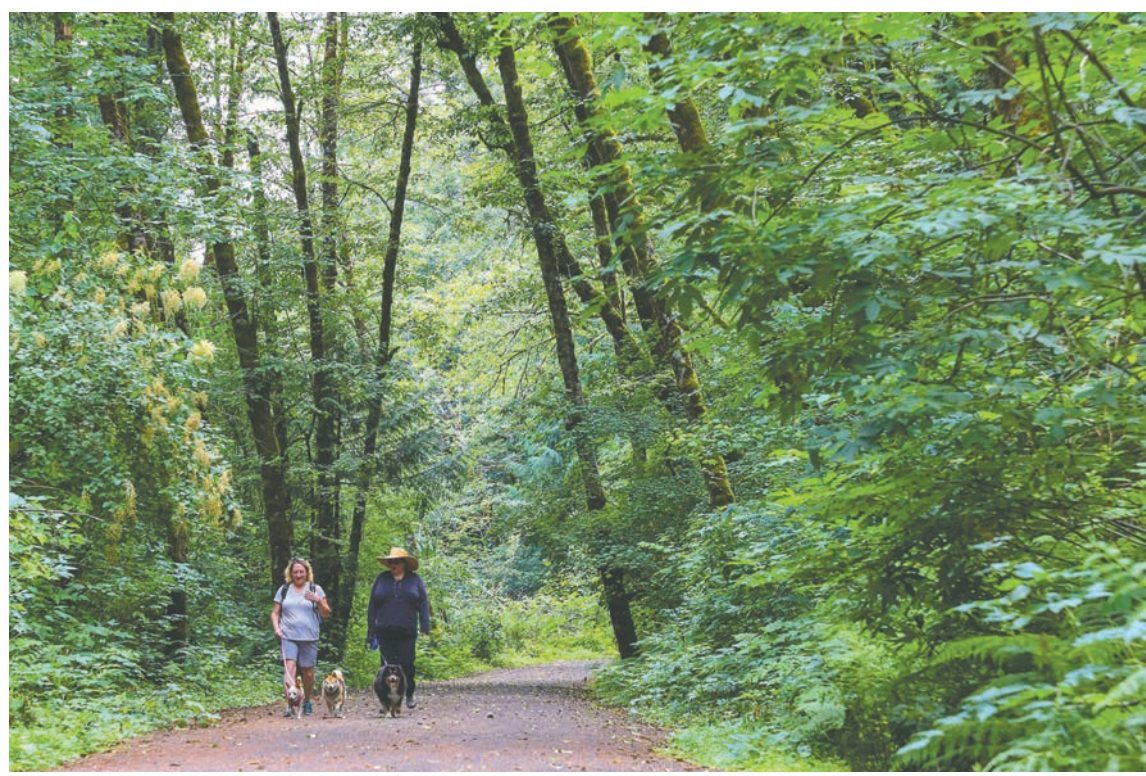


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From left, Andrea Curry from Vancouver, and Denise Roach from Battle Ground walk their dogs Luna, Mena and Chubs at the Hantwick Trail in Yacolt July 18.

ussion over the potential harvest has gone. Lorenz and her husband bought the property a few years back in order to have a spot close to the Moulton Falls trails including Hantwick.

Lorenz said in Spring of last year she was managing her property when DNR officials stopped by and asked if they could be on it for surveying purposes, learning about the potential harvest in the process. After that encounter Lorenz said she began to "sound the alarm" on the potential of a harvest along the trail.

The response from concerned parties was "magnificent," she said, adding that Sierra Club and the northwest chapter of the Audubon Society, among other groups, came out in opposition of the proposal.

Outside of the aesthetic effect a harvest would have on the trail, Lorenz said she and others were concerned about what tree removal would do to the potential of landslides. Destabilization could leave debris on the trail, which could impact how accessible it is for those with disabilities.

Lorenz said that accessibility and how the trail follows the East Fork makes it stand out among trails in the area.

"It's an irreplaceable asset that we really need to protect," she said.

At the outset of fighting the

timber sale, Lorenz said it was "really frustrating at first," having to go before the state Board of Natural Resources in Olympia to testify. It was on a May 2 meeting with the state board that government officials seemed to turn a corner, as Lorenz recounted how the board appeared to be more receptive than previously, providing some of the options available.

"It went from extreme frustration to over-the-top happiness," Lorenz said. "I think they're willing to work with us."

With more discussions planned and any harvest postponed indefinitely, Lorenz is significantly more optimistic about the situation than she was when she first learned about potentially losing trees along the Hantwick Trail.

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Elizabeth Mills

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Betty was born to Mary and Fred Carlson in Woodland, WA, April 28th, 1928. She married Roland Mills and they lived their entire lives in Woodland. They had three children, Bruce, Gary and Mary. Betty worked in the Woodland Elementary School cafeteria for 20 years. She was a member of the Lilac Society, served as president and had a connection with the Hulda Klager Estate. Her husband, Roland was the son of Elizabeth "Lizzie" Klager-Mills. Betty helped to save the Klager Estate, which is now a State and National Historic Landmark. Betty was a long time member of the Woodland Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her son, Gary Mills; granddaughter, Cicely Perry; and great-granddaughter, RaeAnn. Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Roland; son, Bruce; and daughter, Mary.

A memorial service is planned for 1 p.m., July 27, 2019, at the Woodland Presbyterian Church, 756 Park St., Woodland, WA 98674. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens, 115 S. Perkin Rd., Woodland, WA 98674.



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Long touts 11 endorsements at start of run

Support ranges from AG Ferguson to Clark County Councilor Temple Lentz

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Democratic challenger for U.S. Rep Jaime Herrera Beutler's seat, Carolyn Long, has already received close to a dozen endorsements by other lawmakers and government officials in the state, her campaign announced last week.

A July 19 news release from Long's campaign highlighted 11 endorsements she received in as many days since officially beginning her campaign with a series of kickoff events July 8. Those putting their support behind Long include Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson, state Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz, all three Democratic lawmakers in the 49th Legislative District of Washington and Clark County Councilor Temple Lentz.

"Southwest Washington families continue to go broke because of unaffordable health care while politicians in D.C. do nothing but make it more expensive. We need a change

in leadership to go to D.C. and fight for affordable healthcare. That's what Carolyn Long will do," State Rep. Sharon Wylie, D-Vancouver, stated in the release.

The Long campaign announcement also contained statements from State Sen. Dean Takko, D-Longview, and former

Democratic Congressman Brian Baird, who represented the Third Congressional District Long seeks. The release also notes Long was able to raise more than \$150,000 during her first day of fundraising.

"I am humbled by the swell of support we have seen locally from the outpouring of nearly 600 people coming to our rallies on a Monday after the Fourth of July weekend to every single local elected official and union who has endorsed my campaign," Carolyn Long said in the release. "We want a representative who puts patriotism above party and people above politics, and I am focused on just that."

TIPS FOR WRITING AN OBITUARY

Coping with the death of a loved one is never easy. Even those comforted by the acknowledgment that a recently deceased friend or family member lived a full life may still struggle with the sense of loss that comes with the passing of a loved one.

Upon the passing of a loved one, an individual is often tasked with writing an obituary. Some people may find writing an obituary is cathartic, providing an opportunity to tell a loved one's life story and indicate how unique the deceased was. Because writing an obituary is not something people are asked to do every day, it's understandable if many men and women don't know where to begin. Obituaries do not necessarily have to follow a formula, but the following tips can help people compose an obituary that conveys who their deceased loved one was and how much this person meant to friends and family.

- **Contact your local newspaper.** Some newspapers may have obituary guidelines that govern things like writing style and obituary length. Before writing an obituary, contact your local newspaper to determine if they have any such rules in place. Some newspapers may only publish obituaries written by their own staff members.

- **Do not feel obliged to include cause of death.** While acquaintances who first learn of a person's death via an obituary may be curious about cause of death, loved ones of the deceased do not have to include such information if they are uncomfortable doing so. Many obituaries never include such information, so readers likely won't expect it. Those who are comfortable including such information in the obituary may find it helps them avoid having to answer numerous inquiries about the loved one's demise at the ensuing visitation and funeral services.

- **Include some biographical information.** Obituaries are typically more than simple announcements of death. Some simple biological information can shed light on who the deceased was and his or her personal and professional accomplishments. Avoid getting too detailed, as newspapers may not accept obituaries that are very lengthy. But biographical information like full name, place of birth, family (i.e., spouse, children, grandchildren, etc.), military service, place of employment, charity work, and hobbies can give readers an accurate idea of the life your loved one lived.

- **Include donation information.** Well-wishers who read the obituary may want to send flowers or make donations to express their condolences. Include the family preference regarding flowers or donations in the obituary. When requesting donations be made to the deceased's favorite charity, include the charity's full name and contact information or a website in the obituary.

- **Include visitation and funeral information.** Be sure to include the day, location and visitation hours for viewings. If the funeral will be public, include the day and time of the funeral as well.

- **Have the obituary ready one to two days before the services are scheduled.** Publishing the obituary a couple of days in advance of visitation hours gives loved ones of the deceased time to arrange to visit and pay their respects.

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ODESSA AYERS

Odessa Marie (Chadwick) Ayers passed away peacefully at home on July 18, 2019. It was 10 days before her 96th birthday having been born July 28, 1923. She enjoyed more than 77 years of marriage to Richard Ayers. She is survived by Richard and a sister Dorothy Hoekstra, Illinois, one daughter Cheryl Ayers of Vancouver, four sons, Lyn Ayers of Vancouver, Terry Ayers of Belfair, Washington, Ken Ayers of La Center, and Tim Ayers of Eugene, Oregon. She also has 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her brother George Chadwick of La Center.

She grew up in the small farming community of Carr in northern Colorado where she met and eventually married Richard in April 1942. The family moved repeatedly between Vancouver, Washington, and Carr, Colorado, with the final move to Washington in 1961. In 1973 they purchased Richard's father's farm near Brush Prairie.

Her Christian faith was the center of her life. She loved the Lord, her husband, and her children in that order. Throughout her life she demonstrated a warm, loving, and forgiving spirit. She volunteered for many organizations. When needed she worked alongside Richard on the farm putting up hay. In her later years she focused on her love of writing. She took writing classes and ultimately had several articles published in national magazines. She and Richard have been active members of Vancouver First Friends Church since 1973.

Funeral services will be held at Vancouver First Friends Church (2710 NE 65th Ave, Vancouver 98661) Friday July 26th. Viewing will be at 10:00 AM with the service at 11:00 AM. Following the service lunch will be provided by the Church in the Fellowship Hall. Interment will be at 2:00 PM at Evergreen Memorial Gardens (1101 NE 112th Ave, 98684). Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the church of your choice.

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Tradition rolls on at Cruise the Couve

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Cruise the Couve rolled through Downtown Vancouver on Main Street between 28th and 6th streets Saturday July 20. From old Fords to the latest Teslas, there was a vehicle for everyone's taste. The all-day event didn't require registration and there's no limit to year, make or model.

Food, beer gardens and vendors lined the streets. Viewers sat in their own cars, or on lawn chairs with groups of friends and families, pointing at their favorite cars and cheering loudly revving engines.

PHOTO BY MARY BROTEN

Cars fill the streets in Vancouver during Cruise the Couve July 20.



PHOTO BY MARY BROTEN

Cassie Chartier from Battle Ground watches cars pass by from inside her father's 1962 Volkswagen Bus at Cruise the Couve in Vancouver July 20.

Woodland aims to grow police force with levy lid lift

Police sergeant says crime rate far above national average

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The City of Woodland is eyeing an increase to its property tax levy in order to increase police staff as the growing city has growing public safety needs, according to past studies and current police staff.

Council voted to approve a ballot measure for the November election that would see a close to 63-cent per \$1,000 of assessed value increase to its property tax levy during their July 15 meeting. The increase would allow for the hiring of three additional staff for the department as well as necessary equipment needed with the increase, according to the approved resolution.

The levy lid lift is similar, though slightly less, than a previous ballot measure that voters defeated in 2017, missing approval by only 18 votes, according to the Washington Secretary of State website. That measure followed the work of an advisory committee tasked with looking at public safety needs in the city, one of several attempts by the city to examine what an ideal police department would look like in terms of personnel numbers given the city's size and crime rate.

At the meeting, Woodland Po-

lice Sergeant Jim Keller testified in favor of the lid lift. He said the last position created for the department was in 2007, bringing the number of staff to 10. He said that year the U.S. Census Bureau put the city's population at 5,135 — in 2017 that number was 6,138.

In 2015 then-chief Phil Crochet was tasked with assessing the department's needs, Keller said. The chief's findings were that given the population and crime rate the department should have a staff of 14 — after him, interim police chief Garry Lucas recommended a staffing of 16 in his own report.

A report by current chief Jim Kelly at the time of the 2017 measure agreed with advisory committee findings, suggesting a staffing of two additional officers and an administrative sergeant. He also recommended increasing the bonuses for lateral officer transfers (where trained personnel moves from one department to another) though that was not included in the approved resolution.

Keller said that Ridgefield, a city with a crime rate 40% less than the national average, was adding on average an officer per year for the next five years. He said Woodland had a crime rate more than 150% over the national average.

"I'm not only looking out for the citizens, which is my job; I'm looking out for my guys," Keller said. He noted that in the past few rotations

he has been on the job Woodland has had to request assistance from nearby departments to handle calls that come in when all of the city's officers are on priority calls.

Keller noted he would have to pay more should the lift go through as he is a city resident.

"This levy lid lift will affect how much I have to pay, and you better believe that I'm going to vote for it, to make sure the citizens are safe and make sure my guys are safe," Keller remarked.

The lid lift is projected to raise annual property taxes by about \$188 for a \$300,000 home. The ballot measure will be on the Nov. 5 ballot.

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Master Oh of HS Taekwondo in Battle Ground performs a house tornado kick, sprinkling rose petals over the audience at Harvest days July 20.



PHOTO BY MARY BROTEN

Vince Osborn from Hillsboro, Oregon airbrushes a dragon onto a shirt while at Harvest Days July 20. Osborn has been airbrushing for 35 years and came all the way to Battle Ground to sell his art at Harvest Days.



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Conner Burggraf from Vancouver places fresh bread from his bakery for people to sample at Harvest Days in Battle Ground. Artisan Sourdough and can be purchased at Bakexmore in Vancouver.



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Despite coordination changeup, Harvest Days delivers

Hot weather heralds weekend of events

THE REFLECTOR

Though about a month ago those organizing the 2019 Harvest Days event in Battle Ground weren't too sure that even a cruise would happen this year, the past weekend's events proved that even with a change in who puts on the event, the city's biggest celebration didn't disappear when the chamber of commerce did.

Beginning Friday, attendees had the chance to see classic cars cruise down Main Street, play games at a carnival, watch the annual parade on Saturday and enjoy a host of entertainment through to the evening. Some of the logistics changed and the enjoyable burnout pit wasn't part of the sanctioned events, but a recently-formed Harvest Days committee still managed to put on an event reminiscent of past years' outings.

The recently-formed committee has filled in for the Battle Ground Chamber of Commerce, which folded into the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce last year. Following a 2018 event that saw the absence of a carnival, this year had that offering return among others such as the cruise, now known as "Cruzzin BG."

NOTICE OF PRIMARY AND SPECIAL ELECTION

Clark County, Washington Tuesday, August 6, 2019

On Tuesday, August 6, 2019, in Clark County, state of Washington, a Primary and Special Election will be held to determine which candidates will advance to and be voted for at the General Election to be held Tuesday, November 5, 2019, as well as submitting to the voters for their approval and adoption or their rejection of local district propositions. This Primary and Special Election will be conducted by mail.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

The deadline to receive new voter registrations and voter updates to existing registrations online or by mail is 5 pm Monday, July 29, 2019.

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Any person needing assistance to register or to vote can contact the Elections Department. Accessible voting equipment is available beginning July 19, 2019.

MEETING NOTICE

The Clark County Canvassing Board will convene at 2 pm Tuesday, August 13, 2019, to canvass returns of the Primary and Special Election held August 6, 2019. The board will examine ballots, determine the status of provisional and challenged ballots and perform other canvassing duties.

The board will meet to certify election results at 3 pm Tuesday, August 20, 2019.

Both meetings will be in the Elections Department conference room, 1408 Franklin St., Vancouver. This building is wheelchair-accessible.

If you need special assistance to observe the Clark County Canvassing Board, please contact Cathie Garber at (564) 397-2345 or use speech-to-speech relay at (800) 833-6384 at least two business days prior to canvassing day.

This notice is given in accordance with RCW 29A.60.140, RCW 29A.60.160 and RCW 42.30.080, Open Meetings Act.

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Just in general the community really came out in support of the events and supported us in our effort."

— Kendra Laratta
Owner, Ink Ability

Kendra Laratta, owner of print shop Ink Ability and one of the chief committee members for Harvest Days, felt that considering all the challenges, the event's 2019 iteration was a success. As of Monday morning she said she wasn't aware of any major issues, adding that there are already ideas for what will happen next year.

Laratta said the committee would be meeting next month to begin the process again. Though there were no details set in stone she mentioned potential expansion of offerings into Thursday, bringing the weekend festivities to a full four days.

"Just in general the community really came out in support of the events and supported us in our effort," Laratta said. "It was such a heartwarming feeling to see so many people out there having a good time."

"For our first effort I think we did pretty well," Laratta remarked. "I'm already excited for next year."

The weekend's events were capped off by The Extreme Tour, a traveling group of musical acts also featuring a skateboard, BMX and scooter competition designed as much as an outreach endeavor as an entertainment event.

Ranch

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off the collection which is vast enough that even losing a few pieces over the years didn't put a sizeable dent in the breadth of what he had.

"I said 'Alan, don't you think people will be picking stuff up' and he says 'oh yeah, I get a little shrinkage every year,'" Bjur recounted. "That was his attitude."

Even with the number of pieces he had Bjur said Schurman had a photographic memory, able to talk in detail on the history of every piece in his collection.

Starting off working at his father's machine shop, Schurman eventually taught at Clark College before taking over the family business which he managed until retiring.

"Always on the side he was restoring old stuff, old tractors, old cars," Bjur said. "He collected stuff for 50 years."

Bjur said Schurman had represented the Fort Vancouver Antique Equipment Association on advisory boards and also served on committees for local school districts. Current antique association president Richard Marini said Schurman's father was instrumental in starting the association, beginning organically through people interested in collecting and fixing equipment.

"Alan was an educator in my

mind," Marini remarked. "He believed in you when you didn't believe in yourself."

"He would be teaching you and you wouldn't even know it," Marini said. He recalled several times where Schurman would get him started on a project that he didn't even know he could complete, though Schurman's faith in those he mentored proved well-placed once those projects were inevitably completed.

Mike Rotschy, another member of the association, recalled how Schurman was recruited to help with an advisory committee for a machine shop program at the then-newly-opened Prairie High School which Rotschy was also a part of.

"Alan was the type of guy that if you needed help with something, you needed technical advice or needed parts for a project, he was all about helping you," Rotschy remarked. In some cases Schurman would give parts away for free if he knew that it would make a machine "whole" again.

Marini said that although there wasn't any official word that the Heritage Fair wouldn't be returning in 2020, he said it was "highly likely" that was the case given Schurman's passing. Right now he said the association is attempting to coordinate with a place to have a fair again next year, though Schurman's influence and vast collection will



Roger Hancock from Portland drives his Steam Traction Engine from 1931 at the Rural Heritage Fair in Ridgefield July 21.

be sorely missed.

"We will succeed and do something, but it might not be as glorious as it is right now today," Marini said. He noted it was important to remember the past in order for new generations to understand how far society has come technologically, pointing to how difficult it was just to get a gallon of milk produced back in the old days.

"It's really neat to see the old equipment that the old guys had to use to make that gallon of milk," Marini said.



Melvin Berry from Ridgefield works to make a wooden handle while at the Rural Heritage Fair in Ridgefield July 21.

Rosauers

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saying that the developers would turn over the building to Rosauers "substantially complete" in September, after which the grocer would furnish and equip the facility to be ready to operate. He said the first phase of the overall Discovery Ridge project cost about \$24 million.

Rosauers isn't the only company coming in through the first phase, as Maldonado said Oasis Dental, Rebound Medical, Edward Jones, Ichi Teriyaki, U.S. Nails and Tapped Brewhouse would be moving into additional buildings at the site. He expected those businesses to be up and running by January.

To the south of Phase 1, Maldonado said there will be a fueling station leased by Rosauers which will have a Brewed Awakenings next to it. He said it was the developer's



Construction crews work on the site of the future Rosauers grocery store in Ridgefield July 18.

goal to have it opened around the same time as the grocery.

Though he has developed projects across the state Maldonado said he had a sentimental connection to Ridgefield, having lived in the city for more than 30 years while raising his family. His personal investment made bringing Rosauers to the city important to him as he wanted to make sure Ridgefield would thrive in the coming years.

"It's tough for small towns in

this day and age," Maldonado remarked. "(For) me, I want to make sure that Ridgefield is still here when I'm dead and gone and my kids are here."

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Battle Ground gets 'Extreme'

Faith-based organization brings live music, skate competition to cap off Harvest Days

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Battle Ground Skate Park played host to hundreds Sunday as the nationally-touring Extreme Tour came to the city as the last event for the annual Harvest Days celebration.

Seven acts, ranging from more local, Portland-based musicians to even one artist from Canada, played near the skate park as others did tricks on skateboards, bikes and scooters in an event that was as much outreach as it was entertainment. The Extreme Tour is a nationally-touring event that features artists both signed and unsigned, providing free music to the places it stops.

The Extreme Tour Program Director Angelo Gonzales explained the organization has been around for 27 years, himself joining up in 2005. Though the tour has offices in California and Tennessee, he said it was founded in Salem.

Gonzales says the tour usually arrives at a city the day before the performance in order to do community outreach. The goal of the tour was to connect and lift up those who are struggling in any fashion, specifically youth.

Though the organization is ostensibly faith-based, Gonzales said they will work with any group that wants to support their community, though churches are often at the forefront of those pushes.

"We just want people to know that they're loved — that they matter," Gonzales said. In many cases the artists share their own stories to better connect with the audience. Gonzales, who performs hip-hop under the name Gallery Cat, recounted his own battles with depression as moving him to speak out.

"We've all been through some rough times (but) there is hope," Gonzales remarked. "There are people who want to share life with you, not in a 'tell you how to live' fashion but in a sense of 'let's figure this out together.'"

Sunday's event wasn't the first time The Extreme Tour had touched down in Battle Ground, having participated in an acoustic event last September. Though it was pouring rain, Gonzales said close to 50 showed up for the event.

"It was kind of a makeshift (thing), let's go see what Battle Ground's about," Gonzales recalled. "The kids here were really responsive."

That first event was brought in part due to the work of Renea Miller from Battle Ground. She was spurred to action after reaching out to local youth herself, seeing the tour as a way to do more. She connected with Church on the Rock to bring the tour proper for this year.

"It's amazing," Miller remarked at the turnout.

Gonzales said the impact of The Extreme Tour keeps him participating more than a decade in, remarking that after the tour comes through there's often a shift in the community atmosphere.

"There's this saying that sometimes you have to see somebody else love something before you love it yourself," Gonzales said, adding that the tour can be that catalyst.

Compared to come of the places the tour stops, Gonzales said that the love the community had for itself stood out in Battle Ground. Josh Calderon, the singer for Portland-area-based P1lot, said his group has been involved with The Extreme Tour for the past two years. He said the turnout for the day's event was one of the biggest he's seen while a part of the tour.

"Just the sense of community, it's been really, really cool," Calderon remarked about Battle Ground.



Idiomz performs with the help of three-year-old Paisley Porter at the Extreme Tour during Harvest Days July 21.



Che Place from Vancouver performs tricks on his skateboard while (left to right) Robyn Smith and Hailey Payne watch from above at the Battle Ground Skatepark during Harvest Days July 21.

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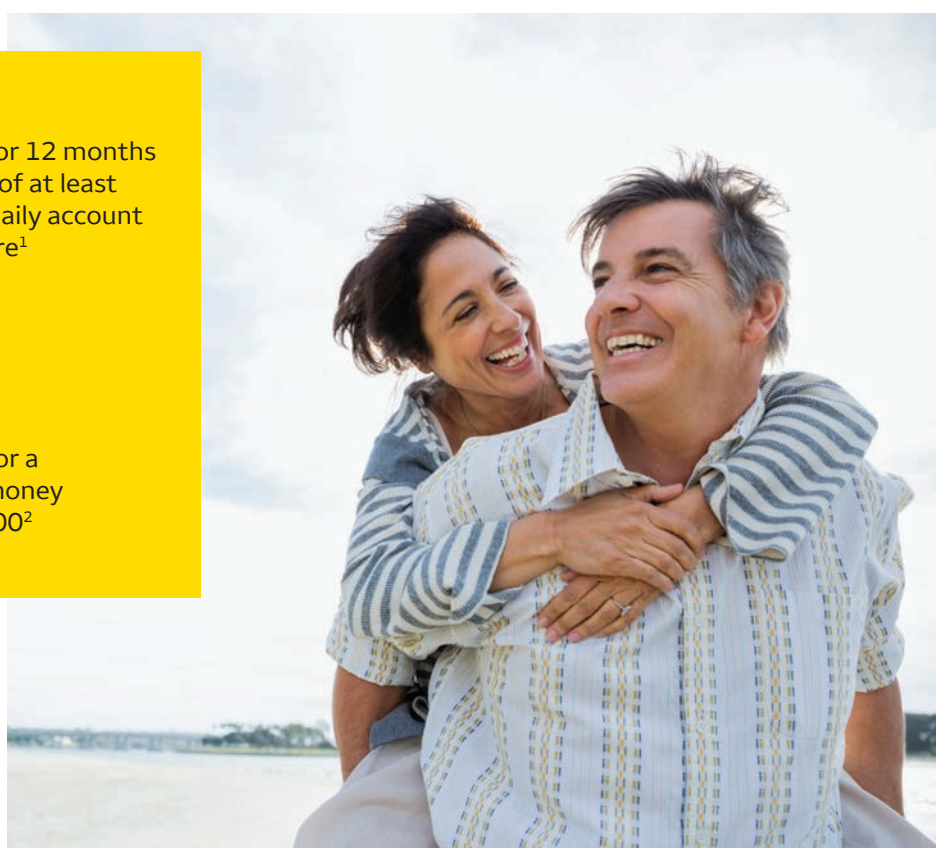
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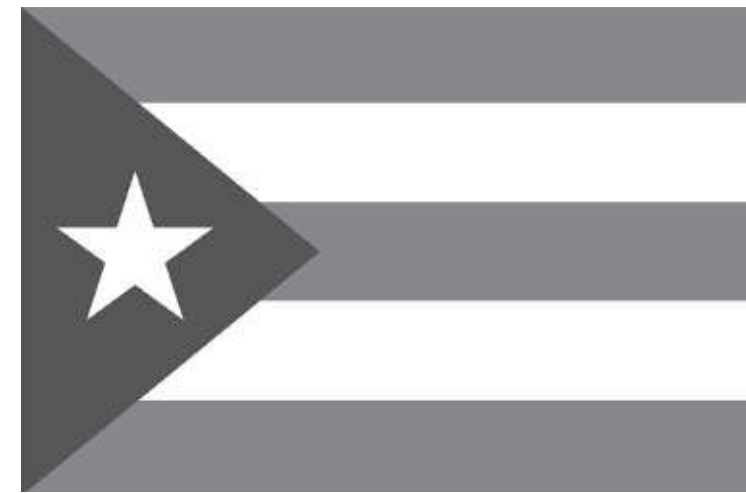
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In March 2016, the Idaho Senate, by voice vote, approved passage of the National Day of the Cowboy Bill, HCR038. This made Idaho the 11th state to insure permanent recognition for the fourth Saturday in July as a day to celebrate cowboy culture and pioneer heritage.



July 29 - NASA established

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Community Events

FREE SHOWING OF 'ANITA': 7 - 10 p.m., Wednesday, July 24, at Old Liberty Theater, 115 N Main Ave., Ridgefield. Documentarian Freida Lee Mock examines law professor Anita Hill's testimony at the Clarence Thomas' Supreme Court confirmation hearings and its two-decade-long aftermath in "Anita."

BATTLE GROUND FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, July 27, at Battle Ground Healing Arts, 408 E Main St. Battle Ground. Local farmers will sell fresh fruits, veggies, microgreens, organic meat, eggs and more. Some proceeds support local opiate recovery program.

BG ELKS LODGE BINGO: 1 p.m., Saturday, July 27, at Battle Ground Elks Lodge, 907 SE Grace Ave., Battle Ground. 50/50 drawing and Lucky E Pot for \$500. All ages welcome. Information: (360) 687-1230.

BGHS CLASS OF '74 REUNION: 4 p.m., Saturday, July 27 at the home of Joe Taylor, 10519 NE 314th St., Battle Ground. Classes of '73 and '75 are invited to attend. Information: Candi (Noorlun) Ehrich (360) 521-6209 or Vivian (Sutton) Witt: (360) 885-6527.

'ARRIVING AT THE WATER'S EDGE' ARTIST RECEPTION: 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Friday, August 2, on the sixth floor of the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St. Vancouver. "Arriving at the Water's Edge" is an art exhibit featuring the work of Kathleen Cosgrove, Don Gray and Tom Relth. It is on display at the Anstine Sixth Floor Gallery through Friday, Sept. 20.

AMBOY SUMMER BAZAAR: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday,

August 3, at the Mt. Valley Grange, 40107 NE 221st Ave., Amboy. Proceeds will help support theater students on their way to Scotland in 2020. Browse a variety of direct sales and handcrafted vendors with many items to sell.

PLAY IN THE PARK: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, August 3, in Downtown Ridgefield. Join for a day outdoors enjoying food, friendship, and fun. Used book sale, live music and performances, games with prizes, and a historical walking tour.

BASKET AND CORDAGE MAKING: 12 - 4 p.m., Saturday, August 3, at the Fort Vancouver Visitor Center, 1501 E Evergreen Blvd., Vancouver. Columbia Basin Basketry Guild will demonstrate basket and cordage for free. Guild members will show their work and also teach visitors how to make cordage. Visitors can use the cordage to create a bracelet.

LA CENTER ANNUAL ALL SCHOOL REUNION: 1 - 4 p.m., Sunday, August 4, at Summit Grove Lodge, 30810 NE Timmen Road, Ridgefield. Optional lunch buffet is available for \$16. For information call Judy Chipman at (360) 901-7667.

BATTLE GROUND'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: 6 - 8 p.m., Tuesday, August 6, at Kiwanis Park, 422 SW 2nd Ave. The free community-building event features fun activities, information, prizes and entertainment for the entire family.

FURNITURE FOR THOSE IN NEED: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday and Saturday, August 9 and 10, at Fourth Plain Church of the Nazarene, 16807 NE Fourth Plain Blvd. Church of the Nazarene in northeast Vancouver will soon be transformed into a large marketplace with all items being

offered without a price tag for those in need. The annual outreach of the church that has helped hundreds of people over the last three years by giving away clothes, toys, household items, appliances, and furniture.

WOODLAND CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, August 10 in Woodland. For one to have their garage sale added to the digital and paper map they must register on the Woodland Action Center website (woodlandaction.org/city-wide-garage-sale) under the City Wide Garage Sale tab. Deadline to register is August 3.

BGHS CLASS OF '89 REUNION: 6 p.m., Saturday, August 10 at Cerveza Factory, 11 N Parkway Ave., Battle Ground. Everyone will gather on the patio. Food and beverages not provided by reunion organizers. Information: thesprechers77@q.com

SENIOR MONTHLY POTLUCK: 11 a.m., Monday, August 12, at the Senior Center, 116 NE 3rd

Ave., Battle Ground. Cold potluck, Bring cool summer dishes. Organizers are also collecting jars of peanut butter to donate to the North County Food Bank.

FREE SHOWING OF 'REJECTS': 7 - 10 p.m., Sunday, August 28, at Old Liberty Theater, 115 N Main Ave., Ridgefield. This film aims to raise public consciousness around bullying.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BATTLE GROUND PUBLIC SCHOOLS: 6 p.m., Monday, July 22, at the Lewisville Campus, 406 NW Fifth Ave., Battle Ground.

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O My God...Thou Shalt Surely Die

There is a subject that's completely out of this world, and as Christians we're all very familiar with the premise of what the promise Jesus has Himself made available to us. Jesus has created each one of us in the womb of the woman, and in this creation, there is life. As we come forth and look all around us, we see and learn of many things that were also created and enjoy life in ways that seem to stretch our understanding as to how these things can be. And yet there it is before us, a living being, taking its place in this world, fulfilling its purpose as directed from the One that gave it life. As we all have learned from our early childhood, there comes a time when the creatures that were created for our enjoyment die. We have experienced this in our pets, some having a relatively short life span. At other times what we thought were our pets, we learned must die in order that they could be placed on the table to enjoy, say around Thanksgiving time, or stored away in the freezer. As we have matured, we have accepted death and its reality to those things that surround us that we come to love and later lose, as death comes between us.

Jesus came into this world far differently than you and me. He came to this world having an existence spoken of in John 17:5. "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was". Jesus is thee subject that is out of this world. Jesus did not originate here. Jesus was one with His Father before this world was spoken into life. Like some of our pets we have enjoyed for a long time, but lost through inevitable death, this earth which our Father created with the same power He created us and our pets, will also die. It is just taking longer for this to happen, like our gradual progression of years lost in the span of life in contrast to the antediluvian period. Psalms shares vital understanding with us in this area to help us learn where all of this is headed in Psalms 103:18-26.

"This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord. For he hath looked down from the height of His sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth; To hear the groaning of the prisoners; to loose those that are appointed to death...He weakened my strength in the way; He shortened my days. I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations. Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed". Also, Hebrews 1:8-12.

These verses let us in on what our Father in heaven is observing, as He is able to take in more than we ourselves perceive. Verse 20 calls us prisoners, "to loose those that are appointed to death". In this world we have noticed there is no escaping death that over takes all that has been given the gift of life. This is an easy subject to understand as we witness the effects of death and dying all around us. But there is one that doesn't want us to believe the totality of this, stated reality. And that's all it takes, that is how powerful the spoken word is. There are many subjects that come to our attention that we say to ourselves, how could someone believe or think in such a way. This is why Jesus became for us as the "Word". This is how we bring His Spirit into our heart and mind. Coupled with the "Comforter" His word is with power to resurrect and bring the dead to life. We don't come into this world knowing this but, we are born spiritually dead, void of His eternal life-giving virtue. Jesus came to correct this condition that none of us as "prisoners" can escape from. It's a very easy fix when you consider all that is asked of us. "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent", John 17:3. This life eternal is another subject that's out of this world, because it connects us with Jesus. I wish the story ended here but it doesn't. Just as the words of Jesus are to be a vital force in our faith and life, so have the words of the serpent, spoken to Eve in the Garden, and picked up by many churches, now have become a part of the faith and life of many that would consider God's word optional. Spiritualism speaks.

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Lifestyles Happenings

Chelatchie Prairie Railroad to host Train Robbery

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The Chelatchie Prairie Railroad is hosting its first train robbery weekend of the season on Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28. Guests will be a part of an action-filled train ride as “robbers” stop and board the train and make off with valuable coins and jewelry. The train makes a stop at

Moulton Station to view Yacolt Falls.

Trains will depart at noon and 2:30 each day from the Chelatchie Prairie Station at Northeast Railroad Ave., Yacolt. Tickets for the diesel excursion are \$18 per person, \$17 for military and seniors and \$12 for children and can be purchased at bycx.com.



Four days of Aloha

Join others for “Four days of Aloha” at Esther Short Park this weekend. Starting on July 25 with a “hula and craft workshop” from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Four Days of Aloha is a celebration of culture that culminates in the Ho’Ike and Hawaiian Festival at Esther Short Park. Keiki events, traditional Hawaiian games, and nose flute making are just some of the additional activities to be offered. For more information go to hawaiianfestivalpnw.com

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Hula dancing is an integral part of the culture celebrations at “Four days of Aloha.”

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A Raptors player runs towards first in the Ridgefield Raptors opening night game.

July 27 - Creature Feature

Prepare yourself for the ultimate reptile adventure as Steve Lattanzi teaches you about the fascinating world of reptiles from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. on July 27 at the Ridgefield Community Library, 210 N. Main Ave., Ridgefield. The experience is all interactive and recommended for those aged 4 and up.



Steve Lattanzi teaches kids about reptiles.

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MOVIE SUMMARIES

(SAT. 7/20 ONLY) APOLLO 11: Peter Parker’s relaxing European vacation takes an unexpected turn when Nick Fury suddenly shows up in his hotel room. Parker soon finds himself donning the Spider-Man suit to help Fury and fellow superhero Misterio battle an evil new threat.

SPIDER-MAN: FAR FROM HOME (PG13)

CRAWL (R)
 When a massive hurricane hits her Florida town, young Haley ignores the evacuation orders to search for her missing father, Dave. After finding him gravely injured in their family home, the two of them become trapped by the rapidly encroaching floodwaters. With the storm strengthening, Haley and Dave discover an even greater threat than the rising water level -- a relentless attack from a pack of gigantic alligators.

DISNEY’S ALADDIN (PG)
 Young Aladdin embarks on a magical adventure after finding a lamp that releases a wisecracking genie.

STUBER (R)
 A quick-tempered cop who’s recovering from eye surgery recruits a mild-mannered Uber driver to help him catch the heroin dealer who murdered his partner. The mismatched pair soon find themselves in for a wild day of stakeouts and shootouts as they pursue violent criminals through the seedy streets of Los Angeles.

(PREMIERES 7/25) ONCE UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD (R)
 Actor Rick Dalton gained fame and fortune by starring in a 1950s television Western, but is now struggling to find meaningful work in a Hollywood that he doesn’t recognize anymore. He spends most of his time drinking and palming around with Cliff Booth, his easygoing best friend and longtime stunt double. Rick also happens to live next door to Roman Polanski and Sharon Tate -- the filmmaker and budding actress whose futures will forever be altered by members of the Manson Family.

****THE LION KING (PG)**
 Simba idolizes his father, King Mufasa, and takes to heart his own royal destiny. But not everyone in the kingdom celebrates the new cub’s arrival. Scar, Mufasa’s brother -- and former heir to the throne -- has plans of his own. The battle for Pride Rock is soon ravaged with betrayal, tragedy and drama, ultimately resulting in Simba’s exile. Now, with help from a curious pair of newfound friends, Simba must figure out how to grow up and take back what is rightfully his.

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Q *Battle Ground City Councilor Philip Johnson (in office since 2011) is facing two opponents in the coming election who disagree with Washington's new gun law, I-1639. The majority of Battle Ground voters voted against the initiative last year, but it was passed with a state-wide vote.*

Johnson is standing by enforcing the law. He said that going against the initiative would equate to voter nullification given its state-wide approval.

Do you believe Johnson's commitment to upholding the law will hurt him in the election?

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City of Battle Ground thanks community

We want to thank the Battle Ground community for participating in the recent fire/EMS annexation survey. The results showed that residents want to maintain quality emergency services as our community grows, and they consider Clark County Fire District 3 to be a trusted provider.

Battle Ground is the only city that contracts for emergency services in our area. This means the City funds the fire/EMS contract and other services (such as police, streets and parks maintenance) all through its property tax levy.

The current fire/EMS contract will exceed the City's property tax collection revenues by 2021. Emergency service levels would have to be reduced for the City to maintain a balanced budget. That's why the City will be asking voters to annex to the Fire District in 2020.

Under annexation, property owners would pay the Fire District directly. All property owners would pay the same rate for service. City residents would also be able to vote on fire commissioners, levies and bonds which they currently can't do.

It is a priority of the City to provide quality emergency services for our community as it grows. In the next several months, we will be working on the details with Fire District 3 and sharing more information regarding potential annexation. We welcome your questions.

Erin Erdman

Battle Ground City Manager

Another salmon lesson ahead

Remember salmon recovery projections? They stalled and spawning fish declined but not excuses. This federal blanket policy worked in reverse.

Sharing wild salmon to feed Orcas may never increase, so any verbal promise means more money spent on proven no-gain projects, programs not sustaining enough to feed a fly after decades.

Hatch boxes and stream enhancement were omitted by ESA and hatchery reform. Then hatchery smolt reduction sent salmon into a tailspin. This hit like a wrecking ball to spawning fish. Wild fish, sensationalized and overworked, blocked or eliminated proven better solutions. Fish are in double trouble in nature and hatchery fish, our only successful venture, has been squandered. Management unfairly judges them unreasonable to spawn. Hatchery fish, shown every time a winner when utilized elsewhere, have been rejected here. Why does management not use this living and controllable selective choice on demand and give us a win? Replacement for river spawning fish will become a recovery lesson to learn. Culverts with simple adaptations could save millions. Hatch boxes connected to culverts are sensible but denied. Over-restrictive losses can end using simple adaptable choices. Jumpstart river spawning then be selective in several ways with abundance.

Larry Carey

Vancouver

Washington's wolves deserve better than a bullet, Gov. Inslee



Sophia Ressler

Northeast Washington's wild public lands are full of rocky slopes and forested valleys. It's perfect habitat for our state's endangered wolves. But this rough, unpredictable terrain offers little if any prime grazing grounds for cattle.

Yet the for-profit livestock industry still insists on letting loose its cattle in public areas completely inappropriate for cows — knowing they'll lose some as a result. And state wildlife managers have gunned down nearly two dozen wolves to placate ranchers who don't want to share the landscape with these magnificent animals.

Washington residents have spoken loud and clear in support of wolves, with 71 percent of those polled saying they support recovery in the state. Now, we need Gov. Inslee to rein in his Fish and Wildlife Department and make sure no more wolves are killed here.

But the governor has failed to respond to urgent pleas from the public and conservation groups to stop the slaughter of Washington's wolves. As someone working to help restore wolves here, I'm hopeful he'll step up and end these killings.

Meanwhile, the deaths continue. Washington and its residents became a little poorer earlier this month after the Fish and Wildlife Department decided to shoot one more of the state's beloved wolves over a livestock conflict. For the second year in a row, the department decided to kill a member of the Old Profanity Territory pack, which ranges outside Colville.

Better solutions exist. State and federal officials could find an alternate grazing allotment that isn't such fantastic wolf habitat. Allowing livestock to feed on public lands comes at little cost to the livestock industry, but it exacts a heavy toll on wolves and the people that want to see them recovered here.

The state has killed 23 wolves, a staggering 20 percent of the currently known small population of only 126 animals. Nineteen were killed to pacify a single livestock owner, and 18 of the wolves killed for him were on lands belonging to the public. These killings

need to stop, and wildlife managers should meet to figure out where the best places are to graze cattle in this wild country or discuss other potential solutions to this grave problem.

We know the region is notoriously bad for livestock. Wildlife officials claim non-lethal deterrents are already being used, but the correct ones need to be used in that terrain. Just because one method is on the department's checklist does not mean it is effective for that particular location.

And deterrents need to be implemented properly. In this wolf-friendly terrain with dense forests, downed timber and otherwise sparse vegetation, cows can't find enough to eat without spreading out across the land. This makes it impossible to monitor all the cattle, stop them from getting trapped in bogs and fallen trees and prevent them from being preyed upon.

The refusal of Gov. Inslee's wildlife managers to rethink grazing allotments is part of a larger problem: managing wildlife for political and financial interests, instead of following the best available science.

Here in Washington, politicians and a deep-pocketed livestock industry are driving those decisions. This ugly dynamic, which has killed so many wolves recently, is what wiped out these animals a century ago.

By the 1930s, every known wolf in Washington was hunted down and destroyed as part of a national eradication program by the federal government. That was done on behalf of the same livestock industry now working to reverse our state's stutter steps toward wolf recovery.

Gov. Inslee must stand up for the wolves that call this wild state home — and for his constituents who overwhelmingly support wolf recovery, not killing these majestic animals.

Sophia Ressler is Washington wildlife advocate and a staff attorney with the Center for Biological Diversity. She is a Washington native with a J.D. from Pace Law School with a certificate in environmental law. She has spent her career working on a variety of issues in Washington state, from water pollution control to wildlife management and many things in between.

Investment in rural business vital to global economy

It's a story I've heard too many times in my own life and in the lives of the many small business owners I meet:

Person grows up in a small town. Person moves to a city or urban area for college or work. Person yearns to return to the small-town life they love or return to raise their children in the same environment they grew up. However, a lack of job opportunities makes this American Dream unattainable.

While it's heartening to see many of our region's major metropolitan areas flourish in this unprecedented booming economy, we need to include investment in rural

communities as well.

Forty-six million people live in rural America. And according to the U.S. Census Bureau, 54% of counties in Washington state are defined as rural — a substantial segment.

Rural small businesses make a huge and critical impact on our state's economy, the U.S. economy, and even the global economy. For

instance, of the top 10 exports from the state of Washington, six are agricultural products.

While traditional rural sectors such as agriculture, mining and manufacturing employ a smaller percentage of the population than before,

they continue to anchor the economies of more than half of the nation's counties, including right here in our own backyard.

Our strength depends on our rural communities' ability to thrive in the new global economy, build and attract an educated workforce, expand its population base, and use its diverse and abundant natural resources to provide food, fiber, forest products, energy and recreation.

Rural communities face economic challenges different from those in urban areas. Access to public transportation, housing, higher education and job training may limit rural areas' abilities to thrive economically.

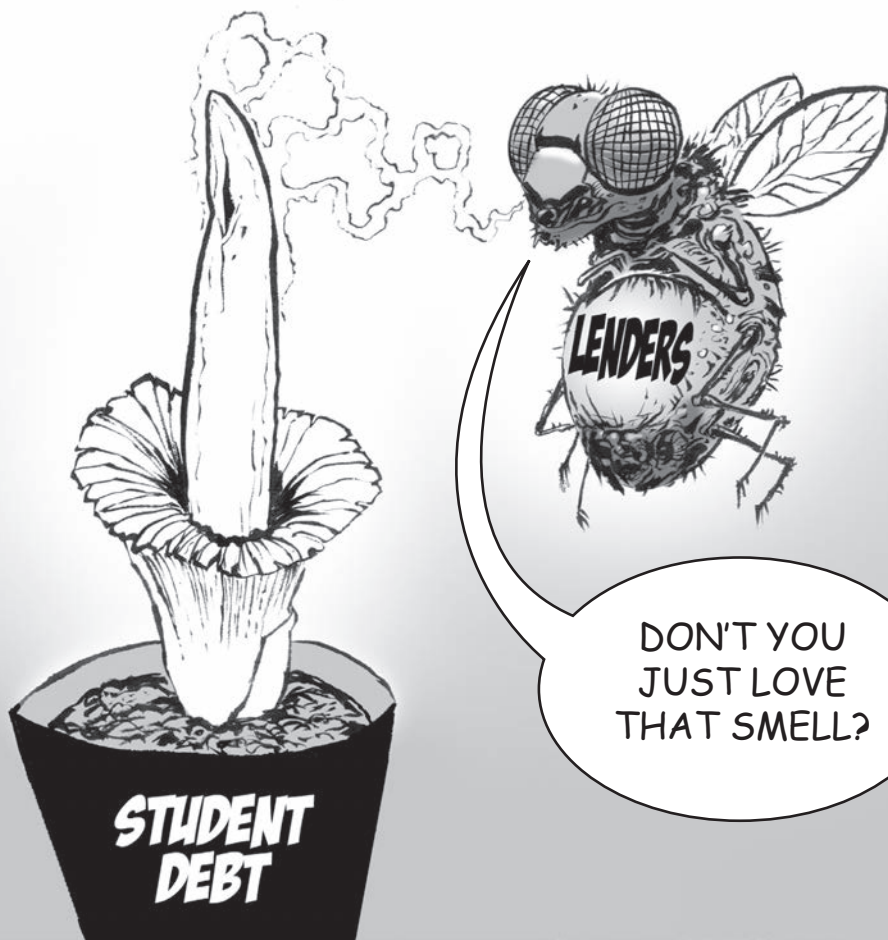
Resourcefulness, innovation, common-sense problem-solving and a reverence for hard work are familiar attributes of people in rural areas. They're also

the attributes of successful entrepreneurs.

Jeremy Field is the Regional Administrator for the U.S. Small Business Administration Pacific Northwest Region.



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Prettiest Mower Sam Williams of Glenoma	Log Roll 1st - Ben Clark 2nd - Kyle Beasley 3rd - Aaron Brown
Best Rollover Tom Lindblom of Battle Ground	Men's Choker Set 1st - Zach Brown 2nd - Arthur Fetter 3rd - Justin Mackey
Open Class A Main Event 1st - Chad Kuschel of Amboy, 2nd - Dayton Bailey of Sedro Woolley 3rd - Tom Lindblom of Battle Ground	Women's Choker Set 1st - Beverly Frick 2nd - Martha Nicholas
8 HP Class A Main Event 1st - Chad Kuschel of Amboy 2nd - Kyle Thorson of Battle Ground 3rd - Tom Lindblom of Battle Ground	Modified Saw 1st - Aaron Brown 2nd - Travis Hafner 3rd - Kyle McKee
Women's Main Event 1st - Kristi Thorson of Vancouver 2nd - Courtney Nicholson of Sedro Woolley 3rd - Brenda Olstad of Amboy	Obstacle Choker Set Over Water 1st - Ben Clark 2nd - Ryland Popke 3rd - Kyle Beasley
2019 Amboy Territorial Days Log Show Results	Obstacle Pole Over Water 1st - Ben Clark 2nd - Aaron Brown 3rd - Ryland Popke
Mens all around Ben Clark	High Climb 1st - Ben Clark 2nd - Ryland Popke 3rd - Aaron Brown
Women's All Around Martha Nicholas	Youth Results
Men's Ax Throw 1st - Greg Brown 2nd - Mike Nicholas 3rd - Eilis Knutson	Ax Throw - Ages 6 - 9 1st - Travin Harris 2nd - Jaelyn Anderson
Women's Ax Throw 1st - Jeri Martinez 2nd - Martha Nicholas 3rd - Krysta Miller	Ax Throw - Ages 10 - 13 1st - Russell Brown 2nd - Audrey Joner 3rd - Ethan Joner
Double Buck 1st - Mike Nicholas and Mike Truong 2nd - Denton Clarke and Justin Mackey 3rd - Ben Clark and John Clark	Ax Throw - Ages 14 - 17 1st - Brett Joner 2nd - Tori Passagila 3rd - Prairie Brown
Jack and Jill 1st - Mike and Marth Nicholas 2nd - Jeff and Kenna Fetter 3rd - Dan Huizenga and Becca Burbank	Choker Set - Ages 6-9 1st - Jaelyn Anderson 2nd - Wyatt Richards 3rd - Travin Harris
Jill and Jill 1st - Martha Nicholas and Melani Keel 2nd - Kenna Fetter and Becca Burbank 3rd - Beverly Frick and Alyson Pedersen	Choker Set - Ages 10 - 13 1st - Russell Brown 2nd - Ethan Joner 3rd - Audrey Joner
Chain Race 1st - Greg Brown	Choker Set - Ages 14 - 17 1st - Cassandra Goble
	High Climb - Age Group 10 - 13 1st - Ethan Joner 2nd - Audrey Joner

Raptors nest

Ridgefield Raptors scores and upcoming games

Last week's scores

July 16 vs. Seattle Highline Bears: 3-2 Raptors

July 17 vs. Seattle Highline Bears: 16-0 Raptors

July 19 vs. Portland Pickles: 5-2 Raptors

July 20 vs. Portland Pickles: 12-5 Pickles

July 21 vs. Portland Pickles: 12-3 Pickles

Upcoming home games

July 24, Northwest Star Academy at Ridgefield Raptors. July 25 and 26, Victoria Harbourcats at Ridgefield Raptors.

6:35 pitch for all days at the Ridgefield Outdoor Recreation Complex (RORC) 3101 S Hillhurst Rd, Ridgefield.

Purchase tickets: ridgefieldraptors.com or (360) 887-0787 or at the gate before the game

Raptors overall record

17-20 (fourth in south division)

7th-inning stretch

Three Raptors headed to all-star game as team heads into the second half of the season

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Throughout their inaugural season, the Ridgefield Raptors have reaped the rewards of a blowout and felt the pain of a losing streak.

"I think it's been great. Being a new team in the league and playing the schedule we've played, mainly on the road, I think our guys have handled it well and it's been a lot of fun for everybody," Chris Cota, head coach for the Raptors said.

At seven weeks into the 11-week season, the Raptors are fourth in the south division with a league record 17-20.

"I think the play of certain guys, like the three all-star guys, have played well and I think everybody has stepped up to the challenge of the grind of the summer team," Cota said.

Three Ridgefield Raptors, Carter Benbrook, Michael Hicks and Steve Ramirez were selected for the West Coast League All-Star game slated for Tuesday, July 23 in Bend.

Benbrook, a pitcher, has played and started six games for the Raptors. Of his 35 innings pitched, he has racked up 25 strikeouts and only allowed 10 runs.

Hicks, an outfielder, is one of the Raptors' most dominant hitters with a batting average of .314. Hicks has slammed five home runs and 32 hits in his 102 at-bats for the Raptors. Hicks is scheduled to participate in the West Coast League Home Run Derby before the start of the All-Star game on July 23.

Steve Ramirez, a catcher, has put up some good numbers when he's on the other side of the plate, with a batting average of .301. He's racked up 28 hits and three home runs in his 93 at-bats.

"It's a great honor and pretty cool to represent the first Raptors squad out there," Hicks said.

As for the season so far,



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Left to right: Catcher Steve Ramirez, pitcher Carter Benbrook and outfielder Michael Hicks from outfield pose are headed for the West Coast League All-Star game this Tuesday.



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Outfielder Michael Hicks bats during practice for the Raptors, in Ridgefield, July 17.

Hicks said that while they started off strong, the team hit a lull in the middle, "when it usually happens."

"It's tough to keep that energy up, but I think we're kind of hitting our stride again," Hicks said. "It's just a long summer."

Ramirez and Benbrook echoed Hicks' statements of the midseason lull and long summers. "Summer ball compared to college ball is a totally different grind," Ramirez said. "While you're out here it's just baseball. You're playing like six sometimes seven days a week."

Although they are starting to feel the grind, the three talked highly of the experience they've had on the team and the people they have met.

"It's a lot more fun during the summer; You don't have practice and you're not worried about your GPA and stuff," Hicks said when asked how West Coast

League summer ball is different than college baseball. "(There's) Just a lot less to worry about. There's more opportunities for everybody to get innings and at-bats."

"It's been pretty cool getting to know everybody and learn guys' playstyle. We really cherish those off days. It makes you appreciate the time you do have to get back to your mental state," Hicks concluded.

The Raptors are headed into a ten-game run after the all-star game and the group said that remaining consistent in the long streaks has been one of the greatest challenges this summer.

"I think staying consistent to your approach day in and day out," Hicks said about the adversities of the long months. "You're dealing with that adversity of being on the road. Don't let the highs get too high and the lows get too low."

Woodland City Council reaffirms stance against 'Blooms to Brews'

Permit was denied in June after complaints of public, city workers

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By keeping silent during its July 15 meeting, the Woodland City Council reaffirmed its stance against allowing Get Bold Events a 2020 permit for a multi-part foot race in the city.

The reconsideration follows a dispute between the city and Get Bold Events' handling of the 2019

"Blooms to Brews" event.

Get Bold Events, based in Battle Ground, has been hosting Blooms to Brews in Woodland since 2013 when it was just a half-marathon and 10K run. Since its inception, Blooms to Brews has added a 5K, marathon-relay and marathon. According to Elba Benzler, executive director of Get Bold Events, the runs bring in about 2,000 people.

"I'd like to apologize on behalf of myself and all involved with the Blooms to Brews marathon for any lack of respect or courtesy we have shown," Benzler told the city council. "We have somehow let you down, and I am asking for a chance to make it right."

In his allotted five minute period, Benzler mentioned the commerce and revenue the event brings the city. From booked

hotels to increased sales at the Woodland AMPM. "We have many local businesses that sponsor this event as well," Benzler said, bringing up businesses such as AMPM, Luckman's Coffee and West Coast Training.

The request to reconsider the event comes after the Woodland City Council denied Get Bold its 2020 permit in June after a recommendation from Mayor Will Finn.

According to Finn, the recommendation to deny the event followed complaints from citizens and businesses in the city as well as multiple planning reasons such as inadequate signage, unlawful additional road closures and the organization's failure to follow the traffic control plan.

Benzler concluded his five minute statement at the council meeting by mentioning how Blooms to Brews has helped with Woodland kids programs such as band and dance. Benzler also mentioned that 20.9% of the current 2020 signups are Woodland residents.

After a few others got up to state their case for Blooms to Brews, the council moved on without any motion to put forward a vote reconsider allowing the 2020 event.

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Yacolt author spreads message of healing through children's book

'The Healing You Can Do' launched June 21

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"Dedicated to survivors of trauma everywhere: you are a miracle, and you can make it through. 'The Healing You Can Do' was written for you."

Yacolt author Meghan Hindi opens her children's book about overcoming abuse and trauma with these words.

"Whether you have survived trauma, sexual, physical, verbal, emotional abuse or any other event that left you to question your inherent value, please know that you are not defined by those experiences," she later writes.

The reader is first introduced to joy as a child is born at the beginning of the book. Using bright colors and happy emotions, the first few pages follow a child through her birth and start of life, meeting people and exploring the world.

Hindi and her artist Katie M. Berggren then explore the effects of trauma at a young age, as the child, whom Hindi calls "her hero," suffers a traumatic experience.

"No matter how you were wounded, the pain can strike so deep. It can feel like you don't know whether to cry, eat or sleep," Hindi writes as the reader sees a spread of pages with a black and dark color scheme.

"It goes from light to dark to light," Hindi explained during an interview with The Reflector last week. "I believe each of us are born and our existence to the universe is precious and incredible and celebrated. The world obviously affects us in a variety of different ways and trauma and abuse happen."

The book then follows the



Meghan Hindi speaks about her book with The Reflector Newspaper while at Old Town Battle Grounds July 18.

I was thinking about the amount of transformation I had found and I was thinking about how I could have gotten there sooner. All of a sudden I asked myself 'what did I need to hear when I was a child?' and something whispered in my ear, almost audibly, the first few pages of this book."

— *Megan Hindi,*
Author

girl through the healing experience. "As you grow beyond that moment, as you work to let it go, please take care of yourself," she writes. "Remember, take it slow."

The story then follows the child through pages where descriptions and illustrations get brighter and brighter, using colors as a tool of storytelling.

The words of the book never make any mention to gender or age, a detail Hindi states was on purpose.

"It speaks to the spirit of the human being," she said of her character and mentioned that she and Berggren attempted to just make the character a spirit instead of a girl but had a hard time doing it.

"Anywhere you see turbulence is really her power



PHOTO BY MARY BROTEN

The cover for Megan Hindi's book, "The Healing You Can Do".

against the world," Hindi explains of the character and her spirit. "We tried to put it in every page."

Hindi was inspired to write a book following the birth of her second child.

"My goal is to always provide myself with the most healing experience for whatever I'm dealing with at the time," she said, adding that at the time of her second birth she was coping with sexual and emotional trauma from her childhood. "I found incredible healing though that (giving birth)."

Hindi found the core of her inspiration two months after

the birth of her second child.

"I was thinking about the amount of transformation I had found and I was thinking about how I could have gotten there sooner," Hindi explained. "All of a sudden I asked myself 'what did I need to hear when I was a child?' and something whispered in my ear, almost audibly, the first few pages of this book."

"This character is based in every experience I've ever had even to becoming so transformed — you can learn to love the world," Hindi explained. "This is on my wall because it's my goal for the rest of my life," Hindi said while pointing at the book's final pages. "It's on my wall because I want to remember to love everyone."

'The Healing You Can Do' made its debut in June of this year and is available at thehealingyoucando.com and on Amazon.

Although Hindi originally wrote and dedicated the book to children experiencing trauma in their life, she has found that her book has helped more than just children.

Along with being an author, Hindi advocates for women empowerment through the childbearing process and lives on a property in Yacolt where she cares for rescued animals.

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How to stay healthy when the air is smoky

NICHOLAS WYSHAM, MD
For The Reflector

Breathe easy, impact of smoke manageable

Forest fires are the new normal during Washington summers. They fill the air with a disheartening amount of smoke and haze and raise a lot of questions: Should I keep my kids inside? Is it still okay to exercise? Will this cause long-term harm?

These are all reasonable concerns. Wildfires create particulate matter in the air, which can lodge itself in the lower airways. The lungs are designed to deal with a certain burden, but when there are too many particles the lungs have a hard time expelling them. The good news is that, for most healthy people, the impact of a few days or weeks of smoke is likely minimal.



Nicholas Wysham

The amount of smoke most people breathe in when a nearby forest burns isn't enough to lead to a chronic condition. Individuals may feel some short-term effects, however. A mild cough is common. Athletes may not have the same exercise capacity. And it's often best for everyone to adjust how much time they spend outdoors by following the advice of public health experts.

Both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's AirNow website and the Washington Department of Ecology's Air Monitoring Network show how clean the air is throughout the state and what level of activity they recommend.

Exercise is important to over-

all health. If pollution hasn't reached the "red" or "unhealthy" level, and you aren't feeling any ill effects, go ahead and enjoy your regular activities. If the air quality is rated "unhealthy" it's probably best to avoid that outdoor jog or long bike ride. Remember, you can always shift to indoor exercises until the smoke clears. It's important to listen to your body and adjust based on how it's responding.

Plan more indoor activities

Children may feel the effects of smoke before adults do, so be sure to watch them and see how they are responding. When the air quality is questionable, look for indoor activities rather than plan a whole day outside. Reactive airway disease is common in children under age 8. To prevent a flare-up, and to potentially reduce the possibility of the disease progressing into an asthma diag-

nosis, it's better to keep kids with this health issue inside.

Adults with underlying respiratory conditions including COPD and asthma should also stay inside when the air quality is poor. Smoke particles can irritate the airways, causing wheezing and excess mucus.

Putting a new air filter in the furnace, running an air purifier, setting the air conditioning to recirculate, and using a HEPA filter (which can trap more airborne particles), can help keep indoor air quality at its best when smoke is bad.

Get concerns checked out

Sometimes a stretch of smoky days can bring undiagnosed lung conditions to light or prompt patients to get more help controlling their asthma or COPD. If you have consistent respiratory problems, feel significantly impaired, or have to take days off work

when it's smoky, you should be formally evaluated.

While the Northwest has generally good air quality, people are often lulled into thinking it's better than it is. Vehicles create pollution that can get trapped on the valley floor due to our air patterns. Mold can cause indoor air issues in winter. Receiving an accurate diagnosis and getting help managing your condition can help you feel better throughout the year—not just when it's smoky.

If you have concerns about your respiratory health, talk to your primary care provider and ask for a referral. Always seek immediate medical attention for severe breathing issues.

Dr. Nicholas Wysham is a pulmonologist practicing at Vancouver Clinic. He focuses on caring for patients with advanced lung disease with an emphasis on improving quality of life.

Affordable health screenings coming to Battle Ground

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Residents living in and around Battle Ground can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic conditions with affordable screenings from Life Line Screening. The Battle Ground Community United Methodist Church, located at 10300 NE 199th St., Battle

Ground, is hosting a screening event on August 16.

Screening packages start at \$149. Consultants will be available to work with attendees to create a package that is right for them. Screenings can check for plaque buildup in arteries, risk of diabetes, kidney function and more.

Pre-registration is required. Call (216) 518-8456 or email jreizes@llsa.com to registers.

Fight off mosquitoes with these tips

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Not only are they a nuisance, but mosquitoes can also pose a serious health threat to people. Disease can be spread to people through the bite of an infected mosquito. Over 40 different mosquito species can be found in Washington, and many are vectors for diseases, such as West Nile virus, western equine encephalitis and St. Louis encephalitis.

In the past, sporadic outbreaks of western equine encephalitis and St. Louis encephalitis had occurred in Washington afflicting hundreds of people. These mosquito-borne disease outbreaks prompted the development of many mosquito control districts in our state. Today, with the emergence of West Nile virus, mosquito control and bite prevention remain key in protecting public health.

Mosquitoes can also spread Zika. Only two types of mosquitoes, *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*, are known to spread the virus to people. However, these mosquitoes are not found in Washington.

The best way to protect against mosquito-borne disease is to prevent mosquito bites. Take these steps:

Avoid mosquito bites

Make sure windows and doors are "bug tight." Repair or replace screens.



Stay indoors from dusk to dawn, if possible, when mosquitoes are the most active.

Wear a long sleeve shirt, long pants, and a hat when going into mosquito-infested areas, such as wetlands or woods.

Use mosquito repellent when necessary. Read the label and carefully follow instructions. Take special care when using repellent on children.

Don't give mosquitos a home

Empty anything that holds

standing water — old tires, buckets, plastic covers, and toys.

Change water in your bird-baths, fountains, wading pools and animal troughs at least twice weekly.

Recycle unused containers that may collect water — bottles, cans, and buckets.

Make sure roof gutters drain properly and clean clogged gutters in the spring and fall.

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I will always be grateful for the opportunity I had to work with you and learn from you. It is my hope that our paths will stay connected.

Again, I thank you for the many positive memories I have from our sessions together.

Kristen Clearwater, TTMT

Lifestyles Our Days

La Center Our Days aims to bring back 'old country feeling'

Take a look at what's happening at this year's event

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The yearly La Center Our Days is back this year and organizers plan to make it feel like the old days.

"Our purpose for Our Days is really to bring the city people with the rural people together and have an old fashioned meet and greet," Festival Director Wendy Chord said. "We want to make it fun and have as many people as we can."

According to Chord, the goal for Our Days this year is to bring it back to the old country feeling of years past with events like the Cakewalk and Cow Pie Bingo.

"It is extremely country old school," she said.

While there are no new additions this year, Chord said La Center is "trying to find its niche" with this theme. "I think what it comes down to is we just don't want to get into the commercialism (of big events)," she later added.

Friday, July 26

The event starts Friday night at Sternwheeler park with a showing of the movie "LEGO Movie 2" at dusk, with a Saturday full of festivities to follow.

Saturday, July 27

Saturday's festivities kick off with a 5K Fun Run at Holley Park, 1000 E Fourth St., La Center.

Pre-registration for the 5K run is \$30 and includes a free meal at the end. Pre-registration is only available until July 25 and can be done at lacenterourdays.com. Day of registration is \$35.

Following the fun run is the "A Pirate's Life For Me" grand parade at 10 a.m. Three years ago, the time for the parade was changed from a Friday night "Twilight Parade" to a Saturday morning parade. According to organizers, the parade was moved to the morning slot because "there is more participation on a Saturday morning" instead of Friday evening after work.

The parade starts at 10 a.m. Saturday morning at the La Center Church, 111 E 5th St., La Center and ends at Holley Park,

IF YOU GO

When: Friday, July 26 at dusk, and Saturday, July 27 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: July 26 at Sternwheeler Park, 100 W 4th St., La Center, and Saturday at Holley Park, 1000 E 4th St., La Center.

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— Wendy Chord, Festival Director

where the rest of the day's festivities are taking place. Registration for the parade is \$15 for a personal entry, \$25 for business and \$50 for political. Registration is free for those who pre-register for the car show. Register at lacenterourdays.com.

According to Chord, there are no changes to the car show this year. However, the La Center car show is unique because there is not an age limit on the cars that can enter and the show even features a 21-and-younger category for young drivers and their cars. "They've souped 'em up and fixed them up," Chord said. "It's a little bit of everything."

The car show takes place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. along with a slew of other events like the Kids Zone, Beer Garden, BBQ Lunch and Cow Pie Bingo. "We have an area flagged off and people come and they can buy a square," Chord explained about Cow Pie Bingo, an event where people place money on where they think a cow will poop in a given area. A roped off area with a cow in it has numbered squares that correspond with numbers on a board.

"It sounds kind of corny and dorky, but it's country and it's fun," she said.

At noon is the Beautiful Baby Contest.

"On any given day we will usually have 30-40 babies, as long as it isn't too hot," con-



Jake Shannon ducks as Giant Jenga blocks fall during Our Days last year.

test coordinator Linda Tracy said. "Our age divisions are 0-7 months, 8-12 months and 13-18 months. We have a winner in each division as well as a high point grand champion."

The winners of the 17th Miss Teen La Center Pageant: Queen Skylar House and Princesses Leah Lee, Joslyn Grek-Porter, Dayna Hines and Anastasia Sneeringer are the judges. There

is no pre-registration necessary for the contest and parents and babies show up at 11:45 a.m. for the noon contest.

Also happening is a cakewalk, an event Chord said was "surprisingly popular" after its addition last year. This year, the library (located across the street from the park) will be hosting the cakewalk at 1 p.m.

"What we've tried to do is

(bring back) the things that are kind of lost," she said.

It's events like this that Chord said brings the community back to its roots and celebrations of old times.

"We tried to still keep that small town feel and also try to bring the rural people into the city because it's their city too," Chord said. "We've tried to keep it old fashioned."



Left to right: Princess Leah Lee, Princess Joslyn Grek-Porter, Queen Skylar House, Princess Dayna Hines and Princess Anastasia Sneeringer.



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Lifestyles History

'Legacy of Valor'



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WWII Veteran Dorothy Dwyer passed away July 3 at 98. She was a long-time resident of Ridgefield.

Ridgefield WWII veteran passes away at 98

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On July 16, a gathering of friends and family celebrated the life of World War II veteran and master gardener Dorothy Frances Dwyer. Spectators congregated at the historic Covington House in Vancouver as members of the American Legion Post 44 carried flags for a full military funeral. The United States Armed Forces bugle call, taps, played as emotions filled the air.

Following the presentation of a folded American Flag and an American Legion Riders coin to two of Dwyer's children, heart-filled singing flourished as nearly 50 people at the private event sang "In The Garden," a gospel song written in 1913 — just eight years before Dwyer's birth.

Dorothy Frances Dwyer was born on February 12, 1921. Her family and friends say she lived a life of service and valor.

"If you were to have ever met my mom, and things you might read and learn about her, is that she was very humble. She was a servant and a giver in every facet of her life," MaryAnn Holbert, Dwyer's youngest daughter said. "She had this tremendous ability to manage herself in the most professional and upstanding way."

In 1942, at just over 20 years old, Dwyer (née Grassby) enlisted in what was then known as the Women's Army Auxiliary Corp. (now known as the Women's Army Corps.). She went to Fort Des Moines, Iowa for basic training.

According to her family, Dwyer and seven other women served directly under general and future president Dwight D. Eisenhower in World War II as a part of the nerve center or "eyes only program" in Algiers, North Africa. In the program, Dwyer was told to "forget



PHOTO BY MARY BROTEN

Terry Dwyer (left) receives an American Legion Riders coin from Daniel Halverson while at his mother's celebration of life in Vancouver July 16. The coin traveled with riders and as it is passed each one says a prayer or takes a moment of thought in honor of the fallen hero. The coin was presented on behalf of the American Legion family.



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Dorothy Dwyer during Christmas 2018 with her 9-month-old great-granddaughter, Lillian.

everything she ever saw or heard" as she was a speed typist and decoded the information from Washington D.C. to General Eisenhower.

Mentioned at the funeral and in further interviews with family and friends, Dwyer vividly recalled being courted by a handsome and young soldier who brought her red roses and took her on a date. This dinner date was interrupted as the soldier she was with got arrested for being a German spy. Friends and family members remember her being quick to state "he got no information from me" when she told the story.

"She may have only served for two years, but that ends up being so important for the next 90 plus years," Bryan Laycoe, past commander of American Legion Post 44, said after talking about Dwyer's experience writing letters for the families of soldiers killed or missing in World War II. "No two letters could be the same."

Dwyer continued to serve in the Armed Forces until 1945 but in the eyes of her friends, family and those around her, she never stopped serving.

"The importance of Dorothy in the later part of her life was this service that she continued; embracing this legacy of valor," Laycoe said.

Dorothy served for the American Legion Post 44 for the past 10 years of her life while she lived in Ridgefield, Washington, continuing her actions in what Laycoe called her legacy of valor. "She was always so proud of letting people know she was a veteran," Laycoe continued. "She was sort of the

matriarch of our American Legion post."

According to Holbert, Dwyer and herself went to Washington D.C. in 2015 as part of her "last mission" to visit the WWII monument and the women's memorial (both for which she is registered) to find some of her comrades from the war.

In 2018, Dwyer served as the grand marshal of Ridgefield's 4th of July Celebration. "That was her last big hurrah," Holbert said of the parade.

According to Holbert, Dwyer wrote in her memoirs that watching a seed become a plant was her biggest inspiration in life, something that created her love for gardening.

Dwyer was instrumental in the Blue Star Memorial program in Washington State, something she would tell her family and friends was "her most proud accomplishment." Blue Star Markers are placed on roads across the country by national gardening advocacy clubs, memorializing those who have served.

Dwyer led the charge to install over 50 Blue Star Markers in the Pacific Northwest and, according to Holbert, had the distinct accomplishment of elevating the Washington State program into the top four leading states in the country with the most markers.

Dwyer also foresaw the cleaning and replacement of the Blue Star Marker at the Covington House, the oldest known Blue Star Marker in Washington state.

Dwyer's granddaughter Kari Mooers spoke at her funeral of "nana's love for gardening" and told a short anecdote about Dwyer's process of calming down: "If you had a worry, get tea, head to the garden and take a walk."

"She was my mentor — she listened to my worries and my wishes. She helped me set my goals," Holbert said. "She has really been honored so well."

Dwyer passed away peacefully on the morning of July 3, 2019. Her family requests donations be made to the Ridgefield American Post 44 Sargent Dorothy (Grassby) Dwyer scholarship in lieu of flowers. The scholarship will support future female military cadets in training.



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The table display of Dorothy Dwyer at her celebration of life in Vancouver July 16.

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Crowds converge on WSUV for whiff of rare corpse flower bloom



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Washougal Resident Mike Bachmann and his dog Barcelona inspect the *Amorphophallus Titanum* at Washington State University July 16. Bachmann said, "It's worth the time coming down to see it," and added that his dog enjoyed the smell.

Over four meters tall, the plant smelled of decaying fish

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After a turbulent 17-year life, "Titan VanCoug," Washington State University Vancouver's corpse flower, bloomed on Monday evening, July 15.

"I'm excited," Associate Professor of Molecular Biosciences Steve Sylvester said the next morning as a long line formed to see and smell Titan VanCoug. "It's doing what I wanted it to do, which was bring people to campus."

Thousands flocked to campus during the plant's two-day bloom to catch a glimpse and a whiff before it began to wilt away. A line of people snaked from WSU Vancouver's central parking lot to the flower throughout most of Tuesday and Wednesday.

Sylvester planted the seed for the flower in his office at WSU Vancouver 17 years ago after receiving a seed from a titan arum located at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2002. According to Sylvester, in the beginning stages of owning the plant, it grew to be about 12 inches tall (just one leaf), but then stopped growing and died. The natural growing process of the plant consists of growing leaves, killing them off and having the leaves grow back larger. Sometimes, instead of growing

a leaf, the plant begins to bloom. Native to the rainforests of the limestone hills of Sumatra, Indonesia, the *Amorphophallus titanum* is an endangered species of flower that produces some of the largest flowering structures in the world, reaching over 4 feet in height. It pollinates by attracting corpse flies and dung beetles, so the stench of the flower smells of rotting fish and moldy cheese.

On June 1, Titan VanCoug began to show signs of bloom and by July 1 the plant had grown to 25.5 inches tall. When it bloomed, it had reached a height of 49.5 inches.

"I had a plan in my folder called 'Big Smelly Plant,'" Director of Marketing and Communications for WSU Vancouver Brenda Alling said when asked how she had planned for the bloom. She explained that when she came to the campus 10 years ago, Sylvester told her he had this plant and it was going to be a big deal, so she started to plan.

"The plant is the star, I'm just the waterboy," Sylvester said.

On Tuesday morning, Sylvester cut a portion of the flower to pollinate seeds with pollen he received from the New York Botanical Gardens in an attempt to create seeds to give out for further research on the rare and endangered flower.

"I was only able to physically pollinate about 30 (seeds)," Sylvester told the crowd of people gathered to smell the plant. He later said he's hoping to get a total of 100 seeds after the natural



PHOTO BY MARY BROTIEN

Associate Professor Steve Sylvester watches the public view his *Amorphophallus Titanum*, also known as the Corpse Flower, as it blooms at Washington State University Vancouver on July 16. Sylvester said the most rewarding part of the process was watching everyone come to campus.

pollination process.

"(The goal) is to maximize the genetic diversity of the plant so it can survive better in its natural habitat," Sylvester explained after being asked about cloning it again, and later explained to the crowd that building a strong biodiversity of the plant will help it combat climate change in its natural habitat.

Sylvester plans to give the seeds he germinates to universities, public gardens and non-profits before he gives to private industries.

"So far I've gotten requests from one non-profit and three private individuals," he said. "I suspect to get a lot more (requests) soon (now that it's blooming)."

Titan VanCoug is a late bloomer as most corpse flowers tend to bloom after about 10 years of growing, dying and rebuilding. Sylvester suspects this latency to bloom is due to an over-watering of the plant that led to an explosion of the corm a few years ago. The explosion caused the plant to clone itself, resetting its lifecycle, an event Sylvester now considers a blessing instead of a curse. Because of this cloning, Sylvester expects another bloom from Titan VanCoug within the next three months and three to four over the next four years.



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The *Amorphophallus Titanum*, also known as the corpse flower, bloomed on Washington State University Vancouver's campus on July 16.



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Cowlitz, Clark granted state funding to help get kids outside

\$1 million granted statewide

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More than 14,000 kids who might otherwise not explore the outdoors will soon have the opportunity due to funding from "No Child Left Inside" grants.

Awarded by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, the No Child Left Inside grants focus on programs that provide outdoor recreation and

education to youth in the state. According to a press release, these grants will help kids spend a total of more than 1 million hours outside, doing everything from hiking to kayaking.

"State Parks is excited about this grant program that gets young people outdoors for healthy recreation and environmental education," Don Hoch, State Parks director said in a press release. "We are seeing more and more studies show how important getting outdoors is for our health, so we are thrilled

to offer this opportunity to the youth of Washington."

Clark and Cowlitz counties received a combined total of \$40,000 towards their outdoor programs.

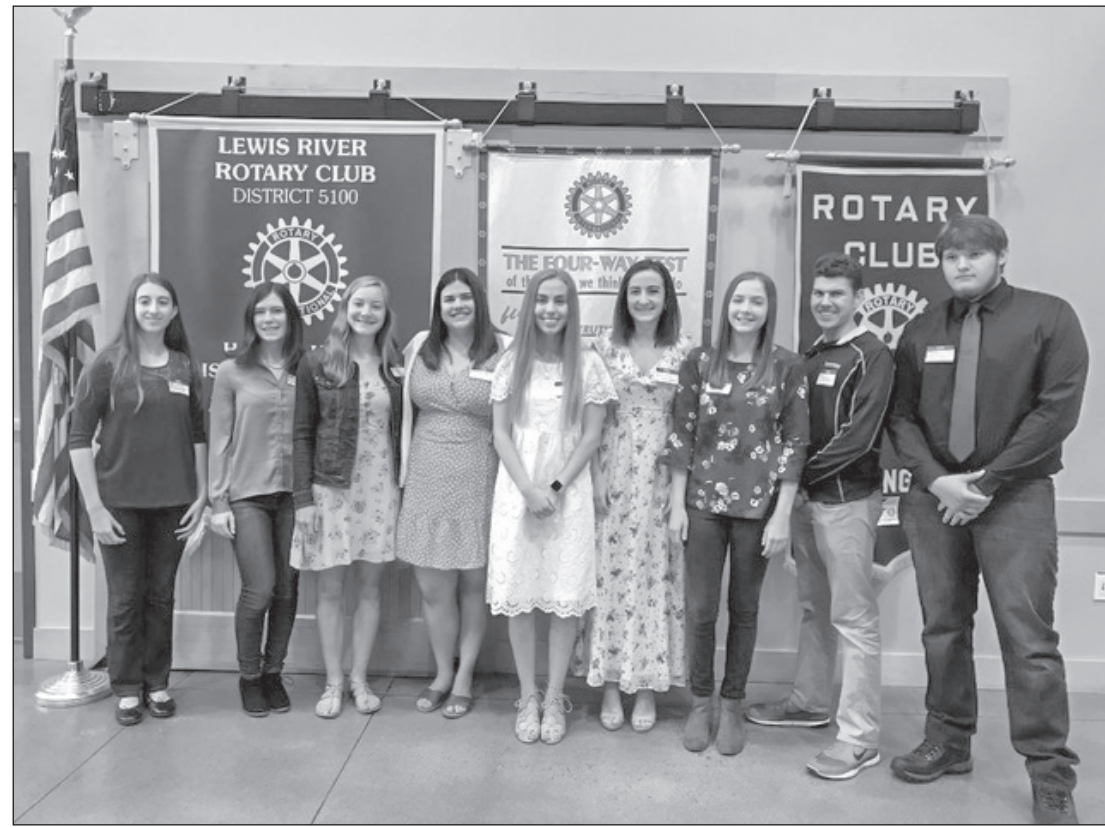
In Clark County, Lifeline Connections' Vancouver branch received \$15,100. According to documents provided in the release, Lifeline Connections will use the grant to buy hiking boots, socks, digital cameras and more for kids aged 9 to 12 as part of six, two-day weekends at the Lewis River Campground in Yacolt and

Moulton Falls Regional Park. These weekend workshops will provide the kids the knowledge, tools and coping skills needed to prevent substance use disorder.

Cowlitz County received \$24,998 towards the Youth and Family Link Program and its goal of helping kids explore the outdoors. According to release documents, the program combines outdoor recreation with lessons in science, technology, engineering and math to help students develop new skills and a lifelong passion for outdoor activities.



Lewis River Rotary grants college scholarships



Left to right: Jessica Barnes, Brooklyn Muller, Willow Klug, Olivia Gaines, Briell King, Breanna Emshaw, Brooklyn Warren, Taylor Harpe and Drew Skolrud. Not pictured: Alexandra Tyler and Olivia Fitzgerald. The Lewis River Rotary Club awarded 11 North County graduates each with a \$2,000 scholarship on June 25 at the Battle Ground Community Center. The graduates hailed from Battle Ground High School, Hockinson High School, CAM Academy, Firm Foundation and Columbia Adventist.

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